

MSU freshman prepares for big stage



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Schilling not drawing attention of first-year UK players, but excited for big game in his hometown.

As Michigan State prepares to square off with Kentucky, the talk is focused on the young players for the Wildcats – and rightfully so.

For Spartans freshman Gavin Schilling, he is excited about the opportunity even if he and classmate Alvin Ellis aren't drawing the same attention as Kentucky's freshman class.

"I'm excited because I played against some of those guys during AAU ball when I played with the Mac Irvin Fire," Schilling said. "It's exciting going up against them knowing I got better and they did too and just playing against them at a higher level."

The 6-foot-9 forward, who scored four points in his debut against McNeese State on Friday, said he is working to not get caught up in the build up.

"It's going to be a hyped game, but we can't get too caught up in the hype," he said. "We just have to play our game and get the win."

The game also provides a homecoming of sorts for Schilling, who is a Chicago native.

"Chicago, that's my hometown," he said. "There's going to be a lot of my friends