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## Multiple HS frosh stand out at Inglewood HS Saturday

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INGLEWOOD, Ca. – The ninth-grade game was anything but competitive.

But, although the team wearing the white jerseys prevailed over its black-shirted opponents, 135-78, in the final game of the event, Saturday's Pangos Julius V Showcase at Inglewood High proved an ideal vehicle to take a look at some of the best of the *very young* basketball players in Southern California – and, in one case, beyond.

**Julius von Hanzlik** did another fine job of assembling some of the best elementary and middle school players in the Southland. His events are becoming "must-attend" for pre-high school athletes who want to compete against other future high school – and college – standouts.

And a lot of the guys in that ninth-grade game will make significant impacts on their high school squads as 2014-15 freshmen.

Several programs appear on track to have a couple of ninth graders playing key roles in the coming season.

\*Post **Riley Battin** (for whom the "pick-and-pop" game seemingly was created for) and guard **Wes Slajchert** – who played for the "White" squad Saturday – could help Oak Park win another CIF Southern Section title in March.

\*Point guard **Spencer Freedman** (who was pretty much un-guardable most of the way for the White) and wing **Cameron Boyd** (who played for the Black) are going to be terrific first-year players for Coach Jim Hecht at Santa Monica.

\*Six-foot-three **Devon Garcia** (he played for the White) and 6-2 **Wayne Arnold** (a member of the Black squad) should be instant contributors – and maybe even standouts – for first-year coach **Jonathan Davis** at Compton Dominguez.

\*Encino Crespi Coach **Russell White** has produced some very good guards – most notably London Perrantes, who started for ACC champion Virginia as a freshman last season – and he's got another of those in **Brandon Williams** (another standout for the White team on Saturday).

### Meet Frank

Frank Burlison is a well-regarded basketball writer who was inducted into the U.S. Basketball Writers Association Hall of Fame in 2005. His opinions on the potential of high school and college players are widely respected and sought by college coaches and NBA scouts, personnel directors and general managers from coast to coast. Oh, yes – he can offer plenty of thoughts on movies, television and pop music. Yes, he can rank those, too. Hint: He's a big *The Godfather*, *Larry Sanders*, *The Wire* and *The Beatles* loyalist.



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### Endorsements

"I've known Frank since he was a student at Long Beach State and no writer ever worked harder at studying and understanding basketball. When I was coaching I always put more stock into what he said about (high school) players than anyone I knew. As far as I'm concerned, he's the best there is at evaluating the potential of basketball players."

**Lute Olson, Hall of Fame and NCAA Championship Winning Coach**

"I have known Frank for 15 years and there is no one outside of those in the Clippers' organization that I trust more than Frank when it comes to player evaluations."

**Neil Olshey, Portland Trail Blazers' General Manager**

"Frank Burlison has always been a proponent of my talent and, even more so, of my potential – far before it was evident to most. Even as a smaller and determined player who was being overlooked by most high-major colleges and national scouting services, Frank always served as a friendly voice who got me into the door to most events to help me prove my talents."

**Russell Westbrook, the No. 4 overall selection in the 2008 NBA Draft out of UCLA and an all-star guard for the Oklahoma City Thunder**

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\***Joseph Bush**, at about 6-5 and 205 or so pounds, could be an instant starter at Villa Park, which lost a lot of inside strength from its CIF Southern Section IA runner-up squad last March.

\*Guards **Jamal Hartwell** (L.A. Fairfax), **Caleb Christopher** (Redondo Beach Redondo Union), **Elijah McCullough** (La Verne Damien) and **David Atencio** (Huntington Beach Edison), along with forward **Fletcher Tynen** (Torrance Bishop Montgomery) and **Jules Bernard** (L.A. Windward), each had strong moments on Saturday afternoon.

They may not have quite the immediate impact upon their teams this season as the aforementioned guys, though, because they are each a part of a program with a lot of veteran talent.


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