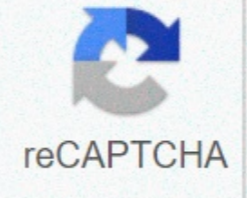




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Bloom township high school basketball

Bloom fans are a special bunch. They are some of the most vocal on the field, ready to gut the opposition, officer or even their coach at any time. Former coaches Gary Meyer, Jasper Williams and Ron Ashlaw have been regularly getting the end to that vitriol for the past 20 years. Dante Maddox Sr., the blazing Trojans' current trainer, has been spared for the most part. Perhaps because he's a Bloom graduate, one of them on his own. Bloom fans didn't seem to mind some lumps while starting four sophomores two years ago. This is the season when it is expected to pay off. The blazing Trojans are the Sun-Times preseason's highest-ranked team. Maddox Sr started to hype himself two years ago, promising the band was sure to be something special. The main four that started the year from the sophomore all signed college scholarships last week. Their future is assured. Now it's time to win some hardware for fans in Chicago Heights. Obviously, we're striving for a state name, Bloom's Martice Mitchell said. We were driven for this because we were all freshmen together playing varsity. This year, I think we really have the opportunity to do so. Mitchell, a 6-9 senior signed with Minnesota, is fast and agile. It's big that can hit a three-pointer and block shots all over the court. When he plays his best Bloom is at its most dangerous. The other three D-1 signees are guards: Dante Maddox Jr. (Cal State-Fullerton), Donovan Newby (Wisconsin-Milwaukee) and Keshawn Williams (Tulsa). Senior Christian Shumate, a strong and athletic 6-5 wing with several D-1 offers, was moved from Plainfield East. Maddox Jr. has been the most consistent player in the past two seasons. Williams is flashing, most athletic and most upside down as a prospect. Newby is all positive, a great defender who does everything the team needs offensively. We have to come every day locked up and focused, Newby said. There will be many haters and a lot of people trying to throw us off the road. We just need to focus on our team and we'll be ok and really go downstate this year. Bloom was 15-11 two years ago and 26-4 last season. The blazing Trojans earned respect in the city by defeating Morgan Park at the Team Rose Classic, but dropped off at the Pontiac Holiday Tournament, losing to Curie in the title game of the state tournament, where they were upset by Homewood-Flossmoor, a team they had beaten twice in the regular season. After we played morgan park everyone knew we were serious, Maddox Jr. said. This year we're just going to take it one game at a time. Personally, I don't plan to lose. I plan to dominate any competition that is in front of us, no matter what the name, what kind of school. If we maintain this mindset and don't get too far ahead of ourselves, we be very very Bloom's schedule is loaded. The blazing Trojans could face two ranked teams in the first week of the season in the Chicago Heights Classic. They will be at Pontiac during the holidays and travel to New Orleans for the National Prep Basketball Classic tournament in early January. I said it was going to be a special group, Maddox Sr. said. My vision for them was that they would all get in and go D1 and noise in the senior year. There's only one part left. The full Super 25 preseason basketball ranking will be revealed online Thursday, listening to No Shot Clock get them now. Bloom has retained his highest-ranked swagger until the very end. Until just before the buzzer went and the sold-out crowd at Thornton's century-old gym roared with delight. The No. 14 Wildcats don't have a D-I college recruit or size or anything close to the amount of hype that No. 1 Bloom has. But after 32 bruising minutes, they had a 61-58 victory tuesday in Harvey. DJ Williams has been a hero since Herculean's second effort. The 6-5 senior missed the decisive free throw with 5.2 seconds left. But he managed to get a rebound and was again fouled and drained both free throws to secure an upset. The free throw was very necessary and I missed it, so I had to go get it. Williams said. I made sure I hit the other two. Williams was matched with Bloom jumping on Jack Christian Shumate. Williams finished with seven points and 17 rebounds. Shumate had 12 points, 14 rebounds and six blocks. He blocked like six of my shots, Williams said. He quickly gets out of the ground. It's hard to get used to, you can't practice against anything like that. He got a little bit in his head. All you have to do is keep the course. I'm a footballer. That's all it was. I'm not afraid of anything, we both bled the same way. He was going to leave, I was going to go out and see what was the hardest. Thornton's Ari Brown (24) played some in-your-face defense against Bloom. Allen Cunningham/ For The Sun-Times Bloom's Christian Shumate (24) slams the ball two points ahead of Thornton. Allen Cunningham/ For the Sun-Times Bloom's Keshawn Williams (0) goes to the basket against Thornton. Allen Cunningham/The Sun-Times Bloom Dante Maddox, Jr., (21) slams home a shot against Thornton. Allen Cunningham/ The Sun-Times Bloom Dante Maddox, Jr., (21) glides toward basket two against Thornton. Allen Cunningham/ For the Sun-Times Thornton's Demarco Minor lines up a shot from outside the arc against Bloom. Allen Cunningham/ For the Sun-Times Allen Cunningham / For the Sun-Times Thornton's Ari Brown, right, takes the ball to the basket and draws a foul from Bloom's Emondrek Erkins-Ford. Allen Cunningham / For The Sun-Times Thornton's Donald Coates (11) and Brandon Hall (0) celebrate after the Wildcats knock down Bloom. Allen Cunningham/ For the Sun-Times Thornton's Demarco Minor, left, blocks a shot by Bloom Dante Maddox, Jr. Allen Cunningham/The Sun-Times Thornton's Brandon Hall (0) sees some space and heads into the basket as Bloom's Justin Moore (11) defends. Allen Cunningham/ For the Sun-Times Thornton shot only 7-for-35 in the first half, but only trailed by five points. The Wildcats took care of the ball, turning it over just eight times in a game, and were never rattled by Bloom's running or stylish dunks. We haven't sold out in a long time, Thornton coach Tai Streets said. Our kids fed that and with Bloom coming in, they were jacked up to the game. You knew they were going to make runs, but our guys were hoping for that and settled down and made plays and got stops when they needed stops. Ari Brown led the Wildcats (6-0, 3-0 Southland) with 18 points. His three-pointer with 2:10 to play put Thornton ahead for good. Brandon Hall added 13 points and five rebounds, while Sean Burress scored 12. Bloom (7-1, 2-1) was without injured senior Donovan Newby for the third game in a row. Tulsa recruit Keshawn Williams (11 points, five rebounds) started the game with a face guard, but took it off after the first quarter and tried two different bandages. He looked off, even missing a dunk. Martice Mitchell, Bloom's 6-9 Minnesota recruit, struggled with bad problems throughout the game. This prompted coach Dante Maddox Sr. to play a few sophomore key minutes. At the end of the game we didn't stay together, Maddox Sr. said. We've tried to do things individually, and that's what happens when you don't have your player, your steady player on the floor. Dante Maddox Jr. led the blazing Trojans with 16 points and seven rebounds and senior Justin Moore added 13 points and seven rebounds. It was a really good game for us, Maddox Sr. said. It was a good environment, competition and losses. This keeps you humbly, keeps you grinding. I'm not discouraged or anything, I know we still have a great team. We had guys who stepped up and guys who didn't step up, so we could learn a lot about ourselves today. When Dante Maddox Jr. was a little boy, he would go with his dad bloom in high school and dribble around the players his dad was coaching basketball. Looking at those high school athletes, they looked like giants. His dream was to get a basketball scholarship in college. On November 13th, that dream will come true. Maddox Jr., along with three other Bloom Township high school basketball players each signed Chapter 1 scholarships. I've always dreamed of this moment here, now smiling maddox jr. it means a whole lot. I'm the first member of my family to play sports on one level, it inspires. Maddox Jr. is both point and shooting Bloom Bloom In August, he's stepping on to the Cal State-Fullerton basketball court. This is the cornerstone of my career adds Maddox Jr. It's a milestone I'm happy to check. Maddox Jr. plans to study streaming journalism I've had many mentors Bloom explains Maddox Jr.'s greatest mentor happens to be my father; I've been working here all my life, shooting since I was a kid, I've been shooting shots. Off the court he was a huge part of my character and development as a young man. It helped me get as much as I got. Coach Maddox Jr. stood up to pose for a photo with his father and coach in front of a blue Bloom background. It not only brought me to the game, it brought me into the Bloom tradition, bloom culture, it's a big part of my life. I couldn't dream of going anywhere else. Bloom Township broke a new record by signing four players from the same basketball team, signing division 1 schools. Dr. Lenell Navarre, Superintendent of the Bloom Township District 206 couldn't be proud. Top doctors with attorney Aurora Health say vaccines before approval are safe and effective. They plan to start inoculation of employees next week. This is a very interesting district, said Dr. Navarre. I remember these kids coming as freshman, to see them grow up over the last four years, always having that conversation go further into their education. Not only do it on the basketball court, but they are also great students. Four students, Donovan Newby, Dante Maddox Jr., Keshawn Williams and Martice Mitchell have an overall VVPS average over 3.0.Top physicians advocate aurora health say vaccines before approval are safe and effective. They plan to start inoculation of employees next week. In life, sometimes we pay too much attention to areas of weakness, we should look at areas of strength, and that is what we are doing here, said Dr Navarre. Keshawn Williams of Sauk Village, this day was also very important. Today means everything, all our hard work has paid off, said Williams. I started playing basketball when I was in Rickover's class. Then I started playing Orange Crush before high school. Williams also plays point guard and shooting guard bloom township for the Trojans basketball team. There is currently the maximum height of my game, explains Williams. I'm going to miss being around this basketball team. We had a lot of fun when we went to Pontiac and we were on the pitch. Our chemistry is indescribable. Williams received a scholarship to the University of Tulsa. When I went on my college visit there, I knew I was at home. He wanted to leave a slogan for younger players who would come to be a Bloom Trojan horse. As you continue to work, you will always achieve your goals. Never give up, once it becomes difficult just to do what you do, you succeed. The other two bloom township Donovan Newby signed with the University of Milwaukee and Martice Mitchell signed with the University of Minnesota. Minnesota.