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At 26th in Prep Hoops Ohio's 2019 player rankings, **Andre Harris** (2019) may actually be underrated. The 6'2" guard is highly regarded for applying his athleticism to the defensive end of the floor.

According to Brush Head Coach, Chet Mason, he's fielded interest from a number of Division I programs: Akron, Kent State, Cleveland State, Youngstown State, Toledo, and Wyoming University.

Mason mentioned that Cleveland State, Youngstown State, and Akron have "high interest in him."

"I just want to go to a school where it's like home — like the coaching staff and the players are just like family. How it is here," Harris said of his future decision.

Coach Mason is leading a budding program, stacked with young talent. Harris is a crucial piece of that roster, usually tasked with defending the opponent's best payer, whether that be the point guard or the power forward.

"I'm like a combo guard. Rebound a lot. I like playing defense the most. Just being a dog on the court," Harris said, when asked to describe his game.

When playing with Ohio Basketball Club this summer, Harris was able to zoom past defenders when they closed out. When he arrives at the rim, Harris a consistent finisher.

Once defenders begin adjusting, Harris is going to be forced to hit that three-point shot. Shooting is undoubtedly a learned skill, and it's an area Harris says he's been focusing on. The young prospect also identified ball-security as an area he'd like to improve.

Sophomore year is often that time when student-athletes begin building habits. Brush's new athletic facility is keeping the young talent in the gym and improving.

Coach Mason, a recently retired professional player who experienced the recruitment process, is placing an emphasis on academics. As a student, Harris has earned a 3.7 GPA.

“[Academics] come before basketball and all that other stuff. Try to keep my GPA high, because you can’t really get anywhere without it,” Harris said.

Considering the upside of Harris, **DJ Dial**, and [John Hugley](#), scouts will be checking out a lot of Harris’ games over the next three seasons.