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Julius V. Elite Showcase: 2018 Standouts

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The loaded 2018 class of the West Coast region really jumped started the Julius V. Invite Only Showcase on Saturday at Inglewood High School. The 2018 game opened the showcase that featured five games from top players in the classes of 2022 through 2018.

Here is the first in a series of evaluations of some of the top players who attended.

Class of 2018 Standouts

Phenomenal national 6'0 point guard **Spencer Freedman** (Santa Monica HS) was in attendance and displayed his unreal passing ability, along with his deep range. Freedman really turned it on in the second half by continuously getting in the paint and scoring.

He definitely benefited 2018 **Harrison Butler** of Mater Dei High School with his pass-first mentality. The 6-5 wing Butler shot the ball well but not only was he a factor in the point department, he also grabbed several rebounds.



Photo by Dave Keefer
Spencer Freedman

Cameron Boyd (Santa Monica HS) is a 6-3 athletic & explosive combo guard who showed glimpses of what he is capable of. The high flying Boyd got to the rim at will. His play was hot & cold though and we're curious to see his development as he gets older and matures.

Wayne Arnold from Compton Dominguez HS is a 6-3 wing with a high vertical jump and a nice three-point shot. Wayne showed both talents all game.

On the other squad was standout freshman **Wes Slajchert**, a 6-4 combo guard at Oak Park HS. Slajchert tore it up in this his freshman season. The showcase was a continuation of what he did all year at the varsity level alongside other 2018 **Riley Battin** (injured and could not play today).

Crespi has a set of 2018 PGs, **Brandon Williams** and **Taj Regans** that can flat out play. The 6-foot Williams can shoot the three and also put it on the floor. He's good both in transition and in the half court set. Regans is a hard nose tough PG that can shoot with range. Regans was hot from three-point land & came out ready to play.

Can't forget about **Elijah McCullough**, the 6-2 point guard from Damien HS who was a threat on both ends. He played good on-ball defense and shot well off the dribble. Elijah has really good size and rebounds well for his position.

Another top 2018 guy was 6-4 SG **Payton Moore** (Windward HS). Moore got out in transition and put the ball in the hoop. He had about 3 dunks on the break. He also hit consistently from 3 point land in the half court set.

Sleeper Alert: 5'11 point guard (Price HS) **Darrell Houston**

Darrell is a savy point guard that plays with that same chip on his shoulder that **Brandon Jennings** had. Darrell has an extensive overall game, is tough and has the will to win. He hit several jump shots and is a name to note this Spring & Summer.

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9th grade (2018) team photo

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