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St. Mary's High School finished 18-10 last season - finishing the high school season strong after a rocky start.



**6-foot-2 rising senior guard Bryan Rhymes is back in the fold for the St. Mary's Knights.**

The Knights however played through the 2009-2010 season without the services of 6-foot-2 transfer **Bryan Rhymes**. Rhymes transferred from Carl Hayden HS during the summer of 2009, but, as a result of the *Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA)* transfer rules, was not permitted to play for his junior season.

Now back in the fold as a senior prospect, Rhymes will look to make an impact in his final season for the Knights, and also look to pick up things where he left off as a top-rated sophomore prospect.

Rhymes is the son of former Carl Hayden HS star guard **Byron Rhymes**, who was a star player for Carl Hayden in the late 1980's, when the program was regarded as one of the top basketball programs in America.

Bryan Rhymes has two strong seasons at Carl Hayden HS before the transfer, averaging an impressive **19.8 points** per/game on the season as a mere freshman - the best numbers by a freshman in the state in 2008. As a sophomore for the Falcons in 2009, Rhymes returned to average an eye-popping **23.4 points** and **6.4 rebounds** per/outing.

Last season as a junior, Rhymes had to sit and watch the action all season long, as he was declined admittance by the AIA. After sitting out his junior season, Rhymes advised *Arizona Preps* that he is very excited about returning to action this season.

Rhymes will team up with next season with a trio of seniors, 6-foot-5 senior **Chris Mason**, 6-foot-3 senior **Enoch Rhemadji** and 5-foot-10 senior **Anthony Hendrix** to lead the Knight's charge.

Rhymes advised us that he has continued to work hard on his game in his absence and is looking to make up lost time in his college recruitment. Rhymes' recruitment has not slowed down though, as he is still receiving serious division-I interest from such schools as UC-Riverside, Eastern Washington, Pacific, Northern Arizona and Tulane.

Rhymes will look to finish out the summer with a strong performance on the July AAU/club circuit this month - something which could propel his college recruitment a great deal.

Rhymes is also an excellent student - the best student on the St. Mary's team, with better than a **3.0 CUM GPA**.

*Arizona Preps* will continue to follow the progress of Rhymes closely this summer and next high school season, as he gets back into the mix in Arizona high school basketball.

**Arizona Preps Scouting Report:** Rhymes is silky smooth and is among the best pure scoring talents in the state. He is both a good shooter of the basketball with range on his shot, and also a slasher of the basketball to the basket, where he is a very good and crafty finisher. Rhymes has never seen a shot that he does not like, and it is evident in the variety of ways that he scores the basketball - either when left open or with 2-3 defenders draped all over him. Rhymes is capable of making a tough play look easy on the offensive end of the floor. Defensively, Rhymes is always involved in the play, as he

looks for opportunities to retrieve the basketball for his team, so that he can do what he loves - score the basketball. While I would not call Rhymes a lock-down defender, especially since he focuses so much on his offensive attributes as a player, he is capable of becoming one, as a result of his lateral quickness and ability to stay in front of his man on the floor. More focus as a a defender for Rhymes will only allow him to become a complete player at the collegiate level. He is also very thin physically, and will only improve with more physical strength and physical maturity.