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Mater Dei, host Lions head Fairfax summer tourney

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LOS ANGELES – The 31st Nike Fairfax Summer Classic tips off Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock with, as usual, many of Southern California's top programs involved.

First-round action will be played with four games each on Monday and Tuesday, quarterfinals on Wednesday and Thursday, semifinals on Friday and final-day action on Saturday, wrapping up with the 6 o'clock championship game.

Mater Dei, paced by two-time all-CIF Southern Section selection and Harvard University-bound point guard **Spencer Freedman** and 7-foot-3 **Bol Bol**, is the top seed with host Fairfax, led by all-L.A. City guards **Jamal Hartwell** and **Ethan Anderson**, as the two seed.

The Fairfax campus is located at 7850 Melrose Avenue in Los Angeles.

Here are the opening-round matchups:

MONDAY: 3 p.m., Pasadena vs. L.A. Loyola; 4:30, Long Beach Poly vs. Santa Monica; 6, Rolling Hills Prep vs. Temecula Rancho Christian; 7:30, Santa Ana Mater Dei vs. Northridge Heritage Christian.

TUESDAY: 3 p.m., Mission Hills Alemany vs. L.A. Brentwood; 4:30, Pasadena Maranatha vs. Orange Lutheran; 6, La Canada vs. L.A. Fairfax; 7:30, Beverly Hills vs. Encino Crespi.

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Frank Burlison is a well-regarded basketball writer who was inducted into the U.S. Basketball Writers Association Hall of Fame in 2005. His opinions on the potential of high school and college players are widely respected and sought by college coaches and NBA scouts, personnel directors and general managers from coast to coast. Oh, yes – he can offer plenty of thoughts on movies, television and pop music. Yes, he can rank those, too. Hint: He's a big The Godfather, Larry Sanders, The Wire and The Beatles loyalist.



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Endorsements

"I've known Frank since he was a student at Long Beach State and no writer ever worked harder at studying and understanding basketball. When I was coaching I always put more stock into what he said about (high school) players than anyone I knew. As far as I'm concerned, he's the best there is at evaluating the potential of basketball players."

Lute Olson, Hall of Fame and NCAA Championship Winning Coach

"I have known Frank for 15 years and there is no one outside of those in the Clippers' organization that I trust more than Frank when it comes to player evaluations."

Neil Olshey, Portland Trail Blazers' General Manager

"Frank Burlison has always been a proponent of my talent and, even more so, of my potential – far before it was evident to most. Even as a smaller and determined player who was being overlooked by most high-major colleges and national scouting services, Frank always served as a friendly voice who got me into the door to most events to help me prove my talents."

Russell Westbrook, the No. 4 overall selection in the 2008 NBA Draft out of UCLA and an all-star guard for the Oklahoma City Thunder

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