

# WAYNE KOPREN, WHITTIER HIGH SCHOOL STAR, CHOSEN C.I.F. BASKETBALL PLAYER OF YEAR

## Recipient of Helms Award At Helms Hall

FOR RELEASE: AFTER 11:00 A.M. SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 1949

**W**AYNE KOPREN, Whittier High School sturdy, is the Southern California C.I.F. High School Basketball Player of the Year for the 1949 season. The selection was made by the Helms Athletic Foundation's All-Southern California Board of Basketball, composed of the following representatives:

Ralph Alexander, Los Angeles Examiner	Tom Burdick, Long Beach Press-Telegram
Bud Furillo, Los Angeles Herald-Express	Bob Weide, Riverside Press-Enterprise
Mory Kapp, Los Angeles Daily News	Eddie West, Santa Ana Register
John de la Vega, Los Angeles Times	Jim Leigh, Santa Monica Outlook
Bob Panella, Hollywood Citizen-News	Clover Cummings, Santa Barbara News-Press
Mannie Pineda, Pasadena Star-News	Bill Whitney, Breitbard Athletic Found'n
Al Franken, Los Angeles Mirror	W. R. Bill Schroeder, Helms Athletic Foundation

Presentation of the Helms Athletic Foundation medal award to Wayne Kopren, in recognition of C.I.F. Basketball Player of the Year honors, for the 1949 season, was made today at Helms Hall, during the twelfth annual Helms Athletic Foundation All-Southern California Board of Basketball award ceremony -- at which time players chosen for All-C.I.F. laurels were presented with Helms scrolls.

In citing Wayne Kopren for honors, All Southern California Board of Basketball members pointed out these achievements for the Whittier High School star:

Scored a total of 347 points in 23 games during the 1948-'49 season, averaging 15.09 points per contest. In three years of play at Whittier, Kopren tallied a total of 798 points, in 73 skirmishes, for an average of 10.93.

Chosen for the Compton Tournament All-Star Team. Chalked up 25 points in one of the Compton Tournament games.

Led his Pacific League in scoring with 214 points in 12 conflicts, for an average of 17.8. Scored 37 points in one game, against Mark Keppel.

Chosen for All-Pacific League honors during the past three years.

Chosen Player of Tournament, in the C.I.F. Tourney of 1947.

Was key-man in Whittier's Championship team of 1948.

Was given most recommendations for All-C.I.F. honors, by opponent coaches.

Members of All-Southern California Board of Basketball pointed out that Kopren was not only an offensive threat, but he was a standout on defense, as well. Furthermore, Board members lauded Kopren for his floor work, his ball handling, and team play.

Kopren was recently chosen for All-Southern California C.I.F. High School Basketball Team honors, being named with 19 other outstanding Southern California prep stars, all of whom received Helms Athletic Foundation awards at Helms Hall today. (Saturday, April 2nd.) Those chosen for awards, receiving them today, were:

<u>FIRST TEAM</u>		<u>SECOND TEAM</u>	
Forward Ed Millan . . . .	Ventura	Forward Ronnie Livingston	Alhambra
Forward Roland Thielen . . . .	Burbank	Forward Ordell Jeglum	Wilson (L.B.)
Forward Sam Morley . . . .	So.Pasadena	Forward James Olsen	Loyola
Forward Gene Logan . . . .	Alhambra	Forward Michael Thomay	Claremont
Center Wayas Kopren . . . .	Whittier	Center Bob Yardley	Newport Harb.
Center Robert Davis . . . .	Chaffey	Center Bill Freeman	Ventura
Guard Jim Marshall . . . .	Compton	Guard Don Moggaw	Santa Ana
Guard Ed Simpson . . . .	San Diego	Guard Sam Gualletti	Covina
Guard Verle Sorgen . . . .	Riverside	Guard Tom Brown	Coronado
Guard Michael Hennessy	Mt. Carmel	Guard Leonard Erickson	Inglewood

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA C.I.F. BASKETBALL PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PLAYER OF YEAR</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PLAYER OF YEAR</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>
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 (LB)	1947	Houston Faulkner . . . .	Anaheim
1942	Irving Noren . . . .	Pasadena	1948	Bob Johnson . . . .	Whittier
1943	Alan Grimley . . . .	Glendale	1949	Wayne Kopren . . . .	Whittier
	Bob Hobbs . . . .	Orange			

# VENTURA AND ALHAMBRA TOP ALL-C.I.F. BASKETBALL TEAM SELECTIONS FOR 1949

## Helms Board Honors Two Moors, and Two Pirates In Naming All-Star Quintets.

FOR RELEASE: TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 1949, AND AFTER

Members of the Helms Athletic Foundation's All-Southern California Board of Basketball pondered long before making their 1949 season All-Southern California C.I.F. Basketball Team selections, at meeting at Helms Hall on March 15th. The Board, however, finally came up with two ten-man teams. Ventura placed a man on the first team, and one on the second team. Ed Millan, forward, and Bill Freeman, center, were the boys who were honored. Alhambra High School likewise placed two men on the two squads -- gaining a first-team assignment for Gene Logan, and a second-team berth for Ronnie Livingston.

The only player to earn All-Southern California C.I.F. laurels for the second year was Chaffey's Robert Davis, who was named for the All-C.I.F. quintet in '48, on the second team. Davis climbed up to the first team this season.

The only Junior to hop on the All-C.I.F. band-wagon this year was second-team guard, Tom Brown, of Coronado. All others were Seniors.

It was proper that Ventura should land two players on the All-Southern California C.I.F. Teams, for the Pirates waded through a tough 30-game schedule during the 1949 campaign, without defeat. Ventura, under the very able coaching of Bob Tuttle, won both the Beverly Hills, and the C.I.F. Championship Tournaments. Ed Millan completed the 30-game program with a total of 413 points, while Freeman tossed in a total of 290 points.

Among the players, in C.I.F. ranks, who peppered the basket for more than 400 points during the 1949 session were Sam Morley of Alhambra, Jim Marshall of Compton, Ed Millan of Ventura -- who gained first team posts -- and Inglewood's Leonard Erickson, who chalked up 489 points in nabbing a second-team assignment.

Of the players chosen for All-C.I.F. honors, Ventura's Ed Millan, Whittier's Wayne Kopren, and Chaffey's Bob Davis received the most recommendations from coaches of opposing teams. This trio ranked with the best basketballers produced in Southern California in recent years.

Compton's Jim Marshall was named Player of the C.I.F. Tournament, and nabbed an All-Tourney Team post. Millan was also named for an All-C.I.F. Tournament Team berth. Mt. Carmel's Mike Hennessey, who was chosen as a guard on the All-C.I.F. first team, was named Player of the Catholic High School Tournament.

Here are the All-Southern California C.I.F. Teams for the 1949 season, as chosen by the Helms Athletic Foundation's All-Southern California Board of Basketball, composed of Ralph Alexander, Bud Furillo, Mory Kapp, John de la Vega, Bob Panella, Al Franken, Mil Chipp, Pete Kokon, Marnie Pineda, Tom Burdick, Bob Weide, Eddie West, Jim Leigh, Clover Cummings, Bill Whitney, and Bill Schroeder:

\* ALL-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA C.I.F. HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM - 1949 SEASON

POSITION	PLAYER	TEAM	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	YR.	SCHOOL
Forward	Ed Millan . . . . .	Ventura . . . . .	5'10	165		Senior
Forward	Roland Thielen . . . . .	Burbank . . . . .	6' 4	175		Senior
Forward	Sam Morley . . . . .	So. Pasadena . . . . .	6' 0	165		Senior
Forward	Eugene Logan . . . . .	Alhambra . . . . .	6' 1	170		Senior
Center	Wayne Kopren . . . . .	Whittier . . . . .	5'10	165		Senior
Center	Robert Davis . . . . .	Chaffey . . . . .	6' 3	183		Senior
Guard	Jim Marshall . . . . .	Compton . . . . .	6' 0	160		Senior
Guard	Ed Simpson . . . . .	San Diego . . . . .	6' 3	180		Senior
Guard	Verle Sorgen . . . . .	Riverside . . . . .	6' 1	160		Senior
Guard	Michael Hennessey . . . . .	Mt. Carmel . . . . .	5'11	175		Senior

# ALL-C.I.F. BASKETBALL TEAM - 1949 SEASON

\* ALL-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA C.I.F. HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL SECOND TEAM - 1949 SEASON

POSITION	PLAYER	TEAM	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	YR.SCHOOL
Forward	Ronnie Livingston. . .	Alhambra. . .	5' 9	150	Senior
Forward	Ordell Jeglum. . . . .	Wilson(L.Beach)	5' 9	130	Senior
Forward	Jim Olsen. . . . .	Loyola . . . . .	6' 0	170	Senior
Forward	Michael Toomay . . . . .	Claremont . . . . .	6' 5	175	Senior
Center	Bob Yardley. . . . .	Newport Harbor	6' 3	165	Senior
Center	Bill Freeman . . . . .	Ventura . . . . .	6' 4	195	Senior
Guard	Don Moomaw . . . . .	Santa Ana . . . . .	6' 4	202	Senior
Guard	Sam Conchatti. . . . .	Covina . . . . .	5' 9	150	Senior
Guard	Tom Brown. . . . .	Coronado. . . . .	5'10	155	Junior
Guard	Leonard Erickson . . . .	Inglewood . . . .	6' 4	190	Senior

## HELMS HALL AWARD PROGRAM SET FOR SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 2ND

The Twelfth Annual All-Southern California C.I.F. High School Basketball Team Award Program, sponsored by Helms Athletic Foundation, will be held at Helms Hall 1, 8760 Venice Boulevard, Los Angeles, on Saturday morning, April 2nd. All players chosen for honors, coaches of the honored players, and student newspaper sports editors of high schools which honored players represented, will be invited to attend. Also, the parents of each of the players will be invited to attend.

A number of features have been planned for the Helms Hall All-Southern California C.I.F. High School Basketball Team Award Ceremony on April 2nd. All players chosen for honors, on the first and second teams, will be presented with Helms Athletic Foundation certificate awards.

The Player of the Year, to be announced on Saturday morning, April 2nd, at Helms Hall, will be presented with the Helms Athletic Foundation medal.

Coach Bob Tuttle of Ventura High School, whose team won the C.I.F. Championship for the 1949 season, will be presented with the Helms Athletic Foundation medal award.

Coach Aubrey Bonham, of Whittier College, whose contributions to College Basketball have been many, and whose teams have achieved in a noteworthy manner, will be honored guest at Helms Hall on April 2nd, and he will be presented with the Helms Athletic Foundation medal award.

Also, the Southern California Athlete of the Month for March 1949, whom-ever he may be -- to be announced on April 2nd -- will be presented with his Helms Athletic Foundation award.

A number of outstanding basketball stars, and coaches, will be invited to attend the Twelfth Annual All-Southern California C.I.F. Basketball Team Award Program at Helms Hall on Saturday morning, April 2nd, at eleven o'clock.

Although the C.I.F. High School Basketball Player of the Year, for the 1949 season, has already been determined, by vote of members of the Helms Athletic Foundation Board, the selection will not be announced until Saturday morning, April 2nd, at Helms Hall. Those who have been chosen for honors in the past, follow:

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