



BLOG

ABOUT FRANK

SCOUTING SERVICES

CONTACT

Freedman buzzer-beater drops Bishop Montgomery

Written on September 11, 2017 by [Frank Burlison](#)

LAKEWOOD, Ca. – It was a “quasi rematch” of the 2017 CIF Southern Section and State Regional Open Division championship games.

And the Santa Ana Mater Dei Monarchs made the “third time the charm” Sunday afternoon at Artesia High during the title game of the fourth Ron Massey Memorial Fall Hoops Classic.

Harvard-bound point guard **Spencer Freedman's** eight-foot runner in the lane with two seconds to play gave the Monarchs a 55-53 victory over the Torrance Bishop Montgomery Knights in the last of the 12 games played in the “Elite 8” bracket over the two-day event

There were also eight “Showcase” games played, with 15 teams participating (L.A. Cathedral played twice).

The Elite 8 championship was every bit as well-played and down-to-the-wire-mode as one would expect from the team clubs expected to be the best California has to offer in 2017-18 season.

The Monarchs, who beat Temecula Rancho Christian in a Saturday night first-round affair and Culver City in a Sunday morning semifinal, played without weekend no-shows in 7-foot-2 **Bol Bol** and recent transfer (from Seattle Nathan Hale) **P.J. Fuller**.

Bishop Montgomery toppled Pasadena Saturday night and then pulled away to knock off Las Vegas Bishop Gorman (59-52) in tight Sunday semifinal.

In the finale, neither team led by more than seven points in the back-and-forth tussle, with the Knights going up (53-51) on an 18-footer from the right corner from **Fletcher Tynen** with 1:53 and then the Monarchs tied the score on their next possession via a layup from senior **Reagan Lundeen** after a high-post pass from freshman **Wilhelm Breidenbach** 18 seconds later.

Junior guard **Josh Vazquez** missed on a layup attempt after an inbound pass with 48 seconds remaining, setting the stage for the final Mater Dei possession (the games were played minus a shot clock).

Freedman, a two-time all-Southern Section Open selection who has been bothered by an ankle sprain over the past few weeks, saved his finest performance of the weekend for the title game (10 points, six assists, three rebounds and two steals).

And the Monarchs got exceptional efforts over both days from seniors **Michael Wang** (21 points in the final after 19 and 21 in the two games) and **Harrison Butler** (10 points in the title game; 14 Saturday night and eight points and 11 rebounds against Culver City), along with Breidenbach (11 points and six rebounds in the semifinals)

Meet Frank

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.



To learn more about Frank's scouting services, [click here](#).

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

To see what other people in basketball are saying about Frank, [click here](#).

UCLA-committed **David Singleton** averaged 23.3 points over the three games for the Knights, with 23 points (including four 3s and an “and 1!”) and five rebounds in the title game.

In the semifinal win, Fletcher had eight points and 11 rebounds and Vazquez 11 points against Bishop Gorman.

Wang (who hit 10 shots from behind the 3-point arc) was my choice as the event’s Most Outstanding Player and led the 11-player all-tournament selections which were limited to Elite 8 participants.

Pasadena senior **Darius Brown** tied Singleton as the event’s leading scorer at 23.3.

Other final-game scores in the Elite 8: (third) Bishop Gorman 81, Culver City 61; (fifth) Rancho Christian 77, Pasadena 55; (seventh) Santa Margarita 50, Alemany 49.

Most Outstanding Player

Michael Wang (6-8/Sr./Mater Dei)

All-Tournament

Jamel Bey (6-5/Sr./L.V. Bishop Gorman)

Darius Brown (6-1/Sr./Pasadena)

Harrison Butler (6-4/Sr./Mater Dei)

Spencer Freedman (6-0/Sr./Mater Dei)

Gianni Hunt (6-1/Jr./Bishop Montgomery)

Cyrus Johnson (6-4/Sr./Century City)

Evan Mobley (6-9/So./Rancho Christian)

Isaiah Mobley (6-8/Jr./Rancho Christian)

David Singleton (6-4/Sr./Bishop Montgomery)

Fletcher Tynen (6-6/Sr./Bishop Montgomery)

[Tweet](#)

[« Previous Post](#)

There are no comments yet. Be the first and leave a response!

Leave a Reply

Name (required)

E-Mail Address (required)

Website

Comment

Wanting to leave an *phasis* on your comment?

Submit Comment

Trackback URL

<http://www.burlisononbasketball.com/2017/09/freedman-buzzer-beater-drops-bishop-montgomery/trackback/>

Copyright © 2011-2017 Burlison on Basketball
Designed and Developed by [James Kerti](#).