



"KU hosts 2011 big man"

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New names emerge late in the recruiting process every year, and none is hotter in the Class of 2011 right now than that of Wilbraham (MA) and Monson Academy big man Braeden Anderson. The 6-foot-8 post has been hearing from some of the biggest names in

the game in recent weeks, and Sunday arrived in Lawrence, Kan. for an official visit with the Jayhawks.

Though recruiting is already well underway for the Class of 2012, many college coaching staffs are still working to fill needs from among the current senior class.

Head Coach Bill Self and his staff at the University of Kansas can be counted among that group. Though they are firmly in the mix for highly-touted wings DeAndre Daniels and Ben McLemore, and already have point guard Naadir Tharpe in the fold, the Jayhawks are on the hunt for a big man – and their search has taken them to the doorstep of one of the Class of 2011's hottest hidden gems.

The phone of Wilbraham (MA) and Monson Academy big man Braeden Anderson has been ringing off the hook in recent weeks. On the other end? Most of the biggest names in the game.

In addition to Kansas, programs like Arizona, Duke, Kentucky, Oklahoma and North Carolina have all come calling on the 6-foot-8, 210-pound prospect, and he's not taking the attention for granted.

"There's been a lot of different people that (his high school coaches) have been talking to about me, and I've been fortunate enough to have impressed the right people," Anderson said. "I'm really grateful for all the people who have really made this possible for me."

In a recent interview, Anderson told Scout.com national recruiting analyst Evan Daniels that two schools – Kansas and Kentucky – sat atop his list. Last weekend, the athletic power forward took an unofficial visit to Lexington, Ky., and came away duly impressed.

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The Jayhawks have impressed him by selling him on the development and skillsets of twin brothers Marcus and Markieff Morris. Both are having all-conference seasons in their junior campus, and on Sunday Marcus was named the Big 12 Player of the Year.

The possibility certainly exists for both to make the leap to the NBA following the season, and with their collegiate futures uncertain Anderson sees a potential need on the Kansas roster.

"They've done a great job recruiting me," Anderson said. "They've done a great job. The situation that they have, there's definitely more of a need over there. Everybody is calling and saying that they have a need, but I feel like the need at Kansas is the most real."