

2017-18 BOYS HIGH SCHOOL ALL-AMERICA BASKETBALL TEAM

Let's meet our six-man 2017-18 Jewish Sports Review's Boys' High School All-America Basketball Team with no player exceeding 6:6 in height.

FIRST-TEAM

SPENCER FREEDMAN (Sr) - Mater Dei H.S. (23-7) - 6:1 (pg) from Pacific Palisades, CA.

SAM BESKIND (Sr) - Carolina Foothills H.S. (24-6) - 6:4 (pg) from Tucson, AZ.

JUSTIN KAPLAN (Sr) - Scholar's Academy (14-4) - 6:3 (sg) from Rockaway Beach, NY.

RYAN TURELL (Sr) - Valley Torah (29-8) - 6:6 (f) from Valley Village, CA.

BEN LUBARSKY (Jr) - Benjamin School (16-10) - 6:5 (f) from Palm Beach Gardens, FL.

BEN GOLD (Sr) - Beacon H.S. (25-1) - 6:6 (f) from New York, NY.

Leading Mater Dei H.S. to a 23-7 record, SPENCER FRIEDMAN pumped in 16.6 ppg, brought down 2.0 rpg, dished for 4.9 apg and made off with 2.0 spg. He was named MVP of the Trinity League for the third time; was CIF, Southern Section, Open Division, Player of the Year; and was among the final five candidates for California's Mr. Basketball. Spencer will play D-I college hoops at Harvard of the Ivy League which is a tribute to the Crimson, as the highly recruited Spencer could have named the college of his choice.

SAM BESKIND directed Carolina Foothills H.S. to a 24-6 record pouring in 22.1 ppg (1383 career points) and tearing down 11.7 rpg. He was named the Kino Region Player of the Year and is one of 8 nominees for Arizona Boys Basketball Player of the Year. Sam will play D-I college basketball at Stanford U. of the PAC-12 as a preferred walk-on.

The Scholars' Academy enjoyed its best season under the leadership of JUSTIN KAPLAN as he filled the net with 27.5 ppg, captured 4.1 rpg, fed for 4.9 apg and converted 85% of his free throw attempts. He was named to the PSAL B Division, 3rd team, and received the Wingate Award for being the Most Outstanding Student-Athlete in his sport. Coach TAWIL reports that Justin will play D-I college basketball at either Wagner or Long island U, both of the Northeast Conference.

Leading Valley Torah to a 29-8 record, RYAN TURELL put up some striking numbers scorching the cords for 31.3 ppg, taking charge of 9.7 rpg, distributing 6.5 apg, fleeing with 3.1 spg, timing his leap for 2.1 bpg and scoring 1,063 pts, #4 in the state. He was named MVP of the Heritage League (2X); All-CIF, Div. 4-A, 2nd team; and Div V-AA, Co-Player of the Year. Ryan has turned down a number of offers from D-I schools, including 2 service academies, where it would be difficult to observe the Sabbath and will instead attend D-III Yeshiva U.

BEN LUBARSKY was the Benjamin School's primary offensive weapon as he pumped in 26 ppg, skied for 9 rpg and gave it up for 4 apg. Only a junior, Ben was named Palm Beach County, Div. 6A-1A, Player of the Year. He has already received scholarship offers from D-I schools Rice, Davidson and American.

BEN GOLD tore up the net for 28 ppg and captured 8 rpg bringing Beacon to the 2nd round of the PSAL playoffs. He was named All-PSAL, A Schools, 1st team. A D-I candidate, Ben will take a prep year at Northfield-Mt. Harmon.

HONORABLE MENTION

JOSEPH ABERGEL (Jr) - Le Lycee Francais de Los Angeles - 6:1 (g) from Los Angeles, CA. Joseph filled the cylinder for 24 ppg with 3 apg while acing 89% of his free throws.

AMITAI AFENJAR (Sr) - Milken Community (14-10) - 6:4 (f) from Los Angeles, CA.