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JERRY PIMM, MONTEBELLO, AND JIM HANNA, POLY LONG BEACH, SELECTED CO-PLAYERS OF YEAR IN C.I.F. BASKETBALL, CENTRAL SECTION, FOR '56

FOR RELEASE: TUESDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 20TH, and Wednesday am

For the second time, since All-Southern California's Board of Basketball was founded in 1938, co-players of the year were selected at the board's annual meeting at Helms Hall. Not since 1943, when Alan Grimely of Glendale and Bob Hobbs of Orange were chosen, has there been such a close race for top honors in C.I.F. ranks. A full 45 minutes was taken up in discussing the merits of Jerry Pimm, Montebello High School's fine forward, and Jim Hanna, Long Beach Poly's giant center, who led the Jackrabbits to their first C.I.F. Central Section title since 1942. Failing to agree on one over the other, the board named both boys to share the honor.

Of Jerry Pimm, Coach Ray Hooper says, "Pimm is the finest all-around basketball player in this school's history. He is a perfectionist and has mastered by hard work the fundamentals of the game. His team play has added much to the success of this year's squad." Pimm finished the season with 864 points in 33 games, for a 26.2 average. Although Pimm's point total represents a California High School record (so far as we can determine) it is believed that several boys have topped this total, over past years, in national prep play.

Jim Hanna, 6 foot 7 inch, 210 pound center for Long Beach Poly's CIF Champions, was the big man for coach Del Walker's club. Hanna, highest scoring player in Poly basketball history, scored 592 points in 30 games, for a 19.7 average. Jim scored 34 points in the CIF championship game against Montebello, which is a new CIF record for a final game. Speaking of Hanna's fine season, coach Walker says, "Hanna is the highest scorer in Poly history. His size and agility have been instrumental in our league leadership."

Both Jim Hanna and Jerry Pimm will receive their Helms Basketball Player of the Year medal awards at the 19th Annual All-Southern California Board of Basketball Awards program to be held at Helms Hall on Saturday morning, March 31, at 10:30 am.

At forwards on the first team beside Pimm, were Bill Bloom of John Burroughs, Rex Hughes of Redondo, and Bob Fisher of Hart. All three of these players were high scorers, hitting over 400 points for the season. Bloom, a mid-term graduate and named to the All-CIF first team last year, scored 459 points in 18 ball games, missing the second round of Foothill League play. Now at U.S.C., Bloom averaged 25.5 points per game.

Rex Hughes was named player of the year in the Bay League by unanimous vote of the coaches. He holds every Redondo High School record, including most points scored in a single season -- 436 points this year. Bob Fisher was the top performer in Ventura League scoring and helped lead Hart to a respectable 15-10 record for the year. Fisher played the center position for coach Kalin, but was moved to a forward.

Named to the other first team center position along with Hanna, was Redlands' John Bethke. Bethke was a unanimous choice for player of the year honors among Citrus Belt League coaches. A strong rebounder, John was a top scorer and fine all-around performer.

Guard selections were Mike McPerson of Culver City, Mike McCormick of Mark Keppel, Henry Wallace of Poly, and Dick Sundahl of Hoover, Glendale. McPerson was named top performer in Pioneer League play and is considered a top prospect. Mike McCormick, Mark Keppel's ace forward, led the Aztecs to the Pacific League crown. Henry Wallace, one of the strongest defensive players in CIF play, was named to the first team, giving Poly two representatives. Dick Sundahl led Hoover to the Foothill League title, scoring 122 points in 9 league games. He was team captain and very consistent throughout the season.

This year's first team is composed of only seniors. Two juniors were named to the second team -- Notre Dame's Tony Salas and Richard Ruffell of Torrance. Outstanding players among second team members are Bill Heynen, Pacific League scoring champion and ace rebounder; Tony Salas, high scoring Notre Dame center; Ron Fairly, Jordan High's ace forward and top scorer; Richard Ruffell, Torrance junior center, who many predict will be top college performer; and Larry Elliot, top man on San Diego Hoover's City League champions.

All players named to All-Southern California Board of Basketball first and second teams will receive Helms scroll awards at Helms Hall on Saturday morning, March 31st, at 10:30 am.

* * * F I R S T T E A M ALL-C.I.F. BASKETBALL FOR 1956 SEASON

POSITION	PLAYER	SCHOOL	HGHT	WGHT	YEAR	SCHOOL	POINTS
Forward	JERRY PIMM	Montebello	5-11	155	Senior		864-33
Forward	BILL BLOOM	Burroughs, Burbank	6-1	185	Grad.		459-18
Forward	REX HUGHES	Redondo	6-2	175	Senior		436-24
Forward	BOB FLSHER	Hart	6-2	170	Senior		449-25
Center	JIM HANNA	Poly, Long Beach	6-7	210	Senior		592-30
Center	JOHN BETHKE	Redlands	6-6	212	Senior		282-14
Guard	MIKE McFERSON	Culver City	6-1	148	Senior		336-18
Guard	MIKE McCORMICK	Mark Keppel	6-2	190	Senior		317-21
Guard	HENRY WALLACE	Poly, Long Beach	6-0	180	Senior		121-23
Guard	DICK SUNDAHL	Hoover, Glendale	5-11	160	Senior		122-9

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Forward	LARRY ELLIOT	Hoover, San Diego	6-2	180	Senior		277-23
Forward	ROBERT BELL	Hoover, Glendale	6-1	180	Senior		137-9
Forward	STEVE SHUKEN	Beverly Hills	6-3	182	Senior		299-23
Forward	RON FAIRLY	Jordan, Long Beach	5-10	173	Senior		279-14
Center	BILL HEYNEN	El Monte	6-4	180	Senior		478-25
Center	TONY SALAS	Notre Dame	6-6	175	Junior		396-29
Guard	MEL HOWERY	Ventura	5-11	162	Senior		301-24
Guard	RICHARD RUFFELL	Torrance	6-3	179	Junior		404-23
Guard	LOWELL RAPER	Grossmont	6-3	180	Senior		353-26
Guard	GERRY SNIDER	Chaffey	5-11	170	Senior		421-24

The C.I.F. teams for 1956 were selected by members of All-Southern California Board of Basketball, composed of the following: Ralph Alexander (L.A. Examiner), John de la Vega (L.A. Times), Joe Lyou (L.A. Mirror-News), Pete Kokon (Valley Times), Jack Disney (L.A. Herald-Express), Ron Weiner (Hollywood Citizen-News), Bill Hollohan (San Pedro News-Pilot), Eddie West (Santa Ana Register), Mannie Pineda (Pasadena Star-News), Tom Burdick (Long Beach Press-Telegram), Al Ames (Glendale News-Press), Dick Vanderveld (Santa Monica Outlook), Garland Rose (Riverside Press-Enterprise), Chuck Cherniss (Alhambra Post-Advocate), Claude Anderson (San Bernardino Sun), Bill Whitney (Breitbart Athletic Foundation), Philip Patton (Santa Barbara News-Press), Mory Kapp (Helms Athletic Foundation), Braven Dyer, Jr. (Helms Athletic Foundation), Bill Schroeder (Chairman).

1956 BASKETBALL AWARDS PROGRAM SET FOR SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 31, AT HELMS HALL

The Nineteenth Annual All-Southern California Board of Basketball Awards Program will be held in the patio of Helms Hall on Saturday morning, March 31 at 10:30 a.m. All-C.I.F. and All-Los Angeles City players who were named for honors, as well as coaches of honored players will be invited to attend. College cage personalities, of both past and present, will also be invited to share in honoring the All-City and All-C.I.F. players.

Players will receive Helms scroll awards and the Voit Rubber Company will also present miniature basketballs to all honored players. Players of the Year in both C.I.F. and City sections will receive medal awards, while the coaches of championship C.I.F. and City teams will be presented special awards.

Jerry Pimm and Jim Hanna will receive their player of the year medals, as will Charles Jordan, of Palm Springs. Sterling Forbes, City player of the year from Jordan High School, will accept his medal award, also.

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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's
1944	Richard Robbins	Poly (L.B.)	1954	Larry Hauser	Mt. Carmel
1945	Richard Barnes	Hoover (S.D.)	1955	Fred Crabtree	Covina
1946	Hugh Stewart	South Pasadena	1956	Jerry Pimm	Montebello
				Jim Hanna	Poly (L.B.)

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CHARLES JORDAN, PALM SPRINGS STAR CENTER,
NAMED C.I.F. NORTH-SOUTH SECTION PLAYER
OF THE YEAR FOR 1956 BASKETBALL SEASON

FOR RELEASE: THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 1956 and after....

Charles Jordan, Palm Springs High School's outstanding offensive and defensive center, was selected as the top player among schools playing in the northern and southern sections of the C.I.F. for the 1956 basketball season. Selection of Jordan was made at the Nineteenth Annual meeting of All-Southern California Board of Athletics held at Helms Hall in Los Angeles.

Boasting a 23.8 average for 20 ball games, Jordan is considered one of the finest players to ever perform in the Riverside County League. Standing over 6 feet 4 inches in height, Jordan was Palm Springs' top performer and scorer. His coach, Ralph Watt, says of Jordan; "An outstanding boy, both offensively and defensively." A senior, Jordan has many colleges and universities interested in him.

Three schools placed two players each on this year's honor teams. St. Monica's, winner of the Northern Section title over Temple City, 71-51, placed its star forward Ralph Garcia and outstanding center Dan Rodriguez on the first team. Garcia scored 533 points in 26 games and over .500 shooting percentage. He was second to Rodriguez in the rebound department and was St. Monica's top defensive player. Coronado High School, champions of the Southern Section, defeating Citrus 60-54 in the finals, placed Jon Crawford and Roger Nix, the latter on the second team. Both were high scorers and very good in the rebound department. Citrus, loser to Coronado in the finals, placed Bill Kilmer and Curry Robertson, Curry on the second team. Kilmer was the league's leading scorer, while Robertson wasn't far behind.

Three juniors made the first team and two were named to the second. Brea-Olinda's Don McConnell, Roger Short of Burroughs, and Bill Kilmer of Citrus were the lower classmen on the first team. Arroyo Grande's center Gene Shields and Wayne Wilson of San Jacinto were juniors named to the second team.

Three players were named for honors for the second straight year. Ray Sims of Hemet repeated on the first team, while Bob Magaw and Larry Boyd were picked on the second team. Boyd was a first team choice in 1955.

The Nineteenth Annual All-Southern California Board of Basketball Awards program will be held at Helms Hall on Saturday morning, March 31, at 10:30 am. At this time all honored players will receive special Helms scroll awards and coaches John Kovac of Coronado and William Bonali of St. Monica's will be presented with special awards for having coached their teams to sectional championships in 1956.

* * * F I R S T T E A M (All C.I.F. Small Schools Team for 1956)

POSITION	P L A Y E R	S C H O O L	HGHT	WGHT	YEAR SCHOOL	POINTS
Forward	JON CRAWFORD	Coronado	5-9	165	Senior	351-24
Forward	RALPH GARCIA	St. Monica's	6-1	165	Senior	533-26
Forward	BILL KILMER	Citrus	6-0	170	Junior	493-24
Forward	DON MCCONNELL	Brea-Olinda	5-8	140	Junior	191-10
Center	CHARLES JORDAN	Palm Springs	6-4	170	Senior	476-20
Center	DAN RODRIGUEZ	St. Monica's	6-3	180	Senior	333-26
Guard	CHARLES ESTRADA	Atascadero	6-0	155	Senior	364-19
Guard	RAY SIMS	Hemet	6-1	160	Senior	472-21
Guard	RONALD BAUER	South Pasadena	6-4	190	Senior	443-26
Guard	ROGER SHORT	Burroughs, C.L.	6-1	158	Junior	173-12

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Forward	ROBERT MAGAW	St. Francis	5-10	145	Senior	364-20
Forward	LARRY BOYD	Mar Vista	6-2	175	Grad.	324-19
Forward	JAMES WHELIHAN	Santa Maria	6-2	165	Senior	267-22
Forward	BILL ENGEL	Avalon	5-8	150	Senior	194-17
Center	GENE SHIELDS	Arroyo Grande	6-5	190	Junior	246-17
Center	GENE OLDHAM	Mater Dei	6-2	180	Senior	164-9
Guard	ROGER NIX	Coronado	6-0	155	Senior	340-24
Guard	CURRY ROBERTSON	Citrus	6-2	185	Senior	356-24
Guard	BILL JUDY	Temple City	5-8	140	Senior	124-10
Guard	WAYNE WILSON	San Jacinto	6-0	180	Junior	146-11

(1956 marks the 19th year that Paul H. Helms has sponsored All-Southern California Board of Basketball Awards)