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The Register's 2016-17 All-County boys basketball team

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The Register's All-County boys basketball team for the 2016-17 season.

FIRST TEAM

KEZIE OKPALA

Esperanza, Guard/Forward, Sr.

The Register's Orange County player of the year.

SPENCER FREEDMAN

Mater Dei, Guard, Jr.

Freedman was the Trinity League's MVP. He averaged 15 points and six assists a game. Freedman, a 6-foot-1 junior point guard, dished out nine assists when Mater Dei beat Chino Hills in the CIF-Southern Section Open Division semifinals. He scored a season-high 30 points in a league win over Orange Lutheran. Freedman was named to the All-CIF-SS Open Division team. Mater Dei coach Gary McKnight said Freedman is among the tougher and more cerebral players he has coached. Freedman is All-County first team for the second year in a row.



Mater Dei's Spencer Freedma. (Photo by Kevin Sullivan, Orange County Register/SCNG)

ADREASE JACKSON

Santa Margarita, Forward, Sr.

Jackson was the leading scorer and rebounder for the Eagles who finished second in the final Orange County top 10 poll. He averaged 16 points and nine rebounds a game and shot 57 percent from the field. If he had the ball within 7 feet of the basket, opponents were usually unable to stop Jackson. He also was an accurate shooter in the 10-15 feet range. Jackson, 6-8, scored a season-high 34 points in a tournament win over Bishop Gorman of Las Vegas. He also scored a team-high 27 points in a Trinity League loss to Mater Dei. Jackson signed with Dartmouth.



Santa Margarita's Adrease Jackson. (Photo by Matt Masin, Orange County Register, SCNG)

JUSTICE SUEING

Mater Dei, Forward, Sr.

He was selected to the All-CIF-SS Open Division team of 13 players. Sueing, 6-7, averaged a team-high 17 points with seven rebounds a game. He led Mater Dei with 25 points in the team's 83-80 win over Chino Hills in the CIF-SS Open Division semifinals. Sueing scored 31 points in a Trinity League win over Santa Margarita and scored 21 points in the Monarchs' loss to Bishop Montgomery of Torrance in the CIF Southern California Regionals Open Division semifinals. Sueing signed with Cal.



Mater Dei's Justice Sueing. (Photo by Bill Alkofer, Orange County Register/SCNG)

RANDALL WALKER

Edison, Guard, Sr.

Walker was a Sunset League player of the year. He was named to the All-CIF-SS Division 1AA first team. Walker, 6-2, was a well-rounded player for the Chargers with strong abilities to shoot outside, drive to the basket, handle the basketball and play tough defense. He had some of his better offensive games in some of Edison's bigger games. Walker, who averaged 23 points a game, scored a game-high 38 points in a win over Los Alamitos in a crucial league game. He scored a season-high 39 points in a league win over Huntington Beach. In the playoffs, Walker put up 36 points in a victory over Inglewood.



Edison's Randall Walker. (Photo by Michael Kitada, Contributing Photographer)

Coach of the year: Esperanza's Mark Hill

All-County Second Team through 10th Team

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