

NASHVILLE NAMED BEST MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL TOWN IN AMERICA IN 2018

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City and Sounds' Franchise Garner Top Spot for Second Straight Year
NASHVILLE – The City of Nashville and the Nashville Sounds have been named home of the best minor league baseball town in America, according to SmartAsset.

“This is a tremendous honor for the City of Nashville and our fans,” said Sounds General Manager Adam Nuse. “We strive to represent the organization positively inside and outside of First Tennessee Park, and we believe this confirms that commitment.”

Based in New York City, SmartAsset is a business that helps people make smart financial decisions. SmartAsset looks at nine metrics when formulating scores for each minor league city and team.



The Sounds turn four double plays to help James Naile blank the Iowa Cubs Tuesday, April 10th at First Tennessee Park for the 2018 Nashville Sounds MiLB home opener. (Photo by Nashville Sounds Photographer, Mike Strasinger)

The following metrics are broken down into two sections to create a score.

Game Day Experience Factors

- Average attendance
- Average attendance as a percent of max capacity
- Win percentage
- Minor league class

Quality of Life Factors

- Violent crime rate
- Property crime rate
- Income after housing
- Unemployment rate
- Dining and entertainment establishments



Slide Heathcote batted two runs in and scored twice in the Sounds win 7-0 win against the Iowa Cubs, Tuesday night. (Photo by Nashville Sounds

Photographer, Mike
Strasinger)

Using a 0-100 scale, SmartAsset calculated Nashville's "Game Day Experience Score" as 89.08 and "Quality of Life Score" at 71.76 to bring Nashville's overall score to 80.42. Nashville was the only city with a minor league team to have a score of above 80.

In an online article released Wednesday, SmartAsset said "Nashville took the top spot once again. Residents of Nashville love attending Sounds' games. According to our data, the Nashville Sounds is one of the teams whose games are most well-attended. Our research shows that the average Nashville Sounds game attracts nearly 8,700 people, filling roughly 87% of seats. This team also boasts a fairly good record and plays in Triple-A, meaning the quality of play on offer to fans is just one step below the major leagues."

The 2018 ranking is SmartAsset's fifth annual of America's best minor league baseball towns. Nashville has finished first in each of the last two seasons after debuting on the list in third place in 2016.

The 42nd season of Nashville Sounds baseball begins on Thursday, April 4 2019, when the Nashville Sounds host the Iowa Cubs at First Tennessee Park.

Season ticket memberships are available now by calling (615) 690-4487 or by visiting www.nashvillesounds.com.

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17TH ANNUAL JORDAN BRAND CLASSIC HIGHLIGHTED BY RECORD-BREAKING SCORING PERFORMANCE

❑ BROOKLYN-The 17th Annual Jordan Brand Classic took place in Brooklyn, New York on Sunday April 8th, 2018.

These games showcase the greatest male and female high school senior basketball players in the game today.

“The Jordan Brand Classic is a unique opportunity for these

rising stars to bond and compete as they work to achieve higher standard of greatness.” It is also a chance for them to showcase their talents at an early age for professional groups who are scouting talent at the pre-college level.

The fourth annual Jordan Brand Classic National Girls Game was a fierce competition to the very end and was decided by just one point. Emily Engstler (Syracuse) had 9 points and 4 rebounds in the Home team’s 89-88 victory. Shakira Austin (Maryland) of the Away team was named Co-MVP with a double-double (18 points, 14 rebounds).



The game also included Duke, Oregon, Vanderbilt, Florida, North Carolina, and etc. commits.

It also included a local player who also committed to Vanderbilt, Darius Garland. In this game Darius scored six points with a steal for a fast break layup. Also utilized his eurostep on a different play to get into the lane and score. He passes during most plays which recorded five assists but also had four turnovers.

Others who competed in the Jordan Brand Classic National Boys Game were Emmitt Williams, who scored a JBC record 44 points, surpassing the record of 34 points held by LeBron James.

The Home team took the W, 146-136. Williams (Louisiana State) and Nassir Little (North Carolina) received Co-MVP honors.

Cane Ridge Sweeps District 12 AAA Basketball Championships

Cane Ridge High School swept both the men's and women's District 12 AAA basketball championships on Saturday.

District 12 AAA Championship Games

Boy's District Title Game:

Cane Ridge 57 (23-6/12-2) v Antioch 50 (16-8/11-1)

Girl's Title Game:

Cane Ridge 42 (27-0 /14-0) v Hillsboro 20 (14-10 / 10-3)

The district tournament held over a three-day period at John Overton High School determined which teams will advance to the 6AAA Regional level play to be held beginning Wednesday 2/22/18 at Antioch High School.

Four games were held Saturday, a boys and girls consolation game and the championship games. In keeping with long-standing traditions, All-District Teams and All-Tournament teams were announced at different breaks in action.

Photo Gallery Links District 12 AAA Tournament

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[All District Girls Team Award Presentation](#)

All Tournament Girls and Boys Awards – D12AAA

Girls & Boys BB Semi-Finals, 2/16/18

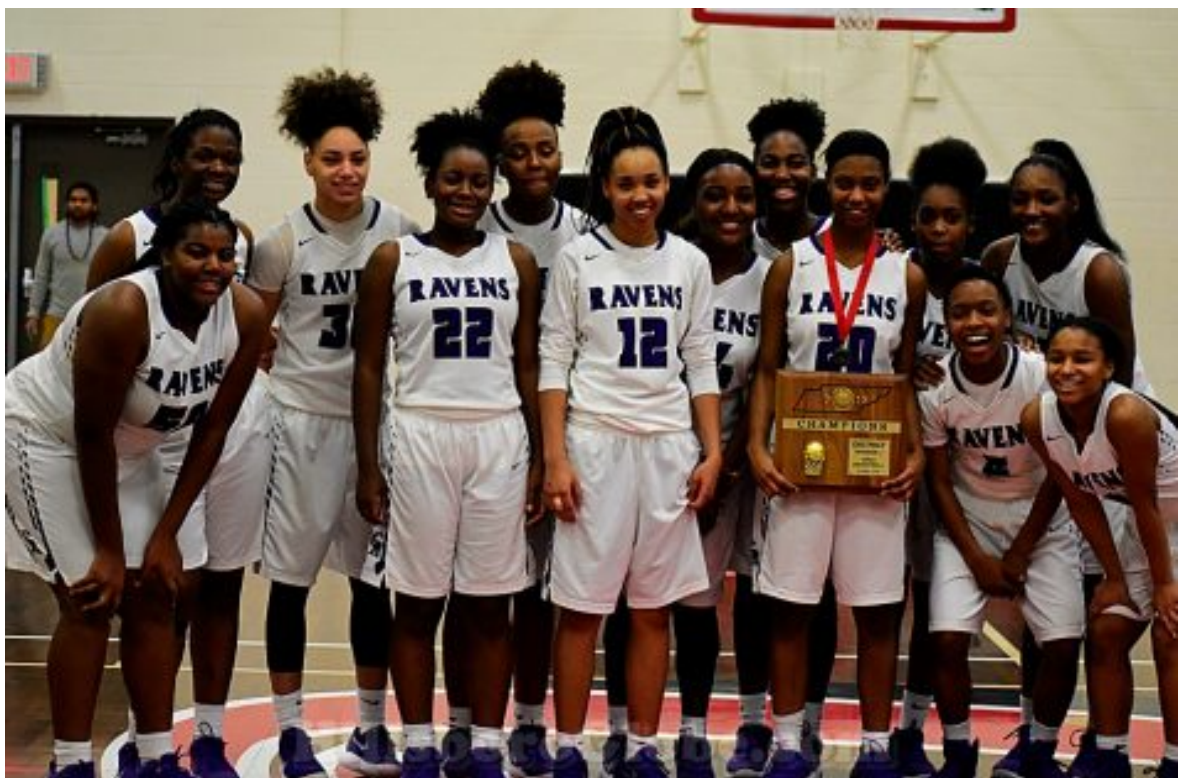
District 12 AAA Girls Championships

District 12 AAA Boys Championships

2018 Coaches the Year are Cane Ridge High School's Girls Head Coach, Joann Tribue and Boys Head Coach, Marlin Simms.

Most Valuable Players for the 2018 Season are Kennedi Hambrick (Cane Ridge) and Chris Nix (Hillwood).

2017-18 Girls 12 AAA All-District Team



2017-18 District 12 AAA Champs – Cane Ridge Lady Ravens
(Photo: Susan Strasinger)

Aniyah Bailey, GG Hollingsworth-Pugh, and Jaila Matthews –
Antioch High School

Nya Dismukes, Brittany Miller, and Xavia Williams – *Cane Ridge High School*

Devon Burns, Anaya Martin and Alia Lonoleo – *Hillsboro High School*

Jada Johnson – *McGavock High School*

Anastasia Anderson – *John Overton High School*

Honorable Mentions

Kenosha Hudson, Geneva Vann – *Cane Ridge High School*

Chyna Hart – *Glencliff High School*

Trechelle Burch, Rose Morrow – *Hillsboro High School*

Myra Blount – *Hillwood High School*

Meosha Hassell, Kayla Woodard – *Hunters Lane High School*

Jasmine Bennett, Nakia Drew – *McGavock High School*

2017-18 Boys 12 AAA All-District Team



2017-18 District 12 AAA Champs – Cane Ridge Ravens
(photo Susan Strasinger)

Lavric Mangala , Ibrahim Nasir – *Antioch High School*

Chance Hillsman, Juanel Chapman, Johnathon Howard – *Cane Ridge High School*

Donald Fitzgerald, Jalen Macon – *Hillsboro High School*

Auston Thomas – *Hillwood High School*

Kendall Wilson – *Hunters Lane High School*

Chris Hughes, Ty Kirk – *McGavock High School*

Honorable Mentions

Teon Stewart – *Cane Ridge High School*

Malik Braston – *Glencliff High School*

Ryan Wilcox – *Hillsboro High School*

Mark Tillis – *Hillwood High School*

James Webb – *Hunters Lane High School*

Lazinte Barnes, Brandon Palmer-Rhodes – *John Overton High School*



Hillsboro's Trechelle Burch sweeps past Cane Ridge's Brittany Miller for a show stopping lay-up. Burch, a sophomore, was selected to the 12 AAA District All-Tournament team and received an section to All-District Honorable Mention team (Photo

Susan Strasinger

2017-18 Girls 12 AAA

All-Tournament Team

MVP Kennedi Hambrick – Cane Ridge

GG Hollingsworth-Pugh – Antioch High School

Nya Dismukes, Xavia Williams – Cane Ridge High School

Yazmin Shelton – Glencliff High School

Rose Morrow, Trechelle Burch – Hillsboro High School

Jakia Sherrell – Hunters Lane High School

Jazmin Bennett – McGavock High School

Anastasia Anderson – John Overton High School

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