

Boys BB: All-State Underclass

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Li'Angelo Ball of national No. 1 Chino Hills gains nod among first team all-state juniors while both freshman starters LaMelo Ball and Onyeka Okongwu were easy picks for their class as well. The team's other underclass starter, Eli Scott, also is a first team all-state junior.

Photos: Willie Eashman & Ronnie Flores.

Just two days after the girls all-state teams began to come out, we're now ramping up the 38th annual Cal-Hi Sports all-state boys basketball honors parade. Like the girls, the boys selections also begin with underclass players, which means the best among juniors, sophomores and freshmen. With the No. 1 team in the nation, Chino Hills, having four of those players as starters, you'd expect all four are on these teams and you'd be correct. Other schools with multiple honorees include Bishop Montgomery of Torrance, Sierra Canyon of Chatsworth and Roosevelt of Eastvale.

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Two other all-state juniors are Kezie Okpala of Anaheim Esperanza and Damari Milstead of Hayward Moreau Catholic. Okpala was one of the top players in Orange County. Milstead has been all-state three times already in his career. Head coach Frank Knight stands behind him. Photos: Patrick Takkinen/OCSidelines.com & Twitter.com.

FIRST TEAM JUNIORS (15)

Li'Angelo Ball (Chino Hills) 6-6 F
 Jemarl Baker (Roosevelt, Eastvale) 6-3 G
 Evan Battey (Villa Park) 6-7 F
 Joey Calcaterra (Marin Catholic, Kentfield) 6-2 G
 Devante Doutrive (Birmingham, Lake Balboa) 6-5 F
 Alfred Hollins (Sacred Heart Cathedral, S.F.) 6-5 F
 Remy Martin (Sierra Canyon, Chatsworth) 5-10 G
 Brandon McCoy (Cathedral Catholic, San Diego) 6-11 C
 Damari Milstead (Moreau Catholic, Hayward) 6-2 G
 Matt Mitchell (Roosevelt, Eastvale) 6-5 F
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 Eli Scott (Chino Hills) 6-5 F
 Ja'de Smith (St. Joseph Notre Dame, Alameda) 5-10 G
 Ethan Thompson (Bishop Montgomery, Torrance) 6-4 G
 Zafir Williams (Long Beach Poly, Long Beach) 6-5 F

SECOND TEAM JUNIORS (15)

Souley Boum (Technical, Oakland) 6-3 G
 Elishja Duplechan (Sheldon, Sacramento) 5-9 G
 Jalen Hill (Centennial, Corona) 6-9 C
 Sebastian Much (JSerra, San Juan Capistrano) 6-6 F
 Kezie Okpala (Esperanza, Anaheim) 6-6 F
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 Robbie Robinson (Kearny, San Diego) 6-8 F
 Jordan Schakel (Bishop Montgomery, Torrance) 6-5 F
 Ernie Sears (Alemany, Mission Hills) 6-2 G
 Tydus Verhoeven (Manteca) 6-7 F
 JoJo Walker (St. Joseph, Santa Maria) 6-1 G
 J.J. Watson (St. John Bosco, Bellflower) 6-3 G
 Rhyse Williams (Redondo Union, Redondo Beach) 6-1 G

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Deschon Winston (Birmingham, Lake Balboa) 6-2 G

STATE JUNIOR OF THE YEAR:

Brandon McCoy (Cathedral Catholic, San Diego)



Jarod Lucas of Hacienda Heights Los Altos averaged 26 points and five assists per game as a freshman for team that went 26-5. Junior Ballard of Lathrop (right) averaged more than 24 ppg as a sophomore and was NorCal Player of the Week after 51-point game vs. Sierra of Manteca. Photos: losaltosathletics.com & recordnet.com.

FIRST TEAM SOPHOMORES (20)

James Akinjo (Salesian, Richmond) 5-10 G

Wayne Arnold (Dominguez, Compton) 6-3 G

Junior Ballard (Lathrop) 6-2 G

Riley Battin (Oak Park) 6-7 F

Jules Bernard (Windward, Los Angeles) 6-6 F

Jordan Brown (Woodcreek, Roseville) 6-10 C

Keith Carlton (Lynwood) 6-0 G

Taeshon Cherry (St. Augustine, San Diego) 6-8 C

Spencer Freedman (Mater Dei, Santa Ana) 6-0 G

Naseem Gaskin (Bishop O'Dowd, Oakland) 5-11 G

Michael Hayes (West, Tracy) 6-4 G

Elias King (Christian Brothers, Sacramento) 6-7 F

Miles Norris (Mater Dei Catholic, Chula Vista) 6-9 C

Taurus Samuels (Vista) 5-11 G

Davy Singleton (Bishop Montgomery, Torrance) 6-3 G

Wes Slajchert (Oak Park) 6-4 G

Kobe Smith (Serra, Gardena) 6-2 G

Lunden Taylor (San Joaquin Memorial, Fresno) 6-1 G

Brandon Williams (Crespi, Encino) 6-0 G

Jake Wojcik (Bellarmino, San Jose) 6-5 F

STATE SOPHOMORE OF THE YEAR:

Jordan Brown (Woodcreek, Roseville)

FIRST TEAM FRESHMEN (10)

Ethan Anderson (Fairfax, Los Angeles) 5-10 G
Daniel Boatwright (Canoga Park) 6-5 F
LaMelo Ball (Chino Hills) 5-9 G
Jaime Jaquez (Camarillo) 6-5 F
Oscar Lopez (Lynwood) 6-3 G
Jarod Lucas (Los Altos, Hacienda Heights) 6-3 G
Makur Maker (Chaminade, West Hills) 6-11 C
Isaiah Mobley (Rancho Christian, Temecula) 6-7 F
Onyeka Okongwu (Chino Hills) 6-9 F
Cassius Stanley (Harvard-Westlake, N. Hollywood) 6-4 G



STATE FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR:

Onyeka Okongwu (Chino Hills)

Special thanks to Ronnie Flores for contributions to these teams.

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