

## Riley Battin heads SoCal all-freshman selections

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LAGUNA NIGUEL – **Riley Battin** – whose adjustment to high school basketball wasn't hampered by much in the way of "rough patches" – is the BurlisonOnBasketball 2014-15 Southern California High School Most Outstanding Player for the freshman class.

The 6-foot-7 Battin averaged 21.8 points and 10.5 rebounds per game at Oak Park while closing his first season as a prep with a 25-point, 11-rebound effort in his team's 93-89 loss to Millikan in a second-round CIF Southern Section 1AA playoff game.

Players from the CIF Southern, L.A. City and San Diego sections were eligible to be selected.

The players were chosen based upon their first-season accomplishments and not necessarily how extensively they are being recruited – or will be recruited – for their on-court potential in college.

The 15-player squad, including Battin (listed alphabetically):

**Wayne Arnold** (6-1/Compton Dominguez)

**Riley Battin** (6-7/Oak Park)/**MOP**

**Jules Bernard** (6-3/L.A. Windward)

**Taeshon Cherry** (6-7/San Diego St. Augustine)

**Michael Feinberg** (6-3/Chatsworth Sierra Canyon)

**Spencer Freedman** (6-0/Santa Monica)

**Jordan Guest** (6-7/Santa Margarita)

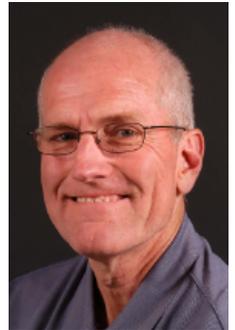
**Miles Norris** (6-7/Chula Vista Mater Dei)

**Taurus Samuels** (5-11/Vista)

**Cameron Shelton** (6-0/Chino Hills)

### 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.



To learn more about Frank's scouting services, [click here](#).

### 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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**David Singleton** (6-3/Torrance Bishop Montgomery)

**Wesley Slajchert** (6-3/Oak Park)

**Scooter Smith** (6-2/Bellflower)

**Jordan Starr** (6-5/El Cajon Foothills Christian)

**Brandon Williams** (5-10/Encino Crespi)



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**Darryl**

April 8, 2015 | 7:39 am

I know these lists are difficult to craft so thank you for your time and effort. In reviewing the list I believe there is a notable omission. At Alemany DJ McDonald was an impact player on a Mission League winning team that qualified for the Open division. I believe it's important to keep in mind and factor in level of competition when accessing players. In the post season Alemany's only losses came from Open division teams that are ranked #9 or higher in the LA Times final Boys Basketball Top 25 rankings.

Congratulations to the young men that were recognized.

**Dick S**

April 8, 2015 | 1:31 pm

I saw a player twice Austin Gallupo from West Ranch, guard who is 6 foot 4, has a great outside shot, can rebound and handle the ball – I think should be on this list.

**Nathan Jackson**

April 8, 2015 | 4:47 pm

I feel as if a freshman from La Mirada should be on this list, Rendwick Helaire. Kid is an absolute beast on the defensive end, always guarding the opposing teams best player.

**paul phipps**

April 8, 2015 | 4:49 pm

Taeshon Cherry is the real deal-San Diego freshman of the year!

**Howard**

April 9, 2015 | 10:18 pm

No Kehei Clark or Mike Meadows from Buckley ? Big mistake !

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