

Coleman looks towards super senior season

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Talk about it in **Inside the Locker Room: BASKETBALL**

Glendale (Ariz.) Cactus senior point guard **Marques Coleman** has been looking towards the 2007-2008 high school season for a very long time.



Coleman has "it" on and off the court.

A rivals.com three-star prospect and ranked as one of the top point guards in the desert state, Coleman, a strong 6-foot-3, 185-pound guard, has the tools to take a loaded Cactus team far – possibility all the way in the tough 4A Division I conference.

Coleman just finished up a solid spring and summer club season running with **Mike O'Guinn's** Southwest Rebels program.

He started the club season with the Magic, but switched to be with O'Guinn and several of his longtime club teammates.

"I wanted to go back to having fun playing AAU basketball and I wanted to finish my AAU career playing with **Taylor Rohde**, **Niko Sachs** and **Jayson Shreve**. I played with those guys since the 5th grade. I feel that I had a great summer with the Southwest Rebels and my recruitment has

been great. Playing for Coach O'Guinn was a great experience. I learned a lot from him in such a short time. He has also been my trainer for the past five years," stated Coleman.

O'Guinn has established himself as one of the top club coaches and trainers in the Phoenix Metro area, with the likes of Rohde (ASU commit), and top junior prospect **Colin Borchert** (recent offers from Cal, and USC) rounding out a solid core of players.

"We had a good summer. I think we finished 7-2 in the summer tournaments. Both losses were to Elite 8 teams. Playing basketball, working out and hanging out with the Rebel players on the road was the best part, there were no worst days in the summer," said Coleman.

His recruiting has shot up as well as the top academic schools from around the country followed him to several events this past July.

When asked about his current recruitment, Coleman said, "Ivy League schools, Patriot League schools, top academic west coast programs are showing the most interest. I want the best educational opportunity possible. Location is not an issue for me. I would say the leaders for me are Princeton and Cornell because they are top academic schools and they have been recruiting me for a while."

Coleman has these schools after him due to a 3.7 GPA – 4.0+ weighted for honors.

A very physically gifted and well-rounded player, Coleman not only plays the game right, but his high IQ off the court carries him on the court as well. Cactus has a new coach this upcoming season, and Coleman and his senior laden teammates are anxious to show what they are truly made of.

Cactus will compete in the newly formed **Arizona Basketball Challenge** tournament presented by the same organizers that run the **MLK Classic**, and he wants to win that and more importantly a state title.

Personally, Coleman said he wants to improve his all-around game. "I want to become a top defender, lead Cactus to a State Championship, make All State, and have fun and enjoy my last season in Arizona."