



As a scout and evaluator I'm always interested in seeing a freshman prospect play at the varsity level. I get the opportunity to watch and see how his game develops over the course of the season. Here are some Nor Cal freshman prospects who have done well in the early season playing on the varsity and have made an impact on their respective teams. One of the traits all of these players have that stands out to me. Freshman playing varsity don't seem be rattled by the moment.

Devin Day 6'2 guard 2022, Modesto Christian: A consistent and accurate shooter from 3pt range. An excellent shooter when given space. he doesn't force shots, he's a good passer and he knows where he should be most of the time on the court and has made some big shots. He's been a solid contributor for this Modesto Christian team.

Aidan Burke 6'2 guard 2022, Archbishop Mitty: Good solid all around floor game. Runs the lanes on the break, sets himself up well to get the ball and be effective whether passing or shot attempt, can handle the ball okay and has a good baseline drive to the basket, has good lift on his shot and capable of knocking down a 3.

Aidan Mahaney 6'1 guard 2022, Campolindo: Starter and plays alongside his brother Carter Mahaney 6'2 2020. Aidan stepped right into his position from day one looking like a prospect who was groomed for this spot. A confident prospect with a good skill set to compete at this level. Plays both guard spots, he can bring the ball up under pressure, he moves well without the ball and can come off screens and spot up, has good form and can shoot from 3.

Jaylen Thompson 6'4 forward 2022, ST. Joseph Notre Dame: This long slender freshman will grow and get stronger, but the starter from this small division school definitely caught my attention with his play. A solid contributor who doesn't make a lot of mistakes, has improving foot work , works hard at defendeing older stronger players, rebounds and runs the floor in transition, he has a nice game inside, and showed he can score away from the basket.

Austin Johnson 6'2 guard 2022 Salesian College Prep: Playing on one of the top teams in Nor Cal. He has a solid body, comes off the bench and looking to do what he does best shoot the ball. He has good shooting form and capable of knocking down 3's. He moves well without the ball always ready to shoot if the opportunity arises.

Noah Clifford 6'5 forward 2022, De La Salle: I went to see **Jeremiah Dargan a 6'4 freshman** guard who's also on the varsity for this team. Noah impressed me with his lets go do this attitude. He's an exceptional passer, he found cutters going to the basket from all angles. This big body freshman is aggressive, has good footwork, can post up, loves to bang in the post area and has good off ball help.