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Hoopball West: No. 5 Mater Dei (Calif.) blows past St. Mary's (Ariz.), 79-43

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Some noticed that USA TODAY Super 25 No. 5 Mater Dei showed up at the HoopHall West tournament with a whopping 19 players on its tournament roster. On Saturday night, we learned why.

The Monarchs plowed through 14 of those 19 players during the course of the squad's **79-**

43 (or 79-36, depending on who you ask) blowout of St. Mary's, which was playing near its Phoenix home base at HoopHall West. Spencer Freedman led Mater Dei with 19 points and Justice Sueing scored 15 points to lead a balanced Mater Dei attack that thoroughly flummoxed St. Mary's.

Among the hidden stars for the Monarchs was power forward Mike Yang, who held St. Mary's star power forward K.J. Hymes to 12 points on just 3-of-12 shooting from inside the three-point arc. Neutralizing (for the most part) Hymes essentially undercut St. Mary's hopes of a keeping up with Mater Dei, helping the Monarchs build a 20-point lead by halftime and then never look back.

Now, enough about real prep basketball. Can we talk about the Mater Dei Dancing Dads?

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At half time at the Mater Dei game, the [#DancingDads](#) put on a show. The dad center front was mos def a bboy. lol [#HoophallWest](#)

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During halftime of the Monarchs' victory, a group of fathers of Mater Dei players took the court and performed a choreographed dance routine to the DJ Khaled hit "All I do is win." It was an instant classic, and brought both sets of fans along for the ride. Whether or not the Dancing Dads will continue to produce scintillating halftime performances once Mater Dei is back on home turf. Let's hope they do, for all of our sake.