

# Amphi's Derksen reels in WCC offer

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Arizona's 2012 class of prospects has already proven to be a very strong class, as several of the state's best student-athletes have already reeled in scholarship offers.



**Tucson Amphitheater HS 6-foot-3 rising junior guard Tim Derksen receives an offer from San Diego.**

Add another to the list.

After leading Tucson's Amphitheater High School to an impressive 29-3 record this past season, 6-foot-3 rising junior combo-guard **Tim Derksen** has reeled in his first offer from a *West Coast Conference* program.

This weekend, after showcasing his talent to the coaches at the University of San Diego, while his team participated in their team camp, Derksen earned his first official scholarship offer from Head Coach **Bill Grier** and his basketball staff.

Derksen is coming off a very impressive sophomore season where he averaged an impressive **17.3 points, 8.7 rebounds and 4.1 assists** per/game, while shooting a terrific **63% from the field** on a team that reached the 4A Division-II State semi-finals.

Derksen has not cooled off one bit either, as he has played very well on the spring AAU/club circuit, leading his **Arizona Magic U16** squad to several tournament titles, including a U16 Tournament Championship in this year's *Double Pump Spring Tournament*.

This young man has a very bright future ahead of him, as he is a tough competitor with a good motor. Derksen also has very good length of body with an excellent wingspan, which allows for him to make plays around the basket area, and also finish plays while slashing to the basket or in transition.

A left handed performer, Derksen is a very good jump shooter with range on his shot, and is also capable of scoring effectively off the dribble - possessing a nice mid-range game to his offensive arsenal. Derksen's left handed prowess also makes him tough to defend when making drives to the basket, where he is also a very good finisher and plays above the rim.

Derksen is a good defender as well, and is an in-your-face defensive stopper that takes challenges on the court, and will guard the opposing team's best offensive performer. He is also a very good shotblocker for his size and utilizes his length to challenge shots on the perimeter.

Derksen is a very good ball handler, which allows him to play both guard positions on the floor - a nice attribute for players his size. While he competes from the shooting guard position in high school, he should be able to convert to both guard positions at the collegiate level, and especially as he continues to mature over the next two years.

While it is still unclear as to where Derksen will land for college, he is off to a great start with his first official offer.

Derksen is also hearing from numerous other division-I programs currently, including Arizona, Arizona State, Oregon State, Washington State, Pepperdine and Saint Mary's College, among others.

Derksen is also an excellent student with a perfect **4.0 CUM GPA**.

If that isn't already enough, this young man is also a gym-rat that has grown around the sport of basketball his entire life, since his father, **Pat Derksen**, was a former head coach at Amphitheather HS until 2007.

*Arizona Preps* will continue to follow the recruitment of Tim Derksen closely, and bring you any updates on his college recruitment as they continue to develop.