



## 2nd Quarter 2017 SoCal Prep Legends Awards

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**Theme: Local High School Athletes** - SoCal Prep Legends and the Southern California News Group have teamed up with KABC to produce the 2017 SCPL Awards, which recognizes the best prep athletes throughout Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura counties.

Play of the Year - Braelee Albert's Overtime Buzzer-Beater in CIF Final Brentwood sophomore Braelee Albert hoists a 30-foot 3-pointer with seconds left, down two, against Burbank in the 3AA CIF final at Azusa Pacific that finds the bottom of the net and gives Brentwood a 55-54 victory. The play was later picked up and played on SportsCenter's top plays.

Game of the Year - St. John Bosco vs. Centennial (Corona), Football Six fourth-quarter lead changes, 96 combined points, 30 NCAA Division I prospects, and 48 minutes of unbelievable football later, St. John Bosco won an absolute classic CIF Southern Section Division 1 semifinal against Corona Centennial, 49-47. St. John Bosco quarterback Re'Al Mitchell was sensational, going 17-for-22 for 287 yards and three touchdowns, while rushing for 122 yards and another score, including the go-ahead 63-yard touchdown with just over 5 minutes left.

Outstanding Individual Performance - Eric Melesio's 563 Yards, Eight Touchdown Playoff Game Melesio rushed for 563 yards and eight TDs on 43 carries to help Norte Vista defeat St. Margaret's 62-56 in November's Division 7 quarterfinals. Melesio's yardage total set Inland and CIF-Southern Section records and was the second-highest mark in state history. Norte Vista needed every point and yard - Melesio's eighth touchdown came on a 72-yard run with 55 seconds left to win the game.

Team of the Year - Great Oak, Girls Cross Country The Great Oak girls cross country team continued to add to its trophy case, and the hardware seems to come in pairs of two. Great Oak won its fifth consecutive CIF-Southern Section D1 title and fifth consecutive State title this season. The team also finished in the Nike Cross Nationals' top-3 for a third consecutive year.

Coach of the Year - Doug Mitchell, Bishop Montgomery Boys Basketball Bishop Montgomery went 31-2 this season, winning the CIF-Southern Section Open Division championship, the SoCal Regional crown and CIF State Open Division title under the guidance of head coach Doug Mitchell. The Knights defeated No. 1 Sierra Canyon, No. 2 Chino Hills and No. 3 Mater Dei, twice, on its way to these amazing

accomplishments. Mitchell's high demand of players and defensive priorities made Bishop Montgomery one of the country's best teams despite having no player over 6-foot-6.

Male Scholar Athlete - Bruno Snow, Claremont Water Polo Snow scored 136 goals with 38 assists and tallied 79 steals this year for Claremont, and was also named MVP of the Palomares League despite his team not being league champions. The Harvard-bound senior had a stellar career, totaling 408 goals and three first-team All-CIF selections. Snow's accomplishments in the water are all done while carrying an impressive 4.52 GPA.

Female Scholar Athlete - Aria Fischer Fischer may be one of the most decorated prep athletes in the country.

On top of Fischer's senior year in which she led Laguna Beach (31-0) to the CIF-SS Division 1 title by scoring a team-leading 103 goals, and finished second to teammate Bella Baldrige in assists with 58. The Stanford-bound water polo player aided the U.S. women's water polo team in capturing the gold medal in last summer's Rio Olympics. "She had one of the most dominating seasons in high school water polo that anyone has had ... boys or girls," Laguna Beach coach Ethan Damato said. Fischer owns a 4.5 grade-point average for her career at Laguna Beach. The Stanford-bound senior took AP classes in Physics, Spanish Literature and Calculus AB this year. She also is a member of the Feminist Club at Laguna Beach and attended a few women's marches and rallies with high school teammate Claire Sonne. "As a female athlete, it's super important to try to be a role model for younger women," Fischer said. "I've had my fair share of women that I've looked up to, like Annika (Dries, Laguna Beach Olympic water polo player in 2012). ... I feel passionate about it, not just as an athlete but just a woman."

Female Athlete of the Year - Tara Davis, Agoura Track & Field Agoura's Tara Davis solidified her greatness with a senior year to remember. In April, the Georgia-bound Davis set the California state record in the 100 meter hurdles (13.01 seconds) at the Arcadia Invitational. Later that month, she broke Marion Jones' Ventura County finals meet record in the long jump (20-7 1/2) by going 21 feet, 8 3/4 inches.

In May, she ran the second fastest 100 meter hurdles time under all conditions in U.S. prep history with a wind-aided 12.89 seconds at the CIF Southern Section Division 2 prelims. Her grand finale came at the CIF State Meet in Clovis she posted a wind-legal long jump mark of 22-1, breaking Marion Jones' 24-year-old state record. Her final winning mark was a wind-aided 22-1 1/4 inches. She repeated as state champion in the 100 hurdles with a wind-aided time of 12.83 seconds, the fastest time under all conditions in U.S. prep history. She finished her day by repeating as state triple jump champion with a mark of 42-11 3/4.

Male Athlete of the Year - Wyatt Davis, St. John Bosco Football Davis is the epitome of a "big man on campus". Standing 6-foot-3, 310-pounds the offensive lineman headed to Ohio State is such a problem, opponents had to gameplan for him. Davis led St. John Bosco to a CIF-SS Division 1 and CIF State Open Division title. In the division final the Braves moved Davis from tackle to guard, and ran the ball 62 times for 376 yards and five touchdowns in the win. Davis is an U.S. Army All-American, five-star recruit, and Cal-Hi Sports Mr. Football selection - the first offensive lineman since Santa Ana's Larry Lutz in 1931.