

2005 Commonwealth Classic Press Release

Ashland, Virginia---

The 2005 Commonwealth Classic will be played Friday night April 1 at the Alltel Pavilion at the Siegel Center on the campus of Virginia Commonwealth University. The 2005 version of the game will have a new and improved twist to it in celebrating its 5th year of existence within the state of Virginia. "We are going to bring a national all-star game to the City of Richmond", said event director Thomas Leachman. "I want this game to be one of the top six all-star games in the nation. Currently, I am seeking players from as far south as Florida, and as far west as California to play in 'The Classic'."

"The Classic" will be an all-star challenge between national all-stars against an all-star team consisting of players from the state of Virginia and players committed to Virginia state universities. The Old Dominion Challenge will be played prior to "The Classic" at the Siegel Center as well. This year's preliminary game will feature players from across the state of Virginia who are college commitments against a central Virginia (Richmond) based team. "The preliminary game will now be the equivalent of our Big Timers game of a few years ago. I expect the preliminary game to have at least 15 Division I commitments. 'The Classic' will be for the best players headed to ACC, Big East, Big 10, Pac-10, and Big 12 schools. If you look at our MVPs from last year's game, James On Curry (Oklahoma State) and Alex Galindo (Kansas), that should give fans a pretty good indication of the player I am looking to attract to this game." Information related to this will be announced once all details are finalized.

A selection committee will meet to select the teams in the coming weeks. VirginiaPreps will have all the information related to commitments and selections for each of these games. If you are interested in nominating a player, please e-mail your nomination along with the player's credentials to tleasehman@comcast.net. All players must be seniors, and NCAA rules allow players to only participate in 2 all-star games in their senior year of eligibility.

Event Information: Commonwealth Classic High School All-Star Game

Date: Friday, April 1, 2005

Where: The Siegel Center, Richmond, Virginia

Times: 6:15 Old Dominion Challenge---

Old Dominion All Stars (Richmond Area) vs. The Commonwealth All-Stars (State)

8:00 'The Classic' ---National High School All-Star Game

Virginia All-Stars vs. National All-Stars

Tickets: Will be on sale March 1 at the Siegel Center Box Office 804.828.RAMS