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DANA PAGETT, EL SEGUNDO GUARD, PICKED TOP PLAYER IN CIF "AAA" BASKETBALL FOR 1967

FOR RELEASE: THURSDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 23 and Friday a.m.
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It was Dana Pagett CIF "AAA" Division Player of the Year in a landslide vote as members of All-Southern California Board of Basketball met at Helms Hall to make their annual all-star basketball team selections last week. Although several Player of the Year nominations were made, it didn't take long for the pro-Pagett forces to sway the board's thinking. The vote that resulted was near unanimous.

Actually, the Helms Board was merely seconding what coaches and opposing players had been saying all season; that Dana Pagett was the finest prep basketball performer in Southern California. Dana led the El Segundo Eagles to a fabulous 34-1 season, one that ended in tears for the entire team as it dropped the "AAA" playoff finale to Monrovia, 62-56 in overtime.

A second-team "AA" selection in 1966, Pagett was the Eagles floor leader in their all but perfect 1967 season. Dana played in 33 games during the year, scoring 530 points for a 16.1 point average. He was credited with 334 assists, an average of ten per game, which points to his ability to get the ball to the free man.

Coach Cliff Warren calls his star guard "a great percentage shooter...unbelievable assists...team leader and most valuable player in four tournaments." Cliff also makes no bones about the belief that Dana is "the best in the state!" Joining Pagett on the first "AAA" team is center John Fleick, while Ed Hora 6'8" forward was a second team selection...off the El Segundo Pioneer League champions.

Dana Pagett will be honored, along with other all-star team players at the 30th annual All-Southern California Board of Basketball Awards Program to be held at Helms Hall on Saturday morning, April 15 at 10:30 am. Players, coaches and special invited guests from the field of basketball will be on hand for the festivities. Both scroll and medal awards will be presented to the honored athletes.

It was an underrated Monrovia team, champions of the Pacific League, which moved through the early playoff rounds in convincing fashion -- Buena Park (69-57), North Torrance (73-60), Covina (87-83), Burbank (58-54) -- and then pounced on the Eagles in overtime, 62-56. The Pacific League champion Wildcats finished the year with a 25-5 mark, with their losses coming early in the year.

El Segundo, on its way to the finals, defeated Warren (47-33), Ramona (56-49), Ventura (64-61 in overtime), and Millikan (70-61).

The naming of Dana Pagett as the CIF "AAA" Division Player of the Year marks the first time that a player from El Segundo High School has been accorded this honor by the Helms Board. Both El Segundo and "AAA" Champion Monrovia placed three players on the honor teams, while Morningside, Torrance, Ventura, Millikan, Covina and Burbank landed two representatives. Twenty high schools are represented on the 30-player, three-team selections.

Torrance's Bart Johnson, a first-team forward selection and the highest scoring player in CIF Southern Section ranks this past season, set a new career mark which was formerly held by Bill Kilmer of Citrus. Johnson scored a four-year total of 1,917 points (2-frosh, 492-soph, 660-junior, 763-senior) to become the most prolific point producer in southland basketball prep history.

Seven lower classmen were named to this year's teams...one on the first, two on the second and four on the third. It has been many years since the Board has seen fit to honor so many junior performers.

This marks the 30th year that Helms Athletic Foundation, through All-Southern California Board of Athletics, has presented awards to the outstanding high school athletes of the area. Framed scroll awards, medallions and special silver tumblers have been awarded to the honored athletes and coaches down through the years.

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1967 ALL-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA "AAA" DIVISION BASKETBALL TEAMS FOR 1966-67 SEASON....

POS.	P L A Y E R	S C H O O L	HGHT	WGHT	YEAR	POINTS	AVG.
F.	STAN LOVE	MORNINGSIDE	6-8	190	Sr.	566-26	21.8
F.	*BART JOHNSON.	TORRANCE.	6-6	190	Sr.	763-30	25.4
F.	**PHIL RHYNE.	RAMONA.	6-5	178	Sr.	631-28	22.5
F.	ROOSEVELT WATSON.	VENTURA	6-0	170	Sr.	345-28	12.3
C.	#JOHN PLEICK	EL SEGUNDO.	6-9	245	Sr.	555-29	19.1
C.	GEORGE TRAPP.	MONROVIA.	6-8	210	Sr.	539-30	17.9
G.	##DANA PAGETT	EL SEGUNDO.	6-2	165	Sr.	475-26	18.3
G.	MIKE KENDALL.	MONROVIA.	5-9	150	Jr.	414-29	14.3
G.	JIM SELDA	MILLIKAN.	5-9	150	Sr.	368-32	11.5
G.	VERNE CHADWICK.	COVINA.	6-3	175	Sr.	571-27	21.1

S E C O N D T E A M

F.	NAT BAUMER.	MORNINGSIDE	6-3	200	Sr.	481-27	17.9
F.	ED HORA	EL SEGUNDO.	6-8	205	Sr.	394-29	13.6
F.	CHRIS SCHROBILGEN	CRESCENTA VALLEY.	6-6	185	Sr.	467-26	17.9
F.	ROBERT McCORMICK.	COVINA.	6-4	195	Sr.	445-26	17.1
C.	JAMES NIELSEN	NORTH TORRANCE.	6-7	228	Jr.	394-25	15.8
C.	RICHARD WILSON.	MILLIKAN.	6-6	208	Sr.	573-32	17.9
G.	DAVID LESUEUR	BURBANK	6-2	175	Sr.	360-28	12.8
G.	BILL DUWE	PASADENA.	6-5	180	Sr.	563-28	20.1
G.	DANNY ROBERTS	VENTURA	6-0	175	Jr.	416-28	14.8
G.	JOHN HOFFMAN.	BURBANK	6-0	161	Sr.	422-30	14.1

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F.	DICK KREUL.	TORRANCE.	6-2	180	Sr.	600-30	20.0
F.	FRED ZITAR.	DOWNEY.	6-6	185	Sr.	475-25	19.0
F.	TIM GERGEN.	RANCHO ALAMITOS	6-3	160	Sr.	645-25	25.8
F.	JON BORCHERT.	JORDAN, LONG BEACH.	6-5	200	Sr.	517-27	18.8
C.	GARY ADDEO.	PIUS X.	6-7	185	Jr.	465-23	20.2
C.	TERRY KUNYSZ.	CHAFFEY	6-7	205	Sr.	474-26	18.2
G.	PAUL WESTPHAL	AVIATION.	6-1	150	Jr.	514-25	20.6
G.	DWIGHT TAYLOR	COMPTON	6-0	150	Jr.	477-26	18.3
G.	DENNIS STRICKLER.	MONROVIA.	6-2	160	Jr.	422-30	14.1
G.	CLIFFORD LAMBERT.	SANTA BARBARA	5-11	145	Sr.	409-26	15.7

*1st Team Selection in 1966 **2nd Team in 1966 #1st "AA" '66 ##2nd "AA" '66

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ALL-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BOARD OF BASKETBALL'S PLAYERS OF YEAR

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	1954	Larry Hauser.....	Mt. Carmel
1939	Bob Howard.....	Poly, L.B.	1955	Fred Crabtree.....	Covina
1940	Ed Gillean.....	Poly, L.B.	1956	Jerry Pimm.....	Montebello
1941	Horace Brightman.	Wilson, L.B.		Jim Hanna.....	Poly, L.B.
1942	Irving Noren.....	Pasadena	1957	George Van Vliet..	Whittier
1943	Alan Grimley.....	Glendale		Alvin Claiborne...	Mt. Carmel
	Bob Hobbs.....	Orange	1958	John Rudometkin...	Santa Maria
1944	Richard Robins...	Poly, L.B.	1959	Darrell Sutherland	Glendale
1945	Richard Barnes...	Hoover, S.D.	1960	Thomas Dose.....	Glendale
1946	Hugh Stewart.....	South Pasadena	1961	Fred Goss.....	Compton
1947	Houston Faulkner.	Anaheim	1962	Douglas Boloom...	Arcadia
1948	Bob Johnson.....	Whittier	1963	Loy Peterson.....	Anaheim
1949	Wayno Kopren.....	Whittier	1964	David Lawyer.....	Oxnard
1950	Mark Costello.....	El Monte	1965	Lynn Shackelford..	Burroughs
1951	Ronald Bane.....	Alhambra	1966	Chuck Moore.....	Poly, L.B.
1952	George Selleck...	Compton		Trent Gaines.....	Poly, L.B.
1953	Bill Bond.....	St. Anthony	1967	Dana Pagett.....	El Segundo

VOIT RUBBER COMPANY TO AGAIN PRESENT BASKETBALLS AT AWARDS PROGRAM, APRIL 15

As it has so kindly done over the past 19 years, AMF-VOIT RUBBER CORPORATION will present all honored players with miniature rubber-covered basketballs commemorating their selection to the All-Southern California Basketball Team at the 30th annual basketball awards program at Helms Hall on Saturday, April 15th at 10:30 am. Players, coaches and noted basketball personalities will attend.

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CARL SKIDMORE, SOUTH PASADENA, AND GEORGE VALLE, NORDHOFF, TOP "AA" & "A" DIVISION C.I.F. BASKETBALL ALL-STAR TEAMS FOR 1967

FOR RELEASE: FRIDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 24 and after.....
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A pair of smooth performing guards, both of whom directed their teams to C.I.F. divisional titles in 1967, have been named Players of the Year in "AA" and "A" Divisions by Helms Athletic Foundation's All-Southern California Board of Basketball. Carl Skidmore, high-scoring backcourt magician for coach Johnny O'Neil's South Pasadena Tigers, was the "AA" Division selection, while Nordhoff High's George Valle, who directed coach Fred Linkenhelt's Rangers to the "A" crown, was named top performer in this division for 1967.

Carl Skidmore, who dropped the ball through the hoop with machine-like regularity during the past season, was the southland's top prep scorer in 1967. The diminutive guard scored 839 points during South Pasadena's perfect 29-game season for a 28.9 point average. Skidmore holds every scoring record at South Pasadena High and during the past season he scored over 20 points in 26 of the Tigers 29 wins. Carl had 10 games in which he bettered 30 points and three contests where he bettered 40... one a 52 point effort, which is a school record.

George Valle was the top player on Nordhoff High's "A" Division champion team. Valle, built along the lines of Carl Skidmore at 5'9" and 140 pounds, was the Nordhoff player most responsible for making coach Linkenhelt's offense move. Valle was only the league's third leading scorer, but he performed in such workmanlike fashion during a season which saw the Rangers lose but two games that he nailed down top player honors in a breeze. Nordhoff displayed true title timber when it squeezed past a couple of opponents by a single point in the playoffs. Victories over Templeton (83-43), Tehachapi (90-89 in double-overtime), Bishop Diego (86-77), Big Bear (94-76) and Bassett (62-61) brought the Rangers the 1967 title.

In compiling its perfect 29-0 season, South Pasadena became the first team to complete an undefeated season since Compton whipped all opposition back in 1952. South Pasadena is also the first "AA" Division school to ever win the football and basketball crowns in the same year.

For having been selected as "AA" and "A" Division Players of the Year for 1967, both Carl Skidmore and George Valle will be recipients of Helms medallion awards for their outstanding accomplishments during the year. Presentation of these awards, along with framed scrolls to those players named for All-Southern California Basketball team honors, will be made at the 30th annual awards program to be held at Helms Hall on Saturday morning, April 15 at 10:30 a.m.

There was one repeater on the "AA" Division team this year, although two boys who made the teams last year were selected on the "AAA" teams released yesterday. John Pleick and Dana Pagett, whose team moved up to the "AAA" Division in 1967, were first and second team picks last season respectively. The "AA" repeater is Robert White from Santa Maria.

Two "A" team selections are back on the all-star squads for the second time. Phil Corley of San Jacinto and Rodger Reeves of Trona were second team choices last year. Four juniors were picked on the "A" teams, while two were "AA" selections.

On the 20-player "AA" squads 18 schools are represented, with South Pasadena and Huntington Beach landing two performers each. There are 17 schools which placed players on the "A" Division teams, with champion Nordhoff, Bishop Garcia Diego and Bassett having two players selected.

All-Southern California Board of Basketball team selections have been made since 1938 by members of the press throughout the southland. Those making selections for 1967 are Ralph Alexander, Claude Anderson, Willis Arrington, Van Barbieri, James Authrie, Hank Ives, Marshall Klein, Frank Lieberman, Phil Patton, Mannie Pineda, George Raborn, Garland Rose, Bob Selvin, John Strey, Gordon Verrell, Mike Waldner, Tyler Welshimer, Eddie West, Wally Wilson and Wayne Wilson. Buddy Dyer and Bill Schroeder serve as secretary and chairman of the selection committee respectively.

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CURTIS ROWE, FROM FREMONT'S CITY CHAMPIONS,
NAMED I.A. CITY BASKETBALL PLAYER OF YEAR

FOR RELEASE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1967 and after

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Curtis Rowe, Coach Gaston Green's sensational center who led the Fremont Pathfinders to the Los Angeles City Basketball title in 1966-67, was named the top performer in Los Angeles basketball by members of the Helms All-Los Angeles City Board of Basketball which made its annual selections recently at Helms Hall. Rowe, who broke several city league and tournament scoring records during the season, was a unanimous selection!

It was Curtis Rowe at the Fremont helm, as the Pathfinders whipped through league play (9-1) and went charging into the playoffs. The determined Southern Leaguers were never really tested in City-Tournament action as they disposed of South Gate by 50 points (97-47), Chatsworth by 25 points (85-60), Jordan by 21 (69-48) and in the finals Manual Arts by 15 (81-66). It had been Manual Arts which knocked the Pathfinders over in the team's only league loss, 86-83.

Rowe set two new league scoring marks, his total points 363 and average 36.3 being the best ever in city play for a 10-game season. He set tournament marks of 46 points (most in single game vs. Chatsworth), most points in tournament 125 (in four games) and best average for a tournament 31.2 (in four games). Rowe's 125 point total erased the former record of 121, set by University guard Tony Horton in 1962.

Fourteen schools are represented on this year's all-city selections, as three teams of five players each were again selected. The third team has three forwards, since the board felt that all three were certainly worthy of all-city mention. It is most interesting to note, that the Helms all-city first team corresponds identically with this year's all-tournament team, named following the Los Angeles city playoffs.

Three first-team selections on the Helms first team were named "players of the year" in their respective leagues. Rowe was named top Southern League performer for 1967, while Sidney Wicks, Hamilton star center on the team for the third year, was acclaimed Western League top banana. Carlton Slater won Marine League honors from Gardena. The remaining two first team members, Ronnie Byrd of Jordan and Jim Wright of Manual Arts, led their teams to the semis and finals respectively in city tournament play this year.

Only two teams were able to place as many as two men on the three honor teams this year, and both represented the Marine League. Jordan, with Ronnie Byrd and third-team center Phil Hargrove, and Gardena, with Carlton Slater and second-team guard Randy Olson, landed a pair of top-rated competitors. Both Marine League fives reached the city tourney semi-finals and played a 86-85 consolation game. It is interesting to note that the four teams reaching the semi-finals -- Jordan, Gardena, Manual Arts and Fremont -- came from just two leagues...the Marine and Southern.

This year's city league champions were as follows: Eastern - Roosevelt (10-0)...Marine - Gardena and Jordan (9-1)...Northern - Belmont (10-0)...Southern - Fremont (9-1)...Western - Hamilton (11-1)...East-Valley - San Fernando (10-2)...West-Valley - Chatsworth (12-0).

This marks the 30th year that the Helms Athletic Foundation has sponsored All-Los Angeles City Board of Basketball. At the close of each season, Los Angeles sports journalists gather at Helms Hall to make their all-star team selections. These players are recognized with special framed scroll awards and medallions, while title-winning coaches receive special silver tumbler awards.

The 30th annual All-Southern California Board of Basketball Awards Program will be held at Helms Hall sometime late in March...on a date yet to be decided. All players from both Los Angeles City and C.I.F. basketball honor teams will be invited to receive their awards at Helms Hall at this time.

ALL-SOUTHERN SECTION C.I.F. "AA" DIVISION BASKETBALL TEAM

POS.	P L A Y E R	S C H O O L	HGHT	WGHT	YEAR	POINTS	AVG.
F.	MARK LAMORE	AZUSA	6-4	190	Sr.	528-23	23.0
F.	MIKE NEWLIN	ST. FRANCIS	6-4	182	Sr.	670-26	25.8
F.	DAVE KNOX	SOUTH PASADENA	6-7	175	Sr.	571-29	19.7
F.	STEVE MOORE	SAN MARCOS	6-2	190	Sr.	479-29	16.5
C.	DOUG REX	ALEMANY	6-8	240	Sr.	650-26	25.0
C.	ALLAN ROBINSON . . .	HUNTINGTON BEACH . . .	6-5	185	Sr.	428-25	17.1
G.	CARL SKIDMORE . . .	SOUTH PASADENA	5-10	155	Sr.	839-29	28.9
G.	*ROBERT WHITE	SANTA MARIA	5-10	155	Sr.	577-23	25.1
G.	JERRY HYDER	VICTOR VALLEY	6-0	160	Sr.	558-25	22.3
G.	SAM CHRISTIAN	COLTON	6-3	180	Sr.	514-25	20.6

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F.	TIM TOBIN	SANTA CLARA	6-0	160	Sr.	352-25	14.1
F.	DAN THOMAS	ANTELOPE VALLEY	6-4	185	Sr.	626-24	26.1
F.	GENE BODINI	VALENCIA	6-3	200	Sr.	258-16	16.1
F.	KELLY GODFREY	SOUTH HILLS	6-1	160	Sr.	-----	****
C.	MIKE HOUGH	ST. PAUL	6-4	195	Sr.	557-26	21.4
C.	HENRY ANDERSON . . .	PALO VERDE VALLEY . . .	6-3	170	Sr.	270-18	15.0
G.	GREG SNYDER	HUNTINGTON BEACH	6-1	165	Jr.	365-23	15.9
G.	MIKE SOUTHWORTH . . .	SAN GORGONIO	6-2	157	Sr.	507-22	23.0
G.	STEVE OBERHOLSER . . .	SAN LUIS OBISPO	6-2	165	Sr.	383-26	14.7
G.	JIM SULLIVAN	ST. BERNARD	6-1	180	Jr.	411-24	17.1

*1st "AA" Team selection in '66

ALL-SOUTHERN SECTION C.I.F. "A" DIVISION BASKETBALL TEAM

F I R S T T E A M

F.	JOHN HALLIMORE . . .	BIG BEAR	6-4	180	Jr.	476-28	17.0
F.	CRAIG BELL	LUTHERAN	6-5	190	Sr.	480-24	20.0
F.	JIM SANDEFUR	NORDHOFF	6-2	205	Sr.	288-23	12.5
F.	DENNIS BUTTERFIELD	AMBASSADOR	6-4	155	Sr.	650-26	25.0
C.	*PHIL CORLEY	SAN JACINTO	6-4	210	Sr.	357-17	20.0
C.	BRIAN THIELE	BISHOP DIEGO	6-6	225	Sr.	365-24	15.2
G.	GEORGE VALLE	NORDHOFF	5-9	135	Sr.	345-21	16.4
G.	LARRY PARTAIN	BEAUMONT	5-11	165	Jr.	426-27	15.8
G.	*RODGER REEVES	TRONA	6-1	188	Sr.	298-22	13.7
G.	LARRY NELSON	KATELLA	6-0	175	Sr.	-----	****

S E C O N D T E A M

F.	STEVE KNAPIK	NOTRE DAME, RIVERSIDE	6-0	147	Sr.	366-22	16.6
F.	MIKE CASS	ROSAMOND	6-1	175	Sr.	404-18	22.4
F.	ROBERT RUND	PERRIS	6-4	165	Sr.	450-20	22.4
F.	JOHN JACKSON	BASSETT	6-2	160	Sr.	324-21	15.4
C.	MORLEY SHERMAN	BASSETT	6-4	190	Jr.	370-22	16.8
C.	GILBERT GAALSWYK . . .	ONTARIO CHRISTIAN . . .	6-1	158	Sr.	461-24	10.9
G.	TOM MONTROSS	BISHOP DIEGO	5-10	165	Jr.	404-25	16.2
G.	ALLEN SPOONHUNTER . . .	BISHOP	6-1	165	Sr.	388-21	18.5
G.	TIM SANDERS	TEHACHAPI	6-3	180	Sr.	313-22	14.2
G.	GREG WILSON	CAL SCHOOL FOR DEAF . . .	6-4	200	Sr.	363-20	18.2

*2nd "A" Team selection in 1966

ALL-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA "AA-A" DIVISION PLAYERS OF THE YEAR ... 1952 - 1967

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
1952	Don Carter	Tustin	1963	Bob Henderson	Laguna Beach
	Bill Dennis	Citrus		Ramon Sanchez	Callexico
1953	Clyde Cook	Laguna Beach	1964	Jerry Sharman	Charter Oak
1954	Mike Gray	Claremont		Andy Herrera	Santa Clara
1955	John Arrillaga	Morningside	1965	Ken Heitz	Righetti
1956	Charles Jordan	Palm Springs		Dean Duistermars	Valley Christian
1957	Bill Kilmer	Citrus	1966	Steve Patterson	Santa Maria
1958	Terry Hermann	Orange		Mike Terwilliger	Bellarmino-Jeff.
1959	Bob Sommers	San Marino		Guy Dimonte	Bellarmino-Jeff.
1960	Steve Miller	Santa Clara	1967	Carl Skidmore	South Pasadena
1961	Bob Bedell	Bell Gardens		George Valle	Nordhoff
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30TH ANNUAL BASKETBALL AWARDS PROGRAM AT HELMS HALL ON SATURDAY, APRIL 15TH...

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