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# Spring Ice Breaker recap

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HOUSTON -- The RCS Sports Spring Ice Breaker, under the direction of Jim Hicks, provided intense competition for some of the best players in the greater Houston area, Louisiana and Florida.

## Standout players

### **Jeff Roberson (Houston/Kinkaid)**

#### **2014, SF, 6-6, 195 pounds**

Roberson is long, lean and excels on the break, where he can finish above the rim with flair. He also plays in full attack mode on the break and from the wing. He can get to the rim and finish over, around or through defenders thanks to his length and strength. He runs the floor extremely well, is a very good rebounder and is capable of defending both forward positions due to his athleticism. He will need to continue to build his midrange game, mostly scoring off the dribble, and extend his range -- which he is well on his way to accomplishing. Overall, he is a talented prospect who plays with great energy, urgency and has great upside. Roberson said USC, Oklahoma State, Texas A&M, Baylor and Stanford are showing strong interest.

### **[J.C. Washington \(Houston/Jack Yates\)](#)**

#### **2014, PF, 6-7, 210 pounds**

Washington is a great defensive power forward who can defend both forward positions, rebound in and out of his area on both ends of the floor and block shots on the ball or coming from the weak side. His motor never stops running and he competes on a consistent basis. Washington is active, aggressive and attacks the rim on the break. He finishes above the rim in traffic and on all clear paths with ease. He is also pretty good along the baseline with quick, short slashes to the rim. The very athletic forward is productive on a consistent basis and can positively impact the game on both ends of the floor. Marquette, Arizona, Kansas, Kentucky and Texas, among others, are on Washington's list.



### **[Melvin Swift \(Houston/Jack Yates\)](#)**

#### **2014, PF, 6-7, 205 pounds**

Swift is a highlight waiting to happen on the break. His elite athletic ability allows him to play above the rim on all clear paths. He runs the floor like a deer and puts constant pressure on his opponent in transition. He rebounds at both ends in and out of his area. Swift is also a good shot-blocker who plays with great energy and has a non-stop motor. He is capable of defending both forward positions, as well. Swift will need to continue to develop skill-wise but his upside is off the charts.

### **Jordan Hunter** (Beaumont, Texas/Ozen)

#### **2015, SG/PG, 5-8, 158 pounds**

This tough and competitive combination guard plays in full attack mode on the offensive end of the floor. He is a knockdown 3-point shooter off the catch or dribble and also has a sweet fadeaway from behind the arc. He can also handle and pass with good court vision. Hunter is already hearing from Rice, Baylor, Texas A&M, LSU, Oregon State and Detroit, to name a few.

### **Players to watch**

#### **Kyle Brown (Houston/Ridge Point)**

#### **2015, PG, 5-7, 140 pounds**

This true point guard pushes the ball on the break and is terrific at advancing the ball on the pass. Brown delivers the ball on time and on target and has excellent quickness and court vision. Brown does the little things that mean a lot and simply makes his teammates better. He must work to improve his jumper and build strength, but his feel for the game is terrific. Some of Brown's coaches compare his game to former Longhorns great and NBA point guard T.J. Ford -- which is high praise for such a young player.

### **Notes**

- Class of 2013, super athletic and extra-long, 6-7 combination forward [Derrick Griffin](#) (Rosenberg, Texas/Terry) is a tough, physical live body who plays above the rim on a consistent basis. Griffin is a highlight waiting to happen on the break and rebounds in and out of his area. This Texas A&M commit is a high-level wide receiver as well and plans on playing football and basketball for the Aggies.
- Class of 2015, 6-2 wing [C.J. Simmons](#) (Houston/Westbury Christian) is long and very athletic. He attacks the basket, passes well and has a fast-developing midrange game. He has to add strength and finish better at times, but has tremendous upside. Memphis, Texas A&M and South Carolina already have Simmons on their radar.
- Another young player in the Class of 2015 who has a bright future is [Dorian Chatman](#) (Port Arthur, Texas/Memorial). At 6-6, the long and athletic combination forward has a pretty good motor, excels on the break, has a nice midrange face-up game and is an excellent shot-blocker.