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Promoter Jeremy Treatman said the 12-team, six-game event and 15-minute concert by hip-hop group Travis Porter attracted approximately 4,000 fans and indicated the event would return for a third year in 2012.

Two of the first four games went into overtime. Another went to double overtime. The games that did not require extra time were entertaining; even **Cleveland Heights'** 69-46 win over **Glen ville**

John Hay coach Chris Sanders said playing four games in six days took its toll on his team, which fell to

Shaker Heights, 79-77 in two overtimes. The Hornets, ranked 15th in The Plain Dealer Top 25, beat

John Adams on Tuesday and

John Marshall

on Friday and lost at

Canton Glen Oak

on Saturday.

"We really wanted to play at Cleveland State University (CSU) but we already had those other games scheduled when they called us and made the invitation," said Sanders. "I didn't want to pass up the chance but I think it really hurt us, especially near the end of the game."

Revere High School (5-1) played Central Catholic (3-4) with it's 6-7 star Senior Larry Nance Jr., that's right, the son of the former Cavs great Larry Nance is making quite a name for himself over his last two seasons at Revere. Averaging 21 points and 9 rebounds a game is a great college prospect.

Last year, he led the Minutemen all the way to the district finals before bowing out to St. Edward. Nance led Revere to its first Suburban League title since 1976, and was a mainstay on a team that finished 19-4. Coming into this season, Nance's teams have a combined record of 33-10 over his first two years starting at the varsity level.

Nance had his coming-out party during the Villa Holiday Classic and may have come out as the best player of the day.

Treatman said he expects the lineup for next year to include **Garfield Heights.** The Bulldogs, whose team is loaded with talented juniors and sophomores, are expected to join returnees **St. Edward, St. Vincent-St. Mary, Mentor** and

Cleveland Heights

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officials said they were undecided on 2012.

Revere

coach Dean Rahas said he would like to return but he graduates most of his team, including Larry Nance Jr.

"I thought the event was a great success," said Treatman, who is based in Philadelphia and will conduct similar events at Capital University on Jan. 22 and Ohio State's Schottenstein Arena on Jan. 23. "I thought everyone had a good time, or at least they seemed to have a good time. And, I thought the basketball was great. I felt like I should have been in 'Fiddler on the Roof' because I was such a good matchmaker."