

Four Broward players in water polo league

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Four Broward high school water polo players were selected to play among the nation's best in the sixth season of the Premier League that opens today in Manhattan Beach, Calif.

The league features the nation's top high school, college and post-collegiate players, current and former national team members, and Olympians in several spring tournaments across the country.

Competing this weekend are Matt Golden, 17, of Cooper City and John Meiners, 17, of Cardinal Gibbons.

Both players were scouted by Mike Schofield, coach of the U.S. Naval Academy at the Feb. 18-20 South Florida International Age Group Tournament in Coral Springs. Golden and Meiners, juniors in high school, have played with the South Florida Water Polo Club since sixth grade and have competed in Europe.

"The Premier League is the highest domestic level of water polo competition in the U.S.," said Guy Baker, U.S. men's Olympic coach for 2008.

Drac and Janson Wigo, 17-year-old twins from Northeast, also were chosen to play in the Premier League, but have a conflict this weekend with the Gulliver Prep Tournament in Miami. They will play for the New York Athletic Club, a team featuring their older brother, Wolf, a three-time Olympian.