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Spencer Freedman of Mater Dei of Santa Ana scored 26 points in the Monarchs' 86-79 overtime win over Bishop Gorman of Las Vegas in the semifinal for the Tarkanian Classic on Monday, Dec. 19. Photo/Jon Lofdahl.

*Here's the So Cal Sidelines Top 20 Roundup for of Monday, December 19:*


**No. 3 Mater Dei of Santa Ana 86, Bishop Gorman of Las Vegas 79 (OT):** Spencer Freedman scored 26 points and Justice Sueing added 25 points and 15 rebounds to send the Monarchs to the Tarkanian Classic finals in Las Vegas. Michael Wang scored 14 points and grabbed six rebounds and Harrison Butler added 11 points and six boards for Mater Dei (11-0), which takes on Chino Hills on Tuesday for the Tarkanian Classic title.

"Tonight's win was huge for us," Freedman said. "Obviously, we played a great team with terrific coaching in Bishop Gorman. Our coaches had an excellent game plan and we knew that we had to come out and execute. We were down at halftime, and it was the first time that has happened this season. The coaches made some great adjustments, and we knew that we had to come together as a team in order to win. We came out in the second half and really worked together and played hard, and we were able to continue that same energy throughout the overtime. This was a good win for us and it showed us what we can do when we work together and listen to the coaches. Tomorrow is obviously a big game. It is a great test and opportunity for us. What's most important is that we, as a team, continue to get better each time we go out on the floor."

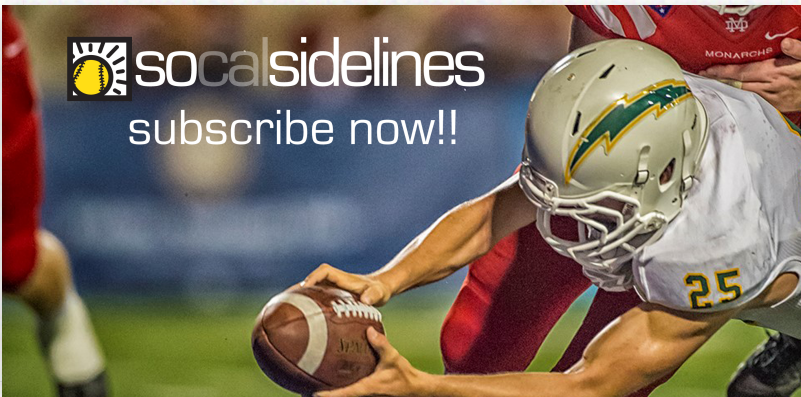
BYU-commit Christian PoPoola Jr. scored 24 points and Charles O'Bannon Jr. had 17 points for the Gaels (5-2), who take on Roosevelt of Eastvale on Tuesday for third place.

**No. 2 Chino Hills 76, No. 6 Roosevelt of Eastvale 68:** For the second time in this tournament, the Huskies fell behind, but came back to defeat Roosevelt to advance to the Tarkanian Classic finals in Las Vegas. LMU-commit Elizjah Scott scored 23 points, UCLA-commit LiAngelo Ball scored 22 points and younger brother, LaMelo Ball, also a UCLA-commit, added 19 points for Chino Hills (10-0), which takes on Mater Dei in the finals on Tuesday. The Huskies defeated Mater Dei, 102-54, in last season's CIF-SS Open Division quarterfinals. Chino Hills is on a 45-game winning streak.

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Cal-commit Jemarl Baker led the Mustangs (5-2) with 29 points and Cal State Fullerton-commit Matt Mitchell added 16 points. Roosevelt will take on Bishop Gorman of Las Vegas on Tuesday in the third-place game.

**No. 8 Alemany of Mission Hills 57, Houston if Big Lake, Alaska 11:** Brandon Davis and Fred Odhiambo scored 10 points each in the Warriors lopsided victory in the opening round of the Lahainaluna Invitational. Alemany (5-2) will play on Tuesday in the next round.

**No. 10 Crossroads of Santa Monica 45, Bishop O’Dowd of Oakland 34:** With Shareef O’Neal not playing, Jacob Ray scored 14 points to lead the Roadrunners to victory in the consolation round of the Tarkanian Classic in Las Vegas. Cole Thomas scored 11 points for Crossroads (9-1), which takes on Westchester of Los Angeles, ranked No. 10 in Los Angeles by So Cal Sidelines, on Tuesday for fifth place.

**Putnam City West of Oklahoma City, Okla., 54, No. 18 Cathedral Catholic of San Diego 46:** The Dons struggles continued at the Tarkanian Classic as they dropped their third game in Las Vegas, this time to Putnam City West in a consolation game. It’s the fourth straight loss for Cathedral Catholic (2-4). The Dons will try to snap that losing streak on Tuesday when they take on Desert Pines of Las Vegas. Putnam City West (4-4) takes on Windermere Prep of Florida on Tuesday.

**No. 20 Edison of Huntington Beach 57, Pitt Meadows of Canada 24:** Randall Walker scored 11 points and David Atencio added 10 points in the Chargers’ opening round win at the Maui Invitational. Blake Sale scored seven points for Edison (5-1), which takes on Del Norte of San Diego on Tuesday.

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