

2019 US Basketball Games

Player Interviews

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James Wright - 14U Michigan

Snap Chat with any athlete?

LeBron James.

Following on Instagram the most?

Comedian Kevin Hart.

I'm a good teammate because...

I'm unselfish and I make sure I get other teammates involved.

Most underappreciated skill?

My shooting because I'm known as a rebounder.

Favorite athlete in any sport?

Kobe Bryant.

Best video game?

Fortnite.

Best pregame hype artist?

T.I.

Go to pregame snack?

Cheese Doritos.

Any superstitions?

I have to wear my knee pads for every game to feel comfortable.

Xaxier Matthews – 14U North Carolina

Snap Chat with any athlete?

Josh Christopher. He's a (17-year-old) AAU player that plays on Vegas Elite.

I known by my teammates as...?

A team player and a player who's unselfish and is always smiling.

Most underappreciated skill?

My shooting because I only shoot when I have to. My best game is getting to the basket.

I'm a good teammate because...?

I have a pass first mentality.

Favorite athlete in any sport?

Michael Jordan. My current active favorite is James Harden.

Play any other sports?

I play wide receiver in football.

Best game as wide out?

I scored three touchdowns in a game when I was 11 years old.

What's one thing your teammates don't know about you?

I'd rather play video games that just about anything else.

Pregame rituals?

I have to eat fast food, mostly McChicken at McDonalds and sweet tea.

Favorite football teams?

Broncos (in the NFL) and Michigan (in college).

Person you admire the most?

My mom, Nekia.

Ava McGlockton – Rising 9th Team Georgia

Snap chat with any athlete?

Shaquille O'Neal. Because he's really tall and I liked how he played even though he couldn't hit free throws.

Instagram person you follow the most?

Steph Curry.

I'm known by my teammates as...?

Someone who is unselfish.

Most underappreciated skill?

I think I'm pretty good at passing. I will sometimes make an extra pass I don't need to make but it gets there and we get the point anyway.

Favorite athlete in any sport?

My older brother, Devin (16-year-old who plays at South High School). I really enjoy watching him play.

Do you play any other sports?

I played lacrosse and I'm on the varsity volleyball team at South High School.

Person I admire the most?

My mom, Angela.

Most inspirational person?

My dad, Leon.

Do you play video games?

Yes, I like Super Smash Brothers on Mario Kart.

Best pregame hype artists?

Cardi B. and Lil Nas.

Favorite movie?

Lion King.

My best basketball trait?

I'm a good rebounder.

Wil Taylor – 16-17 U Team Georgia

Snap Chat any athlete?

Greek The Freak, Giannis Antetokounmpo.

Pattern your game after anyone?

I'm trying to be like Scottie Pippen because he had the whole package. He was an animal.

My teammates know me as a player who...?

Likes to rebound.

Most underappreciated skill?

My handles. People really don't notice that I have a string.

Favorite athlete in any sport?

Michael Jordan

Any other sports you liked playing growing up?

I was an outfielder and pitcher in baseball. I played tight end and defensive line in football.

Are you a college basketball or pro basketball fan?

I'm a Memphis college basketball fan this year.

Pregame hype artists?

NBA YoungBoy, Quando Rondo and Drake.

Favorite thing to do with friends?

Riding Go Karts.

Best thing your coaches have taught you this year?

To have a next play mentality. I used to get really frustrated if I missed a shot.

I'm a good teammate because of...?

My passing. For someone my size I have really good court vision.

Zachary Graves - 10U Team Georgia

Snap chat any athlete?

Donovan Mitchell or Paul George.

Favorite movie?

The new Lion King.

Best pregame snack?

Z granola protein bar.

Pregame rituals?

I have to wear a long sleeve shooting shirt.

I'm a good teammate because...?

I make good passes.

Best thing coaches taught you this year?

Better form on my shot and how to play better defense.

Favorite basketball team?

Toronto Raptors.

Best basketball player in the world right now?

Kawhi Leonard.

Pro football team you like the best?

Kansas City Chiefs.

Play any video games?

Fortnite and Call of Duty. I'm really good at Fortnite. My dad is the boss at Call of Duty.

Play any other sports?

I played running back and quarterback in football.

Pregame hype artists?

J Cole, 21 Savage and Drake.

Jeylan Cury – 14U North Carolina

Snap Chat with any athlete?

Kevin Durrant. Because he inspires young kids.

I'm known by my teammates as a player who...?

Encourages his teammates, plays defense and is a game changer.

Most underappreciated skill on court?

Playing defense because everyone always thinks that I'm just an offensive player.

Best thing coaches taught you this year?

My coaches introduced me to the Villanova defense so I can improve my game.

Favorite school subject?

Math (Algebra).

Favorite basketball player of all-time?

Allen Iverson because I like his mentality. He had a dog in him and I do, too!

Favorite athlete in any sport?

Adam Miller. I played with him at USA Basketball. I like the way he plays and we are both left-handed.

Pregame artists?

NBA YoungBoy an Lil Baby.

Pregame rituals?

I have to eat candy, Sour Patch Kids.