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HELMS HALL, 8760 VENICE BOULEVARD - LOS ANGELES 34, CALIFORNIA  
FRED GOSS, COMPTON HIGH SCHOOL SENSATION,  
UNANIMOUS CIF "AAA" BASKETBALL PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR SELECTION FOR 1961

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Fabulous Freddy Goss, the remarkable scoring machine from Compton High School, was unanimously named Southern California's "Basketball Player of the Year" in the "AAA" Division of the C.I.F., when members of the Helms All-Southern California Board of Basketball met at Helms Hall last week to make their annual basketball team selections. The fact that Goss broke a southland prep scoring mark, plus leading his team to the triple A championship made his selection virtually automatic.

Fred Goss lead Bill Armstrong's Coast League team to the league championship with a perfect record. The Tarbabes swept through the CIF Southern Section playoffs taking five straight games. Goss-led Compton defeated L.B. Wilson (85-57), Ventura (62-45), L.B. Jordan (65-39), Monrovia (68-44) and L.B. Poly (57-49) in the finals. Without much fear of contradiction, Compton went virtually untested in the playoffs until the final game with Long Beach Poly. In the four previous playoff encounters Compton won by a spread of 28, 17, 26 and 24 points respectively.

For the full 31-game Compton season, Fred Goss scored 987 points, which is a new Southern California High School single-season scoring record. Goss averaged 31.84 points per game, which is also a new prep record. Both marks made by Goss during the past season better records established by Santa Maria's John Rudometkin during the 1958 season. John scored 966 points in 32 games for a 30.2 average.

At 6'2" and 165 pounds, Freddy Goss is a much sought-after boy by colleges and universities around the country. Wherever he has played Goss has received the highest praise from coaches and players alike. Although listed as a guard by his coach, Goss played a forward position much of the season. He is a senior at Compton.

For having been named the outstanding performer in Southern California basketball for 1961, Fred Goss will receive a special Helms medal award at the 24th annual All-Southern California Board of Basketball awards program to be held at Helms Hall on Saturday morning, April 8th at 10:30 am. Goss will also have his name engraved upon the Paul H. Helms Trophy, which is permanently lodged in Helms Hall. George Selleck, former Stanford University star, also is a "player of the year" selection from Compton High School. Selleck was named for honors in 1952.

Leddy Baker, star performer of the Long Beach Poly team which faced Compton in the finals of the CIF Playoffs, was named to the first team at a center position along with repeat All-CIF first-team member Les Christensen of Monrovia. Both boys were not spectacular point producers, but were great on defense and remarkable in the rebounding department.

San Diego Hoover's Nick Barkett, "player of the year" in the San Diego City area, won a first team forward berth along with Dan Wolthers of Redlands. Wolthers is regarded as the finest basketball prospect to ever come out of the Redlands area. The other forwards on the first team were John Chambers of Antelope Valley and Ron Shackelford of Burroughs, Burbank. Chambers led his team to the semi-finals of the CIF tourney, losing to L.B. Poly, 59-43.

Guards named along with Goss, are Glendale Hoover's Allen Young Anaheim's Frank Peters and Jordan, Long Beach's Gail Hopkins. All are top-flight college prospects, while Allen Young was named to the 2nd team in 1960. Only Young and Christensen are repeaters from 1960.

Compton's Clarence Esters and Vaughn Hoffman of Inglewood were the 2nd team center choices. Both boys were greatly responsible for their team's fine showings in taking league titles. Scoring leader on the 2nd squad is Culver City's Tom McPerson, who averaged 21.7 points in 20 games. Ventura's star forward Norm Cowgill was not far behind with an 18.5 mark in 27 encounters.

All players on the 1961 All-Southern California "AAA" teams are seniors. CIF champion Compton is the only school that placed as many as two players on the 1961 honor teams.

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1961 ALL-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA "AAA" DIVISION CIF BASKETBALL TEAMS. . .

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POSITION	P L A Y E R	S C H O O L	HGHT	WGHT	YEAR	POINTS	AVG.
Forward	NICK BARKETT.....	HOOVER, S. DIEGO	6-1	145	Sr.	367-27	13.6
Forward	DAN WOLTERS.....	REDLANDS.....	6-3	180	Sr.	500-20	25.0
Forward	JOHN CHAMBERS.....	ANTELOPE VALLEY	6-2	175	Sr.	599-28	21.4
Forward	RON SHACKELFORD...	BURROUGHS, BURB.	6-3	180	Sr.	443-23	19.3
Center	LEDDY BAKER.....	POLY, LONG BEACH	6-6	195	Sr.	290-24	12.1
Center	LESLIE CHRISTENSEN	MONROVIA.....	6-7	180	Sr.	329-22	15.0
Guard	FRED GOSS.....	COMPTON.....	6-2	165	Sr.	987-31	31.8
Guard	ALLEN YOUNG.....	HOOVER, GLENDALE	6-4	180	Sr.	517-24	21.5
Guard	GAIL HOPKINS.....	JORDAN, L. BEACH	5-10	180	Sr.	279-14	19.9
Guard	FRANK PETERS.....	ANAHEIM.....	6-1	175	Sr.	588-28	21.0

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Forward	NORM COWGILL.....	VENTURA.....	6-2	175	Sr.	500-27	18.5
Forward	GARY COOPER.....	EL MONTE.....	6-2	160	Sr.	289-25	11.6
Forward	TOM McFERSON.....	CULVER CITY.....	6-3	180	Sr.	435-20	21.7
Forward	TYRONE PRICE.....	ST. ANTHONY'S..	5-11	175	Sr.	338-23	14.7
Center	CLARENCE ESTERS...	COMPTON.....	6-3	190	Sr.	219-23	9.5
Center	VAUGHN HOFFMAN....	INGLEWOOD.....	6-7	207	Sr.	325-25	13.0
Guard	GENE JOHNSON.....	PIUS X.....	6-3	190	Sr.	445-25	17.8
Guard	CHARLES SCHNEIDER.	HILLTOP.....	6-3	170	Sr.	415-26	16.0
Guard	WARREN RUSTAND....	CALIFORNIA.....	6-2	165	Sr.	342-25	13.7
Guard	DENNY MARQUARDT...	COVINA.....	6-0	160	Sr.	270-18	15.0

All-Southern California Board of Basketball, which made the above 1961 All-Star Team selections, is composed of the following members:

Ralph Alexander, L.A. Examiner	Jack Hefley, L.A. Times
Eddie West, Santa Ana Register	Joe Cordero, L.A. Mirror
Doug Ives, Long Beach Press Telegram	Cliff Gewecke, Hunt. Park Signal
Al Ames, Glendale News-Press	Rich Roberts, San Pedro News-Pilot
Garland Rose, Riverside Enterprise	Claude Anderson, San Bernardino Sun
Jerry Weiner, Hollywood Citizen	Philip Patton, S. Barbara News-Press
Chuck Thomas, Ventura Star	Rick Smith, San Diego Tribune
Ron McGrath, S. Gabriel Valley Trib.	Bill Whitney, Breitbard Foundation
Dick Miller, Santa Monica Outlook	Mannie Pineda, Helms Athletic Found.
Braven Dyer, Jr., Secretary	Bill Schroeder, Chairman

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The 24th Annual All-Southern California Board of Basketball Awards Program will be held at Helms Hall on Saturday morning, April 8th at 10:30 am. At this time all players named for All-CIF honors will be presented with framed scroll awards. Coaches who led their teams to CIF Division titles will also receive awards.

The Voit Rubber Company of Los Angeles, as they have done for the past 12 years, will present special basketballs to the honored players. Mel Barton and Lloyd Tutor will be on hand to represent the Voit Co.

Those players named for CIF "AAA" Player of the Year honors since 1938 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	1951	Ronald Bane.....	Alhambra
1939	Bob Howard.....	Poly, L.B.	1952	George Selleck....	Compton
1940	Ed Gillean.....	Poly, L.B.	1953	Bill Bond.....	St. Anthony's
1941	Horace Brightman.	Wilson, L.B.	1954	Larry Hauser...	Mt. Carmel
1942	Irving Noren.....	Pasadena	1955	Fred Crabtree..	Covina
1943	Alan Grimley.....	Glendale	1956	Jerry Pimm.....	Montebello
	Bob Hobbs.....	Ornage		Jim Hanna.....	Poly, L.B.
1944	Robert Robbins...	Poly, L.B.	1957	George Van Vliet..	Whittier
1945	Richard Barnes...	Hoover, S.D.		Alvin Claiborne...	Mt. Carmel
1946	Hugh Stewart.....	So. Pasadena	1958	John Rudometkin...	Santa Maria
1947	Houston Faulkner.	Anaheim	1959	Darrell Sutherland..	Glendale
1948	Bob Johnson.....	Whittier	1960	Thomas Dose.....	Glendale
1949	Wayne Kopren.....	Whittier	1961	Fred Goss.....	Compton
1950	Mark Costello....	El Monte			

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BOB BEDELL, BELL GARDENS CENTER, WINS TOP PLAYER VOTE IN "AA-A" BASKETBALL FOR 1961

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Bell Gardens' Bob Bedell, the player most responsible for his team's Rio Hondo League championship and CIF "AA" crown, was the Helms All-Southern California Board of Basketball pick as "Player of the Year" in the "AA-A" Division of the CIF Southern Section for 1961, when members gathered at Helms Hall to make their yearly basketball selections. Bedell's selection was a near-unanimous one, with only two votes going to other candidates.

Bob Bedell, only a junior at Bell Gardens High this year, is rated very highly by prep and collegiate coaches alike. Many felt an injustice had been done Bob last year, when he was left off the CIF team selections. He was that good. This past season Bob scored 724 points in 27 games for a 26.8 average. In four "AA" Playoff games -- Cantwell (55-48), Fillmore (73-71), Eisenhower (64-54) and San Marcus (64-53) -- Bedell scored 135 points for a 33.8 average. In 10 Rio Hondo League games Bob scored 270 points for a 27 point average, exactly what he managed over the 27-game full season.

This was the first CIF Championship in the 13-year history of Bell Gardens High School. Bob Bedell is likewise Bell Gardens' first "player of the year" in any sport. For having been named for this honor by members of the Helms Board, Bob Bedell will receive a special Helms medal award at the 24th annual All-Southern California Board of Basketball Awards Program to be held at Helms Hall on Saturday morning, April 8th at 10:30 am. At this time, all those players named for CIF "AA-A" Basketball Team honors will be presented with special certificate awards by All-Southern California Board of Basketball.

Along with Bedell at the other center position on the first team is John Fairchild of San Dieguito. John led Dick McCracken's team through three playoff games in the San Diego Class "A" championships -- El Cajon (73-57), Kearny (66-53) and Sweetwater (54-46) -- to win the title. Forwards on the first team are led by John Hanson of Santa Clara, winner of the CIF Southern Section "A" Division title. Hanson led Santa Clara to its third straight "A" crown with wins over Harvard (51-35), Bishop (72-57), Tustin (45-41) and Brea-Olinda (39-25). Brea Olinda's fine guard Gary Holman was named to a guard post on the first team.

Other forwards include Edgewood's Bob Stowell, Eisenhower's Jack Lucas and San Jacinto's Dick Johnson. Of this threesome Lucas and Johnson are both juniors.

The four first-team guard picks are "best ever" performers at their respective schools. Jeff Congdon and Jack Tebbs, from Bolsa Grande and Alemany respectively, are only juniors but still considered to be the finest in their school's history. Bruce Gibby, Fillmore, like Bell Gardens' Bedell, is a fine student and leader. Gary Holman of Brea-Olinda, more noted for his football ability, is no less impressive on the basketball floor.

While there are five juniors on the first team, all second team members are seniors. San Marcos, runner-up to Bell Gardens in the "AA" Playoff, placed center Robert Jones on the second team. There were no repeaters from 1960.

There follows "Player of the Year" selections in the "small school" section of the CIF.

ALL-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA "SMALL SCHOOL" PLAYER OF YEAR SELECTIONS

1952	DON CARTER.....TUSTIN	1957	BILL KILMER.....CITRUS
	BILL DENNIS.....CITRUS	1958	TERRY HERMANN.....ORANGE
1953	CLYDE COOK.....LAGUNA BEACH	1959	BOB SOMMERS.....SAN MARINO
1954	MIKE GRAY.....CLAREMONT	1960	STEVE MILLER...SANTA CLARA
1955	JOHN ARRILLAGA..MORNINGSIDE	1961	BOB BEDELL...BELL GARDENS
1956	CHARLES JORDAN.PALM SPRINGS		

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POSITION	P L A Y E R	S C H O O L	HGHT	WGHT	YEAR	POINTS	AVG.
Forward	JOHN HANSON....	SANTA CLARA....	6-2	170	Sr.	278-22	12.6
Forward	BOB STOWELL....	EDGEWOOD.....	6-1	175	Sr.	534-24	22.2
Forward	JACK LUCAS.....	EISENHOWER.....	6-1	175	Jr.	514-27	19.0
Forward	RICHARD JOHNSON	SAN JACINTO....	6-1	180	Jr.	318-21	15.1
Center	BOB BEDELL.....	BELL GARDENS...	6-6	180	Jr.	724-27	26.8
Center	JOHN FAIRCHILD.	SAN DIEGUITO...	6-7	170	Sr.	426-26	16.4
Guard	JEFF CONGDON...	BOLSA GRANDE...	5-11	170	Jr.	444-22	20.2
Guard	JACK TEBBS.....	ALEMANY.....	5-8	137	Jr.	557-26	21.4
Guard	BRUCE GIBBY....	FILLMORE.....	5-10	145	Sr.	345-24	14.8
Guard	GARY HOLMAN....	BREA-OLINDA....	6-1	195	Sr.	468-26	18.0

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Forward	DENNIS HENRY...	KEARNY, S. DIEGO	5-11	160	Sr.	367-25	14.7
Forward	CHARLES PFEIFER	SAN GABRIEL MISS.	6-1	180	Sr.	256-24	10.7
Forward	HAROLD DE BIE..	VALLEY CHRISTIAN	6-2	155	Sr.	534-24	22.2
Forward	JOHN PATTERSON.	HARVARD.....	6-3	180	Sr.	480-23	20.9
Center	JOE KNOX.....	ST. JOHN VIANNEY	6-6	190	Sr.	336-22	15.3
Center	ROBERT JONES...	SAN MARGOS.....	6-1	165	Sr.	262-22	11.9
Guard	MIKE WALTERS...	RAMONA.....	5-11	160	Sr.	412-23	17.9
Guard	JIM REAMS.....	CANTWELL.....	5-9	135	Sr.	432-24	18.0
Guard	CHRIS CAJAS....	ARROYO-GRANDE...	5-4	130	Sr.	264-21	12.6
Guard	JAMES SPITTLER.	BRAWLEY.....	6-0	165	Sr.	303-20	15.2

The above selections were made by All-Southern California Board of Basketball, which has been making similar selections since the Board's inception back in 1936. All-Southern California "small school" CIF selections have been made in basketball since 1952.

All-Southern California "AA-A" Division teams for 1961 were selected by the following Helms Board members:

Ralph Alexander, L.A. Examiner	Jack Hefley, L.A. Times
Eddie West, Santa Ana Register	Joe Cordero, L.A. Mirror
Doug Ives, Long Beach Press-Telegram	Cliff Gewecke, Hunt. Park Signal
Al Ames, Glendale News Press	Rich Roberts, San Pedro News-Pilot
Garland Rose, Riverside Enterprise	Claude Anderson, San Bernardino Sun
Jerry Weiner, Hollywood Citizen	Philip Patton, S. Barbara News-Press
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AWARDS PROGRAM AT HELMS HALL SAT. APRIL 8TH  
HELMS AWARDS & VOIT BASKETBALLS PRESENTED

Some 55 players from both Los Angeles City and Southern California CIF basketball teams will be honored with Helms scroll awards at the 24th annual All-Southern California Board of Basketball Awards Program to be held at Helms Hall on Saturday morning, April 8th at 10:30 am.

As it has done for the past dozen years, the Voit Rubber Company of Los Angeles will present special Voit Basketballs to the honored players. Mel Barton and Lloyd Tutor of the Voit Company are on hand each year to remember each award winner with a Voit ball.

Along with honored players from throughout Southern California, high school and college basketball coaches will be on hand to help pay respects to the 1961 star players. Those coaches who directed their teams to playoff titles -- in both city and CIF divisions -- will be presented with special silver tumbler awards.

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