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LAKEWOOD, Ca. - The fourth Ron Massey Memorial Fall Hoops Classic is set for Saturday and Sunday at Artesia High.

The event is named for the much-loved basketball coach who died of an apparent heart attack on April 8 in 2014, just four years after he had retired as Long Beach Jordan's basketball coach and athletic director, and just three months after the Panthers' basketball court had been named in his honor.

Twenty-three high school teams are scheduled to participate, eight of those in an "Elite 8" bracket that includes Bishop Montgomery and Mater Dei, which played in both the CIF Southern Section Open and State Southern Open championship games last March. Bishop Montgomery won both before going on to capture the State Open crown.

The other teams are scheduled to play in eight "showcase" games.

Mater Dei, led by now-senior point guard **Spencer Freedman** (pictured), won the event last September with Chino Hills – paced by now-Lakers' rookie **Lonzo Ball** – captured the first two champions in 2014 and '15.

Many of the very best players in Southern California will be on display, notably Freedman (who is committed to Harvard), 6-4 Harrison Butler and 7-2 Bol Bol of Mater Dei; David Singleton (a UCLA commit), Gianni Hunt, Fletcher Tynen (each of Bishop Montgomery); Bryce Hamilton (Pasadena); Isaiah and Evan Mobley (Rancho Christian); Jarod Lucas (Los Altos); Jake Kyman and Clark Evans (Santa Margarita) and Cyrus Johnson and Tavian Jones (Culver City), as well as Josh Phillips (Edison/he committed to Portland earlier this week).

Saturday's Schedule

Elite 8 Bracket Play

Court 1: 6 p.m., Mission Hills Alemany vs. Culver City; 7:10, Santa Ana Mater Dei vs. Temecula Rancho Christian; 8:20, Torrance Bishop Montgomery vs. Pasadena; 9:30, Las Vegas Bishop Gorman vs. RSM/Santa Margarita.

Showcase games

Court 2: 6, La Verne Damien vs. L.A. Cathedral; 7:10, Pasadena Maranatha vs. Rollin Hills Prep; 8:20, Newport Beach Pacifica Christian vs. Hacienda Heights Los Altos; 9:30, Huntington Beach Edison vs. Pasadena Muir.

Sunday's Schedule

Elite 8 Bracket Play

Court 1: (consolation semifinal) 9 a.m., Saturday 6 and 7:10 losers; (championship semifinals) 10:10, Saturday 6 and 7:10 winners; 11:20, Saturday 8:20 and 9:30 winners; (fifth place) 12:30 p.m.; (third place) 1:40; (championship) 2:50.

Court 2: (consolation semifinal) 10:10, Saturday 8:20 and 9:30 losers; (seventh place) 12:30.

Showcase games