**M** **2020** **REVIEW**

We have long regarded the class of 2022 as one of the deepest classes in the city, 60 plus kids deep. This is a class we’ve followed for a few years now and this our take on who the top kids stand at this moment and time.

**TOP 5 TOP 5 TOP 5**

In a class as deep as this, separating yourself from the pack is nearly impossible. But there are a few kids that have done just that.

**No. 1**

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| **Player’s Name** | Chandler Jackson |
| **Position** | Guard |
| **School** | St. Louis |
| **AAU Affiliation** | Team Thad |

Chan has long been the top player in the class of 2022 and nothing has changed. He’s **JUST SPECIAL**. How often do you find a six foot point guard built like a line backer? His IQ is advanced, his skill set is superb, and his athleticism is unmatched. He’s big and strong enough to play the four or five, shoots it well enough to play on the wing, and makes decisions and handles the ball just as good as any point guard his age.

He does it all, and not just on the offensive end. Chan blocks shots, rebounds, and defends!

He is the total package.

**No. 2**

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| **Player’s Name** | Jamarious “Mane” Carter |
| **Position** | Guard |
| **School** | Woodstock |
| **AAU Affiliation** | Memphis Basketball Association |

Mane is the best score in the class. Nobody can guard him. There’s nothing to talk about!

This lefty broke onto the scene just before the start of his 7th grade season but it was this past summer that he proved that he was easily one of the best players in the class.

His offense is crazy! A left handed slasher that nobody can stay in front of, Mane has some mean hesitation moves and crossovers that can free him at the drop of a dime. He can’t be stopped from getting to the rack and he finds a way to finish, contact or not, no matter what adjustments he has to make. **AND** he has a pretty decent outside shot.

He has nice size for a guard and is one of the more athletic kids in the class. When he commits on defense he’s probes to forcing turnovers.

He’s **LEGIT**!

**No. 3**

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| **Player’s Name** | Cartier “Turtle” Beverly |
| **Position** | Guard |
| **School** | Bellevue |
| **AAU Affiliation** | Team Thad |

“Turtle” right now may be the best two-way player in the class. He is a pit bull on defense and a bucket on offense. Very few kids can you say is a matchup nightmare on offense **AND** defense! He is hard to guard on the offensive end and will **SHUT DOWN** the opposing teams best player.

His athleticism, quickness, and speed is basically unmatched.

Turtle is the epitome of “high motor”, a true competitor, he has the heart of a lion and a chip on his shoulder.

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| **Player’s Name** | Jon Chalmers |
| **Position** | Guard/Forward |
| **School** | Southaven |
| **AAU Affiliation** | DMG |

Jon Chalmers has long been one of the top players in the class. Standing well over 6 feet (nearly 6’3), he can play several positions on the court. He looks most comfortable as a stretch four or on the wing. But he has the height and athleticism to play in the post, and the ball handling skills to play a guard spot.

Though he’s best around the rim, Jon can score all over the floor.

His length and long arms make him a competitive rebounder and a big time defender.

**No. 5**

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| **Player’s Name** | Luke Shoemaker |
| **Position** | Forward |
| **School** | Homeschool |
| **AAU Affiliation** | Brethren |

Luke Shoemaker burst onto the scene this summer and was an instant star. He shined in MBA First48, led the Championship team in scoring, and was even named League MVP. He proved his name should be mentioned with the Big Dogs.

He has the ideal size to get the job done. A long 6’3 forward his length makes him a capable rebounder and shot blocker and makes him hard to defend.

Among other things, Luke is a scorer, and he does it from all over. He is near perfect from midrange which is probably his best asset. But he also scores well around the rim, makes free throws, **AND** can shoot the three!

BUT WAIT ,

THERE’S MORE...

**(By Position)**

**POINT GUARDS.**

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| **Player’s Name** | JR Jacobs |
| **Position** | Guard |
| **School** | Bellevue |
| **AAU Affiliation** | Memphis Wildcats |

You can’t talk about PGs in Memphis without mention JR. He has and always will be one of the top kids in the class, plain and simple.

He’s a superb ball handler with mean floater, a nice outside shot, a knack for scoring, and a reputation for winning!

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| **Player’s Name** | Mason Shropshire |
| **Position** | Guard |
| **School** | ECS |
| **AAU Affiliation** | Memphis Basketball Association |

Mason Shropshire is another elite floor general in the class. He’s a globetrotter when it comes to ball-handling and a Golden State Warrior when it comes to shooting the three.

With an unmatched work ethic and confidence through the roof expect to see this kid when the smoke clears.

**GUARDS**

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| **Player’s Name** | MJ Boyd |
| **Position** | Guard |
| **School** | Cordova |
| **AAU Affiliation** | Memphis Basketball Association |

MJ Boyd is easily one of the most complete guards in the class. He’s a two way player that contributes in both ends. His size is one of the first things that stand out. He stands nearly 6 feet and is very capable of playing the one or the two. He’s a good decision maker that rarely turns the ball over.

But enough small talk, the kid can flat foot score it! He’s automatic from deep. His pull up and floater game is strong, he doesn’t miss free throws, and he finishes well at the rim.

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| **Player’s Name** | Hayden Ledbetter |
| **Position** | Guard |
| **School** | Lausanne |
| **AAU Affiliation** | Memphis Wareagles |

Hayden Ledbetter is definitely one of the elite talents in the class of 2022. He’s surprisingly athletic and has nice size for a guard.

Hayden is very skilled offensively. He has nice handles can wow you with his passing and he can score. He’s a natural scorer! Ledbetter has nice range but has really mastered attacking the rim.

**BIGS!**

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| **Player’s Name** | Bryce Dailey |
| **Position** | Forward |
| **School** | JP Freeman |
| **AAU Affiliation** | Team Thad |

Bryce is easily the most versatile of all the bigs on our list. Very athletic, with a solid frame and skilled enough to play on the wing Bryce is BIG TIME.

He’s a solid defender and rebounder. That can put the ball on floor, knock down the midrange shot, and even step outside and hit the three.

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| **Player’s Name** | Chris Gilliland |
| **Position** | Forward |
| **School** | Northpoint |
| **AAU Affiliation** | DMG |

“Big Chris” is the most skilled of all the bigs on our our list.

He boxes out, walls up, and does all the little things that other players could care less about.

On offense he’s tough. He has several low post moves to free himself up, he doesn’t miss free throws, and HE IS one of the best three point shooters in the class.

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| **Player’s Name** | Cam Miller |
| **Position** | Forward |
| **School** | Germantown |
| **AAU Affiliation** | Memphis Wareagles |

Probably the most athletic kid on the list, Cam Miller is a problem. At 6’2 with the speed of a track star and jumping out the gym there isn’t much on the court that Cam can’t do. As high energy as they come, Cam does it all; rebounds, defends, blocks shots, and puts points on the board.

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| **Player’s Name** | Markese Washington |
| **Position** | Forward |
| **School** | Lester Prep |
| **AAU Affiliation** | Team Dez |

Markese is probably the closest thing to the total package when it comes to bigs in the class. The baby brother of State Champion Radarius “Pig” Washington, Markese is a long high motor player that blocks shots and rebounds just as good as anybody. He’s relentless on the boards and is a put-back machine. He gets out and runs the break like guard, has a nice touch around the rim, and shoots a very high percentage from the free throw line.

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| **Player’s Name** | **Postion** | **School** | **AAU Affiliation** |
| Daniel Egbuniwe | Forward | Germantown | Memphis Wildcats |
| PJ Hillman | Guard | Kingsbury | Memphis Dragons |

A couple kids that may get overlooked but will definitely put the city on notice this year will be Daniel Egbuniwe of Germantown and PJ Hillman of Kingsbury.

Daniel is a long, lean 6’3 big that will dominate the boards, be a tremendous post presence on the defensive end, and get buckets. He will easily average a double double.

PJ Hillman will have a coming out party at Kingsbury. He’s big strong athletic guard that will overpower opponents on the offensive end, and bully them on the defensive end. He will also be a big contributor on the boards.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Our next list is of a few kids we expect to have break out seasons. Though they may not be the Chans and Turtles they are definitely kids that will put up big numbers for their respective schools.

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| **Player’s Name** | **Postion** | **School** | **AAU Affiliation** |
| Deshaun Dunn | Forward | Germantown | Memphis Wildcats |
| Adaryon “Bear” Miles | Forward | Ridgeway | Life Changers |
| Justin Morgan | Guard | Home School | Brethren |
| Hunter Pratt | Forward | St. Louis | Memphis Basketball Association |
| DJ Sharp | Forward | Houston | Team Thad |

Deshaun Dunn is as high motor as they come. He has got to be a football player disguised as a basketball player. Big, strong, physical, fast, **AND** athletic he is simply a nightmare for opposing teams.

Bear Miles is a **BIG DOG!** He has evolved into one of the more coveted bigs in the class. He can draw his defender out of the paint will his ability to shoot it, but he can and will score in the low post. He’s relentless on the boards and doesn’t mind d’ing up.

Justin Morgan may be one of the ones that goes the farthest. He has the ideal body of a big time guard, standing well over 6 ft. He’s a born scorer with the ability to get to the basket and finish it. But he can flat foot shoot it **TOO**!

Hunter Pratt will own the private sector this season. At 6’3 and growing Hunter will be bigger and better than most opponents. He scores well around the rim, rebounds better than most, and is a decent shot blocker.

DJ Sharp is another kid that will lead his middle school squad. Standing somewhere around 6 ft. DJ is a big that can play the guard, or a guard that can play big, or both? However you want to classify him, he can do it all! He rebounds, he defends, he can handle it, and he puts the ball in the whole, **IN BUNCHES**!