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This season's top boys' basketball teams are expected to follow suit next season



Marvin Bagley III, all 6-foot-10 of him, will be eligible to play for Sierra Canyon next season as a junior (Eric Sondheimer / Los Angeles Times)



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Saturday was the final day of the high school basketball season, but it's not too early to start looking toward 2016-17, and many of the teams that were good this season will be equally strong next season.

Chino Hills, Chatsworth Sierra Canyon and Torrance Bishop Montgomery will start out as the top teams.

Chino Hills loses only Lonzo Ball from its starting five, and with freshman LaMelo Ball expected to enter

his growth spurt and take over at point guard, the Huskies figure to be running, pressing and scoring lots of points again.

Sierra Canyon loses only guard Devearl Ramsey to graduation from its starting five and set to join the team is 6-foot-10 Marvin Bagley III, who's expected to be eligible immediately after having to sit out this season after moving from Arizona.

Bagley is considered the No. 1 player for the Class of 2018 and will join 6-8 Cody Riley to make Sierra Canyon one of the top teams in the country.

Sierra Canyon and Chino Hills could face off in the Fairfax summer tournament at the end of June in an early preview.

Bishop Montgomery made it to the Southern California Regional final, and everyone is back. The guard duo of David Singleton and Ethan Thompson should be stronger and better prepared to take on Chino Hills and Sierra Canyon.

Santa Ana Mater Dei had a promising group of sophomores, led by point guard Spencer Freedman.

Encino Crespi won a state Division I title and must replace De'Anthony Melton, but talented sophomore guards Brandon Williams and Taj Regans have been trained to take over.

Harvard-Westlake has a developing Cassius Stanley to build around and is adding highly regarded freshman Johnny Juzang, the younger brother of Calabasas Viewpoint guard Christian Juzang.

Fairfax has the makings of a strong guard trio in Ethan Anderson, Jamal Hartwell and Robert McRae.

Santa Margarita, Etiwanda, Eastvale Roosevelt and Long Beach Poly are loaded with quality returnees.

And, of course, there should be plenty of transfers to help the top schools stay on top.

The state championships will be played next season at Sacramento's new Golden 1 Center, adding to the excitement.

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