

## **CHHS's Lonzo Ball named McDonald's All-American player**

Chino Hills High basketball player Lonzo Ball was recently named to the prestigious McDonald's All-American team.

As a McDonald's All-American, Lonzo is one of 24 boys' high school basketball players nationwide selected for the 39th annual McDonald's game that will be played March 30 in Chicago. He is one of 12 players on the West Team, and one of three players in California chosen for the McDonald's All-American honor.

The McDonald's All-American inaugural event began in 1977 and has top high school players in an East-West format play a single exhibition game. As part of the annual event, the boys' basketball players also compete in a slam dunk contest, a three-point shooting competition, and an overall timed skills competition. Proceeds from the event, sponsored by the McDonald's restaurant chain, go to local Ronald McDonald House Charities to provide housing for families whose seriously ill children are hospitalized.

Every college team to win the NCAA men's championship since 1978 has had at least one McDonald's All-American on its roster, except for the 2002 Maryland Terrapins and the 2014 Connecticut Huskies, according to the McDonald's All-American website.

Among the top 35 greatest McDonald's All-Americans are professional basketball players Magic Johnson, Isiah Thomas, James Worthy, Glenn "Doc" Rivers, Patrick Ewing, Michael Jordan, Shaquille O'Neal, Kobe Bryant, LeBron James, and Dwight Howard.

Lonzo, a senior at Chino Hills High, and his basketball teammates and coaches were honored at the Jan. 21 Chino Valley Unified School District Board of Education meeting for being ranked the number one high school boys' basketball team nationwide on numerous sports polls.

The team also includes Lonzo's brothers, LiAngelo, a junior; and LaMelo, a freshmen. All three are UCLA commits.

Follow the link below for the Chino Champion story about the McDonald's All-American honor.  
[http://www.championnewspapers.com/news/article\\_0607f022-c14b-11e5-b5bb-23bc0d3cf40c.html](http://www.championnewspapers.com/news/article_0607f022-c14b-11e5-b5bb-23bc0d3cf40c.html)

Pictured below:



Chino Hills High basketball player Lonzo Ball accepts a McDonald's All-American jersey and hat from Chino and Chino Hills McDonald's franchise owner Stephanie Yuen Wednesday afternoon. Lonzo, the fifth-ranked prep player in the country, was selected for the game scheduled March 30 in Chicago. Photo credit: Josh Thompson, Chino Champion



Chino Valley Unified School District Board of Education member Sylvia Orozco (left) reads a list of professional basketball players who were named McDonald's All-American players when they were in high school. Chino Hills High boys' basketball player Lonzo Ball (left, in cap) was recently named to the prestigious list.



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