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GEORGE SELLECK, COMPTON HIGH SCHOOL FLASH, NAMED AS CIF BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR FOR 1952 SEASON

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Seldom, in this day of towering basketball players, will you find a "little man" heading the list of all-star ballots. This was the case, however, in this year's All-C.I.F. basketball team voting as George Selleck, Compton High School's diminutive guard, was voted C.I.F. Basketball Player of the Year. It took the Helms Athletic Foundation's All-Southern California Board of Basketball only a few minutes to single out Selleck as the top player in C.I.F. high school ranks for 1952. Only two teams, Compton High School and Loyola High School, placed more than one man on the 1952 All-C.I.F. First and Second Teams. Compton High, under the capable coaching of Kenny Fagans who directed his team to the Coast League Championship, placed George Selleck, guard, on the First Team and Al Waner and Delbert Johnston, both guards, on the Second Team. Loyola placed Jack Dunne, center, on the First Team and Fernando Neri, forward, on the Second. Seventeen schools have men on the honor teams.

"He gets more out of his slight physical build -- 5'8" and 135 pounds -- than any player I have seen in the past 25 years," said Coach Fagans of his star basketeer. Fagans calls Selleck the best natural shot he has ever coached and George's 511 points in 28 games, an average of 18.8 points per game, attest to this statement. Selleck's performance this year is all the more phenomenal when you learn that he played minus one knee cap. He played only slightly last year, because of the operation, but despite this handicap came back strong in the 1952 campaign. Selleck was named the outstanding player in both the Compton and Beverly Hills Tournaments.

Named to First Team forward positions were Bill Smith, who led the Pirate Preps to the Ventura League title with 408 points in 25 games; Bill Sanchez, Cathedral High's top performer, who scored 585 points in 30 games; Noel Mickelsen, Helix High School's most valuable player, who averaged over 14 points in 23 games; and Phillip Rice, who led Fillmore to second place in the Ventura League, scoring 305 points in 27 encounters.

Jack Dunne, Loyola, and Roy Cook, Colton, were selected as the standout centers. Dunne led the Loyola Cubs to the Catholic League Championship as he scored 405 points in 29 games during the full season's play. Cook, star of the Colton five which won the Citrus Belt League title, pushed in 455 points in 21 games, for an average of 21.5 per game.

Named to the guard posts along with George Selleck were Gordon Figard, top player on a mediocre Muir team, who scored 291 points in 15 games; Joe Wohlmuth, outstanding on both offense and defense for Whittier High, Pacific League Champs, who was the League's leading scorer with 362 points in 24 games; and Bob Blake, star of Long Beach Poly's team, who countered 314 points in 24 games.

Forwards named to the Second Team were Fernando Neri, Loyola, David Hall, Alhambra, Russell Tyler, Long Beach Wilson, and Bob Metzler, San Diego Hoover. Centers to make the second squad were R.C. Owens, Santa Monica, and Mike Harwood, St. Monica. Two Compton stars were named at the guard posts, Al Waner and Delbert Johnston, along with Bob Suess, Huntington Beach, and Carlos Reyes, El Monte.

There were three repeaters on this year's team who were named in 1951. Bill Sanchez, named to a forward berth in 1951 received similar recognition this year. Jack Dunne, Second Team center selection in 1951, moved up to a center slot on the First Team. Fernando Neri, Loyola forward, named to the First Team in 1951, was a Second Team selection this year.

George Selleck, Player of the Year, was the smallest member of this year's team standing 5'8" and weighing 135 pounds.

* ALL-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CIF HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL FIRST TEAM

POSITION	PLAYER	TEAM	HGHT	WGHT	YEAR
Forward	Bill Smith	Ventura	6'	180	Junior
Forward	Bill Sanchez	Cathedral	6' 1"	164	Senior
Forward	Noel Mickelsen	Helix	6' 5"	180	Senior
Forward	Phillip Rice	Fillmore	6' 3"	173	Senior
Center	Jack Dunne	Loyola	6' 4"	178	Senior
Center	Roy Cook	Colton	6' 4"	210	Senior
Guard	George Selleck	Compton	5' 8"	135	Senior
Guard	Gordon Figard	Muir	6'	170	Senior
Guard	Joe Wohlmuth	Whittier	5' 11"	165	Senior
Guard	Bob Blake	Poly (L.B.)	6' 2"	170	Senior

* ALL-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CIF HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL SECOND TEAM

POSITION	PLAYER	TEAM	HGHT	WGHT	YEAR
Forward	Fernando Neri	Loyola	5' 10"	160	Senior
Forward	David Hall	Alhambra	6' 2"	165	Senior
Forward	Russell Tyler	Wilson (L.B.)	6' 2"	180	Junior
Forward	Bob Metzler	Hoover (S.D.)	5' 10"	160	Senior
Center	R.C. Owens	Santa Monica	6' 3"	175	Senior
Center	Mike Harwood	St. Monica	6' 4"	180	Senior
Guard	Al Waner	Compton	5' 9"	150	Senior
Guard	Bob Suess	Hunt. Beach	6' 2"	180	Senior
Guard	Carlos Reyes	El Monte	5' 8"	145	Senior
Guard	Del Johnston	Compton	6' 3"	190	Senior

The All-C.I.F. Teams for 1952 were 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, Mannie Pineda, Francis Tuckwiler, Jerry Weiner, Tom Burdick, Bill Whitney, Mory Kapp, Ward Gillilan, Pete Kokon, Dick Vanderveld, Russ Cochran, Harley Tinkham, Bill Hollohan, Braven Dyer, Jr., Secretary, and Bill Schroeder, Chairman.

HELMS HALL C.I.F. AWARDS PROGRAM SET

FOR SATURDAY MORNING, ~~APR 5~~ APR 5 1952

The Fifteenth 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 29~~ All players named for honors, coaches of honored players, and student newspaper sports editors of high schools which honored players represented, will be invited to attend. APR 5 1952

Players named to the First Team will be presented with Voit Official Basketballs by the Voit Rubber Company. All players named 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.

George Selleck, C.I.F. Basketball Player of the Year for 1952, will be presented with the Helms Athletic Foundation's medal award and will have his name engraved upon the Paul H. Helms trophy.

The coach of the C.I.F. Championship Basketball Team will receive a special award at the ~~March 29th~~ awards program, which will get under way at 11:00 A.M. APR 5 1952

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

YEAR	PLAYER OF THE YEAR	SCHOOL
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
1952	George Selleck	Compton

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DON CARTER, TUSTIN, AND BILL DENNIS, CITRUS,
NAMED AS CO-PLAYERS OF THE YEAR IN C.I.F.
(NORTH-SOUTH SECTION) BASKETBALL FOR 1952

FOR RELEASE: THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 1952.....AND AFTER

Members of the Helms Athletic Foundation's All-Southern California Board of Basketball, who gathered at Helms Hall on March 5 to pick the top C.I.F. High School Basketball players, named eleven men to the All-Southern California C.I.F. (Northern-Southern Section) High School Basketball Team for the 1952 season. This marked the first time that the Helms Board of Basketball has selected a separate team made up of the outstanding players from the smaller high schools in Southern California. In selecting a team from the smaller high schools it was felt by the Board that more players would be able to receive recognition. This plan was instigated last Fall with the selection of a All-C.I.F. Small School Football Team.

The Southern California Board of Basketball selected co-players of the year for 1952 in the Northern-Southern Section of the C.I.F. The two players to receive honors as "Player of the Year" were William Dennis, of Citrus High School, and Donald Carter, of Tustin High School. Bill Dennis, who played forward for the Citrus Cougars, scored 204 points in 10 league games, for an average of 20.4 points. Coach Edmund Smyth describes Dennis as one of the top rebounders he's seen in high school basketball. Donald Carter, forward for Tustin High's Tillers, scored 324 points in 17 games, for an average of 19 points. Carter has been a first team Orange League selection for the past two years and during the 1952 campaign scored over 25 points in five separate games. Although both Dennis and Carter performed mostly at forward during the season, the Helms Board selected them for center positions. For having been named co-players of the year for 1952, William Dennis and Donald Carter will receive the Helms Player of the Year medal as well as having their names engraved upon the Paul H. Helms Trophy.

The other center to be named, along with Dennis and Carter, was Fred Armer, of Chula Vista. Armer scored 278 points in 23 games, for an average of 12 points per contest. Chester De Vore, Armer's coach, calls Fred "Chula Vista's best player on our five year history."

Forwards on this year's honor team were Stan Moerner, Flintridge; Bob Mahan, Chino; Jack Arnold, Barstow; and Bob Thompson, Hemet. Moerner, forward on the Flintridge Highlanders' five, was one of the outstanding players in the Preparatory League. Mahan, a unanimous selection on the All-Tri-County first team, was the play-maker on Chino's Southern Group Championship team. Jack Arnold, one of two juniors on the team, scored 307 points in 19 games, for an average of 16 points per game. Thompson, who was Coach George Gaudreault's ace at Hemet, scored 263 points in 17 games, averaging 15 points per game.

Guards to make the team were Clyde Cook, 187 points in 15 games, from Laguna High; Bill Risley, Boulder City High Sophomore, who scored 110 points in 10 games; Barry Mallagh, San Luis Obispo star, with 234 points in 21 games; and Chuck Brooks, Simi Valley, who bucketed 125 points in 8 league games.

The Fifteenth Annual All-Southern California C.I.F. High School Basketball Team Awards program will be held at Helms Hall, Saturday morning, ~~March 20~~, APR 5 1952 at 11:00 A.M. All players named for honors, coaches of honored players, and student newspaper sports editors of high schools which honored players represented, will be invited to attend. Each player named for honors will receive a framed Helms Athletic Foundation certificate award. The two coaches of the championship teams in the Northern and the Southern Group play-offs will receive special Helms awards.

ALL-C.I.F. (NORTH-SOUTH SECTION) BASKETBALL TEAM FOR 1952

POSITION	PLAYER	SCHOOL	HGHT	WGHT	YEAR SCHOOL
Forward	STAN MOERNER	Flintridge	5'11"	180	Senior
Forward	BOB MAHAN	Chino	6' 1"	175	Senior
Forward	JACK ARNOLD	Barstow	6' 2"	155	Junior
Forward	BOB THOMPSON	Hemet	5' 6"	142	Senior
Center	DONALD CARTER	Tustin	6'	165	Senior
Center	FRED ARMER	Chula Vista	6' 4"	190	Senior
Center	WILLIAM DENNIS	Citrus	6' 1"	180	Senior
Guard	CLYDE COOK	Laguna	6' 1"	165	Junior
Guard	BILL RISLEY	Boulder City	5'10"	130	Sophomore
Guard	BARRY MALLAGH	San Luis Obispo	6' 2"	185	Senior
Guard	CHARLES BROOKS	Simi Valley	6'	155	Senior