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Gavin Schilling

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UCLA is entertaining two official visitors this weekend, Isaac Hamilton and Noah Allen, is aggressively recruiting Gavin Schilling, there are some developments with other 2013 prospects, and the Bruins offered a 2014 post...

Here are some latest tidbits we've heard in regard to UCLA hoops recruiting. This isn't a comprehensive report, just some isolated bits of information.

[Isaac Hamilton](#), the 6-4 shooting guard from Bellflower (Calif.) St. John Bosco, the #27-ranked player in the nation according to Scout.com, is visiting UCLA officially this weekend, and is on UCLA's campus this afternoon (Friday). UCLA has continued to pursue Hamilton, even though he has said he wasn't seriously considering UCLA, and the persistence of the UCLA staff looks to have paid off, in at least getting him to visit officially.

[Noah Allen](#), the 6-6 forward from Salinas (Calif.) Palma, is also on UCLA's campus Friday visiting officially. Allen, who de-committed from Harvard, is a pretty good athlete who has offers from Northwestern, Colorado, San Diego State, Washington State (which he visited officially in October), and others. It was believed it was down to Northwestern and Washington State until UCLA got involved. There's a chance UCLA could offer Allen a scholarship this weekend.

UCLA recently offered 2014 prospect [Brekott Chapman](#), the 6-8 post from Roy (Utah). Chapman is described as a very athletic and skilled player that is just starting to blow up. Utah, BYU and Utah State have offered, and now with UCLA having offered, we've heard that Arizona is going into see him this week, along with Arizona State and Gonzaga. One source told us that Chapman likes warm weather. It's a bit of a departure for UCLA in offering Chapman, because we've heard that UCLA Head Coach Ben Howland has not see him in person.

For 2013, UCLA is on the verge, or might have already offered [Gavin Schilling](#), the 6-9 post from Henderson (Nev.) Findlay Prep. According to sources close to the situation, UCLA coaches were supposed to have spoken with Schilling this week, to potentially offer. We also know that a UCLA assistant Scott Garson will be out to Las Vegas to see Schilling Saturday night, when his father is visiting from Germany. If an offer hasn't been extended as of yet, you can probably expect it by Saturday. UCLA is trying to arrange an official visit with Schilling, but the hold up is that the father wants to accompany his son (and the mother, who lives in Las Vegas) on the visit, and they're trying to find a weekend that would work (this weekend wasn't good apparently, with the father, not having seen his son in a while, not wanting the weekend to consist of an official visit).

UCLA is also recruiting Dion Wade, the 6-6 small forward also at Findlay Prep, who is originally from Belgium. We've heard there's a chance that Wade and his high school teammate, UCLA-committed guard [Allerik Freeman](#), could make the trip to Los Angeles this weekend for an unofficial visit. UCLA has a closed scrimmage against UNLV tomorrow (Saturday), and there is some interest from the two recruits to attend, and also have Wade see UCLA.

There is also a chance that Freeman, Wade and Schilling will visit UCLA unofficially when their high school team comes to Los Angeles to play in a one-game event next Wednesday, November 7th, at the Staples Center.

UCLA assistant Phil Mathews dropped in on [Stevie Clark](#), the 5-10 guard from Oklahoma City (Okla.) Douglass, this week. Clark is officially visiting Missouri, a school that he favored early on, this weekend. He visited Oklahoma State recently, who is thought to be the favorite. It's believed that the longer he goes without committing to OSU the better. Clark also officially visited Baylor as well as UCLA. Ben Howland visited Clark last week.

We've also heard that UCLA has been scouting and investigating a JUCO post player, who we were told is a high-major prospect and was a qualifier out of high school, which would make him a rare JC commodity. UCLA is conducting what it's calling Pauley Opening Madness tonight (Friday). It's in tribute to Pauley re-opening and homecoming weekend, and will include a dunk contest by some UCLA players. We've heard that some recruits are planning to attend, including a very promising 2015 prospect, [Chimezie Metu](#), the 6-8 post from Lawndale (Calif.) High. Also: Rex Pflueger, 6-3 SG, San Juan Capistrano (Calif.) J Serra (2015); K.J. Feagin, 5-11 PG, Long Beach Poly (2015); and Vance Jackson, 6-6 forward, Pasadena (Calif.) La Salle (2016).

Two 2015 prospects are reportedly visiting UCLA's campus Sunday: [Marcus LoVett](#), 5-10 PG, Burbank (Calif.) Providence, and [Cameron Walker](#), the 6-7 PF from Santa