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## Mid-June decision coming from Thames

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[Xavier Thames](#), a 6-foot-3, 177-pound point guard from Pleasant Grove High School in Elk Grove, Calif., picked up a big offer this week and has jumped onto the recruiting radar for a number of new schools after his play in April.

The three-star guard helped the Compton Magic claim the Las Vegas Spring Showcase title and an Elite Eight finish in Houston for the Kingwood Classic. Thames said he was pleased with his play in Vegas.



Xavier Thames has watched his recruitment take off.

"It was a big time weekend. We played really good as a team and we beat some really good teams," Thames said. "I was happy with how we played overall."

Good play generally translates into more schools on the recruiting front. Thames said he has watched his list grow of late.

"There are a lot of good schools calling now," he said. "I think it's because we've been able to play pretty far into tournaments and more coaches are able to see us play. That's really helped my recruitment."

Thames recently picked up a scholarship offer from Washington State while Marquette, Gonzaga, Oklahoma and Tennessee have joined in the race. He entered the spring with offers from SMU, San Diego State, Iowa State, UNLV and Santa Clara, he said.

The offer from Washington State has an extra meaning, he said.

"My dad went there for a year to play ball," Thames said. "It's real exciting. He's been able to tell me all about Pullman and what it's like there. We've been up there to see them play USC. It was fun."

Thames has also been to Iowa State and spoke highly of his time at the Big 12 school.

"I like Iowa State a lot, too," he said. "I had a good time when I went out there."

Have any favorites popped up? Thames said there are a handful of schools that stand out.

"Washington State has stood out and now with more schools coming out like Marquette and Tennessee, I'll take a look at them some more," Thames said.

"But right now I like Washington State. The coaching staff, coach [Tony] Bennett and coach [Ron] Sanchez, and the way that they play defense is nice. They get their guards a lot of screens off the ball and I like the way he coaches his team."

Thames said he'd like to have a decision by mid-June.