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Ramirez one to watch

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Mountain Pointe (Ariz.) basketball player **Marcus Ramirez** is one of the top small forwards in the state. At 6-foot-2 and 180 pounds, he is a very versatile wing player and also a great asset for the Pride.



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Ramirez has a well-rounded offensive skills set and gives a strong effort towards the little things that contribute to wins. He will transition to the wing spot at the next level, but his shot is poised and ready. He can knock down shots from many different spots on the court. He also has great athleticism which he can utilize by penetrating hard to the basket or getting to rebounds and loose balls.

At the recent SWS Junior Showcase, Ramirez took advantage of playing time against many of the state's top junior talent.

"This is giving me good exposure to a lot of really good players. It gives me a chance to practice my game and get ready for the season. And it is great to just be able to play and get some games in," Ramirez said at the event.

Ramirez saw some time on Varsity as a freshman, and contributed a basket and nearly three rebounds a game as a sophomore. Look for him to play a bigger role this year and possibly put up some impressive numbers.

With the season just around the corner, Mountain Pointe will have a roster that is projected to be a major competitor at the playoff level.

"I think we are looking really good this year. We have a lot of talented players, so I am excited for the season," he said.

"That is why I am using stuff like this to prepare and work on my game. I am trying to come back really strong so I can help my team as much as I can."