

FROM: Helms Athletic Foundation

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HELMS AWARDS TO PREP BASKETBALLERS

For the eighth consecutive year, Helms Athletic Foundation will present All-Southern California Board of Basketball official awards to players chosen for various All-Southern California Board of Basketball honors.

Attractive Helms awards will be presented to players chosen for All-Southern California High School; All-Southern California Junior College, All-Los Angeles City High School; All-Southern California Catholic High School, and All-Los Angeles City High School League teams.

All selections are made by All-Southern California Board of Basketball, which is composed of the following Board members:

John Beckman (Senior Member)	Los Angeles Daily News
Ralph Alexander	Los Angeles Examiner
John de la Vega	Los Angeles Times
Larry Coy	Los Angeles Herald-Express
Bob Guild	Hollywood Citizen-News
W. R. (Bill) Schroeder	Helms Athletic Foundation

and the Joint Committee (which approves the All-Southern California High School and Junior College teams) which is composed of the following:

Rube Samuelsen	Pasadena Star-News
Bob Hall	Long Beach Press Telegram
Edie West	Santa Ana Register
Robert Lantz	San Diego Union

In addition to the awards which are to be presented to players chosen for All-Southern California Board of Basketball honors, the Annual Helms Athletic Foundation Player of Year medal award will be presented to each of the most outstanding players, as selected by the Board of Basketball, in Southern Calif. Junior College, High School CIP, and Los Angeles City High School ranks. The names of each of the three players chosen for Player of Year honors will be engraved upon the beautiful Paul H. Helms trophy.

The following have been chosen Players of Year in past seasons:

YEAR	JUNIOR COLLEGE	C.I.F. HIGH SCHOOL	LOS ANGELES HIGH SCHOOL
1938	VIC TOWNSEND, Compton	STUART LEWIS, Whittier	JOHN M. INDIC, Roosevelt
1939	TOM KEESBY, Fullerton	BOB HOWARD, Long Beach	RICHARD LINDSLEY, E. Rock
1940	FRANCIS GARLAND, Los Ang.	ED GILMAN, Long Beach	DICK FREY, Danning
1941	HENRY FOHRING, Los Ang.	HORACE BRIGHMAN, Wilson	GIL TURNBULL, Hamilton
1942	BOB HOWARD, Long Beach	IRWIN NOREN, Pasadena	DERINGTON G. STELL, Baan.
1943	IRWIN NOREN, Pasadena	J. L. N. GRIMLEY, Glendale	VIC LARSON, Washington
1944	MELVIN B. JR., PASADENA	BOB HOBBS, Orange	D. N. DUCICH, Los Angeles
1945	MERRIS DECKER, Pasadena	ROBERT ROBBINS, Long B.	BOB KLOPFERSBERG, Marshall

Helms awards will also be presented to the three So. Calif. prep school sports editors who are chosen for Sports Editor of the Year honors in the So. Calif. Junior College, So. Calif. High School and Los Angeles City High School divisions.

Helms Athletic Foundation, sponsors of All-Southern California Board of Basketball, was founded by Paul H. Helms in 1936. It is now in its ninth year of operation.

Members of All-Southern California basketball will meet at the offices of Helms Athletic Foundation on Tuesday morning, February 6th, for the purpose of making the various All-Star basketball team selections for 1945.

FROM: HELMS ATHLETIC FOUNDATION, Cooperative Organization

ALL-SO. CALIF. C.I.F. BASKETBALL, 1945

FOR RELEASE: WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 7th, and THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 1945.

ALL-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA C.I.F. HIGH SCHOOL F I R S T TEAM 1945

POS.	PLAYER	TEAM	H'GHT	W'GHT	MR. IN SCHOOL
F	CHARLES CLUSTKA	Hoover (Glendale) ✓	6'1	170	SR
F	ELMER COMBS	Huntington Beach ✓	5'10	160	JR
C	RICHARD BARNES	Hoover, (SD) ✓	6'5	185	SR
G	EUGENE WAHL	Compton ✓	6'2	175	JR
G	BILL WARREN	Montebello ✓	5'0	165	SR

Hoover Glendale's Charles Clustka was a high-scoring forward, tallying 272 points in 17 contests. He was also a fine defensive player. Clustka registered 26 points against Marshall High School, with Bob Kloppenburg as an opponent. Elmer Combs, Huntington Beach, who chalked up 262 points in 21 contests was a tower of strength for his team, which won 20 of the 21 games which were played.

Richard Barnes, Hoover, San Diego, was unanimous choice for the center berth. The big 6'5", 185 lb. pivot-man averaged 15 points per game, was chiefly responsible for his team's second consecutive Beverly Hills tournament championship.

Against Santa Monica, in the Beverly Hills tournament, Dick collected a total of 36 points. He registered 25 points in a semi-final contest, and scored 16 in the finals, against the strong Whittier team.

Compton's Eugene Wahl, excelled on defense, was a good rebound man, and was the high-scorer of his team. Although a guard, Wahl was runner-up in point scoring in League play. Bill Warren, Montebello's 6' guard, was a brilliant defensive player. He chiefly controlled the ball for his team, and led the Oilers through a very successful season. Warren was fast and aggressive.

Elmer Combs, and Eugene Wahl were Juniors in school. The other players chosen on the All-Southern California team were Seniors.

RICHARD BARNES, HOOVER, SAN DIEGO CENTER, CHOSEN PLAYER OF YEAR

Richard Barnes, Hoover San Diego's huge 6'5", 185 lb., center, was chosen Southern California High School (C.I.F.) Player of Year for 1945, by members of All-Southern California Board of Basketball composed of: Harry Kapp, Los Angeles Daily News; Ralph Alexander, Los Angeles Examiner; John de la Vega, Los Angeles Times; Loy Allen, Los Angeles Herald-Express; Bob Guild, Hollywood Citizen-News; Rube Samuelson, Pasadena Star-News; Bob Hall, Long Beach Press Telegram; Eddie West, Santa Ana Register; Robert Lantz, San Diego Union and W. R. (Bill) Schroeder, Helms Athletic Foundation.

Barnes was the spark of a Hoover team which lost but one game during the 1945 season; that to San Diego, 25-26. Hoover, due to Barnes' spectacular play later twice defeated San Diego, 39-28, and 29-24. In the Beverly Hills invitational tournament, which the Hoover team won, for the second consecutive year, Barnes was the standout player. He chalked up 73 points in three games, tallying 36 points against Santa Monica.

Dick Barnes will be presented with the Helms Athletic Foundation medal award, in recognition of having been chosen So. Calif. High School Player of Year.

ALL-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA C.I.F. HIGH SCHOOL S E C O N D TEAM 1945

POS.	PLAYER	TEAM	H'GHT	W'GHT	YR. IN SCHOOL
F	JOHN DENNISTON	SO. Pasadena ✓	5'8	140	SR
F	JACK STILA	Long Beach ✓	5'9	162	SR
C	BILL MOORE	Whittier ✓	6'3	170	SR
G	LESLIE MC CLURE	Hoover (Glen.) ✓	6'1	165	SR
G	MORRIS HENNESSEY	Valencia ✓	5'10	185	SR

ALL-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA C.I.F. HIGH SCHOOL T H I R D TEAM 1945

POS.	PLAYER	TEAM	H'GHT	W'GHT	YR. IN SCHOOL
	BILL BARRISH	BURENKA ✓	5'11	135	SR
	BOB KUYKENDALL	HOOVER (SD) ✓	5'0	170	SR
			5'1	171	SR

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ALL-SO. CALIF. JR. COLLEGE BASKETBALL, 1945

FOR RELEASE: TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 1945

ALL-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA JUNIOR COLLEGE F I R S T T E A M . . . 1945

<u>POS.</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>HEIGHT</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>YR. IN SCHOOL</u>
F	LOUIS JOSEPH. . . .	Compton. . .	6'00	175	1st
F	JACK PICKERING. . .	Santa Ana. . .	6'00	170	1st
C	MORRIS DECKER . . .	Pasadena . . .	6'06	200	2nd
G	KENNETH MEGUIAR . .	Pasadena . . .	5'07	145	1st
G	ALRON SCANDAL . . .	Los Angeles.	6'00	160	1st

COMMENTS: Joseph, of Compton; and Pickering, of Santa Ana, who were chosen for the forward positions, were the leading point-getters for their squads. Both were excellent floor men, and excelled on defense. Joseph chalked up a total of 263 points in 24 games. He was the high-scorer of the Western States College Tournament, with a total of 61 points.

Morris Decker, Pasadena's huge 6 foot, 6 inch center, who averaged better than 15 points per game, who dominated the back court in most games, and who sparkled with his fine floor game, was given the center post, without opposition.

Pasadena's little Kenneth Meguiar, who was named Player of the Western States Basketball Tournament, and who managed to keep opposing basket tossers away from his goal, despite his small stature, was unanimously selected for a guard assignment. The other guard berth was handed to Los Angeles Aaron Scandal, who was a tower of strength for the Cubs.

Morris Decker, Pasadena's tall pivot man, who scored and defended just a little bit better than any other player in the Southern California Junior College Conference, was named Player of the Year by the All-Southern California Board of Basketball, and will be presented with the Helms Athletic Foundation medal award, in recognition of that honor. Decker averaged better than 15 points per game, and controlled the ball for his team under both baskets. The Pasadena center, whose nickname is "Hank," was a standout in the Western States Tournament, and assisted greatly in his team's triumph in that tourney.

Players chosen for the All-Southern California Junior College Team will be presented with Helms Athletic Foundation awards.

ALL-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA JUNIOR COLLEGE S E C O N D T E A M

<u>POS.</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	
F	DAVID NYQUIST. . . .	Compton	(A brilliant player who played but half-
F	HAROLD ABBOTT. . . .	Pasadena	(Standout, but played half-season)
C	BILL MITSCH.	Glendale	(Fine all-around center. Point-getter.)
G	HIL OKERBERG	Glendale	(Sparkled on defense.)
G	RONNIE TROUTMAN. . .	Fullerton	(Defensive ace, who was also good shot.)