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Matthews a valuable asset

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Marc Matthews will be entering his junior season this year for Tucson (Ariz.) Buena high school already having had a productive varsity year for the Colts as a sophomore. Over the summer and early into the school year, he has shown that he is becoming even more fine tuned and competitive.



Marc Matthews continued to show his value at the SWS Junior Showcase.

At 6-foot-2, 185 pounds Matthews is a top quality junior and is also among the best coming out of southern Arizona. He recently represented himself at the SWS Junior Showcase that was on September 26, and showed the same level of productivity that has made him an emerging prospect.

Matthews makes himself available all over the court. He moves well without the ball and has a great catch and release shot for when he receives the ball inside the gaps or out on the perimeter.

"That is the part of my game that is most effective. I am really good at hitting the shot in the mid range area," Matthews said.

He also has the rest of the shooting guard package. He can handle the ball and makes very good decisions with his passing. It is a trait that Matthews said he is continuing to strengthen.

"I shoot around and work on my dribbling and handling practically every day, always trying to keep that touch and feel for it."

Last year for the Colts, Matthews averaged over ten points a game, and nearly broke 20 on several occasions. He also supplied an assist, a steal, and three rebounds per game.

Buena will be returning a lot of very talented players this season, including top seniors **Devonte Malcolm** and **Merle Branch**, which should make them a contender in the playoffs.

Matthews said that with all of the guys they have returning, he feels confident that they will be able to make it far into the post season.

Matthews said that he is still waiting to hear from some schools, but that he likes a bunch of the local programs, including ASU and Arizona.