



# **Jordan Brand Classic Global Showcase Scouting Reports**

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## **Killian Hayes (HM)**

**NCAA Interest: Medium**

6'4 / 195 lbs, PG/SG, 15.7 Years Old, France

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15-year-old French guard Killian Hayes proved himself as a high major combo guard prospect thanks to his positional size (6' 4" with a strong frame), defensive intensity, downhill penetration and playmaking ability. Hayes is a competitor who will be able to make his mark on the defensive end right away. He makes an effort to sit down in a stance, has excellent feet and will use his body to contain penetration. He should be able to defend both ones and twos at the collegiate level thanks to his size and intensity, and maybe even some 3s if he continues to grow. Offensively, Hayes is at his best putting pressure on the rim in transition. He plays a fairly unselfish brand of basketball and is best in drive and kick situations. Hayes does have some limitations as a half court scorer as he's a streaky shooter and not an elite athlete at this stage. He struggled to finish versus high major length and athleticism all week so he'll have to rely more on finesse finishes as the level of competition increases. Hayes can also improve his pick and roll savvy and decision making, but that should come with added experience. Hayes' father, an American from Lakeland, Florida, played pro basketball in France, where he met his wife, Killian's mother. Killian is interested in playing collegiate basketball and should be considered a high major prospect who can defend, penetrate, facilitate and should improve as a perimeter shooter.

## **Bernardo Da Silva (HM-)**

**Wasatch Academy (UT), NCAA Interest: Very High**

6'8 / 185 lbs, PF, 16.6 Years Old, Brazil

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Bernardo Da Silva, a lanky 6'8" four man, put together a solid week of practices and should be considered a high major minus prospect with upside. With the help of longtime collegiate coach Walter Roese, the Brazil native moved to Wasatch Academy (UT) a couple years ago and has made steady strides since we first evaluated him last summer at Adidas Nations. The fact that he's moved to Utah to play high school indicates that he's very interested in playing college basketball. From a physical perspective Da Silva has quite a bit of room for growth. With above average length, big feet and big hands he has some physical maturity on the horizon, but is very thin at this stage, sporting toothpick legs and an average frame up top. Because of his weak base he has yet to reach his athletic potential, although he is quite fluid and a decent leaper in space.

Da Silva's best skill is his motor. He runs the floor hard, flies around on defense, crashes the glass and plays tougher than his playing weight would suggest. His skill level is also gradually improving. Last summer he was very limited as a ball handler, post scorer and jump shooter, but he's slowly coming around in all areas. He can make a jump hook, straight line drive in

space, and should develop into a solid mid-range shooter in time. His feel for the game needs work, however, as he has a tendency to play outside of himself, trying to prove that he can be a 'skill guy.' Overall Da Silva is a bit of a project from a physical and skill set perspective, but his upside makes him an intriguing play for a high major minus program with a strong strength and conditioning/player development program. Although he's still a bit raw, his motor will help him carve out a role until his body and offensive game catch up.

## CLASS OF 2020 PROSPECTS BY LEVEL

### Cashius McNeilly (HM+)

Thornlea Secondary School (ON), Canada Elite, NCAA Interest: Very High

6'3 / 170 lbs, PG, 16.0 Years Old, Toronto

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Cashius McNeilly stood out as arguably the best long-term prospect to participate in the Jordan Brand Classic Global practices, scrimmage and game. The Canadian guard is a high major plus level prospect who has one and done potential should he develop as expected. We first evaluated the class of 2020 point guard at the 2016 BioSteel Futures Game, and he's made strides since then both physically and skill wise. Standing around 6' 3" with long arms, big hands, big feet, and a baby face, McNeilly is far from reaching his peak physically, and could very well have a couple more inches in him before he enters the college ranks. A fluid athlete who can play above the rim in space, McNeilly is smooth with the ball and offers a great blend of scoring and playmaking as he's very poised and polished for his age. He's improved from the perimeter in the last year and projects as a plus shooter who can make shots both off the catch and off the dribble. He shoots more of a set shot from three, but is really comfortable pulling up with elevation in mid-range spots as well. He can finish with touch shots around the rim and has the vision to find teammates out of ball screens.

McNeilly's only real downsides are his good not great athleticism (doesn't always get by you in the half court) and sometimes casual demeanor. His confidence and poise are certainly a plus, but you'd like to see him play with more consistent energy on both ends. He's instinctual with good feet on defense and with his length should be at the very least an adequate defender if challenged. McNeilly may be the top Canadian youth prospect not named R.J. Barrett, as his combination of tools, future growth, feel and poise, and scoring polish make him a high upside point guard who will be able to contribute immediately. It's worth noting that McNeilly's uncle is on Buzz Williams' staff at Virginia Tech and the Toronto native regularly spends off time in Virginia working out, which will obviously give them a major leg up on the competition. Still, there's a long ways to go until 2020, and everything can change between now and then. All in all, McNeilly is a stud college prospect and a legitimate one-and-done candidate as a smooth, versatile point guard.

## **N' Faly Dante (HM+)**

**Sunrise Academy(KS), NCAA Interest: Very High**

7'0 / 220 lbs, Center, Age: 15.4, Mali

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One of the best long-term prospects here without a doubt, certainly among the bigs. Has made significant improvement in both his skill-level and especially his frame over the last year. We saw him last summer at the U17s in Zaragoza and his legs were twigs and his whole game was incredibly awkward. Has gotten much stronger and is doing it in a proportionate and sustainable way. Mobility coming along quite a bit as well. Runs well. Fluid. Quick off his feet. Finished impressively off two feet all week long and demonstrated impressive timing protecting the rim with his massive reach. Not skilled in the post but also not clueless, can make a hook shot once he gets deep post position. Has some physicality and competitiveness to him.

Still has plenty of improvement to continue along the path he's forging. Hands are a work in progress, tends to bobble some passes at times, but they are certainly not terrible. Lacks a degree of balance and coordination offensively. Can get knocked off his path easily. Falls down frequently. Flat-footed on the defensive glass. Gets boxed out. Foul prone. Struggles to step outside the paint. Will be interesting to see how he continues to improve next time I see him. We have a good in here so reach out if interested. Has a chance to develop into a NBA player if he continues to improve.

## **Kareem Queeley (HM)**

**Real Madrid, NCAA Interest: Medium**

6'5 / 200 lbs, SG/SF, 16.0 Years Old, England by way of Saint Kitts and Nevis

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The 16-year-old SG/SF from England, via Basseterre, one of the oldest towns in the Eastern Caribbean, had an up and down week at Jordan Brand Classic. One of the most physically imposing players out of the bunch, the Real Madrid product was able to make an impact on both ends by way of his sheer power and effort. Sporting a chiseled frame at 6' 5", Queeley has nice size for an NCAA wing, as he plays much bigger than his height would suggest. He may have reached his physical peak despite his age, but even so, Queeley, who grew up in the UK before moving to Madrid, could step into an NCAA game tomorrow and fit in physically. He'll be able to contribute on the defensive end and as a straight line slasher early on in his career. The rest of Queeley's game is very much a work in progress, however. Both Real Madrid and the English U16 team both tried to play Queeley at the point, an experience that quickly failed as he's much of a slashing two/three who can defend, attack the rim, and make an occasional three with time and space. He can execute the simple play as a passer but is a very rigid ball handler who struggles to change speeds and directions or navigate a pick and roll with much consistency.

Queeley is without a doubt a high major player in terms of his physical attributes, although his skill set certainly has a lot of room for improvement. Overall the physical wing should be considered a high major defender, slasher who could develop into more than that given his age. He has a contract with Real Madrid until he's 18 years old and then the club will decide what to do with him (it's unlikely he'll continue there we're told) but we've spoken with him extensively and he's very interested in exploring the college route.

### **Jaime Pradilla Gavan (HM)**

**Zaragoza, NCAA Interest: Unknown (class also unknown)**

6'8 / 240 lbs, C, 16.2 Years Old, Zaragoza (Spain)

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Pradilla helped himself this week, as the thick 6'8" Spanish big man played with physicality and effort on both ends, spaced the floor out to three consistently, scored on the interior with soft touch, and showed strong instincts both as a passer and rebounder. Although a shade short, he's a high major level center who has somewhat of an old school game, but is able to open up the floor with his spot shooting. Pradilla has made great strides since we first evaluated him last summer at the U16s in Radom, where he played only nine minutes per game as one of the younger players on the team. We've attempted to contact him on a couple of different occasions via Facebook, but have not gotten a response. His English is reportedly very poor and he's not a great student, so someone will have to get very creative with how they recruit him (and it will have to happen quickly). We expect to see Pradilla at the U16s again this summer, where we'll be able to get a better feel for his intentions moving forward. The Zaragoza native competes with Zaragoza on the club level. He can improve his conditioning and perimeter defense but he figures to be an instant impact role guy at the high major level due to his hard-playing nature, positive attitude, feel for the game, instincts and shooting stroke. Despite the question marks about his academic and English, he's worth pursuing without a doubt, as it's very difficult to find big men in his mold.

### **Allen Udemadu (HM)**

**Christian Life Center Academy (TX), NCAA Interest: Very High**

6'9 / 210 lbs, PF, 16.3 Years Old, Nigeria

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Developing big man with impressive physical tools and some interesting characteristics to work with on both ends of the floor. Around 6'9 in shoes. Long arms. Big hands. Tremendous athlete. Runs the floor like a track star. Quick off his feet. Great timing as a shot-blocker. Crashes the offensive glass aggressively. Light on his feet defensively, with the mobility to guard multiple positions. Impresses with his ability to stretch the floor. Has nice shooting mechanics and touch, even shooting off the dribble. Makes turnaround jumpers out of the post.

On the downside, Udemadu does not have a great frame, which makes you wonder how much strength he can add in the long term. He possesses narrow shoulders and a thin lower body, as well as just average length. While he shows flashes of skill with his jump-shot, his feel for the game is a major work in progress. He plays very sped up, struggles to make basic passes, and doesn't have a consistent means of scoring at the moment. He gets boxed out and posted up easily and doesn't show great instincts on the defensive glass.

Nevertheless, it's easy to like his motor and tools, and it will be interesting to track how his frame and offense continue to evolve.

### **Posh Alexander (HM)**

**Our Savior Lutheran(NY), NCAA Interest: Very High**

6'0 / 175 lbs, PG, Age: 16.0, USA

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Smallish scoring point guard who has made some strides with his game since we last saw him at the USA Basketball Junior National Team Camp in October. Jittery quick. Has a strong frame. Explosive leaper. Plays above the rim regularly. Has a really nice handle. Shifty with the ball. Can shoot both spot-ups and pull-ups. Will make off the dribble 3s when the D goes under. Aggressive attacking the rim. Seems to be making some strides as a playmaker, even if he still has a ways to go. Shows the potential to run a team and has decent vision, just doesn't always buy into that, as he seems to have somewhat of a ball-stopper's mentality. Telegraphs his moves. Can be turnover prone. Gets in passing lanes. Still on the smaller side and doesn't look like he has a huge growth spurt coming. Great for college. We'll see about the NBA.

### **Joshua Hemmings (HM)**

**Oak Hill Academy (VA), NCAA Interest: Very High**

6'8 / 220 lbs, PF, 16.4 Years Old, Canada

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Physically mature big man with a strong frame and a fairly advanced skill-level and feel. A little bit thick in the hips, not overly quick or explosive. Fluid, agile and coordinated nevertheless. Has nice shooting touch, can throw the ball in the basket from different spots on the floor, even with floaters in the mid-range. Will knock down an occasional spot-up 3-pointer even. Solid passer who can put the ball down and find the open man, even handling in the open floor. Shows good instincts on the glass. Rebounds. Plays with a nice activity level.

On the downside, Hemmings is a little more physically developed than the other players in his age group, leaving you to wonder how much upside he still has to improve. He's just a decent athlete and isn't overly explosive, struggling to convert plays in traffic despite his strong frame.

Vocal kid with some personality. Knows who he is as a player. Like his demeanor and approach. Great interview. Doesn't have elite-level upside but looks like a safe candidate to carve out a solid career at the HM level as long as he continues to improve.

### **Tomas Chapero (HM)**

**NCAA Interest: Unknown**

6'10 / 210 lbs, C, 15.8 years old, Argentina

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Although it's unknown how likely he is to take the college route (players from his country just don't take it as often as others), Argentinian big man Tomas Chapero is still worth tracking as he's a high major center prospect as a 6' 10" 15-year-old with long arms and a tremendous frame. Chapero is extremely intriguing from a physical standpoint, although he is quite raw skill wise. He doesn't think the game at a high level and plays like a guy who doesn't have all that much playing experience behind him. He'll blow open layups, airball mid-range jumpers and turn the ball over trying to make the simple play – the game is simply too fast for him right now. Chapero had a translator with him during practices and doesn't appear equipped to make the jump to the college ranks anytime soon, but given his physical intrigue he's worth keeping an eye on, and possibly worth exploring for college coaches looking to get creative, especially those with Spanish speakers on their staff.

### **Karlo Matkovic (HM)**

**NCAA Interest: Unknown**

6'8 / 210 lbs, PF, 16.0 years old, Croatia

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This is the first we've seen of Matkovic, so we haven't been able to get a great feel for his future plans but will find out more when we see him this summer at the FIBA U16 Euros. From what we saw in Brooklyn the 6' 8"ish Croatian big man is a high major prospect as he has an excellent frame, solid length, is a fluid athlete who can play above the rim in space, and sports a projectable stroke that should be able to stretch to three eventually. He competes defensively and has the agility to be adequate on that side of the ball. His feel for the game, defensive instincts and overall offensive polish have room to improve, as is the case for most 16-year-olds. We look forward to getting a closer look at Matkovic in the coming months as he appears to be a high major prospect based on his combination of physical tools and touch. Getting guys out of Cedevita isn't easy, as it's the richest team in the Adriatic region and rely heavily on local players, so it will take some creativity to make this happen. We've reached out on social media and will update his profile as needed on Gold.

## **Elijah Hutchins-Everett (HM-)**

**DePaul Catholic(NJ), NCAA Interest: Very High**

6'8 / 235 lbs, Center, Age: 15.3, USA

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Big bodied undersized center with a solid skill level. Has good size, long arms and big hands. Wide hips and plays completely below the rim. Willing to use his big body inside. Has a hook shot. Made a number of 3-pointers over the course of the week, even shooting off the dribble. Has a really nice looking stroke. Also shows good instincts on the offensive glass, using his reach, soft hands and anticipation skills to find loose balls coming off the glass. Missed a lot of point blank layups as he struggles to finish in traffic. Very limited defensively. Can't step out or get in a low stance. Gets roasted off the bounce due to poor lateral quickness. Youngest player in attendance. Easy to give him a HM projection just based on that alone, but has work to do on his athleticism to get there. Big question is whether he grows. Much more interesting at 6'10 than at 6'8.

## **Lance Ware (HM-)**

**Life Center Academy (NJ), NCAA Interest: Very High**

6'8 / 200 lbs, PF/C, Age: N/A, USA

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6' 8" American power forward Lance Ware is a high major minus prospect as a fairly athletic four man with a budding offensive skill set and an average feel for the game. He's light on his feet with a wiry 200-pound frame and above average length, although he's more fluid than explosive in traffic. He competes and has the feet to sit down and guard the perimeter yet needs to get tougher and more physical defending the interior. His length and quick leaping does allow him to protect the rim a little bit as a small-ball five type. Offensively Ware had some issues playing within himself all week long. He fancies himself a perimeter shooter, an area where he has a lot of room for improvement – shoots a really flat ball on the way down. He has some touch in mid-range spots so the class of 2020 forward should develop there, but thinking the game at a higher level is certainly on his list of things to improve. He's a score first guy who can straight line drive and finish from different angles thanks to his length, but his overall skill package could use some polish, especially given the style which he elects to play. The Life Center Academy big man has a solid frame to grow into, long arms, fluidity, a good motor, and enough intrigue skill wise to consider him a high major minus prospect with upside.



### **Jermaine Miranda (MM+)**

**Bautista de Caugas(Puerto Rico), NCAA Interest: Unknown**

6'4 / 180 lbs, SG, Age: 16.0, Puerto Rico

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Strong framed, physical Puerto Rican kid with some athleticism. Has a big motor and impresses with his ability to put pressure on the ball and stop opposing guards. Gets in the passing lanes regularly and loves to ignite the break. Has toughness and instincts. Offensively a work in progress. Shows some ability to change speeds but doesn't have a great feel for the game. Not a good shooter by any means. Low release on his pull-ups really limits him as a ball-handler in the half court. Gets huge arc underneath his spot-up. Kind of guy who is getting by on his strength at lower levels at the moment. Needs to come to the States, play against better competition and round out his game. Has a chance to develop into a solid collegiate combo guard, but will be highly dependent on how his skill-level and feel for the game evolves. Will run with Nike Team Florida on the EYBL circuit this spring according to his twitter account. Saw some mention of Miami Christian high school as well. It's possible that the transition to the US could help bump him closer to a HM grade eventually, as many of his deficiencies are due to his inexperience, lack of polish and the fact that he's been able to dominate weaker competition with his mature frame.

### **Francisco Paulino Mota (LM)**

**Pope John XXIII (NJ), NCAA Interest: Very High**

6'4 / 200 lbs, SF, ? Years Old, USA/Dominican Republic

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Thick, barrel chested undersized small forward. Wide hips, long arms, big hands. Can bully his way to the rim in a straight line overpowering physically immature kids. Doesn't have much skill, athleticism or feel. Can't really shoot, but came in looking to jack up shots every time. Did not look like he belonged here talent wise. Likely a favor for someone.

## **CLASS OF 2021 PROSPECTS BY LEVEL**

### **Tom Digbeu (HM+)**

**FC Barcelona, NCAA Interest: Very High**

6'4 / 170 lbs, SG, 15.5 Years Old, France/Spain

[DX Gold Profile Link](#)

One of the most intriguing prospects here long-term, certainly among the non-Canadians. Was quiet in the practices but showed a killer instinct once the lights came on in the actual game. Big feet, looks like he still has tons of room to continue to grow and develop physically. Fluid athlete who is quick off his feet. Has a feel, very instinctive finding rebounds, steals and blocks.

Makes extra pass. Ball comes out of his hand smoothly as a shooter, not a sniper by any means but has a stroke that should continue to improve in time. Has some mechanical things he'll need to address first, has a big ball dip on the catch, brings it up from his hip, tends to jump sideways, but has good touch. Needs to improve his ball-handling skills in the half-court as well. Struggles with ball pressure at times, not strong enough to finish in traffic. Can drive and kick, solid passer, gets in the lane and finishes with floaters.

Looks to be at a much earlier stage of his development than the other prospects here. Wouldn't shock me if he grew, filled out impressively, and ended up becoming a very fluid athlete with a versatile and smooth game. Already opening talking about college. Father (former French national team player who currently works for the Atlanta Hawks) told me the same. Kind of kid I would try to get in on early because he has the makings of a stud potentially as long as he continues to develop