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Boys' basketball: Mater Dei's Freedman earns Player of the Year award

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Mater Dei's Spencer Freedman was named CIF-SS Open Division Player of the Year for 2018 after the Monarchs won the Open Division title. (Photo credit: Mater Dei High School)

Spencer Freedman, who led Mater Dei High School to the CIF-Southern Section Open Division boys' basketball championship, is the CIF-SS Player of the Year for 2018.

It's the 24th time a Monarch cager has earned the award, reflecting the continued dominance of the Santa Ana-based program under Coach Gary McKnight, who received Coach of the Year honors in the Open Division. The awards and the All-CIF-SS teams were presented March 26 by the LA84 Foundation.

Freedman, a 6-foot-1 point guard, led Mater Dei to another Trinity League title and a 23-7 overall record in 2018. The Harvard-bound Palisades native scored 13 points in the Monarchs' 55-53 victory over Sierra Canyon in the CIF-SS Open Division championship game.