



# BOB JOHNSON, WHITTIER STAR, NAMED SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

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It wasn't an easy job for members of All Southern California Board of Basketball to select the Player of the Year in C.I.F. basketball ranks for the 1948 season. All five men who were chosen for the All-Southern California C.I.F. quintet merited consideration for the award.

After lengthy discussion was given to the matter, however, Whittier's fine all-around player, Bob Johnson, was handed the laurels. Johnson sparked Coach Glen Kelly's speedy Cardinals to a Pacific League title, and, later, to the Southern California championship.

Although Johnson topped the 300 mark in points scored this year, he excelled on defense, as well.

For having been chosen C.I.F. Player of the Year for the 1948 campaign, Bob Johnson will be presented with the Helms Athletic Foundation medal award. Others who have been named for the Helms Player of the Year award in the past, follow:

YEAR	PLAYER OF YEAR	SCHOOL	YEAR	PLAYER OF YEAR	SCHOOL
1938	Stuart Lewis . . .	Whittier	1944	Richard Robbins . .	Long Beach
1939	Bob Howard . . . .	Long Beach	1945	Richard Barnes . .	Hoover(S.D.)
1940	Ed Gillean . . . .	Long Beach	1946	Hugh Stewart . . .	So. Pasadena
1941	Horace Brightman .	Wilson(L.B.)	1947	Houston Faulkner .	Anaheim
1942	Irving Noren . . .	Pasadena	1948	Bob Johnson . . . .	Whittier
1943	Alan Grimley . . .	Glendale			
	Bob Hobbs . . . . .	Orange			

Teaming with Bob Johnson at a forward position on the All-Southern California quintet is San Diego Hoover's Bill McColl. It was the second All-Southern award for McColl, the San Diego star having been named for honors in 1947. McColl chalked up 398 points in 28 contests.

Board members assigned the center berth on the All-Southern California to big 6-foot, 6-inch Bob Boyd of Alhambra. Bob was a terror to opposing squads, racking up 430 points in 29 contests.

Compton's storling Bud Chrisman, who was a center, but shone in all departments of play, chalking up well over 400 points for the year, was chosen for a guard post, as was Ventura's defensive ace, John Gobel. The Board praised Gobel highly for his defensive work in the Southern California championships, which aided Ventura in reaching the finals, being edged out by Whittier, 48-41.

The Southern California championship Whittier squad placed two men on the All-Southern California lineups -- Johnson gaining a first-team berth, while clever Eddie Hookstratten gathered in a second-team post. The selections follow:

### ALL-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA C.I.F. HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAMS FOR 1948.

#### \*\*\* FIRST TEAM

POS.	PLAYER	TEAM	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	YEAR IN SCHOOL
F	Bob Johnson . . . .	Whittier . . . .	6'03	180	Senior
F	Bill McColl . . . .	Hoover(S.D.) . .	6'03	195	Senior
C	Bob Boyd . . . . .	Alhambra . . . .	6'06	195	Senior
G	Bud Chrisman . . . .	Compton . . . .	6'02	180	Senior
G	John Gobel . . . . .	Ventura . . . .	5'11	180	Senior

#### \*\*\* SECOND TEAM

F	Eddie Hookstratten .	Whittier . . . .	5'10	150	Senior
F	Mel Streeter . . . .	Riverside . . . .	6'03	175	Senior
C	Frank Sullivan . . .	Burbank . . . .	6'-7	198	Senior
G	Robert Davis . . . .	Chaffey . . . .	6'02	165	Junior
G	Noel Huff . . . . .	Long Beach . . .	5'08	150	Senior

#### \*\*\* THIRD TEAM

F	James Dean . . . . .	So. Pasadena . .	6'00	148	Senior
F	Louis Caton . . . . .	Loyola . . . . .	6'00	160	Senior
C	James Nou . . . . .	Santa Ana . . . .	6'05	187	Senior
G	Richard Henry . . . .	El Centro . . . .	5'09	165	Senior
G	Dean Fisher . . . . .	Hoover(Glendale)	5'11	158	Senior