



A.J. Ortega #3



Height – 5'-10"

Weight – 150 lb

High School Class – 2015

High School – Riverside

Yrs. W/ Lightning – 5

Position – Shooting Guard

Personnel Reflection:

My name is A.J. Ortega. I'm 17 years old, a Junior attending Riverside High School. I've grown up involved in youth sports since I was 3 years old. I began playing sports in my preschool league as well as the cities Gus & Goldie basketball league. I played soccer, baseball and basketball. I then played basketball for a club team. I also played football and basketball in middle school, and played trumpet in the schools highest honor Jazz Band. I have been with the El Paso Lightning club basketball team for five years now. In those five years we have traveled to Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Nevada, and Texas to play in tournaments. We are coached by two of the best coaches in the city, Coach Fred Reynolds and Coach Alex Flores. Our coaches have not just taught us the game of basketball, but have prepared us for life. Education is important to Coach Reynolds and expects us to maintain a "B" average in all our classes in order to play for the Lightning. Our team also participates in community service. Lightning is not only my club basketball team, Lightning is a brotherhood where we all share the same love for the game of basketball.

Accomplishments:

- Moved up as a freshman to Varsity Basketball
- Starting Co-Captain as a sophomore for 2012-2013 Varsity Basketball
- Starting Captain 2013-2014 Varsity Basketball
- Selected 2nd team All District Varsity Player

Community Service:

- New Mexico Special Olympics Volunteer
- Volunteered for Red Ribbon Rally Day
- Volunteered for Girl Scout Cookie Distribution
- Volunteer coach at Ascarate Elementary for 5th grade girls Basketball team
- Volunteer coach for Swish Girls Basketball Team