

## HELMS ATHLETIC FOUNDATION

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MOUNT CARMEL'S LARRY HAUSER SELECTED AS  
C.I.F. BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR FOR  
1954 SEASON

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Larry Hauser, sensational center from Mount Carmel High School and a standout performer for the Crusaders all season long, has been named the C.I.F. Basketball Player of the Year for the 1954 season, at the recent annual selection meeting of the Helms Southern California Board of Basketball. Hauser's selection was close to unanimous on the first ballot as the outstanding center became the first Basketball player of the year from his school.

A graduating senior at Mt. Carmel, Hauser is not big as centers go. Larry stands only 6 feet 3 inches and weighs but 170 pounds. In league play he scored 177 points in 14 games for an average of 12.6 points per game. He led the Crusaders to the C.I.F. Central section championship, with an outstanding performance in the final game against Long Beach Poly. Hauser scored 20 in the title scrap for high point honors. Hauser performed in 32 ball games during the year, scoring 572 points for an average of 17.9 per game. For having been named Player of the Year Hauser will receive the Helms medal award.

Forwards named to the All-C.I.F. first team were Sam Gardner, Colton, Ronald Wheatcroft, South Pasadena, Jim Hickox, Whittier, and George Wagner, Wilson Long Beach. Gardner was the outstanding performer for Colton, leading the league in scoring with an average of 16.6 points for 10 league games. Ron Wheatcroft, South Pasadena, wound up second high scorer in the Foothill League, with a league average of 18.1 points for 10 ball games. Jim Hickox also wound up in the place position, averaging 19.4 points in the tough Pacific League. George Wagner was the scoring champion of the Coast League with an 18.9 average for 12 games.

The first team centers were Hauser and Norman Price, of Rosemead. Price, largest man on the team at 6 feet 4 inches and 200 pounds, finished the season as the C.I.F. Central section scoring champion. He scored 298 points in 12 league games for an average of 24.8 points per contest. He scored less than 20 points in only one Pacific League game and that was against Whittier when he fouled out before the half.

First team guards for 1954 were Charles Greer, Fillmore, Jim Bohlen, Ventura, Tom Donahue, Mount Carmel, and George Taylor, San Diego. Greer wound up second in Ventura County League scoring with an average of 19 points in 10 games. Bohlen, Ventura's star center switched to guard, accounted for 161 points in 10 league games. Mt. Carmel's team captain, Tom Donahue, averaged 12 points in the powerful Catholic League. George Taylor, who was an outstanding guard for the San Diego City League champions, dropped in 139 points in 14 games, for a 9.9 average.

There were only two repeaters from last year's C.I.F. honor squads and both appear on this season's first team. Norm Price and Ron Wheatcroft were named to second team berths in 1953, moving up to the top team this year.

Second team members were high scoring players, as a group, not one member falling below 14 points per game in league play. Centers named were John Bowen, Notre Dame, and Eugene Porter, of Muir. Bowen fashioned the highest league average among second team members, with 22.5 points in each of 14 games. Porter was averaging around 18 points per game, as a member of Muir's free lance team.

High scorer among second team forwards was Mike Beach, Anaheim, who topped Sunset League scorers with 20.2 points per game. Not far behind was Neale Stoner, Montebello, who captured Foothill scoring honors, with an average of 19.2. Bob Archer, outstanding performer from Alhambra, scored 204 in 12 games which gives him 17 points a contest in Pacific League play. William Wallace, Loyola, was 4th in Catholic League scoring with 14.1 points in each of 14 games.

Robert Moon, Bay League's scoring leader from Torrance, led the guards on the second team with an 18.8 average in league play. Mike Armacost, Redlands, was second in scoring in Citrus Belt play, averaging 16.4 points for 10 games. James Smith took second place honors in Coast League scoring with 15.9 points for each of 12 games, while Fred Crabtree, Covina, accounted for a 14.1 average.

Three juniors were named to this year's lineup, all on the second team. Boys who will have another year of C.I.F. play are Bob Archer, Alhambra, Michael Beach, Anaheim, and Fred Crabtree, of Covina. Only one school placed more than one player, that being Mount Carmel, C.I.F. Central section champions.

Each boy named to the two honor teams will receive a framed Helms Athletic Foundation scroll award and a duplicate award will be sent to his school.



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

POSITION	P L A Y E R	S C H O O L	HGHT	WGHT	YEAR	AVG. (league)
Forward	Sam Gardner	Colton	6'	160	Senior	16.6
Forward	Ronald Wheatcroft	South Pasadena	6' 3	190	Senior	18.1
Forward	Jim Hickox	Whittier	5'10	140	Senior	19.4
Forward	George Wagner	Wilson, L.B.	6' 2	160	Senior	18.9
Center	Larry Hauser	Mount Carmel	6'3	170	Senior	12.6
Center	Norman Price	Rosemead	6' 4	200	Senior	24.8
Guard	Charles Greer	Pillmore	6' 4	195	Senior	19
Guard	Jim Bohlen	Ventura	5'11	200	Senior	16.1
Guard	Tom Donahue	Mount Carmel	6' 2	170	Senior	12.1
Guard	George Taylor	San Diego	6'	175	Senior	9.9

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

POSITION	P L A Y E R	S C H O O L	HGHT	WGHT	YEAR	AVG. (league)
Forward	Bob Archer	Alhambra	6' 5	180	Junior	17
Forward	Neale Stoner	Montebello	6'	140	Senior	19.2
Forward	Michael Beach	Anaheim	6'	140	Junior	20.2
Forward	William Wallace	Loyola	5'11	160	Senior	14.1
Center	John Bowen	Notre Dame	6' 3	190	Senior	22.5
Center	Eugene Porter	Muir	6' 2	170	Senior	18
Guard	Fred Crabtree	Covina	6'	155	Junior	14.1
Guard	Robert Moon	Torrance	6' 1	155	Senior	18.8
Guard	James Smith	Polytechnic, L.R.	5' 9	150	Senior	15.9
Guard	Mike Armacost	Redlands	6' 1	160	Senior	16.4

The All-C.I.F. teams for the 1954 season were selected by the Helms Athletic Foundation's All-Southern California Board of Basketball composed of the following: Ralph Alexander, John de la Vega, Eddie West, Bud Furillo, Mannie Pineda, Chuck Sawyer, Jerry Weiner, Tom Burdick, Bill Whitney, Mory Kapp, Garland Rose, Pete Kokon, Dick Vanderveld, Al Ames, Joe Lyou, Chuck Cherniss, Bill Hollahan, Braven Dyer, Jr., Secretary, and Bill Schroeder, Chairman.

## HELMS HALL C.I.F. AWARDS PROGRAM SET FOR SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 20

The Seventeenth Annual All-Southern California Board of Basketball awards program will be held at Helms Hall on Saturday morning, March 20 at 10:30 a.m. All players named for honors — both Los Angeles City and C.I.F. players — as well as coaches of honored players and Basketball personalities of the past will be invited to attend.

All players named for honors will receive Helms scroll awards as well as a miniature souvenir basketball from the W.J. Voit Rubber Company. Members of the City Championship University High School Basketball team, as well as their coach Jerry Marvin, will receive gold basketball awards from the Helms Foundation. Other coaches who directed their clubs to sectional championships — Marty Martinelli, whose Mount Carmel team won the Central section crown; Del Goodyear, who directed Culver City to the Northern section title; Clarence Burton, coach of the Southern section champs; and coach Marvin — will receive special Helms Foundation awards.

Larry Hauser, Southern California C.I.F. Player of the Year, and Lee Harman, Los Angeles City Player of the Year, will be presented with their Helms Athletic Foundation medal awards at the March 20th program and will have their names engraved upon the Paul H. Helms Trophy, which is lodged in Helms Hall. Players of the Year in each of the six Los Angeles City leagues will also be presented with their medal awards.

\* \* \* PAST C.I.F. BASKETBALL PLAYERS OF THE YEAR FOLLOW:

YEAR	P L A Y E R	S C H O O L	YEAR	P L A Y E R	S C H O O L
1938	Stuart Lewis	Whittier	1946	Hugh Stewart	South Pasadena
1939	Bob Howard	Poly (L.B.)	1947	Houston Faulkner	Anaheim
1940	Ed Gillean	Poly (L.B.)	1948	Bob Johnson	Whittier
1941	Horace Brightman	Wilson (L.B.)	1949	Wayne Kopren	Whittier
1942	Irving Noren	Pasadena	1950	Mark Costello	El Monte
1943	Alan Grimely	Glendale	1951	Ronald Bane	Alhambra
	Bob Hobbs	Orange	1952	George Selleck	Compton
1944	Richard Robbins	Poly (L.B.)	1953	Bill Bond	St. Anthony
1945	Richard Barnes	Hoover (S.D.)	1954	Larry Hauser	Mt. Carmel

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## MIKE GRAY, CLAREMONT HIGH SCHOOL, NAMED "SMALL SCHOOLS" PLAYER OF THE YEAR FOR 1954 BASKETBALL SEASON

FOR RELEASE: Thursday Afternoon, March 18 and Friday a.m.

Claremont High School's Mike Gray, outstanding forward performer for Coach Dave Stern's Wolfpack five, was named Player of the Year in the "small schools" division of the C.I.F. when the Helms Athletic Foundation's All-Southern California Board of Basketball met to make its annual selections. This marks the third season that the Helms Board has selected a separate team made up from among the outstanding players in the smaller C.I.F. high schools of Southern California.

Gray led Claremont High School to a Tri-County League championship this season, the Wolfpack winning 10 and losing 0 during league play. Gray wound up the season leading the league in scoring for the second straight year. The 6 feet 3 inch, 165 pound forward scored 345 points in 22 ball games and was the team captain. He displayed an excellent shooting eye, both from in close and outside and was a better than average rebounder. For having been named Player of the Year for the 1954 season, Gray will receive the Helms Athletic Foundation medal award and have his name engraved upon the Paul H. Helms Trophy, which is lodged in Helms Hall.

Forwards named to the C.I.F. team were William Boldebuck, Culver City, Louis Osuna, Lone Pine, Fred Nightingale, Santa Maria and Gray. Boldebuck was one of the highest scoring players in C.I.F. play this year, scoring 412 points in 22 ball games. He led his team to the Northern Section title, as Culver City defeated Santa Maria, 49-45. Bill was high point man for the contest with 16 points. Fred Nightingale, who scored 338 points during 19 outings, scored 11 points against the Northern Section title holders in the championship game. Louis Osuna, who rounds out the forward selections, was described by his coach, Vernon Raker, as the "finest high school player I have ever seen." Osuna scored 272 points in 14 games and played part time at the center position.

Charles Reeves, Hemet, and Tom Noonan, Coronado, were the centers named to the honor squad. Reeves counted for 257 points in 17 ball games for his team and displayed fine all-around form. Reeves was named to the team last year as a junior. Tom Noonan, 6 feet 4 inches from Coronado, scored 375 in 20 games, topping the Metropolitan League in scoring.

Guards named to the team were Blake Neal, Chula Vista, Jim Steffen, Tustin, John Arrillaga, Morningside, and Bob Espinoza, Mary Star of the Sea. Neal, star of Chula Vista's Southern Section champions, scored 329 points in 22 games. "Without Neal we couldn't have won the title", said coach Clarence Burton. Neal scored 15 points during the game as Chula Vista bested St. Bernardine's, 61-46. Jim Steffen, who was the Orange League's top scorer, averaged 14.7 points in 10 league games. John Arrillaga and Bob Espinoza, two juniors, round out the all-star selections. Espinoza was the Catholic Conference leading scorer, averaging 18.2 points per game.

The Seventeenth Annual All-Southern California Board of Basketball Awards program will be held at Helms Hall on Saturday morning, March 20, at 10:30 a.m. At this time players named for honors will receive their Helms certificate awards. Coach Del Goodyear, Culver City, and Clarence Burton, Chula Vista, will receive special awards for their outstanding work in coaching the two sectional champion teams.

### ALL-C.I.F. (NORTH-SOUTH SECTION) BASKETBALL TEAM FOR THE 1954 SEASON

POSITION	PLAYER	SCHOOL	HGHT	WGHT	YEAR
Forward	Mike Gray	Claremont	6' 3	160	Senior
Forward	William Boldebuck	Culver City	6' 1	165	Senior
Forward	Louis Osuna	Lone Pine	5' 10	133	Junior
Forward	Fred Nightingale	Santa Maria	6'	138	Senior
Center	Charles Reeves	Hemet	6' 3	170	Senior
Center	Tom Noonan	Coronado	6' 4	175	Senior
Guard	Blake Neal	Chula Vista	6'	160	Senior
Guard	Jim Steffen	Tustin	6'	150	Senior
Guard	John Arrillaga	Morningside	6' 2	175	Junior
Guard	Bob Espinoza	Mary Star of the Sea	6' 1	170	Junior

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