

# Mustang Review

Summer 2009

## Record Summer Camp Participation!

Northville Boys Basketball was involved with two camps this Summer. The Mustangs helped host the *University of Detroit Titan Basketball School* with Titan Assistant Coach Jay Smith and some of the Titan players. Never before, in this area, has a college program COME TO a community to conduct a camp.

Over 115 campers, boys and girls from grades 4-9, received instruction from Coach Smith, other UDM coaches and Titan players. *The Detroit Titan Basketball School* delivered as a promised: an intense teaching camp. Coach Smith was incredibly pleased with the inaugural camp, "This was a spectacular week. The campers were enthusiastic and willing to listen and work. Camp was great for the Northville Basketball community, but also for our Titan players. They had fun coaching the players, and we hope some of them will come watch us play during our season." Plans are already in place to make the 2010 *Detroit Titan Basketball School in Northville* better than ever.

One week after the Titan Camp, Northville hosted its annual Mustang Basketball Camp. 100 players experienced the tradition of Northville Mustang Basketball. Alumni, Alvin Storrs and Scott Wagner, worked as coaches along with the basketball staff and current players.

In addition to contests and games, campers practiced skill and fundamental work. Each camper also learned drills that they could do on their own at home to make themselves better players.

Camp had two special guests on Day 3, Michigan State Spartans Isaiah Dahlman and Tom Herzog. They demonstrated some Spartan practice drills and assisted with station work. Pictures from Day 3 of camp are posted on the new Photos page of the Basketball Website.

Over 160 players participated in our 2009 Summer Camps! This is a record number, and we are excited about the future Mustangs. Thank you for making our camps a success!

## Website Enhanced

Northville Basketball continues to use technology to communicate with its supporters. Visit us online at [www.NorthvilleBasketball.com](http://www.NorthvilleBasketball.com), and see the updates. A photo section was recently added. Be sure and join the mailing list so that you do not miss important announcements about the Mustangs. Online registration for our camps is coming in the future!

## Busy Summer for the Mustangs

When school let out for the Summer on June 12, the Mustangs went to work. The MHSAA allows for a maximum of 15 competition days during the Summer, program-wide, and Northville Basketball maximized the allotted time period.

Prospective Freshmen players participated in practices with the 9th Grade Coaches, and they competed in a summer league at Milford High School. Potential JV players practiced, played two days in games at Northville and in a summer league at Lakeland High School.

Prospective Varsity players experienced the busiest summer of basketball in recent memory. They played in games at a variety of places including Westland John Glenn, Romulus High School, University of Michigan and Livonia Franklin. The Mustangs faced stiff competition against some unfamiliar opponents including: Taylor Kennedy, Taylor Truman, Detroit Loyola, Ferndale University, Mount Clemens, Riverview, Wyandotte Roosevelt, Detroit Consortium, Lake Orion, Toledo Christian, Cherry Hill Academy, and Willow Run.

When asked about his thoughts on the Summer season, Coach Sander offered a mixed review, "This was a productive Summer. We were exposed to some different and fantastic competition; with so many returning players, we really wanted to test our guys. We were up and down as expected. At times, we looked fantastic. However, we also looked out-of-sync in other games. The keys for us are enforcing our will, playing hard and playing together. When we do those three things, we think we can play with most anybody."

In addition to the organized high school activities, various Mustangs participated in other events this Summer. Bryce Groshek (Jr.) and Makis Eatmon (Sr.) competed in AAU events for Common Bond. Tim Hasse (Sr.) played AAU for Little Ma Power. Bryce, Makis and Tim attended the University of Detroit Titan offensive camps in June. Finally, a trio of Mustang Juniors—Andrew Baldwin, Bryce Groshek and Al Myers—traveled to Robert Morris University to participate in the 5 Star Basketball Camp in July. 5 Star is one of the premiere basketball camps in the country boasting hundreds of prestigious alumni.

Players will enjoy some well-deserved down time in August before getting back to work when school resumes.

## New Strength Program

Northville Basketball players committed to a new strength and conditioning program May 1. This new program consists of three phases. Each player is evaluated at the end of each phase for adequate improvement based on his individual situation. So long as players make improvements, they can perform the required workout at the times of their choosing. It's working! Area coaches have noticed and commented that many of the Mustangs look stronger. Keep it up guys!

## Mustangs Launch Maniac Fan Club

Northville Basketball is proud to announce the creation of a new fan club exclusively for fans in Kindergarten through 6th grade, the *Mustang Maniacs*. The cost to join is only \$5.00, and the membership benefits include: "members only" shirt to wear at games, free admission to home games when accompanied by a paying adult, special reserved seating behind the Mustang bench at home games, opportunity to attend a pre-season practice, and the opportunity to shoot on the court after select home games.

Coach Sander is excited about the Maniacs, "The long-term success of our program depends on our young players. We want them to be supporters, and we need them to stay excited about the sport and our team." No other school is believed to have this type of organized fan club for future players.

Sign up now! A Mustang Maniac flyer can be downloaded at [NorthvilleBasketball.com/boys](http://NorthvilleBasketball.com/boys).

## Upcoming Events

Stay tuned for additional details on a number of exciting events for Northville Basketball.

**Coaches Clinic—Fall, TBA.** Members of our staff will host a coaches clinic for our recreation, travel and middle school coaches.

**Mustang Basketball Experience—10/31.** Events include a three-on-three tournament, games, and contests. This will be Northville Basketball's own "Hoop City."

**Tryouts—11/16.** Time and details TBA

**Mustang Madness—December, TBA.** Meet the 2009-2010 Northville Basketball Teams.

**January Kid Kamp—January, TBA.** Our annual basketball camp for players in grades 1-3 and 4-6.

Watch the Website for details on these events!

