

# HUSKIES

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points. He finished with a team-high 14 points.

Mater Dei sophomore point guard **Spencer Freedman** scored 13 points with four 3-pointers and five assists, and played terrific defense on Centennial's leading scorer **Jordan Griffin**. Griffin on Friday made 9 of 12 3-point shots in the Huskies' 83-64 first-round win over Comp-ton. With Freedman doing most of the defensive work, Griffin, who landed awkwardly on his right (shooting) wrist in the first quarter, was 1 for 7 on 3s, and 3 for 14 overall, for a team-high 14 points.

Senior center **MJ Cage** scored eight points with eight rebounds and three blocked shots for the Monarchs. Cage, who signed with Oregon, battled inside against the Huskies' **Ike Anigbogu**, a 6-10 senior who signed with UCLA, and 6-10 junior **Jalen Hill**, who committed to the Bruins.

Two Mater Dei sophomores, **Harrison Butler** and **Michael Wang**, made momentum-retaining baskets in the fourth quarter. Wang opened the period



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**Centennial's Jalen Hill contemplates the first half as he heads to the locker room at halftime during Tuesday's quarterfinal. The Huskies fell to the Monarchs, 61-46.**

with a 3-pointer. On the Monarchs' next possession, Butler, getting the ball in the low post, made a quick turn to the baseline then went up like a rocket for a tenacious dunk.

"From the start we played really well as a team," Freedman said. "(The Huskies) have everything, they've got bigs and they've got guards. We needed to come to play and definitely did that."

Anigbogu, who did not play Friday because of a right knee issue, played on Tuesday but did not appear as nimble as he was earlier

this month at Mater Dei where Centennial played in the Nike Extravaganza.

"But he was out there," Centennial coach **Josh Giles** said, "so we'd never use that as an excuse."

With Griffin's early wrist injury, the Huskies were not at full strength. That, Giles said, was not why Centennial lost.

"I'm disappointed in how we executed some things," Giles said, "but a lot of that had to do with (the Monarchs)."

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