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CLEVENGER, CAREY CO-PLAYERS OF YEAR IN WATER POLO

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Gordon Clevenger, one of the finest players in the illustrious water polo history of El Segundo High School, and Greg Carey, most valuable player on the championship Sunny Hills team, were chosen players of the year today for the 1971 CIF, SS, water polo season. It was the third time in the last nine years that co-players have been chosen by the sport's coaches for top honors.

Clevenger, generally considered as the one man who made El Segundo go this season (to a 19-3 overall record), scored 138 goals and shot at a .555 clip. He averaged six goals a game and had a high game of 11. Clevenger, only the third four-year varsity letterman in ES history, is second only to three-time player of the year Bob Saari in single season scoring for the Eagles.

Carey scored 106 goals in 25 games and had three different games in which he scored eight times. He was Freeway League most valuable player and was selected last year to the first all-CIF team and second All-American team.

Only other repeaters from last year were Jay Farrer of Newport Harbor (second team last year), and Lakewood goalie Steve Henley (third team last year); also second-teamer Kevin Ashe of Newport (third last year) and third teamer Pete Salcido of La Puente.

Named Coaches of the Year were Sunny Hills mentors Hank Vellekamp and Jim Sprague, who have been tutoring Lancers poloists for the past five years. For three years before that, they were co-coaches at Buena Park HS. Mark Newton and Tim Harvey joined teammate Carey on the first team. Members of the first three teams will receive certificates from United Savings-Helms Athletic Foundation.

FIRST TEAM

Tom Billings, Newport Harbor
Jay Farrer, Newport Harbor
Mike McCall, Fullerton
Greg Carey, Sunny Hills
Mark Newton, Sunny Hills
Tim Harvey, Sunny Hills
Gordon Clevenger, El Segundo
Steve Henley, Lakewood (goal)
Bill Krebs, Lakewood
Rick Coyle, Upland (goal)
Glen Simpson, Crescenta Valley

SECOND TEAM

Kevin Ashe, Newport Harbor
Clay Evans, Huntington Beach
Bruce Krumpholz, Corona del Mar
Chip Rowe, Palos Verdes
Ron Strain, La Puente
Rick Simon, Muir
Jack Pearce, Fullerton
John Swanson, Los Altos
Boyd Philpot, Downey
Paul Hawrzynski, Lakewood
Bill Smith, Foothill

THIRD TEAM

Brian Millich, Corona del Mar
Jim Hester, Santa Monica
Mack Grapham, Whittier
Pete Salcido, La Puente
Bruce Freund, Sunny Hills
Guy Antley, El Dorado (goal)
Brian McNulty, El Segundo
Walter Heidmous, El Segundo
Dan Green, Lakewood
Jeff Connell, Garden Grove
Rod Strachan, Foothill

HONORABLE MENTION: Tim Quinn (Newport Harbor); Jason Wheaton (Palos Verdes); Steve Wheeler (Sunny Hills); Ed Doll (Downey); Steve Ruppert (Chaffey); Ed Von Essen (Buena); Steve Madden (Buena); Mark Brouard (Wilson); Roger Birks (Upland); Larry Robertson (Garden Grove); John Shanahan (Downey).

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