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HELMS ATHLETIC FOUNDATION

PAUL WESTPHAL, AVIATION HIGH SCHOOL STAR SCORER, TOP PLAYER IN CIF "AAA" BASKETBALL

FOR RELEASE: THURSDAY, MARCH 21st...A.M.

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Paul Westphal, most prolific scorer in Southern California basketball history, and Compton High School, undefeated "AAA" Division titlist (the first such major CIF high school team to turn the trick since another Compton Five went undefeated back in 1952) shared honors today, as Helms Athletic Foundation's All-Southern California Board of Basketball made its annual hardcourt selections.

Westphal, first player in CIF Southern Section history to score over 1,000 points, was acclaimed as "AAA" Player of the Year by the Helms Board by unanimous vote. No less an achievement than Paul Westphal's remarkable scoring effort, was the perfect 32-straight game winning record of Coach Bill Armstrong's Compton Tarbabes. Four men off the "AAA" title five have been named for all-star team honors by the Helms Board.

Westphal, whose 1,040 points set a new all-time single-season scoring mark in CIF Southern Section play, led his Aviation Falcons teammates to a perfect 10-0 Pioneer League championship as he scored 302 points. During pre-season tournament play, Paul was named MVP in the four tournaments in which Aviation competed and set new scoring marks in three of them. Not only was Paul a great scorer, but he led the team in assists. Aviation finished the season with a 28-4 mark.

Four Southern Section CIF basketball stars came close to the magic 1,000-point mark, but Westphal became the first to surpass it. Santa Maria's Steve Patterson scored 994 points in 29 games in 1966 to come the closest. Others were 987 by Freddie Goss in 1961 (31 games); 966 in 32 games by John Rudometkin in 1958; and an even 900 in 34 contests by Billy Kilmer of Citrus in 1957.

Paul Westphal, along with those players named for "AAA" Division all-star team honors, will be honored at Helms Hall on Saturday morning, March 30th, at the 31st annual All-Southern California Board of Basketball Awards Program. Medallion awards will be presented to the area's outstanding players, while team members will receive framed scroll awards. Silver tumblers will be presented to title-winning coaches.

Compton High's great 32-game winning season brought the Tarbabes the "AAA" Division crown and four spots on the Southern Section three ten-man team selections. Center Mike Hopwood and the Coast League's MVP Larry Morris were first team choices. Guard Dwight Taylor was a second-team pick, while forward Larry Hollyfield was named to the third club.

Although it was just last year that South Pasadena went 29-0 to win the "AA" Division title, it has been 16 years since a "AAA" Division school managed an undefeated season. Compton High turned the trick then, too, with three performers -- George Selleck (Player of Year), Al Waner and Del Johnston -- being named for all-star team honors in 1952.

The Tarbabes marched through a perfect 10-game Coast League campaign and demolished five foes in the playoffs. Compton whipped Monte Vista in the first round of the "AAA" Tourney 72-43, California in the second round, 68-63, Aviation 71-60, Marina 78-43 and Huntington Beach in the finals 64-52.

The Oilers from Huntington Beach, not a big team by any means, gave the Tarbabes a tussle for a time in the finale, but fell before the relentless pressure of five very talented Compton performers. Coach Elmer Combs' Oilers, Sunset Loop champs, knocked over Magnolia 84-41, Bellflower 83-48, Sunny Hills 70-65, and North Torrance 72-71 before falling before the "perfect" Tarbabes, 64-52.

Five boys are back from last year's team. Paul Westphal, Dwight Taylor and Dennis Strickler were third team picks in '67, while Danny Roberts and James Nielsen were named to the second team. Huntington Beach juniors Mike Contreras (1st team) and Roy Miller (3rd team) give indication that the Oilers will indeed be tough again next year. Larry Hollyfield (Compton), Brad McNamara (Sunny Hills) and Chuck McCormick (Covina) are also lower classmen.

All players named for 1968 all-star team honors will be on hand at Helms Hall on Saturday, March 30th to receive their awards at the 31st annual All-Southern California Board of Basketball Awards Program. Coaches of honored players will also be on hand.

1968 ALL-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA "AAA" DIVISION BASKETBALL TEAMS.....

POS.	P L A Y E R	S C H O O L	HGHT	WGHT	YEAR	POINTS	AVG.
F.	MIKE CONTRERAS....	HUNTINGTON BEACH...	6-1	165	Jr.	432-24	18.0
F.	BILL TAYLOR.....	NORTH TORRANCE.....	6-9	220	Sr.	228-12	19.0
F.	RICHARD ALLEN.....	CALIFORNIA.....	6-5	185	Sr.	342-19	18.0
F.	BRUCE BOCHTE.....	ARCADIA.....	6-3	185	Sr.	614-32	19.2
C.	MIKE HOPWOOD.....	COMPTON.....	6-6	195	Sr.	362-26	14.0
C.	THOMAS MAGGARD....	JOHN GLENN.....	6-6	215	Sr.	537-24	22.4
G.	*PAUL WESTPHAL.....	AVIATION.....	6-2	170	Sr.	1040-32	32.5
G.	GREG SNYDER.....	HUNTINGTON BEACH...	6-2	175	Sr.	446-24	18.6
G.	LARRY MORRIS.....	COMPTON.....	6-1	160	Sr.	422-26	16.2
G.**	DANNY ROBERTS.....	VENTURA.....	6-0	172	Sr.	404-25	16.2

S E C O N D T E A M

F.	CHUCK TERRY.....	JORDAN, LONG BEACH.	6-6	175	Sr.	506-26	19.8
F.	JIM OWENS.....	SOUTH TORRANCE.....	6-5	185	Sr.	618-27	22.9
F.	JOHN VELLA.....	NOTRE DAME.....	6-4	235	Sr.	140-12	11.6
F.	GIL ALBITRE.....	WHITTIER.....	5-11	137	Sr.	727-23	31.6
C.**	JAMES NIELSEN.....	NORTH TORRANCE.....	6-7	225	Sr.	216-12	18.0
C.	MARK SODERBERG....	MARINA.....	6-8	210	Sr.	475-24	19.8
G.	BRAD McNAMARA.....	SUNNY HILLS.....	6-0	165	Jr.	625-28	22.3
G.	*DWIGHT TAYLOR.....	COMPTON.....	6-1	160	Sr.	495-26	19.1
G.	DUANE WILLIAMSON..	CULVER CITY.....	6-1	160	Sr.	489-24	20.4
G.	CHUCK McCORMICK...	COVINA.....	6-2	195	Jr.	542-24	22.6

T H I R D T E A M

F.	LARRY HOLLYFIELD..	COMPTON.....	6-5	185	Jr.	463-26	17.8
F.	STEVE WHITE.....	COVINA.....	6-5	187	Sr.	285-15	19.0
F.	PHIL JORDAN.....	CORONA DEL MAR.....	6-4	205	Sr.	463-28	16.5
F.	GEORGE THOMPSON...	MUIR.....	6-6	220	Sr.	239-14	17.1
C.	ROY MILLER.....	HUNTINGTON BEACH...	6-2	180	Jr.	352-24	14.7
C.	HOWARD LEE.....	SAN BERNARDINO.....	6-7	195	Sr.	433-22	19.2
G.	CRAIG CANFIELD....	BURROUGHS.....	6-0	175	Sr.	458-27	17.0
G.	*DENNIS STRICKLER..	MONROVIA.....	6-3	180	Sr.	447-28	16.0
G.	JEFF ATTEBERY.....	BUENA.....	6-0	160	Sr.	351-25	14.0
G.	CRAIG CHILDRESS...	SUNNY HILLS.....	6-4	165	Sr.	465-27	17.2

*3rd Team '67 **2nd Team '67

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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	1955	Fred Crabtree.....	Covina
1939	Dob Howard.....	Poly, L.B.	1956	Jerry Pimm.....	Montebello
1940	Ed Gillean.....	Poly, L.B.		Jim Hanna.....	Poly, L.B.
1941	Horace Brightman..	Wilson, L.B.	1957	George Van Vliet...	Whittier
1942	Irving Noren.....	Pasadena		Alvin Claiborne....	Mt. Carmel
1943	Alan Grimley.....	Glendale	1958	John Rudometkin....	Santa Maria
	Bob Hobbs.....	Orange	1959	Darrell Sutherland..	Glendale
1944	Richard Robins...	Poly, L.B.	1960	Thomas Dose.....	Glendale
1945	Richard Barnes...	Hoover, S.D.	1961	Fred Goss.....	Compton
1946	Hugh Stewart.....	South Pasadena	1962	Douglas Bolcom....	Arcadia
1947	Houston Faulkner..	Anaheim	1963	Loy Peterson.....	Anaheim
1948	Bob Johnson.....	Whittier	1964	David Lawyer.....	Oxnard
1949	Wayne Kopren.....	Whittier	1965	Lynn Shackelford...	Burroughs
1950	Mark Costello.....	El Monte	1966	Chuck Moore.....	Poly, L.B.
1951	Ronald Bane.....	Alhambra		Trent Gaines.....	Poly, L.B.
1952	George Selleck...	Compton	1967	Dana Pagett.....	El Segundo
1953	Bill Bond.....	St. Anthony	1968	Paul Westphal.....	Aviation
1954	Larry Hauser.....	Mt. Carmel			

VOIT RUBBER COMPANY TO PRESENT BASKETBALLS TO HONORED PLAYERS FOR 20TH YEAR

As it has so kindly done over the past 20 years, AMF-VOIT Rubber Corporation will present all honored players with miniature rubber-covered basketballs commemorating their selection to the 1968 All-Southern California Board of Basketball all-star teams. The awards program will be held at Helms Hall on Saturday morning, March 30 at 10:30 a.m. All players, their coaches and noted basketball personalities will attend.

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RUSTY BLAIR, SAN LUIS OBISPO, & RONALD MONTOKA, NOTRE DAME OF RIVERSIDE SELECTED TOP PERFORMERS IN "AA" & "A" BASKETBALL

FOR RELEASE: FRIDAY, MARCH 22nd...A.M.

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Two of Southern California's premier basketball practitioners — center Rusty Blair from San Luis Obispo High School and Ronald Montoya, sharp-shooting guard from Notre Dame High in Riverside — have been named Players of the Year in C.I.F. Southern Section basketball for the 1968 season. Selection of Blair and Montoya, selected to head "AA" and "A" Division all-star teams, was made by members of the Helms Athletic Foundation's All-Southern California Board of Basketball at its annual selection meeting at Helms Hall.

The selection of Blair as "AA" Division Player of the Year was virtually a foregone conclusion. Coach Joe Leonard, in his evaluation of Blair, stated that Rusty "Could win us the CIF championship...he's a tremendous all-around player." Well, Blair fell short of winning the title for the Tigers as they fell before eventual champion Bishop Montgomery in the quarter finals, 73-64. However, Blair did lead his S.L.O. mates to a perfect 10-0 league season, 23 straight wins and a final 26-2 season record. In 28 games Blair scored 716 points for a 25.6 average. He led his team in rebounds with 416, an average of 15 per game and shot 55% from the floor.

As Blair dominated the voting among "AA" Division players, so did Ronald Montoya clearly lead the field among single "A" performers. Coach Jones calls Ron "A great shooter and dribbler and fine ball handler...our league's most valuable player."

Montoya was the Arrowhead League's top scorer with a 27.8 average in 14 ball games. He maintained a 59% shooting percentage during the league season and 78% from the foul line. In overall season play held up his average with 28 points per battle and his shooting percentage remained a very respectable 57.2%. Ron has scored a total of 1,315 points during his four years on the varsity and has been All-Arrowhead League for three straight years.

Both Rusty Blair and Ron Montoya will be honored at the 31st annual All-Southern California Board of Basketball Awards Program to be held at Helms Hall on Saturday morning, March 30th at 10:30 a.m. Blair and Montoya will be recipients of Helms medallion awards recognizing them as Players of the Year for 1968. All players named for "AA" and "A" honors will be recipients of framed scroll awards, presented to them by members of the Helms Board along with distinguished personalities from the field of basketball.

Only one school, champion Bishop Montgomery, placed more than one player on the "AA" Division honor teams. The Camino Real champion, which finished the season with a 28-4 record, defeated Saddleback 73-57, Bassett 68-61, San Luis Obispo 73-64, Indio 88-65 and San Marino in the finale 70-54. Performers named to the two, ten-man teams are Larry Wiggins, high-scoring forward, on the first team, and Steve Patterson and Greg Collins on the second ten.

In "A" Division selections, title-winning Valley Christian paced all-star team performers with two players making the first ten. Semi-finalists Santa Ynez, Aquinas and Big Bear landed a pair of performers, as did Desert-Inyo League champion Paraclete. The Valley Christian Crusaders, Olympic League champions, marched through the "A" Division playoffs on their way to a 25-1 season with wins over Mojave 94-51, Paraclete 64-55, Santa Ynez 50-49 and then a 71-66 win over Aquinas in the finals.

Three players return from last year's honor teams. St Bernard's Jim Sullivan was a second team choice in 1967 in the "AA" Division, while John Hallimore of Big Bear and Larry Partain of Beaumont were selected on the first "A" team one year ago. Eighteen schools are represented on the "AA" Division teams, while 15 schools have representatives on the "A" squads.

All Southern California Board of Basketball selections have been made since 1938 by members of the press throughout the Southland. Those making the selections for the current season include Ralph Alexander, Marshall Klein, Al Ames, Chuck Thomas, Ken Pivernetz, Tyler Welshimer, Eddie West, Claude Anderson, Bob MacLaughlin, David Lopez, Gordon Verrell, Mike Waldner, Bernard Comas, John Strey, Mennie Pineda, Jim Sirody, Wally Wilson, Phil Patton, Garland Rose and Wayne Wilson. Buddy Dyer and Bill Schroeder serve as secretary and chairman of the selection committee respectively.

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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.	LARRY WIGGINS.....	BISHOP MONTGOMERY.....	6-2	175	Sr.	595-27	22.0
F.	BOB BURGE.....	RUBIDOUX.....	6-4	180	Sr.	731-23	33.3
F.	BOB MURLEY.....	SAN MARINO.....	6-3	180	Sr.	378-24	15.6
F.	DOUGLAS LITTLE.....	SAN MARCOS.....	6-3	190	Jr.	525-27	19.4
C.	RUSTY BLAIR.....	SAN LUIS OBISPO.....	6-8	200	Sr.	716-28	25.6
C.	CLIFF STRAIT.....	NORTH RIVERSIDE.....	6-6	195	Sr.	662-24	23.4
G.	SAM GVIJANOVICH.....	SANTA CLARA.....	6-1	175	Sr.	422-28	15.1
G.	PAT DOUGLASS.....	KENNEDY, BARSTOW.....	6-1	175	Sr.	651-28	22.5
G.	BILL HARPER.....	INDIO.....	5-9	168	Sr.	457-29	18.3
G.	*JIM SULLIVAN.....	ST. BERNARD.....	6-0	160	Sr.	225-15	15.0

SECOND TEAM

F.	ROGER HOBBS.....	ORANGE.....	6-2	185	Sr.	401-23	17.1
F.	JACK TROTTER.....	FOOTHILL.....	6-2	180	Sr.	630-26	24.0
F.	JIM NEAL.....	SAN GABRIEL.....	6-5	170	Sr.	491-27	17.6
F.	WILLIAM BASCUS.....	BRAWLEY.....	6-5	190	Sr.	489-24	21.5
C.	TIM WALTON.....	BONITA.....	6-5	180	Sr.	592-24	24.7
C.	STEVE PATTERSON.....	BISHOP MONTGOMERY.....	6-4	185	Sr.	357-27	13.2
G.	GREG COLLINS.....	BISHOP MONTGOMERY.....	6-1	175	Jr.	270-27	10.0
G.	DON NEWTON.....	GAREY.....	6-0	160	Jr.	460-26	17.7
G.	MIKE ADAMS.....	ANTELOPE VALLEY.....	5-10	145	Sr.	364-26	15.2
G.	BOB HALLETT.....	LASUEN.....	6-3	185	Sr.	504-24	21.0

* Named to 2nd "AA" Team in '67

ALL-SOUTHERN SECTION CIF "A" DIVISION BASKETBALL TEAM

F.	TED SAAR.....	AQUINAS.....	6-3	175	Sr.	235-14	16.8
F.	TIM TIEMENS.....	VALLEY CHRISTIAN.....	6-3	185	Sr.	401-26	15.3
F.	JIM BLAUER.....	BIG BEAR.....	6-2	168	Sr.	514-24	25.8
F.	ERIC SORENSEN.....	SANTA YNEZ.....	6-2	175	Sr.	335-20	16.7
C.	MACK McDERMOTT.....	MOORPARK.....	6-6	250	Sr.	555-27	20.6
C.	CHRIS UETZ.....	MOJAVE.....	6-2	200	Sr.	353-23	15.0
G.	BOB DeJONG.....	VALLEY CHRISTIAN.....	6-4	184	Sr.	354-26	13.6
G.	JOHN KINSELLA.....	BISHOP DIEGO.....	6-1	155	Sr.	507-23	22.0
G.	STEVE HURST.....	DESERT.....	6-0	160	Sr.	536-19	28.1
G.	RONALD MONTOYA.....	NOTRE DAME, RIVERSIDE	6-1	160	Sr.	667-24	28.0

SECOND TEAM

F.	CHRIS DLUZAK.....	PARACLETE.....	6-1	185	Sr.	182-26	11.4
F.	JOHN FITZGERALD.....	SANTA YNEZ.....	6-3	175	Sr.	305-20	15.3
F.	*NICK TENNERIELLO.....	COLBERT.....	6-2	170	Sr.	344-10	34.4
F.	*LARRY PARTAIN.....	BEAUMONT.....	5-11	155	Sr.	440-22	20.0
C.	*JOHN HALLIMORE.....	BIG BEAR.....	6-4	185	Sr.	488-24	21.0
C.	OTIS BOOTH.....	POLY, PASADENA.....	6-2	205	Jr.	230-16	14.4
G.	JOHN MAHONEY.....	PARACLETE.....	6-0	150	Sr.	146-26	10.6
G.	JOHN HEALY.....	AQUINAS.....	5-9	175	Sr.	267-27	9.9
G.	KENNETH BRANN.....	ST. GENEVIEVE.....	6-1	160	Sr.	320-20	16.0
G.	HOWARD COALE.....	CHADWICK.....	5-6	150	Sr.	350-17	20.6

* Named to 1st "A" Team in '67 #New CIF single-game scoring mark 74 points

ALL-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA "AA-A" DIVISION BASKETBALL PLAYERS OF 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 ss	1964	Jerry Sharman.....	Charter Oak AA
	Bill Dennis.....	Citrus		Andy Herrera.....	Santa Clara A
1953	Clyde Cook.....	Laguna Beach ss	1965	Ken Heitz.....	Righetti AA
1954	Mike Gray.....	Claremont ss		Dean Duistermars.....	Valley Christian A
1955	John Arrillaga..	Morningside ss	1966	Steve Patterson...	Santa Maria AA
1956	Charles Jordan..	Palm Springs ss		Mike Terwilliger...	Bellarmine-Jeff A
1957	Bill Kilmer.....	Citrus ss	1967	Carl Skidmore.....	South Pasadena AA
1958	Terry Hermann...	Orange		George Valle.....	Nordhoff A
1959	Bob Sommers.....	San Marino ss	1968	Rusty Blair.....	San Luis Obispo AA
1960	Steve Miller....	Santa Clara ss		Ronald Montoya....	Notre Dame, Riverside
1961	Bob Bedell.....	Bell Gardens AA-A			
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1963	Bob Henderson...	Laguna Beach A			
	Ramon Sanchez...	Calxico AA-A			

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