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JOHN RUDOMETKIN, SANTA MARIA CENTER, TOP  
CIF BASKETBALL PLAYER FOR 1958 SEASON....

FOR RELEASE: TUESDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 18 and Wednesday a.m. . . . .

F abulous John Rudometkin of Santa Maria High School, who led his team into the semi-finals of the central section CIF basketball playoffs, amassing the highest point total over the season of any player in the history of Southern California prep basketball, was a unanimous choice as the Southland's number one performer for 1958. It took the Helms Board of Basketball just a few short minutes to confirm what Santa Maria fans have known throughout the season....that here is the finest player of the year.

John was a 1st-team pick on the small schools team last year, Santa Maria elected to enter the central section playoffs in 1958 and therefore qualified to be placed with the larger enrollment schools for all-star team selection. Last season John scored 781 points in 28 games for a 27.9 average, which topped the previous high average held by Bill Kilmer of Citrus who, as small schools player of the year in 1957, averaged 26.5 points per game.

This season John shattered all Southland prep scoring marks with a record high total of 966 points. Playing in 32 ball games, his average was 30.2, which also is a new high, breaking his own mark of 1957. Former high point total was held by Bill Kilmer, who accounted for 900 points in 34 games. A chart showing the top Southland high scorers follows:

PLA Y E R	S C H O O L	POINTS	GAMES	AVG.	YEAR
JOHN RUDOMETKIN	SANTA MARIA	966	32	30.2	1958
TOM SHAULES	ST. AUGUSTINE	736	26	28.3	1958
JOHN RUDOMETKIN	SANTA MARIA	781	28	27.9	1957
BILL KILMER	CITRUS	900	34	26.5	1957
JERRY PIMM	MONTEBELLO	864	33	26.2	1956
FRED CRABTREE	COVINA	789	31	25.5	1955
RONALD BANE	ALHAMBRA	736	29	25.4	1951
GARY CUNNINGHAM	INGLEWOOD	626	25	25.4	1958

At 6 feet, 6 inches and 190 pounds, Rudometkin played outstanding basketball wherever he went and received praise from opposing coaches. Bob Panches, long-time basketball coach at San Luis Obispo, says of Rudometkin, "The best I've seen in 15 years", which is typical of comments from all over Southern California.

Only one team -- C.I.F. Champion Compton -- placed more than one player on this year's all-star teams. Marvin Fleming, 6 foot, 4 inch center, and Brad Greene, the Tarbabes top scorer, were the boys honored. Compton, tied with Centennial for the Coast League crown with 6-2 records, won five playoff contests on its way to the 1958 CIF Central Section Championship. Bill Armstrong's Tarbabes defeated Santa Ana (52-47), Bellflower (57-54), Fullerton (71-59), Colton (62-41), and Centennial (57-55).

Three players repeated from the 1957 CIF teams. Stan Andersen, high-scoring senior forward from Millikan High School, was a second-team selection last year. He scored 1,046 points in two years for the Rams, and was named top player in the Long Beach Invitational Tournament this year. Bill Parsons, Mt. Carmel's senior forward, retained his second team position from last year. Bill was the leader of a team that won 24 games and lost five. He was all-tournament selection at both Mt. Carmel and Compton. Bob Jordan, the third repeater from Sweetwater's Metropolitan League champions, also retained his second-team position. Bob was named unanimously as league player of the year, the second time he has received this honor. He was also player of the year in football.

Named at forwards on the first team were Inglewood's Gary Cunningham, one of the CIF's top scorers of all time, Frank Jackson, of Centennial's runner-up five, and Ken Hubbs of Colton who, along with Compton's Marvin Fleming, is the only junior on this year's teams. Stan Andersen, Millikan, is the other forward pick.

Guards named to the number one team were St Augustine's Tom Shaules who this season scored 736 points in 26 games for a 28.3 average. This places him just below John Rudometkin on the all-time Southern California prep list for best average over a full season's play. Joining Shaules at guard were Neil Edwards of Cantwell, Larry Maxie of Chaffey, and Pete Ruscher of Ventura. Edwards was Catholic League player of the year and outstanding player in the Mt. Carmel Tournament, which Cantwell won. Maxie was all-tournament at Huntington Beach and Chino and was considered one of the toughest competitors in the Southland. Pete Ruscher was Bob Tuttle's top performer at Ventura, excelling particularly on defense.

All players named to the first and second C.I.F. teams will be presented with their Helms Board scroll awards at Helms Hall on Saturday morning March 29th, at 10:30 a.m.



\* \* \* \* \* F I R S T T E A M . . . . All-C.I.F. Basketball For 1958 Season

POSITION	PLAYER	SCHOOL	HGHT	WGHT	YEAR	POINTS	AVG.
Forward	GARY CUNNINGHAM	Inglewood	6' 5	170	Senior	626-25	25.4
Forward	STAN ANDERSEN	Millikan	6' 2	162	Senior	520-25	20.8
Forward	FRANK JACKSON	Centennial	6' 2	190	Senior	104-8	13.0
Forward	KEN HUBBS	Colton	6' 2	170	Junior	315-21	14.4
Center	JOHN RUDOMETKIN	Santa Maria	6' 6	190	Senior	966-32	30.2
Center	MARVIN FLEMING	Compton	6' 4	197	Junior	214-19	11.3
Guard	TOM SHAULES	St. Augustine	5' 8	135	Senior	736-26	28.3
Guard	NEIL EDWARDS	Cantwell	6' 2	165	Senior	262-14	18.7
Guard	LARRY MAXIE	Chaffey	6' 3	215	Senior	272-29	9.4
Guard	PETE RUSCHER	Ventura	6'	170	Senior	276-25	11.0

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Forward	ARTIST GILBERT	San Diego	6' 1	185	Senior	386-25	15.4
Forward	BILL PARSONS	Mt. Carmel	6' 4	170	Senior	448-26	17.2
Forward	SCOTT PERLEY	Fullerton	6' 2	170	Senior	352-26	13.5
Forward	PHILLIP LIVESEY	San Gabriel	6' 3	165	Senior	424-22	19.3
Center	MIKE McCONNELL	Mira Costa	6' 5	175	Senior	408-26	15.7
Center	JON BRETTMAN	Santa Ana	6' 2	180	Senior	299-24	12.5
Guard	RODNEY HEYNEN	El Monte	6' 3	185	Senior	400-24	16.6
Guard	ROBERT JORDAN	Sweetwater	5' 11	160	Senior	279-16	17.4
Guard	PERRY BATES	Santa Monica	5' 9	160	Senior	408-24	17.0
Guard	BRAD GREENE	Compton	6'	150	Senior	327-21	15.6

Selection of C.I.F. teams for the 1958 season were made by All-Southern California Board members Ralph Alexander (LA Examiner), John de la Vega (LA Times), Jack Hefley (LA Times), Joe Lyou (LA Mirror-News), Pete Kokon (Valley Times), Jack Disney (LA Herald-Express), Jerry Weiner (Hollywood Citizen-News), Richard Roberts (San Pedro News-Pilot), Eddie West (Santa Ana Register), Mannie Pineda (Pasadena Star-News), Jack Teele (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), Chuck Thomas (Ventura Star Free Press), Mory Kapp (Helms Athletic Foundation), Braven Dyer, Jr. (Secretary), W.R. Bill Schroeder (Chairman).

1958 BASKETBALL AWARDS PROGRAM TO BE HELD AT HELMS HALL, SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 29

The Twenty-First Annual All-Southern California Board of Basketball Awards Program will be held at Helms Hall on Saturday morning, March 29th, at 10:30 a.m. All-C.I.F. and All-Los Angeles City basketball players who have been named for 1958 honors, as well as coaches of honored players, will be invited to attend. Top college cage personalities will also be invited to attend the ceremonies.

Larry Hanson, Jefferson High School coach who led the Democrats to the City title, will be presented a special Helms award. C.I.F. championship coaches to receive awards will be Bill Armstrong of Compton (Central Section Championship), James Nau of Burroughs, China Lake (Northern Championship), Bill Frantz of Orange (Southern Championship), Rev. Marion Gienko of Newman (Small Schools Championship)

All-City and All-C.I.F. players of the year will also receive special Helms medal awards.

\* \* \* P A S T C . I . F . B A S K E T B A L L P L A Y E R S O F T H E Y E A R

1938	Stuart Lewis	Whittier	1949	Wayne Kopren	Whittier
1939	Bob Howard	Poly, L.B.	1950	Mark Costello	El Monte
1940	Ed Gillean	Poly, L.B.	1951	Ronald Bane	Alhambra
1941	Horace Brightman	Wilson, L.B.	1952	George Selleck	Compton
1942	Irving Noren	Pasadena	1953	Bill Bond	St. Anthony's
1943	Alan Grimley	Glendale	1954	Larry Hauser	Mt. Carmel
	Bob Hobbs	Orange	1955	Fred Crabtree	Covina
1944	Richard Robbins	Poly, L.B.	1956	Jerry Pimm	Montebello
1945	Richard Barnes	Hoover, S.D.		Jim Hanna	Poly, L.B.
1946	Hugh Stewart	South Pasadena	1957	George Van Vliet	Whittier
1947	Houston Faulkner	Anaheim		Alvin Claiborne	Mt. Carmel
1948	Bob Johnson	Whittier	1958	John Rudometkin	Santa Maria



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TERRY HERMANN, ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL GUARD,  
 NAMED CIF NORTH-SOUTH BASKETBALL PLAYER  
 OF YEAR FOR 1958 SEASON.....

FOR RELEASE: THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 1958 and after. . . . .

Terry Hermann, star guard of the C.I.F. Southern Group champion Orange High School Five, was a unanimous choice for player of the year honors when members of the Helms Athletic Foundation's All-Southern California Board of Basketball met to make their annual selections. Hermann was the top performer on Coach William Frantz' team that won the Orange League crown and marched through three opponents on their way to the small CIF high schools Southern group championships. Orange defeated San Gabriel Mission (44-24), Banning (57-48), and Escondido in the finals (49-40). According to Coach Frantz, Hermann was primarily responsible for this fine record and opposing coaches seemed to agree as they named him unanimously as league player of the year. Orange was the only small schools team to place more than one player on the two honor teams. Besides Hermann, center Jack Schroeder was named.

Northern group playoff champions, Burroughs - China Lake, placed its top center on the first team. Jay Carty, who led his team to the championship defeating San Luis Obispo (51-35), St. Agnes (65-52), and Bell Gardens in the finals (41-40), was named at a guard position along with Hermann. Bill Allen, St. Agnes, and San Marino's Bob Sommers, were the other two guards named to the first team.

Only repeater from the 1957 small schools teams is St. Monica's Roger Gonzalez. Gonzalez was among the top scorers in the CIF this season with a 21.4 average in 25 games. Charles Wright, who led Newman to the Small Schools Championship over Army-Navy (59-38), Trona (46-26), and Ramona (45-44), was also a forward pick along with Claremont's Stan Nelson and Bob Cota of Calexico. Cota is considered the best basketball player to come along in Imperial Valley play in years.

The Twenty-First Annual All-Southern California Board of Basketball awards program will be held at Helms Hall on Saturday morning, March 29th at 10:30 a.m. Those players named for All-C.I.F. and All-Los Angeles City basketball honors for the 1958 season will be presented their Helms scroll awards. Players of the year will receive special medal awards, while championship coaches will be recipients of silver tumbler awards.

\* \* \* F I R S T T E A M (All-Southern California CIF Small Schools)

POSITION	PLAYER	SCHOOL	HGHT	WGHT	YEAR	POINTS	AVG.
Forward	BOB COTA	Calexico	5'11	170	Senior	246-12	20.5
Forward	ROGER GONZALEZ	St. Monica's	5'11	160	Senior	536-25	21.4
Forward	CHARLES WRIGHT	Newman	6' 4	170	Senior	484-26	18.6
Forward	STAN NELSON	Claremont	6' 4	195	Senior	312-19	16.4
Center	BOB ROENICKE	San Jacinto	6'	165	Senior	182-12	15.2
Center	AL WINDFELDT	Mary Star of Sea	6' 5	190	Junior	154-10	15.4
Guard	TERRY HERMANN	Orange	5'11	165	Senior	431-26	16.6
Guard	JAY CARTY	Burroughs, China Lake	6' 6	185	Senior	281-18	15.6
Guard	BOB SOMMERS	San Marino	6' 4	165	Junior	292-19	15.4
Guard	BILL ALLEN	St. Agnes	5'11	180	Senior	483-24	20.1

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Forward	LOREN GRESHAM	Pasadena Academy	5'11	150	Senior	526-21	25.1
Forward	TOBY THURLOW	Escondido	6' 1	175	Junior	407-25	16.3
Forward	ZENE YAQUEZ	Santa Clara	6' 2	175	Senior	382-21	18.2
Forward	ED BRISCOE	Buena Park	6' 3	175	Junior	247-14	17.6
Center	JACK SCHROEDER	Orange	6' 6	170	Senior	329-27	12.2
Center	CARL HALL	Trona	6' 3	175	Senior	196-16	12.2
Guard	RICHARD PALMER	Fillmore	6'	140	Senior	360-21	17.1
Guard	BOB LOMAX	Bell Gardens	6' 2	170	Senior	320-25	12.8
Guard	PETE SACHSE	Fallbrook	6' 2	170	Senior	437-19	23.0
Guard	CHARLES BROWN	Banning	5'11	145	Junior	279-20	13.9

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