

RONALD BANE, ALHAMBRA CENTER SENSATION,  
GAINS UNANIMOUS RECOGNITION AS 1951 CIF  
BASKETBALL PLAYER OF YEAR

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The near legendary exploits of Ronald Bane, Alhambra High School's top point producer and star center, led to his unanimous selection as CIF Basketball Player of the Year, at the Helms Athletic Foundation's All-Southern California Board of Basketball meeting at Helms Hall on March 8. As in 1950, the Board chose two ten-man teams. Four southland schools placed two men on the All-CIF squads: Alhambra, Pacific League champions, placed Ronald Bane on the First Team at a center post, and its star forward, Charles Reilly, also gained a First Team berth. Compton, Ken Fagans' Coast League champs, matched the Moors in the selections by placing Jim Ritchie on the First Team at guard, and Ben Daniels at the same spot on the Second Team. Pomona High, boasting two of the outstanding ball players in the Citrus-Belt League, placed Marty Keough on the First Team at a forward, and Ralph Bonham, regular Red Devils' center, at a guard position on the Second Team. Loyola, champions of the Catholic League, placed Fernando Neri on the First squad, and Jack Dunne on the Second Team. Neri holds down one of the forward berths, while his teammate, Dunne, goes at a center position.

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"The best center I ever coached", was what Claude Miller had to say concerning his CIF Player of the Year, Ronald Bane. Never seemingly bothered by the pressure of crucial games, Bane has amassed a total of 626 points for 25 games. He compiled the phenomenal average of 28 points-per-game in league competition, and has a 25.7 average for the season. Bane boasts a remarkable 71% free throw record, to top off his season's accomplishments. Not far behind in the estimation of his coach, is Charles Reilly, who ranks with Bill Sanchez, of Cathedral, as the scoringest forward in CIF ranks. Reilly scored 474 points in 25 contests, while Sanchez bucketed 635 in 36 games.

Marty Keough, Pomona, and Fernando Neri, Loyola, are the other pair of forwards named to the CIF First Team. Both boys are juniors, as is Sanchez, of Cathedral, all returning next year to bolster their respective teams. Keough maintained a 19.9 average for league games, to break the Citrus-Belt League record, and was the only unanimous choice for all-league honors by a vote of the coaches. Neri, spark of the Cubs' powerful attack, is considered one of the top floor-men in CIF ranks this year. Possessed of great ball handling ability and a quick start, Neri is as hard to stop on offense as he is to shake on defense. Fernando scored 378 points in 27 games.

Art Henriksen, Long Beach Poly, named to the other center slot, went over the "400 mark" as he counted for 403 points in 23 games. Percy Gilbert, San Diego star, and San Diego League Player of the Year, led the guard selections, along with Jim Ritchie, Compton, Jack Findley, Glendale, and Bob Lethbridge, of Burroughs.

Here are the All-CIF Teams for 1951, as chosen by the Helms Athletic Foundation's All-Southern California Board of Basketball, composed of Ralph Alexander, John de la Vega, Bud Furillo, Eddie West, Mannic Pineda, Francis Tuckwiler, Jerry Weiner, Mil Chipp, Tom Burdick, Bill Whitney, Mory Kapp, Ward Gillilan, Bill Walker, Pete Kokon, Jim Leigh, Russ Cochran, Harley Tinkham, and Bill Schroeder.

\* ALL-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CIF HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL FIRST TEAM-1951

POSITION	PLAYER	TEAM	HGHT	WGHT	YR. SCHOOL
Forward	Charles Reilly	Alhambra	5'10"	150	Senior
Forward	Marty Keough	Pomona	5'10"	175	Junior
Forward	Fernando Neri	Loyola	5' 9"	160	Junior
Forward	William Sanchez	Cathedral	6'	150	Junior
Center	Ronald Bane	Alhambra	6' 1"	190	Senior
Center	Arthur Henriksen	Long Beach P.	6' 8"	210	Senior
Guard	James Ritchie	Compton	6'	157	Senior
Guard	Percy Gilbert	San Diego	5'11"	150	Senior
Guard	Jack Findley	Glendale	6' 3"	180	Senior
Guard	Bob Lethbridge	Burroughs	6' 2"	195	Senior

# ALL-C.I.F. BASKETBALL TEAM - 1951 SEASON

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<u>POSITION</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>HGHT</u>	<u>WGHT</u>	<u>YR. SCHOOL</u>
Forward	Armand Nettles	Newport Harbor	6' 4"	160	Junior
Forward	James Ranglos	La Jolla	6' 2"	185	Senior
Forward	Eric Wittenberg	Beverly Hills	6' 3"	185	Senior
Forward	Ronald Hearn	Excelsior	5' 9"	150	Senior
Center	Roy Irvin	Montebello	6' 6"	205	Senior
Center	Jack Dunne	Loyola	6' 4"	184	Junior
Guard	Wayne Lockhart	Ventura	5' 8"	140	Senior
Guard	Ben Daniels	Compton	6' 1"	177	Senior
Guard	Ralph Bonham	Pomona	6' 3"	175	Senior
Guard	Tom Lambert	Whittier	5' 9"	150	Senior

## HELMS HALL C.I.F. AWARDS PROGRAM SET FOR SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 31

The Fourteenth Annual All-Southern California C.I.F. High School Basketball Team Awards Program, sponsored by Helms Athletic Foundation, will be held at Helms Hall, on Saturday morning, March 31. All players chosen for honors, coaches of honored players, and student newspaper sports editors of high schools which honored players represented, will be invited to attend.

Many features have been planned for the Awards Ceremony on March 31. All players selected for honors, on the first and second teams, will be presented with framed Helms Athletic Foundation certificate awards. Schools of honored players will receive duplicate awards for their trophy cases.

Ronald Bane, C.I.F. Basketball Player of the Year for 1951, will be presented with the Helms Athletic Foundation's medal award.

The coach of the C.I.F. Championship Basketball Team will receive a special Helms Athletic Foundation award on March 31, at which time a number of outstanding basketball players and coaches will be invited to attend. The Saturday morning Awards Program will get under way at 10:30 A.M.

Those players who have been chosen for C.I.F. Basketball Player of the Year honors during the past fourteen years are as follows:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PLAYER OF THE YEAR</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>
1938	Stuart Lewis . . . . .	Whittier
1939	Bob Howard . . . . .	Long Beach Poly
1940	Ed Gillean . . . . .	Long Beach Poly
1941	Horace Brightman . . . . .	Long Beach Wilson
1942	Irving Noren . . . . .	Pasadena
1943	Alan Grimley . . . . .	Glendale
	Bob Hobbs . . . . .	Orange
1944	Richard Robbins . . . . .	Long Beach Poly
1945	Richard Barnes . . . . .	San Diego Hoover
1946	Hugh Stewart . . . . .	South Pasadena
1947	Houston Faulkner . . . . .	Anaheim
1948	Bob Johnson . . . . .	Whittier
1949	Wayne Kopren . . . . .	Whittier
1950	Mark Costello . . . . .	El Monte
1951	Ronald Bane . . . . .	Alhambra