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# California Class of 2017 Report

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## 2017 Point Guards (Top 12)

### **1. Jaylen Hands, Foothills Christian (San Diego) 6-1, 155 lbs.**

**High School Coach:** Brad Leaf 619-XXX-0331 (c)

**Travel Team:** Compton Magic 17U / **Founder:** Etop Udo-Ema 562-XXX-0422 (c)

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**Address:** XXXX Visalia Ct., Chula Vista, CA 91913

**Father:** Ronnie Hands 619-XXX-9088 (c) **Mother:** XXXX Hands

**Breakdown:** Hands in the best point guard prospect in the state. He's an elite level athlete with a growing frame. Hands can finish around the rim as no other lead guard in California and is deceptively strong. He excels at hitting jumpers off the dribble, has more than a solid mid-range game and is equally effective attacking the basket. Hands

also excels at stop-n-go dribble penetration and has excellent body control. Add that to an explosive first step and it's easy to see why he has elite upside for the college level.

**Recruitment:** Hands committed to UCLA on 9/16/2015.

## **2. Remy Martin, Sierra Canyon (Chatsworth) 6-0, 170 lbs.**

**High School Coach:** Ty Nichols 858-XXX-9040 (c)

**Travel Team:** Phoenix Phamily 17U / **Coach:** Andre Cavalier 818-XXX-5859 (c)

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**Address:** XXX Whitnall Hwy, Burbank, CA 91505

**Father:** Sam Martin 323-XXX-8062 (c) **Mother:** Anne Martin

**Breakdown:** End-to-end, Martin is the fastest point guard in the state. He's also one of the quickest and uses both skills to set the pace in transition. He has the ability to overwhelm defenders and teams with his transition skills, but is prone to over-penetrating and over-handling. He's done a good job of toning down the flash over the past year and the flash in his game doesn't translate into selfishness. Martin is an underrated passer and a hellacious and instinctual rebounder for a player his size. Martin uses those instincts and good leaping ability to coral rebounds at a high rate. Martin is effective at scoring and finishing around the rim against bigger players and the only thing his jump shot lacks is consistency. Martin also improved his decision-making with regards to shooting, passing or penetrating over the course of his junior campaign.

**Recruitment:** Martin committed to Arizona St. on 6/9/2016.

## **3. Damari Milstead, Moreau Catholic (Hayward) 6-3, 172 lbs.**

**High School Coach:** Frank Knight 925-XXX-5772 (c)

**Travel Team:** Splash City / **Director:** Jules Milstead 510-XXX-2460 (c)

**Phone:** 510-XXX-9039 (c) / **DOB:** 9/XX/99 / **GPA:** XX / **Twitter:** @DamariMilstead

**Address:** XXX Arrowhead Way, Hayward, CA 94544

**Father:** Jules Milstead 510-XXX-2460 (c) **Mother:** Jarecka XXXXX

**Breakdown:** Will be a four-year starter at the high school level and had a breakout junior campaign for one of the best high school teams in Northern California. Milstead is an instinctual point guard with an assortment of impactful skills. Milstead can change directions well and can score from all three levels. Milstead excels in transition and is patient in his half-court attack. Milstead understands angles and changing speeds and can finish effectively with either hand. He is also a crafty defender, playing the passing lanes well, in addition to using his strong physique to force plays. Milstead's release on his jumper is a work in progress, but he is known for hitting timely shots and has the work ethic and understanding of the game to improve his weaknesses.

**Recruitment:** Milstead is a MM+ to HM prospect who can play at the Pac-12 level and excel at the Mountain West or West Coast Conference level.

## **4. Jade' Smith, St. Joseph (Alameda) 6-2, 165 lbs.**

**High School Coach:** Don Lippi 510-XXX-6650 (c)  
**Travel Team:** Splash City / **Director:** Jules Milstead 510-XXX-2460 (c)  
**Phone:** 510-XXX-4760 (c) / **DOB:** 3/XX/99 / **GPA:** XX  
**Address:** XXX Olive St., Oakland, CA 94621  
**Father:** Ivery Smith 510-XXX-0470 (c) **Mother:** Jamila Smith 510-XXX-1618 (c)

**Breakdown:** Smith is long on experience and it compliments his excellent tool package for the game (long arms, growing body, etc.). Smith has improved his ability to run a team and set up teammates with his solid passing and penetration. He can attack well off the dribble and has one of the better pull-up games among guards in this class with balance and a nice release. Improving his ability to run sets in the half court would take Smith's game to the next level, as would a continued emphasis on maximizing his potential as an individual defender.

**Recruitment:** Smith is a MM to MM+ prospect with a high ceiling for improvement.

### **5. Tydus Verhoeven, Manteca (Manteca) 6-8, 210 lbs.**

**High School Coach:** Brett Lewis 209-XXX-8406 (c)  
**Travel Team:** Dream Vision AAU / **Coach:** Clayton Williams 619-XXX-7109 (c)  
**Phone:** N/A / **DOB:** 11/XX/98 / **GPA:** XX / **Twitter:** @TydusJ  
**Address:** XXX S. Main St. #XXX, Manteca, CA 95337  
**Mother:** Jodi Verhoeven 209-XXX-7120 (c)

**Breakdown:** In many respects Verhoeven is not a true lead guard, but he has point guard skill and is easily one of the most intriguing prospects regardless of position in California's 2017 class. He can handle the ball in the open court and under pressure well for someone his size and has good length for his height. He didn't play the lead guard full-time for the CIF Division III state champ Manteca team, but was its most deft ball-handler and often the player who kept them out of trouble versus presses. Verhoeven has a solid jumper and good touch, but must continue to develop an aggressive demeanor offensively. He also has a tendency to float on the perimeter and must remain engaged at all times to maximize his vast potential.

**Recruitment:** Verhoeven is a MM to MM+ prospect who can play a variety of positions, which will help his college options.

### **6. Tim Falls, Dublin (Dublin) 6-2, 170 lbs.**

**High School Coach:** Tom Costello 925-XXX-8688 (c)  
**Travel Team:** Team Arsenal / **Director:** Kelvin Potts 510-XXX-7819 (c)  
**Phone:** 925-XXX-6184 (c) / **DOB:** 2/XX/99 / **GPA:** XXX  
**Address:** XXX Dublin Blvd., #XXX, Dublin, CA 94695  
**Father:** Tim Falls Sr. 925-XXX-6185 (c)

**Breakdown:** Falls isn't a true lead guard, but can play the position in increased minutes as his overall skill set evolves. His offensive strength is his good-looking jump shot, which he gets great elevation on. He is efficient both off the dribble or the catch. He is

also a good pick-and-roll player. Another plus is his work in the open court, where he changes direction and finishes well. He is an excellent athlete who needs to work on staying on the ground defensively and toning down the flashy plays that college coaches would rather not see in the arsenal.

**Recruitment:** Falls committed to Montana on 2/20/2016.

### **7. Dechon Winston, Birmingham (Van Nuys) 6-2, 180 lbs.**

**High School Coach:** Nick Halic 818-XXX-8484 (c)

**Travel Team:** Pro Skills / **Coach:** Laurian Watkins 424-XXX-4011 (c)

**Phone:** 310-XXX-0899 (c) / **DOB:** N/A / **GPA:** 3.9 / **Twitter:** @D\_WINs24

**Address:** XXX El Canon Ave., Woodland Hills CA 91367

**Father:** Laurian Watkins 424-XXX-4011 (c)

**Breakdown:** Winston is quickly coming up the charts after a breakout junior campaign after transferring over from nearby El Camino Real in Woodland Hills. Winston is a capable 20 ppg scorer, but is also one of the best passers in this class. He has an excellent combination of size, quickness and skill that compliments his improving decision-making. Winston has a solid, tight handle with a nice pull-up jump shot to keep defenders honest, but needs to improve his consistency, as he's prone to erratic, offensive plays. He's a scrappy defender who makes things happen on both ends of the court.

**Recruitment:** Winston should see his recruitment soar after the July eval period, as colleges will have an opportunity to get a good look at this rapid-riser. He potential down the line is solid because he still has some growing and filling out to do.

### **8. Miles Oliver, Etiwanda (Etiwanda) 6-1, 170 lbs.**

**High School Coach:** Dave Kleckner 909-XXX-9900 (c)

**Travel Team:** I-Can All-Stars / **Founder:** Rock Johnson 213-XXX-5570 (c)

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**Father:** Richard Oliver 213-XXX-4816 (c)

**Breakdown:** An explosive playmaker, Oliver has a nice combination of scoring, shooting, ball-handling and strength to run a collegiate team. He excels in the open court while creating scoring opportunities for teammates and himself and has the ability to hit the jump shot with solid consistency. One of Oliver's best traits is breaking down defenders by changing direction with a strong crossover, but he must work on removing the over-dribbling and improve his pick-and-roll game.

**Recruitment:** Oliver is a LM to MM- prospect who just needs to polish up his game in the half court and finish strong in the classroom to have a chance to excel at the next level. He's done a lot of maturing over the past two years.

### **9. Jamison "J.J." Overton, Rancho Bernardo (San Diego) 6-3, 160 lbs.**

**High School Coach:** Marc Basehore 858-XXX-4800 (o)

**Travel Team:** San Diego All-Stars / **Director:** Marshawn Cherry 858-XXX-9632 (c)

**Phone:** 801-XXX-3699 (c) / **DOB:** 3/XX/99 / **GPA:** N/A / **Twitter:** @OvertonJJ  
**Address:** XXX Caminito Canasto, San Diego CA 92128  
**Father:** Chuck Overton 858-XXX-5643 (c) **Mother:** Kim Overton 801-XXX-6292

**Breakdown:** Overton has a nice combination of skill and athleticism. He's also grown a couple of inches in the last year and that makes him a more intriguing prospect. He has a nice combination of size and first step burst for the position. Overton is a lefty and that is also an advantage for his game. He is more of a slasher than jump shooter and if Overton irons out his outside shot, it will take his game to the next level. Continued development of his change-of-pace will also do Overton good.

**Recruitment:** Overton has the skill to be a LM standout and when it all comes together he could be a value asset to a D1 program.

### **10. Miles Franklin, Villa Park (Villa Park) 6-3, 160 lbs.**

**High School Coach:** Kevin Reynolds 714-XXX-0720 (c)  
**Travel Team:** Dream Vision / **Coach:** Clayton Williams 619-XXX-7109 (c)  
**Phone:** 714-XXX-8136 (c) / **DOB:** 8/XX/98 / **GPA:** XX / **Twitter:** @Tha\_Boy\_Myles  
**Address:** XXX Wakeforest St., Brea, CA 92821  
**Father:** Kenny Franklin 714-XX-7664 (c) **Mother:** Tamara Franklin

**Breakdown:** Franklin has the look of a D1 college lead guard with great upside. That upside has to be corralled to create a more productive player. The main hindrance right now is his lack of strength, which keeps him from getting to where he wants on the court at times and makes him a less effective player in crunch time. It also affects his passing because sometimes he leaves his feet to make an offensive play. On the flip side, Franklin has a great frame, with long arms and the potential to be an impactful defender. Franklin can see the court well and is a willing and capable passer. His jump shot is fairly smooth, while his mid-range game and ability to finish around the rim will improve as his frame fills out.

**Recruitment:** Franklin can play anywhere from LM to MM depending on how he develops physically by the time he enters college. Even after three years of high school, it still appears his most productive days are ahead of him and that is a major plus.

### **11. Jalen Harris, Windward (Los Angeles) 6-0, 185 lbs.**

**High School Coach:** Colin Pfaff 408-XXX-7443 (c)  
**Travel Team:** Earl Watson Elite / **Director:** Ryan Silver 310-XXX-6831 (c)  
**Phone:** 310-XXX-2368 (c) / **DOB:** 3/XX/99 / **GPA:** XX / **Twitter:** @jalenh2  
**Address:** XXX W. Slauson Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90056  
**Father:** Tyrece Harris 310-XXX-2868 (c) **Mother:** Karla Harris

**Breakdown:** This lefty is a point guard with a scorer's mentality who has the experience and ability to play at the next level. His long-term upside remains to be seen because he already has a bulky and mature frame. Improved lift, a higher shot release and improving his off (right) hand finish will improve Harris' standing with recruiters. Harris can score

and finish in traffic, but continued improvement of when to attack and facilitate will expand Harris' game because teammates sometimes stand around when he has the ball. **Recruitment:** Harris has the talent to be a D1 prospect and his academic standing will help his recruitment.

**12. Isom Butler, Centennial (Corona) 6-1, 170 lbs.**

**High School Coach:** Josh Giles 951-XXX-9400 (c)

**Travel Team:** Team Eleate / **Coach:** 310-XXX-0373 (c)

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**Mother:** Marva Butler 909-XXX-0822 (c)

**Breakdown:** Butler is an excellent athlete and has worked hard to improve his basketball skill level. His jump shot used to be a liability, but it has improved and complements his slashing game. Butler needs to work on initiating and leading offense in the half court; he's already solid in the open court. Butler relies too much on his floater (low percentage shot in front of the rim) once he beats defenders and would benefit from the development of a pull-up jumper. He knows how to get in a defensive stance and moves his feet laterally as well as anyone in California's 2017 class.

**Recruitment:** Butler is a solid LM to LM + prospect because, despite his offense being a work in progress, he's probably the best on-ball defender in this group.