

## HELMS ATHLETIC FOUNDATION

HELMS HALL, 6760 VENICE BOULEVARD • LOS ANGELES 34, CALIFORNIA

FRED CRABTREE, SOUTHLAND'S TOP PREP SCORER,  
NAMED CIF BASKETBALL PLAYER OF YEAR...1955

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**F**red Crabtree, Covina High School's talented all-around basketball performer, has been selected as the C.I.F. High School Basketball Player of the Year at the annual selection meeting of the Helms All-Southern California Board of Basketball held at Helms Hall. Crabtree received no serious opposition and was named for top-player honors on the first ballot.

Reportedly the highest scoring guard in CIF history, Crabtree scored 680 points in 29 games as the Covina Colts won 23 and lost 6 engagements during the season. Fred's coach, Windorf "Doc" Sooter, explains Crabtree's play this way...."He is an outstanding scorer who was just as consistent against the good teams. He led team with 197 rebounds, also with assists, and drew the toughest defensive assignments. He has held at least 12 men scoreless while he maintained his high average. In addition he maintained an overall percentage of shots at 47%. He has scored 1002 points in two years of varsity competition."

Fred Crabtree joins such other CIF Players of the Year as Larry Hauser (1954), Bill Bond (1953), George Selleck (1952) and Ron Bane (1951). Of this group Fred is the highest scoring guard, as Selleck scored only 511 points in 28 games. Bond is reportedly the CIF's top scorer in history with 727 points in 33 games, while of the five, Ron Bane boasts the best average at 25.7 points for 25 games.

For having been named the CIF's outstanding player for 1955 Fred Crabtree will receive the Helms medal award at the 18th annual All-Southern California Board of Basketball program to be held at Helms Hall on Saturday morning, April 2, at 10:30 a.m.

Forwards selected on the first team were Bob Archer, Alhambra, Bill Bloom, Burroughs, Bob Coopman, Huntington Beach, and David Pierce of Baldwin Park. Archer, member of Alhambra's CIF central group champions, joins the select group for the second year. He was named to the second team in 1954, as was Crabtree. Archer accounted for 397 points in 23 ball games. He was the Moors' captain for the second straight season. Bill Bloom, top player in Burroughs' history according to coach Bill Flora, scored 364 points in 20 games. Bill is given most of the credit for leading the Indians to the Foothill title. Bob Coopman, who scored 469 in 29 battles, led Huntington Beach to the Sunset League title. David Pierce (414-22) led Baldwin Park to the title in San Gabriel Valley play.

Two outstanding centers were named in Ron Wallace, Ventura, and John Cunningham of St. Augustine. Wallace led Ventura to a tie with Hart for the Ventura League title, scoring 575 points in 26 games. Cunningham, star of St. Augustine's free lance team which was knocked out of the playoffs by Alhambra, gained the other center position with 440 points in 23 games.

Joining Crabtree at the guard positions are James Taylor, Mt. Carmel, Bob Hurvitz, Alhambra, and Joe Kapp of Hart. Taylor was coach Martinelli's choice as top CIF player with 236 points in 27 ball games. He captained the Carmel team and was president of the student body. Bob Hurvitz joins his teammate, Bob Archer, on the first team by virtue of his fine shooting and team play. Joe Kapp (428-31) gains a guard spot following an outstanding season, which saw him lead Hart to an upset tie with Ventura for the league crown.

Outstanding performers on the second CIF team were Mike Beach, repeater from last year's 2nd team with 529 points in 24 games. Bob Dye, Downey's greatest player in history, with 476 points in 30 games. Richard Buckelew, the Bay League's top scorer and Arthur Powell, the San Diego City League's outstanding player, who hit 227 points in 16 games. Centers Rollie Underhill (179-10) and Charles Smith (466-26) of Glendale Hoover and Riverside respectively were named, along with guards Ken Ekema, Walt Prukop, Randy Anderson and Paul Lowe.

Only one junior was named to this year's CIF team and he is Robert Dye of Downey. Two schools, Catholic League champion Mt. Carmel and CIF champion Alhambra placed two players on the team. Each boy named to the two honor teams will receive a framed Helms Athletic Foundation scroll award at Helms Hall on Saturday morning, April 2.

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

| POSITION | P L A Y E R     | S C H O O L      | HGHT | WGHT | YEAR | POINTS |
|----------|-----------------|------------------|------|------|------|--------|
| Forward  | Robert Archer   | Alhambra         | 6' 5 | 185  | Sr.  | 397-23 |
| Forward  | Bill Bloom      | Burroughs        | 6'   | 180  | Sr.  | 364-20 |
| Forward  | Robert Coopman  | Huntington Beach | 5'11 | 150  | Sr.  | 469-29 |
| Forward  | David Pierce    | Baldwin Park     | 6' 1 | 190  | Sr.  | 414-22 |
| Center   | Ron Wallace     | Ventura          | 6' 5 | 180  | Sr.  | 575-26 |
| Center   | John Cunningham | St. Augustine    | 6' 3 | 185  | Sr.  | 440-23 |
| Guard    | Fred Crabtree   | Covina           | 6' 1 | 152  | Sr.  | 680-29 |
| Guard    | James Taylor    | Mount Carmel     | 6' 1 | 170  | Sr.  | 236-27 |
| Guard    | Robert Hurvitz  | Alhambra         | 6' 3 | 185  | Sr.  | 213-16 |
| Guard    | Joe Kapp        | Hart             | 6' 3 | 185  | Sr.  | 428-31 |

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

|         |                   |                  |      |     |     |
|---------|-------------------|------------------|------|-----|-----|
| Forward | Michael Beach     | Anaheim          | 6' 1 | 140 | Sr. |
| Forward | Robert Dye        | Downey           | 5' 9 | 150 | Jr. |
| Forward | Richard Buckelew  | Inglewood        | 6' 4 | 155 | Sr. |
| Forward | Arthur Powell     | San Diego        | 6' 2 | 175 | Sr. |
| Center  | Roland Underhill  | Hoover, Glendale | 6' 4 | 180 | Sr. |
| Center  | Charles Smith     | Riverside        | 6' 4 | 210 | Sr. |
| Guard   | Ken Ekema         | Redlands         | 6'   | 175 | Sr. |
| Guard   | Walt Prukop       | Mount Carmel     | 6' 2 | 178 | Sr. |
| Guard   | Randolph Anderson | Muir, Pasadena   | 6'   | 145 | Sr. |
| Guard   | Paul Lowe         | Centennial       | 5'11 | 175 | Sr. |

The C.I.F. teams for 1955 were selected by the Helms Athletic Foundation's All-Southern California Board of Basketball composed of the following: Ralph Alexander, John de la Vega, Joe Lyou, Pete Kokon, Jack Disney, Ron Weiner, Bill Hollohan, Eddie West, Lannie Pineda, Tom Burdick, Al Ames, Dick Vanderveld, Dick Gitlin, Garland Rose, Chuck Cherniss, Claude Anderson, Bill Whitney, Braven Dyer, Jr., and Bill Schroeder, Chairman.

## HELMS HALL C.I.F. AWARDS PROGRAM SET FOR SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 2

The Eighteenth Annual All-Southern California Board of Basketball awards program will be held at Helms Hall on Saturday morning, April 2 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 All-City and All-C.I.F. honors will be recipients of Helms scroll awards, while players of the year will be presented medal awards. Coaches who directed their teams to sectional titles -- Claude Miller, Alhambra, Edmund Smyth, Citrus, Al Greenleaf, Horningside, and Larry Hanson, Jefferson -- will receive special tumbler awards.

Fred Crabtree, C.I.F. Player of the Year, and Don Pino, City Player of 1955, will receive their Helms medal awards and have their names engraved upon the Paul H. Helms Trophy 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:

|      |                  |               |      |                  |             |
|------|------------------|---------------|------|------------------|-------------|
| 1938 | Stuart Lewis     | Whittier      | 1947 | Houston Faulkner | Anaheim     |
| 1939 | Bob Howard       | Poly (L.B.)   | 1948 | Bob Johnson      | Whittier    |
| 1940 | Ed Gillean       | Poly (L.B.)   | 1949 | Wayne Kopren     | Whittier    |
| 1941 | Horace Brightman | Wilson (L.B.) | 1950 | Mark Costello    | El Monte    |
| 1942 | Irving Noren     | Pasadena      | 1951 | Ronald Bane      | Alhambra    |
| 1943 | Alan Grimely     | Glendale      | 1952 | George Selleck   | Compton     |
|      | Bob Hobbs        | Orange        | 1953 | Bill Bond        | St. Anthony |
| 1944 | Richard Robbins  | Poly (L.B.)   | 1954 | Larry Hauser     | Mt. Carmel  |
| 1945 | Richard Barnes   | Hoover (S.D.) | 1955 | Fred Crabtree    | Covina      |
| 1946 | Hugh Stewart     | So. Pasadena  |      |                  |             |

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## SPECIAL RELEASE

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IT'S NOW OFFICIAL.....FRED CRABTREE IS  
HIGHEST SCORING CIF BASKETBALL PLAYER.....

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**A**fter a close check of Fred Crabtree's scoring record over the past season and a talk with "Doc" Sooter, Fred's coach, we learned that the 1955 C.I.F. Player of the Year is the new C.I.F. scoring champion.

Fred scored 789 points in 31 ball games to eclipse Ronald Bane's old mark of 736 points in 29 games, made for Alhambra in 1951. Bill Bond of St. Anthony High, Player of the Year in 1953, is the third top-scorer with 727 points in 33 games.

Fred Crabtree's scoring mark of 789 points is also a new national interscholastic record for one season, so far as this office knows. Reportedly, Bevo Francis held the scholastic single-season mark of 776 points.

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|---------------|--------|-------------------------|------------|
| Fred Crabtree | scored | 789 points in 31 games, | 25.45 avg. |
| Ron Bane      | scored | 736 points in 29 games, | 25.38 avg. |
| Bill Bond     | scored | 727 points in 33 games, | 22.03 avg. |

Fred Crabtree, along with players named for All-C.I.F. and All-Los Angeles City Basketball team honors will gather at Helms Hall on Saturday morning, April 2 at 10:30 am for the 18th annual All-Southern California Board of Basketball awards program. Personalities from the field of basketball have been invited to attend along with coaches of the honored ball players.

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## HELM'S ATHLETIC FOUNDATION

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JOHN ARRILLAGA, MORNINGSIDESIDE CENTER, NAMED  
C.I.F. SMALL SCHOOLS BASKETBALL STAR OF '55

FOR RELEASE: FRIDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 25...p.m. and after

**J**ohn Arrillaga, who led Morningside High School to the Northern Section CIF Basketball title this past season with a thrilling 64-62 two-overtime victory over Beverly Hills, was named CIF Basketball Player of the Year for the "small schools" division of the CIF. Arrillaga scored 276 points in 17 ball games during the season and was considered such a standout by his coach, Al Greenleaf, that he was used at every position as needed.

Winning the Southern Section CIF title was Citrus High School, which defeated Coronado High, 63-58, in the finals. Citrus placed its star, Jim Gates, on the first team. He averaged over 18 points a game for the league season. Another Citrus player, Larry Lankford, was named to the second team. This marks the first year that two small schools teams have been chosen, however it was felt by the board that there was a definite need for two since the growth of the CIF has been so great.

First team forwards honored are Louis Osuna, Lone Pine, Jim Gates, Citrus, Ned Eckert, Beverly Hills, and Bob Espinoza of Mary Star. Osuna and Espinoza are repeaters from last year's team as is Player of the Year Arrillaga. Vern Raker, Lone Pine coach, calls Osuna the finest high school player he's ever seen. Osuna scored 410 points in 19 ball games and has the best average on the team. Bob Espinoza, the most valuable player in the Catholic Conference the past two years, scored 243 points in 13 games, while Beverly Hills' Ned Eckert scored 342 points in 29 games. Eckert was the mainstay of a team which lost only one game during the entire season and that to Morningside in two overtimes for the championship.

Centers named to the first team were John Arrillaga and Don Walker, Beverly Hills, both of the Pioneer League. Walker faced Arrillaga on three occasions with Beverly Hills winning two games, by a total of three points, and Morningside winning the all-important engagement by two points. Both boys were outstanding, Walker scoring 440 points in 29 outings.

Guards named were John Marshall, Mission, South Gate, Dan Barry, Morningside, Ray Sims, Hemet, and Larry Boyd of Mar Vista. Sims, a unanimous selection as player of the year in the Riverside County League, scored 343 points in 19 games and is a fine all-around ball player. Dan Barry, Arrillaga's teammate at Morningside, gained a first team post by virtue of his steady play and scoring 278 points in 20 games. Larry Boyd, top scorer in the Metropolitan League, is one of two juniors on the first team, the other being Sims. John Marshall of Mission, at 6 feet 7 inches, is the tallest boy on any of the CIF honor teams. He scored 142 points during the league season.

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## \* \* \* ALL-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA C.I.F. (SMALL SCHOOLS) BASKETBALL...FIRST TEAM

| POSITION | PLAYER          | SCHOOL           | HGHT | WGHT | YEAR | POINTS |
|----------|-----------------|------------------|------|------|------|--------|
| Forward  | Louis Osuna     | Lone Pine        | 6'   | 147  | Sr.  | 410-19 |
| Forward  | James Gates     | Citrus           | 5' 9 | 140  | Sr.  | 187-10 |
| Forward  | Ned Eckert      | Beverly Hills    | 5' 8 | 148  | Sr.  | 342-29 |
| Forward  | Robert Espinoza | Mary Star of Sea | 6' 2 | 183  | Sr.  | 243-13 |
| Center   | John Arrillaga  | Morningside      | 6' 4 | 175  | Sr.  | 276-17 |
| Center   | Donald Walker   | Beverly Hills    | 6' 6 | 195  | Sr.  | 440-29 |
| Guard    | John Marshall   | Mission (S.G.)   | 6' 7 | 170  | Sr.  | 142-12 |
| Guard    | Dan Barry       | Morningside      | 5' 9 | 160  | Sr.  | 278-20 |
| Guard    | Ray Sims        | Hemet            | 6' 1 | 155  | Jr.  | 343-19 |
| Guard    | Larry Boyd      | Mar Vista        | 6' 2 | 175  | Jr.  | 324-23 |

## \* \* \* ALL-C.I.F. (SMALL SCHOOLS) SECOND TEAM. . . . .

|         |                |              |      |     |     |
|---------|----------------|--------------|------|-----|-----|
| Forward | James Quast    | San Jacinto  | 6' 2 | 165 | Jr. |
| Forward | Tom McEacheron | Santa Maria  | 6' 1 | 170 | Sr. |
| Forward | George Daech   | Laguna Beach | 6' 3 | 170 | Sr. |
| Forward | Victor Wallace | Calexico     | 6'   | 170 | Sr. |
| Center  | B.J. Schaffer  | Tustin       | 6' 3 | 170 | Sr. |
| Center  | Pat O'Brien    | Santa Clara  | 6' 1 | 175 | Sr. |
| Guard   | Robert Dean    | Coronado     | 5'10 | 145 | Sr. |
| Guard   | Robert Magaw   | St. Francis  | 5' 9 | 145 | Jr. |
| Guard   | Larry Lankford | Citrus       | 6' 3 | 170 | Sr. |
| Guard   | Raul Quesada   | Trona        | 5'10 | 170 | Sr. |

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