

# Summer basketball league preview Spartans

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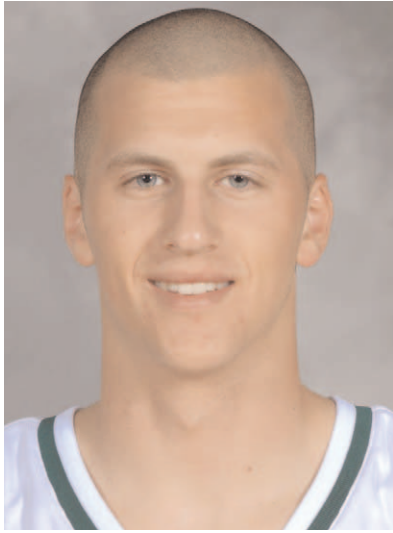
Michigan State University basketball fans can get a sneak preview of next season's basketball talent by spending some Saturday or Sunday afternoon at Lansing's Harry Hill Center gym.

And it won't cost them a dime more than the gas to get them there. Admission is free. Games start a 3:00, 4:15, 5:30 and 6:45.

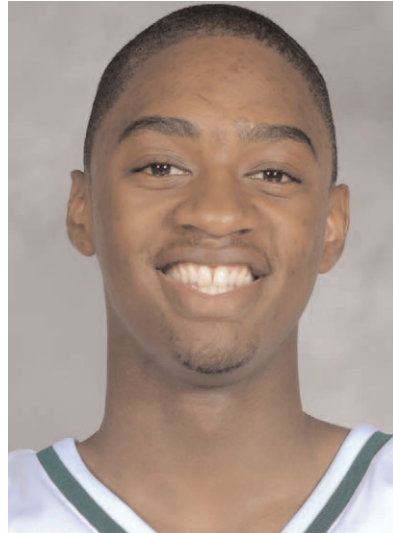
All three incoming Spartan freshmen are members of the Green team playing in the Capital City Summer Pro League.

The eight team summer circuit features four games every Saturday and Sunday through August 13 with teams from Albion and Alma colleges along with teams that feature area players from colleges and universities across the country.

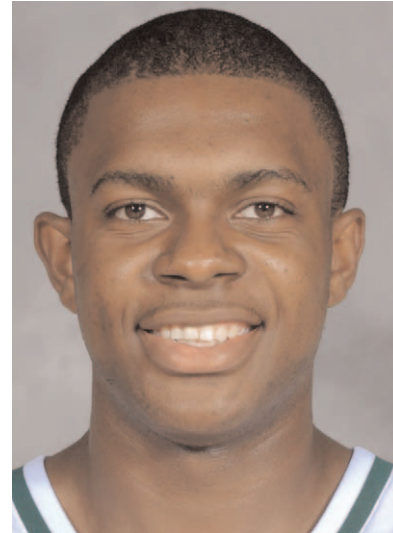
In its third year, the summer league offers area athletes who



**Drew Neitzel**



**Marice Joseph**



**Idong Ibok**

are now competing, will compete next year, or have competed at the college level in the past an opportunity to stay in shape and hone their skills against college competition.

"I used to play in the summer league run by Ernest Glover in Detroit," said league organizer, Desmond Ferguson. Lansing has a lot of guys who've played

college ball so we decided to start a league here.

"Glover showed me how to do it, so now we have our own league and our guys don't have to travel all the way to Detroit."

Teams can have only two players who have played on the same Division 1 team. Since the three MSU recruits have yet to enroll, they are allowed to play

The group has had difficulty getting together during the first half of the season and with make-shift line-ups has compiled a disappointing 1-5 record in the first half of the 14-game season.

Ferguson, a former Everett High School standout who had a stellar career at the University of Detroit, leads the Navy Blue squad which boasts MSU's Drew Naymick, former Spartan Thomas Kelley, Oakland University's Derrick Nelson, Sexton and Central Florida player D'Quarius Steward and Okemos all-stater, Johnathon Jones.

Navy leads the league at this point with a 6-0 mark

Just one game out is the Royal Blue squad with a 5-1 record. Royal features former Sexton all-state selection Ron Banks who

played at LCC last season and is headed for University of California, Pennsylvania next year.

Former Everett players Al Mans and Ryan Wood join Banks on the Royal team. Mans played at Grand Valley, and Woods at LCC.

Spartans Maurice Joseph and Idong Ibok are on the Black team along with former Waverly guard, Justin Ingrahm (Toledo), Sexton's Ron Ferguson (LCC), and Everett's Maurice Venson (Indiana Tech).

While the games are spirited, they lack the nail-biting intensity of Breslin Center competition. They do, however, allow the players to display what is no less than awesome talent and area hoop fans to have some summer fun.

## Lady Spartan senior guard named to Big Ten women's foreign squad

Michigan State University senior guard, Rene Haynes has been named to the Big Ten Women's Basketball Foreign Tour Team.

The team will play four games during an 11-day tour of Denmark and Norway, later this month.

Haynes, who started 31 games, led the team in steals, and averaged a career best 8.8 points per game, fourth on the Spartan squad.

The 5-10 guard from Columbus, Ohio, served as the fourth captain for the Spartans, starting shooting guard and backup point guard during her junior season.



**Rene Haynes**

She also recorded career highs in rebounding, 4.0 per game and

steals, 71. Her 2.1 steals per game ranked ninth in the Big Ten. She was named the Spartans' Top Defender by her teammates.

Theresa Greutz of of Illinois will coach the team.

Also on the squad are Lori McCarthy, Illinois; Leah Enterline, Indiana; Megan Skouby, Iowa; and Stephany Skrba, Michigan.

Northwestern's A.J. Glasauer, Ohio State's Tamarah Riley, Penn State's Brianna O'Rourke, Minnesota's Leslie Knight, Purdue's Katie Gearlds and Wisconsin's Danielle Ward round out the squad.

The Lightning Lynx Track Club will host the James Bibbs Youth Track and Field Invitational Saturday, July 22 at Madjeski Stadium, J.W. Sexton high School.

Youth ages 7 to 17 are eligible to compete in the event which encourages participation of athletes of all talent levels. The registration fee is \$12.00.

The meet is named in honor of retired MSU track coach, James Bibbs who has devoted nearly half a century to helping young people through athletics.

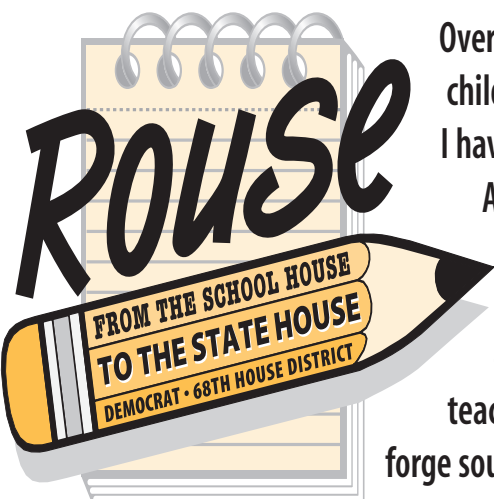
For further track meet information contact:: Coach Garth S. Jackson Garth.Jackson@comcast.net - 517-282-5632 after 6:00 p.m. or visit our website at [www.lightninglynx.org](http://www.lightninglynx.org)

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## The Dick Letts Memorial Golf Outing

Pre-registration for this year's Dick Letts Memorial Golf Outing has ended, but there's plenty of room for participants to register on site and it promises to be one of the best outings ever.

Slated for Forest Akers East Golf Course, Saturday, July 22, the 9th Annual scramble event will begin with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m.

The \$75.00 fee covers 18 holes of golf, cart, range balls and lunch at the 19th hole. Non-golfers may purchase lunch at the 19th hole for \$25.00.

Post golf activities will begin at approximately 2:15 and feature a host of prizes including a 1 in 200 raffle shot at a trip for two to Las Vegas.