

# Southern California Summer Pro League's “DIAMONDS IN THE ROUGH”

The SPL couldn't get everyone on this list that deserved to be. Here are a few top players that will be playing in the SPL starting July 15 that you should make note to come and see.



**Micheal Troll** (PBL: Daytime Strikers) Guard 6'0", 179

Selected on Team USA 2011 for the European Tour. Drafted by the PBL in 2012 as 6th man after being awarded the Bob Cousy Award. He has great floor vision, court awareness and speed. The ultimate team player. In 2009-2010 season led his team, American International College with 101 assists. Not afraid to mix it up on the boards. Coaches label him the quintessential point guard and play maker.



**Paul Crosby** (College: Mississippi Valley) Forward, 6'8", 245

Big body. Cagey and knows how to use his body, throws weight around. Plays hard. Solid rebounder. Great footwork around the post. Favorite move, catch at 15' range, reverse pivot. Nice jab step and step back, can put ball on the floor and go around defender. Agile and mobile for size (close to 250lbs). Good shooter but needs to improve shooting percentage.



**Andre Murray** (IBL: Vancouver Volcanoes) Guard, 6'2", 200

NBA body and great athleticism. Great shooter and can score off the dribble. Strong finisher in transition and traffic. Great court awareness. Great passer off the dribble. Moves without the ball. Spaces the floor and is a threat from the 3 pt. line. Great spot up shooter and loves to catch and shoot. Changes direction with a canny hesitation dribble. Numbers doesn't reflect his true scoring ability. Has a PG feel for the game. Good defender on ball. Excellent hands. Strong enough to guard 3's. Gambles a lot on wing but can recover due to his quickness. A discipline defender and leader on the floor.



**David Lucas** (IBL: Portland Chinooks) Forward, 6'8", 228

Son of former NBA great, Maurice Lucas. A 3 in a 4 body who can face up like a 2. Can play inside and out. Very athletic 4 but more horizontally quick than vertical. Can score anywhere on the floor. Scores from both shoulders and uses both hands. Moves great without the ball. Gets open at will on the block and is also very patient. Has about 10 different pull up jumper moves. Unlimited range. Great vision on the floor. Can improve on defense. Too athletic to be content to play behind on defense.



**Jerry Dupree** (IBA: Los Angeles Lightning) Forward, 6'7", 220

Athletic 3. Overcame past injuries, completely recovered and jumping ability is back. Glue to success of his IBA team, Los Angeles Lightning. Former NBA player and SC Trojan, excellent on ball defender, active with his hands. Can get you rebounds, assist and points. Has a nice mid-range game. Welcomes all challenges. Works hard and never takes plays off – a great teammate.



**Franklin Session** (Free Agent) Guard, 6'2", 175

Nicknamed "Frank Nitty". Amazing skilled point guard. Can create his own shot or dish it off for assist. Great play maker, plays under control at crucial times of the game. Product of Los Angeles. Played for Weber State, where he teamed up with 2012 first round draft pick Damian Lillard. Named 2009-10 Big Sky Conference Newcomer of the Year. Averaged 10.2 points and 5.8 rebounds in 31 games. Noted by Weber State as "Tremendous athlete who can get to and above the rim quickly." Great off court demeanor. Definitely needs to be in an NBA camp.



**Savoy Fraine** (Germany: MTSV Schwabing Head Attack/ Erding Baskets) Forward/Guard, 6'7", 220

Left hand. Athletic. Excellent vertical. Can run the floor and create in the fast break offense. Wing span 7 feet 1 inch. Versatile player with range. Can shoot from long distance and drive to the hoop with authority. Can play both ends of the floor. Ability to handle the ball on the wing. Dangerous if left open, can hit the perimeter shot. Willing to sacrifice his body on defense. Can defend and play big at 6'7" but hasn't been given the opportunity to flourish at the next level. Coachable player. On right NBA team, can succeed. Attended Samford University.



**Chehales Tapscott** (IBL: Salem Soldiers) Forward, 6'6", 215

Strong post player, match-up night mare. Very athletic. Great feel for the game. Plays uptempo style. Undersized 4, but big 3 who can get in the post. Physical, can play both position. Very versatile and consistent. Comfortable with back to the basket or facing up. Court judgment and decision making a plus. Moves without the ball, makes him a scoring threat. Crashes every possession. Strong rebounder. Great shooting range 15 and in. Can shoot beyond arc. Great shot selection. (shoots 50%). Go to moves are turn around jumper with left shoulder back to basket and head fake dribble on perimeter; both are effective because of his ability to make mid range jump shots. Best on ball screener in the IBL. Finds open man. Good passer out of the double. Good defender.



**Trayvon Lathan** (L.A Lightning) Shooting Guard, 6'6", 220

Excellent shooter. Has 3 pt. range and looks for it. Known as a game changer. The game comes easy to him. Ability to get his shot off anyone. Ability to hit 25 points at any level. Not afraid to mix it up in the paint – average post up game. Gets to the line at will. An average 3pt. shooter. Outstanding in creating points in the open floor. Has good strength, but has hard time guarding the post. Outstanding driving to the basket. Pretty good ball handler and shoots for a high percentage at the free-throw line. Has played abroad and should be on an NBA roster.



**Tyshawn Edmondson** (Free Agent:) Guard, 6'4", 190

Athletic. Quick. Great at running the Pick and Roll. Ability to score at will. Big combo guard. Very competitive. NBA teams have high hopes on this player. Explosive to the basket. Has excellent ball handling skills for a big guard – best move, right to left cross-over pull up. Knock down shooter with excellent range from 3 pt. line to mid range. Shoots for a high percentage from the field and free throw line. Great on the ball defender and reads/reacts on defense. Plays solid help defense. A great finisher on the break.

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