



# Bruins Land Three From FBC

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Finest Basketball Club (FBC), which has been good to the UCLA women's basketball program in the past, comes up huge for the Bruins this summer, offering up prospects at the post, forward and guard positions.

[Candice Brown](#), a much underrated, 6-foot-4 post prospect out of Bishop Amat High School in La Puente, Calif., gave the

*Though Ray Mayes maintains there is no pipe line between his program, Finest Basketball Club (FBC), and that of UCLA women's basketball coach Kathy Olivier, the perception of one only grew stronger this past week as the third FBC player this summer delivered a verbal commitment to the Bruins.*

in June and [Darxia Morris](#), a strong, athletic 5-9 guard out of John Muir in Pasadena, Calif., verballed to the Bruins earlier this month.

Bruins a trio of 2007 prospects off the FBC Blue team, which won the two most prestigious tournaments on the adidas circuit this past year.

Previously, [Nina Earl](#), a versatile 6-1 forward out of Diamond Ranch in Pomona, Calif., committed to UCLA

The Bruins already have FBC alums Noel Quinn, the senior guard considered one of the nation's top players, and incoming freshman Moniquee Alexander, a 6-6 post from Harbor City, Calif.

"We don't steer kids to any particular program because we try to do what's best for the kids," Mayes said. "But we do urge them to at least take a look at the local programs. It looks like USC and UCLA have been doing pretty well."

The Trojans last year signed a class that was ranked by HoopGurlz.com as the best in the country. USC is thought to be the leaders for [Lenita Sanford](#), a 6-1 forward out of Lynwood, Calif., and probably the most coveted of FBC's 2007 prospects. UCLA, which won the Pac-10 conference tournament, has established a solid 2007 class with its three signings out of the state of California.

"Nina Earl is one of the most versatile wings I saw this summer," said Chris Hansen, National Director of Scouting for HoopGurlz and Scout.com "What is most impressive is her versatility defensively. She is able to guard smaller guards on the



perimeter because of her quickness and technique and she should give UCLA plenty of ways to use her at a number of positions.

"Candice Brown has a great upside. She has really smooth pivot moves and could be one of the most underrated players on the West Coast. Darixa Morris was a spark plug for FBC this summer and with her athleticism and toughness she should be able to develop into a nice player for the Bruins."

Two jewels from the FBC Blue team actually are in the 2008 class, where wing [Jasmine Dixon](#) of Long Beach, Calif., and point guard [Nikki Speed](#) of Pasadena, Calif., are considered among the very best players at their positions, nationally.