



33rd ANNIVERSARY RETROSPECTIVE SUPERSTARS AND UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES FROM GAMES PAST

Their successes on the basketball court put them on a first-name basis with basketball fans: Magic, Michael, Alonzo, Kobe. But before they were Shaq, 'Melo or LeBron, they were McDonald's® All Americans. Many all-star basketball players received their first major national television exposure as high school students at this premier event.

“Playing in the McDonald’s All American High School Basketball Game gave me an opportunity to compete against the greatest players in the United States,” said Alonzo Mourning, a 1988 McDonald’s High School All American and current Advisory Council Captain. “This game helped so many of us veterans to jump-start our basketball careers.”

Most importantly, the Games raise funds for Ronald McDonald House Charities® (RMHC®) and its network of local Chapters. In the past, Games have raised funds for local Ronald McDonald House®, Ronald McDonald Family Room® and Ronald McDonald Care Mobile® programs as well as the RMHC National Scholarship Program and the RMHC Grants Program. Millions of dollars have been raised for RMHC since the Game was first played in 1978.

As we look forward to celebrating the 33rd anniversary of the McDonald’s All American Boys Game and the ninth annual Girls Game on March 31, 2010 in Columbus, Ohio, the following is a brief look back at highlights from the past 33 years of McDonald’s All American High School Basketball Games, including funds raised for RMHC:

Miami, Fla. 2009

The 2009 McDonald’s All American Games brought “oohs” and “aahs” from both players and fans alike in another classic battle between the best in high school basketball talent. The first-ever LIVE broadcast of POWERADE Jam Fest brought out star judges and featured a new skills competition building on the excitement of the popular slam dunk contest. Amidst the basketball action on game night, a moment was taken to honor McDonald’s All American Advisory Council Captain Alonzo Mourning when his McDonald’s All American jersey was retired. The 2009 McDonald’s All American Games helped to raise \$822,000 for RMHC of South Florida, the most funds any Game has raised in the event’s history.

The eighth annual Girls Game proved to be the closest game ever, with the West team edging past the East squad in a hard-fought 69 – 68 victory over the East. The West’s thrilling one-point victory resulted from a missed free throw by the East squad with only seconds remaining. Tierra Ruffin-Pratt and Skylar Diggins stole the show with 10 and 18 points respectively, earning co-MVP honors.

The 32nd annual Boys Game treated nearly 6,000 fans to one of the best All American Games in recent history. John Wooden MVP Award winner Derrick Favors dominated with a team-high 19 points and sealed the East's victory with a slam dunk off an alley oop pass with just seconds remaining. In a 113 – 110 victory the East increased its lead over the West 18 – 14 in the overall boys game series.

Milwaukee, Wis. 2008

The 2008 McDonald's All American Games in Milwaukee, Wis. delivered rim-rattling dunks and game-changing performances from the nation's best. The 2008 Games proved a success both on and off the court as the event raised more than \$600,000 for RMHC. It was also a Game of firsts: the first musical act ever to perform at POWERADE Jam Fest with Grammy-winning artist Ne-Yo, the founding of the McDonald's All American Alumni Council captained by Alonzo Mourning, and the first national selection show on ESPNU.

The seventh annual Girls Game featured an impressive performance by Morgan Wootten Player-of-the-Year Award winner Elena Delle Donne with 10 points and 11 rebounds. Nikki Speed shared co-MVP honors with Brooklyn Pope of the Girl's West squad. Pope contributed 13 points and 14 rebounds (tying an All American Game record) in an 80 – 64 win over the Girl's East.

The 31st annual Boys Game saw a break-out performance from Willie Warren who led the Boy's West team with 23 points and two assists. Star Boys East guard Tyreke Evans took home the John Wooden MVP award for his 21 point, 10 rebound performance in a 107-102 East over West victory.

Louisville, Ky. 2007

The 30th Anniversary of the McDonald's All American Games was indeed monumental with a pair of East vs. West match-ups showcasing the best in high school basketball talent in front of a crowd of nearly 12,000 fans at Freedom Hall. A halftime performance from Timbaland and sold out Jam Fest helped to raise nearly \$500,000 for RMCH of Kentuckiana.

The sixth annual Girls Game kicked-off the night's action and was one for the record books. Morgan Wootten Player-of-the-Year Award winner Maya Moore from Lawrenceville, Ga. tied the record for most field goals with eight and had 18 points, three steals and two blocks. Kelley Cain from Atlanta, Ga. pulled down a new record 14 rebounds with her outstanding performance. The night's star and John Wooden MVP of the Game was Jasmine Thomas with three steals, nine rebounds, 16 points and a great all-around performance. The East team led the game through its entirety, finishing with 105 points to the West Team's 76.

The 30th annual Boys Game saw Kansas State-bound forward and Game MVP Michael Beasley pour in 23 points on 10 of 13 shooting. Beasley helped lead the West squad through the first half with two assists, one steal and an outstanding 12 rebounds and 23 points. The East team came back after being down by 11 points in the first half, but in the end wasn't able to pull off the win, losing this thriller to the West by only two points, 114-112. The East Team was led by J.J. Hickson with 14 points and Nick Calathes with 13 points. Morgan Wootten Player-of-the-Year Award winner and Boy's West team player Kevin Love also had a stellar game with six rebounds and 13 points.

San Diego, Calif. 2006

The successes of this year's Games proved to be one big "slam dunk." From selling out arenas for both Jam Fest and the Games, raising \$371,000 for RMHC of San Diego and the addition of the first halftime performance by hip hop artist and award winning entertainer Nick Cannon, San Diego proved to be a year to remember.

The fifth annual Girls Game kicked-off the action on March 29 at San Diego State's Cox Arena. Morgan Wootten Award winner and East-team superstar Tina Charles turned in a strong performance

with 12 points and nine rebounds, but the night's star and John Wooden MVP of the Game was Jayne Appel with 12 points and a great all-around performance. The Girls game was a lot closer than the Boys, with the West team leading the game through its entirety, finishing with 80 points to the East team's 76.

The Boys Game was headlined by local favorite and co-MVP of the Game, Chase Budinger who had four assists and 11 points. He shared the John Wooden Award with West-squad teammate Kevin Durant, who racked-up 25 points and five rebounds. The West team came back after being down by 20 points during the first half to win the game 112 points to the East team's 94 points. The East team was led by Gerald Henderson with 16 points and Thaddeus Young with 14 points.

South Bend, Ind. 2005

At first glance, the 2005 edition of the McDonald's All American Boys team seemed to lack the "star power" of the 2003 and 2004 squads as they invaded Notre Dame's Joyce Center in March 2005. That perception was soon put to rest as shortly after the Game top scorer Gerald Green (24 points) and six others would throw their hats in to the NBA ring. But the 2005 McDonald's All American Game wasn't outshined by these NBA rookies; it was Duke-bound Josh McRoberts who grabbed the MVP title with 17 points on 7-of-8 shooting with a game high of 12 rebounds. Another Blue Devil, Greg Paulus, had nine assists and 13 points, making 7-of-8 free throws in the final 2 minutes to help the East hang on for a 115-110 win after the West came back strong in the second half from a 22-point deficit. The West team was led by Mario Chalmers, scoring 20 points, while also adding five assists and five steals.

Teamwork was the name of the game during McDonald's 2005 All American Girls Game as the West played to a 80-64 victory over the East. Courtney Paris earned the title of MVP as she was a key contributor to the win with 16 points and a 20-5 run with back-to-back baskets. The East's Marissa Coleman, who committed to Maryland, was the leading scorer with 19 points. Carrem Gay also added 12 points for the East as Ashley Paris, Courtney's twin sister, added eight points and eight rebounds for the West.

The Game raised \$300,000 for RMHC of South Bend and Northern Indiana.

Oklahoma City, Okla. 2004

Several soon-to-be NBA rookies played their final high school basketball game at Oklahoma City's Ford Center for the 2004 Game. However, with former All American player and Denver Nugget star Carmelo Anthony sitting courtside, the evening belonged to current NBA rookie J.R. Smith. Smith scored 25 points to lead the East to a 126-96 win against the West. Smith's performance was somewhat overshadowed by his NBA prospect teammates. The eventual number one pick in the NBA Draft, Dwight Howard, scored 19 points. Howard and Smith were named co-MVPs. DeMarcus Nelson led the West with 22 points.

Earlier in the day, slam dunk winner, Candace Parker led the West with 19 points and 10 rebounds in a losing effort as the East dominated in a 91-66 victory. Alexis Hornbuckle scored a record 22 points for the East and was named MVP of the Game as she broke the scoring record previously held by Shanna Zolman and Ann Strother at 21 points. The East pulled away with the help of Wanisha Smith, who scored 10 of her 15 points during a 15-2 run with seven minutes to play. Eleven different girls scored for the East in the first half.

Approximately \$300,000 was raised for RMHC of Oklahoma City and RMHC of Tulsa.

Cleveland, Ohio 2003

One of the most talented groups in All American Game history put on a show at Cleveland's Gund Arena. Many of the record-setting crowd of 18,728 came to see local hero LeBron James play his last high school game in the state of Ohio. Game MVP James didn't disappoint, leading all scorers with 27 points while grabbing seven rebounds and dishing out seven assists as the East defeated the West 122-107. James and the East squad took control of the game early and refused to let the West back in the game. Chris Paul had a game high 10 assists and Charlie Villanueva scored 17 points and had some spectacular dunks for the East. Shannon Brown scored 23 points and Leon Powe had a game high 12 rebounds and scored 15 points to pace the West.

Earlier in the day, the second annual Girls Game tipped off at the Gund. For the second straight year, the West dominated the East winning 92-72. Game MVP Katie Gerald led the all scorers with 17 points, four assists and three rebounds for the West. Erin Lawless also contributed 16 points for the West. The East was lead by sharpshooter Ivory Latta and Cori Chambers who had 12 points each.

Approximately \$300,000 was raised for RMHC of Northeastern Ohio.

New York, N.Y. 2002

Historic Madison Square Garden was the site for the 25th anniversary Boys Game and the inaugural Girls Game. Home to the NBA New York Knicks and the WNBA New York Liberty, the 2002 McDonald's All American Teams only added to the rich tradition of this historic basketball Mecca. The Inaugural Girls Game was one for the record books as the West defeated the East 94-85 behind co-MVP Ann Strother and her 21 points. Co-MVP Shanna Zolman contributed 21 points, seven steals and five assists for the East.

In the second game of the night, the boys celebrated 25 years of basketball excellence in a high scoring affair as the East overpowered the West 138-107. Game MVP, JJ Redick of the East team poured in 26 points, while converting on five of six of his three point attempts. Rashad McCants and Carmelo Anthony also contributed to the East victory by scoring 22 points and 19 points respectively. The West team was paced by Bracey Wright who scored 16 points and pulled down 11 rebounds and Dee Brown who dished out eight assists to go along with four steals.

Approximately \$175,000 was raised for RMHC of New York and RMHC of Hudson Valley Greater New Jersey.

Durham, N.C. 2001

The 2001 team put on an all-star performance at Duke University's Cameron Indoor Stadium. The Game featured a fourth quarter West team comeback to win the Game, 131-125. Top-scorer Eddy Curry was named Game MVP and helped lead his team to victory with 28 points and eight rebounds. Teammates Kelvin Torbert and David Lee each contributed 21 points. Leading the East with 25 points and seven rebounds was Dajuan Wagner. Team member James White scored 19 points, Kwame Brown and Julius Hodge each finished the game with 17 points. The West and East are now neck-and-neck, both with 12 wins, just in time for the 25th anniversary Game.

Approximately \$465,000 was raised for RMHC of North Carolina.

Boston, Mass. 2000

Facing a sellout crowd of 18,624 at the Fleet Center in Boston and a live primetime national television audience, the 2000 team put on quite a show as the West defeated the East 146-120. Game MVP Zach Randolph helped contribute to the West's win by posting 23 points and 15 rebounds. Teammate DeShawn Stevenson had an equally impressive night with 25 points – the highest for the night. While the East team was not able to pull off a victory, they still had quite a successful night. Andre Barrett had 12 assists, the second highest in Game history – beating out Brett Nelson's 11 assists from the 1999 Game. Additionally, Darius Rice scored 24 points for the night.

Approximately \$250,000 was raised for RMHC of Eastern New England.

Ames, Iowa 1999

At the Hilton Coliseum on the campus of Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, the 1999 team displayed their talents in a record-breaking game before a crowd of more than 10,000. The West defeated the East in the highest-scoring Game in its 22-year history – 141-128. Jonathan Bender broke the record for the most points scored in a Game, hitting 31 points and beating Michael Jordan's 1981 Game high of 30 points. Bender also posted 10 rebounds, giving him the MVP honors of the Game.

Carlos Boozer and Casey Jacobsen also helped contribute to the West win by posting 22 points each. Brett Nelson added to the superior West team performance by tying the Game's second-highest assist record with 11. The Game was broadcast live on ESPN for the second consecutive year.

Approximately \$75,000 was raised for RMHC of Central Iowa.

Norfolk, Va. 1998

The 21st Game took place before a sold-out crowd of 10,000-plus at the SCOPE Arena in Norfolk, Va., where the East defeated the West 128-112. Ronald Curry, the hometown hero, was the MVP after posting 19 points and 13 rebounds. East teammate Jason Capel contributed 22 points. Sharing West team high honors with 19 points each were Quentin Richardson and JaRon Rush. The Game, which was colored by slam dunks and no-look passes, was televised live on ESPN for the first time. Overall, the East leads the West with 12 wins to the West's nine.

Approximately \$50,000 was raised for RMHC of Norfolk, Va.

Colorado Springs, Colo. 1997

Celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Game at the United States Air Force Academy's Clune Arena in Colorado Springs before an energetic crowd, the East defeated the West 94-81. Elton Brand led the victorious East squad with 16 points and nine rebounds, while Dion Glover hit 15 points in only 17 minutes of action. MVP Kenny Gregory led his West teammates with 18 points and dazzled the crowd with several creative slam-dunks. West teammate Larry Hughes contributed 17 points and a team high nine rebounds. Leading all players, Lamar Odom brought in 11 rebounds.

From 1978-97 approximately \$2,000,000 was raised for RMHC through the McDonald's All American High School Basketball Game.

Pittsburgh, Pa. 1996

Before an enthusiastic Civic Arena crowd of 13,411, MVP Shaheen Holloway led the East to a 120-105 victory in this fast-paced, high-flying competition. Holloway (seven points, eight assists, six steals) brought the crowd to its feet with a fast-break, between-the-legs bounce pass to Vassil Evtimov (14 points, 11 rebounds) who capped off the play with one of the game's 27 thunderous dunks. Winfred Walton came off the bench to pace the West with 21 points and seven rebounds and Corey Benjamin added 17 points.

Stephen Jackson led the East in scoring with 21 points on eight of 10 shooting while Kobe Bryant added 13 points and three assists.

St. Louis, Mo. 1995

MVP Kevin Garnett displayed his enormous talent before a record crowd of 16,201 enthusiastic fans, leading the West to a 125-115 victory. The 6-foot-10 forward finished with 18 points and 11 rebounds. Garnett garnered support from Paul Pierce, who put up a game-high of 28 points, one of eight players in double digits for the West. The East was paced by Ron Mercer, who contributed 19 points.

New York, N.Y. 1994

Before a sell-out crowd of 6,008, MVP Felipe Lopez of New York City scored 24 points and Zendon Hamilton of Long Island scored 15 points as they led the East to a thrilling 112-110 victory at St. John's University. For the West, Jerod Ward led a balanced scoring attack with 23 points. Antoine Walker pitched in 18 points and Trajan Langdon, the first McDonald's All American from Alaska, scored 13. Three vicious dunks by Andrae Patterson helped the West cut a 13-point deficit in the final three minutes.

Memphis, Tenn. 1993

A sell-out crowd of 10,225 watched high-flying Jerry Stackhouse score 27 points to capture co-MVP honors with Jacque Vaughn, who passed his way to an All American Game record with 13 assists. Stackhouse's East squad won the game, 105-95, as Keith Booth scored 15 points and Dontonio Wingfield added 13 points. Charles O'Bannon and Darnell Robinson led the West with 19 points each.

Atlanta, Ga. 1992

Before an Easter Sunday crowd in Georgia Tech's Alexander Memorial Coliseum, MVP Othella Harrington totaled 19 points and 21 rebounds to lead the West to a 100-85 victory. Teammates Corliss Williamson and Jason Kidd contributed 14 points and 10 rebounds; and 12 points, 6 assists, respectively. Big guns for the East included Carlos Strong with 19 points and Tony Delk who poured in 15.

Springfield, Mass. 1991

After Springfield's own Travis Best hit the game-tying three-pointer for the East with 22 seconds remaining, the West's Chris Webber slammed home the decisive deuce in a thrilling 108-106 victory. Webber, co-MVP along with the East's Rick Brunson scored 28 points (20 points from dunks) and pulled down 12 rebounds. Glenn Robinson added 20 points and eight rebounds to the winning effort. Brunson's 19 points, seven boards and six assists weren't enough for the losing East team. The Game was played in the sold-out Civic Arena in Springfield, the birthplace of basketball, as part of the sport's centennial celebration.

Indianapolis, Ind. 1990

East teammates Khalid Reeves and Clifford Rozier, each with 22 points, sparked a late rally that broke open what had been a close game and paced the East to a 115-104 victory. With his team nursing a two-point lead with just over three minutes left, Reeves scored nine straight points in a 1:18 span to ensure victory. Reeves, who also nabbed a record 10 steals, was named co-MVP with the West's Shawn Bradley, who scored 12 points, grabbed 10 boards and blocked six shots. East guard Adrian Autry contributed 11 assists.

Kansas City, Mo. 1989

Shaquille O'Neal had 18 points, 16 rebounds and six blocks to lead the West to a 112-103 victory, snapping the East's four-game winning streak. O'Neal shared MVP honors with the East's Bobby Hurley, who dished out 10 assists.

Albuquerque, N.M. 1988

Alonzo Mourning scored 16 points and Billy Owens grabbed 14 rebounds as the East made it four straight wins, 105-99 at The Pit on the campus of the University of New Mexico. Mourning and Owens shared the Wooden MVP Award.

Philadelphia, Pa. 1987

The Game celebrated its 10th anniversary in The Spectrum, site of the inaugural contest. Brian Shorter poured in 24 points in a 118-110 East triumph, but East teammate Mark Macon (14 points) was voted MVP. Marcus Liberty (18 points) and Larry Johnson led the losing West team.

Detroit, Mich. 1986

More than 15,500 fans descended on Joe Louis Arena as MVP J.R. Reid rallied the East from a 12-point deficit to a 104-101 win. The East team ran up 34 fourth-quarter points. Reid scored 23 points and was joined by Rumeal Robinson (19 points) and Steve Hood (16 points). Terry Mills led the West with 20; Derrick Coleman added 16 points and grabbed 15 rebounds.

Dallas, Texas 1985

Moody Coliseum at SMU was sold out as Walker Lambiotte hit for 24 in a 128-98 East romp. Lambiotte drained his first seven shots and went 10-for-12 from the field in his MVP performance. Danny Ferry and Terry Dozier backed Lambiotte with 17 points apiece. Tito Horford and Lowell Hamilton paced the losing West team with 13 points each.

Los Angeles, Calif. 1984

The Game took place in the house that John Wooden built – UCLA's Pauley Pavilion. John Williams lit it up for the victorious West, with 27 points and 16 rebounds in a 131-106 final. Williams received support from Indiana co-Mr. Basketballs Troy Lewis (18 points) and Delray Brooks (16 points).

Atlanta, Ga. 1983

In the Game's final eight seconds, the West came from behind to win 115-113. An Omni crowd of 15,000 saw Winston Bennett hit 21 points and Pearl Washington (11 points, eight assists) share MVP honors. James Blackmon helped the winners with 21 points, while Tom Sheehey added 22 points for the East.

Chicago, Ill. 1982

A crowd of 15,836 packed the Rosemont Horizon to witness a 103-84 West blowout victory. The West's Efreem Winters rocked the hometown fans with 19 points in an MVP performance. Only teammate Kenny Walker, with 20, outscored Winters. Dell Curry poured in 20 points for the East and teammate Billy Thompson added 15 points.

Wichita, Kan. 1981

With 11 seconds remaining, Michael Jordan hit both ends of a one-and-one to lead the underdog East team to a 96-95 thrilling victory. Jordan's 30 points, a record held for 18 years (broken by Jonathan Bender of the Indiana Pacers in 1999 with 31 points), wasn't enough to capture the MVP award, which was shared by the East's Adrian Branch (24 points) and the West's Aubrey Sherrod (19 points).

Oakland, Calif. 1980

Bay area fans witnessed a 135-111 West victory at the Oakland Coliseum, as Russell Cross scored 20 points to earn the Wooden Award. Doc Rivers also scored 20 points for the West. Sam Perkins added 12 points and grabbed a still-existing record 24 rebounds for the East.

Charlotte, N.C. 1979

Arguably the best senior class of all-time, the 1979 All American Game included: Ralph Sampson, Dominique Wilkins, Isiah Thomas, James Worthy, John Paxson and Byron Scott. Thomas and Paxson paced the East to a 106-105 overtime victory, scoring 19 and 14 points, respectively. Darren Daye's 22 points earned him MVP honors for the losing West.

Philadelphia, Pa. 1978

The first McDonald's All American Game took place at The Spectrum. Rudy Woods pulled down 16 rebounds to pace the West's 94-86 triumph and was named the first Wooden Award winner. Mark Aguirre scored 17 points for the West and Daryl Mitchell poured in a game-high 20 points for the losing East.

First McDonald's Team Named, 1977

In 1977, the first McDonald's All American Team was named. Headlining the squad were future NBA stars Earvin "Magic" Johnson, Albert King and Gene Banks. The Team participated in the Capital Classic in Washington, D.C. against an all-star team from the Washington - Maryland - Virginia area.

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