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Visit York County, SC co-hosts Clover and York Basketball Tournament with ESPN's Paul Biancardi

The two-weekend sold out basketball tournaments will jointly bring in 100 plus teams

Over the course of two weekends, including last weekend May 6 - 7 and this weekend May 13 – 14, York Comprehensive High School, Clover Middle School and York Preparatory Academy will host over 100 AAU basketball teams collectively for the Big Shots ESPN's Paul Bacardi's and Nike Team United Basketball Tournaments. Paul Biancardi is ESPN's national recruiting director for high school boys basketball.

The Nike Team United event showcased several of the top high school basketball players in the entire country. The top players that competed were Brandon Huffman who is committed to the national championship Tarheels of UNC and Sharone Wright Jr., the #4 overall player in the state of South Carolina.

"There's a chance you could see a couple of these guys make it to the professional level," said Kevin Schneider, Vice President of Big Shots. Auvis Cole, interim executive director with the Rock Hill/York County Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) stated, "Basketball is a fast and growing market for us and having the opportunity to partner with great facilities around the county allows our community to showcase itself on a regional and national level." "Visit York County will continue to work with our western York County partners on the growth/enhancement of valuable tourism product developments and opportunities."

The list of top players who participated includes the following:

- Sharone Wright Jr.
 - #4 overall player in the state of South Carolina
 - Received offers from Clemson, USC, Arkansas, California and Memphis

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- Blake Harris
 - #8 overall player in the state of North Carolina
 - Committed to Missouri and received offers from NC State, Michigan State, and Florida State
- Brandon Huffman
 - #5 overall player in the state of North Carolina
 - Committed to UNC and received offers from Baylor, Indiana, and LSU

Clover and York Basketball Tournaments Facts:

- May 13 -14, 2017
- Clover Middle School (1233 Barrett Rd., Clover, SC 29710) and York Preparatory Academy (1047 Golden Gate Ct., Rock Hill, SC 29732)
- 100 + teams from across the country, including 60 teams from last weekend (May 6-7)
- Top high school basketball players

The Rock Hill/York County Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) is the destination marketing organization (DMO) responsible for developing an authentic, unified identity for York County, SC. As a DMO, the CVB's goals are to promote the long-term development and marketing of their destination, focusing on convention, sports and leisure sales, tourism marketing and services. The organization works in collaboration with the CVB Board as well as the York County Council and appropriate funding sources. In 2008, the Rock Hill/York County CVB became the first accredited destination marketing organization in South Carolina.

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