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Mater Dei's Spencer Freedman is the Orange County boys basketball player of the year



Orange County Register All-County boys basketball player Spencer Freedman of Mater Dei in Anaheim on Tuesday, Apr 3, 2018. (Photo by Jeff Gritchen, Orange County Register/SCNG)

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Mater Dei had two great quarterbacks this school year: JT Daniels on the football team, Spencer Freedman on the boys basketball team.

Freedman was like a quarterback as the point guard for a Mater Dei team that won Trinity League and CIF Southern Section Open Division championships. He led the Monarchs in scoring at 17 points a game, averaged 5 assists and made a team-high 80 3-point shots.

For his excellence on the court and his leadership, Freedman is the Register's Orange County boys basketball Player of the Year.

The 6-foot-1 senior, who is going to Harvard, was Trinity League MVP and CIF-SS Open Division Player of the Year.

Freedman helped his team win plenty of big games while he earned the respect of his teammates.

"We're always impressed by his work ethic and his competitiveness," Mater Dei senior forward Michael Wang said of Freedman. "He always works hard in the gym and he always works hard to try to win every game."

Freedman, who was All-County first team as a sophomore and as a junior, said the Monarchs had the right attitude this season.

"We had an incredible year," Freedman said. "We had great camaraderie and strong bonds of friendship. We can all come back to Mater Dei, look up at that CIF championship banner in the gym and know what we accomplished."



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Mater Dei's Spencer Freedman dives for a loose ball with Santa Margarita's Max Agbonkpolo during the Monarchs' 68-55 victory over the Eagles in a Trinity League boys basketball game at Mater Dei High in Santa Ana on Thursday, Jan. 4, 2018. (Photo by Kevin SullivanOrange County Register/SCNG)



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Mater Dei's Spencer Freedman, right, drives towards the basket past St. John Bosco's Fernando Gomez during a Trinity League game at Mater Dei in Santa Ana on Friday, January 26, 2018. (Photo by Kyusung Gong/Contributing Photographer)



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Mater Dei's Spencer Freedman, right, shoots a 3-pointer in the last second over Fairfax' Jamal Hartwell during the CIF-SS Open Division Regional Playoffs game at Mater Dei in Santa Ana on Friday, March 9, 2018. (Photo by Kyusung Gong/Contributing Photographer)



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Mater Dei guard Spencer Freedman, second from left, celebrates with his teammates after their victory over Sierra Canyon in the CIF-SS Open Division boys basketball championship in Long Beach on Friday, March 2, 2018. (Photo by Paul Rodriguez, Contributing Photographer)



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Mater Dei's Spencer Freedman shoots under pressure as St. John Bosco's Nick Ainsworth defends during a Trinity League game at Mater Dei in Santa Ana on Friday, January 26, 2018. (Photo by Kyusung Gong/Contributing Photographer)



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Orange County Register All-County boys basketball player Spencer Freedman photo bombs teammate, Harrison Butler, of Mater Dei in Anaheim on Tuesday, Apr 3, 2018. (Photo by Jeff Gritchen, Orange County Register/SCNG)



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