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LONG BEACH POLY STARS MICHAEL WILEY & JOHNNY NASH NAMED TOP PLAYERS IN CIF "4-A" DIVISION BASKETBALL FOR 1976

FOR RELEASE: TUESDAY, MARCH 30 ...am's ***KINDLY HONOR RELEASE DATE!!!

POLYTECHNIC HIGH SCHOOL OF LONG BEACH BASKETBALL STARS MICHAEL WILEY AND JOHNNY NASH, FOLLOWING IN A LONG, LONG LINE OF BEACH CITY BASKETBALL STARS, HAVE BEEN NAMED CO-PLAYERS OF THE YEAR IN 4-A BASKETBALL FOR THE 1976 SEASON. TEAMS, ANNUALLY SELECTED BY CITIZENS SAVINGS ATHLETIC FOUNDATIONS ALL-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BOARD OF ATHLETICS, WERE RELEASED TODAY THROUGH THE ATHLETIC FOUNDATION. THE CO-PLAYER DESIGNATION HAS BEEN METED OUT ON ONLY FOUR PREVIOUS OCCASIONS BY THE BOARD SINCE 1938 AND ODDLY ENOUGH IT WAS TWO POLY PLAYERS LAST HONORED IN TANDEM....JUST 10 YEARS AGO. THEIR NAMES....CHUCK MOORE & TRENT GAINES.

BUT BACK TO THIS YEAR'S POLY STARS, WILEY AND NASH, WHO LED THE JACK-RABBITS TO THE SCHOOL'S 10TH CIF TITLE (A RECORD) AND A BRILLIANT 30-1 SEASON.

OBSERVERS AGREED THAT IT WAS COACH RON PALMER'S BIG MEN...6-8, SENIOR CENTER MICHAEL WILEY & 6-6, SENIOR FORWARD JOHNNY NASH...WHO GOT THE JACKRABBITS TO THE 4-A THRONEROOM. MOORE LEAGUE COACHES WERE SPLIT AS TO THEIR OPPONENT MVP, BUT EACH AGREED IT WAS ONE OR THE OTHER AND THAT POLY PROBABLY WOULDN'T HAVE WON THE CROWN WITHOUT BOTH.

NASH LED THE CLUB IN REBOUNDS, AVERAGING 13.7...WILEY AVERAGED 11.3. NASH AVERAGED 15.2 POINTS PER GAME...WILEY 17.1 AND HAD A 25-POINT AVERAGE OVER THE FINAL NINE-GAME STRETCH. NASH WAS 56% FROM THE FLOOR...WILEY WAS 64%. WILEY WAS MVP OF THE 4-A & 3-A PORTION OF THE PLAYOFFS AND WAS ALSO MVP OF THE GLENDALE TOURNAMENT. NASH WAS NAMED MVP AT SAN DIMAS & CO-MVP AT BEVERLY HILLS.

POLY'S LONE LOSS IN '76 WAS TO COMPTON, 55-53, IN AN OVERTIME LEAGUE GAME. COACH PALMER'S POLYTECHNICS WINNERS OF 30 GAMES, WHICH TIED CUPERTINO OF SUNNYVALE FOR GAMES-WON HONORS IN THE STATE, DEFEATED FONTANA (71-53), CENTENNIAL (74-65), SANTA BARBARA (44-36), VERBUM DEI (50-46) AND BUENA OF VENTURA (69-50) IN THE TITLE GAME. THE JACKRABBITS DEFEATED PLAYOFF FOES BY AN AVERAGE OF 10½ POINTS PER GAME.

39TH ANNUAL BASKETBALL AWARDS AT MAGIC MOUNTAIN PARK ON SAT., APRIL 10

AMP VOIT BASKETBALLS AWARDED TO ALL PLAYERS

All Players named for honors on the 4-A Division All-Southern California Basketball Team for 1976 will receive recognition at the 39th annual basketball awards program to be held at Magic Mountain Park on Saturday morning, April 10 at 10:30 am.

Players coaches and friends will be the special guests of Magic Mountain at awards ceremonies to be held in the Showcase Theater. The 1976 program will mark the 4th year that Southern California's finest prep basketball players have been honored at Magic Mountain.

Traditional awards will be presented to each of the honored players (framed scroll awards), with MVP's Wiley and Nash receiving the traditional bronze medallion awards.

AMP VOIT Basketballs will go to each of the honored players...a tradition that goes back some 20-odd years.

Thirty-three players, representing 27 high schools, are on this year's 4-A all-stars. Five players are repeaters off the 1975 squad, co-players of the year Nash and Wiley being two of these.

Marina's senior guard Rich Branning was a first team member last year, while Don Carfino of St. John Bosco and Daryll Adams of Morningside were named to the 4-A second team in '75.

Six lower classmen made the 1975 honor teams, while eight are on the '76 all-stars. One seven-footer, Glendale junior center Brett Barnett, was named to the third team. Smallest player...Centennial guard Lorenzo Watts, 5-7 and 155-pounds....proves there is still a place for the little man in basketball.

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1 9 7 6 - ALL-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA "AAAA" DIVISION BASKETBALL - 1 9 7 6

FIRST TEAM		"AAAA"					
POSITION	PLAYER	SCHOOL	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	YEAR	AGE	
FORWARD...	+ JOHNNY NASH.....	POLY, LONG BEACH...	6'6"	185	Senior	15	
FORWARD...	MARCUS HAMILTON.....	VERBUM DEI.....	6'6"	205	Senior	17	
FORWARD...	JAMES McCLOSKEY...	ESTANCIA.....	6'6"	196	Senior	23	
FORWARD...	JOHN WHITE.....	MILLIKAN.....	6'5"	185	Junior	17	
CENTER....	+ MICHAEL WILEY.....	POLY, LONG BEACH...	6'7"	180	Senior	17	
CENTER....	DAN HOWELL.....	BUENA.....	6'6"	200	Senior	19	
GUARD.....	* RICH BRANNING.....	MARINA.....	6'3"	160	Senior	27	
GUARD.....	+ DON CARFINO.....	ST. JOHN BOSCO.....	6'2"	185	Senior	26	
GUARD.....	CLIFFORD SANCHEZ...	VERBUM DEI.....	5'11"	170	Senior	20	
GUARD.....	BOB VOGELSONG.....	EDISON.....	5'11"	155	Senior	21	
GUARD.....	GEORGE RATKOVICH..	ALHAMBRA.....	6'0"	170	Junior	21	

SECOND TEAM		"AAAA"					
FORWARD...	PAUL WILSON.....	FONTANA.....	6'5"	202	Senior	23	
FORWARD...	STEVE CRANDELL.....	SANTA BARBARA.....	6'6"	195	Junior	11	
FORWARD...	MARVIN HERNDON.....	COMPTON.....	6'4"	195	Junior	18	
FORWARD...	MICHAEL ANDERSON..	PASADENA.....	6'4"	180	Senior	14	
CENTER....	STEVE JOHNSON.....	SAN GORGONIO.....	6'9"	205	Senior	19	
CENTER....	ALEX BLACK.....	CORONA DEL MAR.....	6'6"	225	Junior	16	
GUARD.....	LORENZO WATTS.....	CENTENNIAL.....	5'7"	155	Senior	17	
GUARD.....	JIM ELENZ.....	MATER DEI.....	6'1"	170	Senior	18	
GUARD.....	KEITH LEVEL.....	BUENA.....	6'3"	155	Senior	18	
GUARD.....	MARK MATTOS.....	SAN MARCOS.....	6'0"	175	Senior	26	
GUARD.....	ED WHITE.....	SANTA BARBARA.....	6'4"	190	Senior	15	

THIRD TEAM		"AAAA"					
FORWARD...	JOHN MAYFIELD.....	CRESCENTA VALLEY...	6'9"	205	Senior	22	
FORWARD...	BRETT BEAVER.....	TORRANCE.....	6'6"	195	Senior	20	
FORWARD...	JAMES HUGHES.....	POLY, LONG BEACH...	6'4"	178	Senior	10	
FORWARD...	DARNELL MARABLE...	MUIR.....	6'2"	165	Junior	14	
FORWARD...	MARK McQUAID.....	CHAFFEY.....	6'4"	200	Senior	20	
CENTER....	MARK ROBINSON.....	MUIR.....	6'5"	174	Senior	18	
CENTER....	BRETT BARNETT.....	GLENDALE.....	7'0"	200	Junior	17	
GUARD.....	# DARYLL ADAMS.....	MORNINGSIDE.....	6'3"	190	Senior	18	
GUARD.....	RUSSELL BROWN.....	INGLEWOOD.....	5'10"	145	Junior	13	
GUARD.....	PERRY HARBIN.....	HUNTINGTON BEACH...	6'1"	160	Senior	20	
GUARD.....	GARY MULDER.....	L.B. WILSON.....	6'1"	160	Senior	21	

* 1st Team '75 + 2nd Team '75 # 3rd Team '75

ALL-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BOARD OF BASKETBALL PLAYERS OF THE YEAR...1938 - 1976

1938	Stuart Lewis.....Whittier	1957	Alvin Claiborne.....Mt. Carmel
1939	Bob Howard.....Poly, L.B.	1958	John Rudometkin.....Santa Maria
1940	Ed Gillean.....Poly, L.B.	1959	Darrell Sutherland...Glendale
1941	Horace Brightman...Wilson, L.B.	1960	Thomas Dose.....Glendale
1942	Irving Noren.....Pasadena	1961	Fred Goss.....Compton
1943	Alan Grimley.....Glendale	1962	Douglas Bolcom.....Arcadia
	Bob Hobbs.....Orange	1963	Loy Peterson.....Anaheim
1944	Robert Robbins.....Poly, L.B.	1964	David Lawyer.....Oxnard
1945	Richard Barnes.....Hoover, S.D.	1965	Lynn Shackelford...Burrroughs
1946	Hugh Stewart.....So. Pasadena	1966	Chuck Moore.....Poly, L.B.
1947	Houston Faulkner...Anaheim		Trent Gaines.....Poly, L.B.
1948	Bob Johnson.....Whittier	1967	Dana Pagett.....El Segundo
1949	Wayne Kopren.....Whittier	1968	Paul Westphal.....Aviation
1950	Mark Costello.....El Monte	1969	Larry Hollyfield...Compton
1951	Ronald Bane.....Alhambra	1970	Keith Wilkes.....Santa Barb.
1952	George Selleck.....Compton	1971	Raymond Lewis.....Verbum Dei
1953	Bill Bond.....St. Anthony	1972	Lewis Brown.....Verbum Dei
1954	Larry Hauser.....Mt. Carmel	1973	Lewis Brown.....Verbum Dei
1955	Fred Cabtree.....Covina	1974	Mark Wulfmeyer.....Troy
1956	Jerry Pimm.....Montebello	1975	David Greenwood...Verbum Dei
	Jim Hanna.....Poly, L.B.	1976	Johnny Nash.....L.B. Poly
1957	George Van Vliet...Whittier		Michael Wiley.....L.B. Poly

ALL-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BOARD OF BASKETBALL - 1976

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1 9 7 6 - ALL- SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA "AAA" DIVISION BASKETBALL TEAM - 1 9 7 6

F I R S T T E A M "AAA"						
POSITION	P L A Y E R	S C H O O L	HGHT	WGHT	YEAR	AVG
FORWARD....	DOUG WIDTFELDT....	LA MIRADA.....	6'8"	200	Senior	25.
FORWARD....	KELLY JOHNSON.....	ARROYO.....	6'5"	170	Senior	26.
FORWARD....	TOM FREEMAN.....	LYNWOOD.....	6'2"	175	Junior	18.
FORWARD....	LEO GONZALES.....	LOS AMIGOS.....	6'6"	185	Senior	19.
CENTER.....	ED FRATES.....	CAMARILLO.....	6'8"	215	Senior	21.
CENTER..... #	DARRELL ALLUMS.....	LYNWOOD.....	6'8"	230	Senior	18.
CENTER..... *	GIG SIMS.....	REDONDO.....	6'9½"	200	Senior	27.
GUARD..... *	JAMES McCLOUD.....	NORTH (RIV.).....	6'2"	170	Senior	23.
GUARD..... +	GARY CARPENTER.....	GAREY.....	6'5"	180	Senior	19.
GUARD..... +	GENE SAM.....	PALM SPRINGS.....	6'1"	160	Senior	19.
GUARD..... #	MANDY SIMMONS.....	CABRILLO.....	5'7"	140	Senior	15.
S E C O N D T E A M "AAA"						
FORWARD....	BRIAN LOMSDEN.....	WARREN.....	6'3"	185	Senior	19.
FORWARD.... +	CLIFFORD BOYD.....	VICTOR VALLEY.....	6'3"	180	Senior	16.
FORWARD....	TIM KNIGHT.....	RAMONA.....	6'6"	185	Senior	16.
FORWARD....	JAY LUCAS.....	FULLERTON.....	6'3"	178	Senior	17.
CENTER.....	BEN ANDERSON.....	ROLLING HILLS.....	6'4"	190	Senior	15.
CENTER.....	DAVID WEAR.....	RANCHO ALAMITOS.....	6'8"	225	Senior	21.
GUARD.....	TOM DAY.....	DOWNEY.....	6'3"	175	Senior	16.
GUARD.....	ERNIE WHEELER.....	SAN LUIS OBISPO.....	6'2"	160	Senior	25.
GUARD.....	TYREN NAULLS.....	LYNWOOD.....	6'2"	185	Soph.	12.
GUARD.....	EDGAR THOMAS.....	RAMONA.....	6'2"	160	Senior	13.
T H I R D T E A M "AAA"						
FORWARD....	STEWART WOODS.....	MIRA COSTA.....	6'2"	160	Senior	21.
FORWARD.... #	DEMARCO LUCKEY.....	OXNARD.....	6'5"	185	Senior	17.
FORWARD....	D.J. WALLACE.....	ANTELOPE VALLEY.....	6'3"	175	Senior	24.
FORWARD.... #	TONY HODGES.....	CATHEDRAL.....	6'2"	180	Senior	21.
FORWARD....	GEORGE BEARD.....	CORONA.....	6'3"	180	Senior	29.
CENTER.....	ERIC CHILDS.....	MONROVIA.....	6'5"	195	Senior	16.
CENTER.....	RICH GARWACKI.....	SOUTH HILLS.....	6'2"	165	Senior	17.
GUARD.....	MARK SCHNEIDER.....	CAMARILLO.....	5'10"	150	Senior	12.
GUARD.....	SERGIO LUGO.....	VICTOR VALLEY.....	5'10"	150	Senior	19.
GUARD.....	KEVIN McCLANAHAN.....	RAMONA.....	6'0"	150	Senior	13.
GUARD.....	GEORGE TERRY.....	GANESHA.....	5'10"	160	Senior	20.

* 1st Team '75 + 2nd Team '75 # 3rd Team '75

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(Note: Thanks also to Mike Peck, Mike Kennedy and Toby Zwickel for the expert assistance during the basketball selections)

PAST "AAA" DIVISION C.I.F. PLAYERS OF THE YEAR 1969 - 1976						
1969	Doug Little.....	San Marcos.....	6'3"	195	25.3 Avg.	
1970	Raymond Lewis.....	Verbum Del.....	8'0"	160	21.3 Avg.	
1971	Jim Bogdanowicz.....	West Covina.....	6'5"	165	15.7 Avg.	
1972	Mark Steinmeyer.....	Katella.....	6'2"	165	18.3 Avg.	
1973	Terry Tate.....	Murphy.....	6'6"	185	25.0 Avg.	
1974	Mark Scott.....	San Gabriel.....	6'4"	175	24.8 Avg.	
	Mike Santos.....	Morningside.....	6'7"	210	19.2 Avg.	
1975	Ray Ellis.....	San Gabriel.....	6'11"	230	28.0 Avg.	
1976	Gig Sims.....	Redondo.....	6'9½"	200	27.0 Avg.	

A M F V O I T B A S K E T B A L L S T O H O N O R E D P L A Y E R S
 Something that has now become traditional at All-Southern California Board of Basketball (and Football) Awards Programs, is the awarding of special AMF VOIT awards to the honored southland players. Commemorative basketballs will be presented to all honorees -- both Southern Section and Los Angeles City Section of the C.I.F. players -- at the 39th annual program at Magic Mountain on Sat., April 10, 10:30

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GIG SIMS, REDONDO'S 6-10 CENTER, RUNAWAY MVP SELECTION IN "AAA" BASKETBALL FOR '76

FOR RELEASE: MONDAY, MARCH 29 11:30 AM ***KINDLY OBSERVE RELEASE DATE!!!

GIG SIMS, WHOM REDONDO HIGH SCHOOL COACH HARRY DINNEL CALLS... "THE MOST GAME-DOMINATING PLAYER IN SOUTH BAY HIGH SCHOOL HISTORY", HAS BEEN NAMED 3A DIVISION BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR FOR 1976 BY MEMBERS OF CITIZENS SAVINGS ATHLETIC FOUNDATION'S ALL-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BOARD OF BASKETBALL ON HONOR TEAMS RELEASED TODAY THROUGH THE ATHLETIC FOUNDATION. SIMS, A FIRST-TEAM 3A SELECTION LAST YEAR, AVERAGED 27 POINTS PER GAME OVER A 29-GAME SEASON AND ACCOUNTED FOR 16 REBOUNDS PER GAME.

SEA HAWKS COACH DINNEL CALLS HIS 6-10 CENTER "THE BEST PLAYER IN THE COUNTRY....ALTHOUGH I ADMIT NOT HAVING SEEN THEM ALL. SIMS WAS OUR TEAM...OUR BEST BALL HANDLER, DRIBBLER, SCORER, REBOUNDER....YOU NAME IT. WE WERE PRESSED IN EVERY GAME, BUT SIMS PROVIDED US WITH THE STEADINESS THAT LED TO OUR GOOD SEASON."

AND A GOOD SEASON IT WAS FOR THE SEA HAWKS, WHO WON THE OCEAN LEAGUE TITLE AND PROGRESSED INTO THE PLAYOFFS WHERE SIMS & COMPANY ELIMINATED OXNARD, 49-37. NOT SO FORTUNATE IN THE SECOND ROUND, REDONDO FELL BEFORE CABRILLO, 45-43, ALTHOUGH SIMS WAS THE GAME'S HIGH SCORER....AS USUAL...WITH 18 POINTS.

LYNWOOD, THE "AAA" CHAMPION FOR 1976 AND ONE OF TWO SCHOOLS (SEMI-FINALIST RAMONA BEING THE OTHER) TO LAND THREE PLAYERS ON THE DIVISIONAL HONOR TEAMS, HAD COMFORTABLE SAILING THROUGH THE EARLY PLAYOFF ROUNDS WITH A 95-72 FIRST-ROUND WIN OVER BOLSA GRANDE, A 72-58 ROMP OVER SAN GABRIEL AND A 77-66 "BREEZE" OVER SOUTH HILLS. THINGS GREW TOUGHER FOR THE KNIGHTS IN THE SEMI-FINALS, 67-63 OVER RAMONA, AND THEN DOWNRIGHT NAIL-BITING IN THE FINAL AGAINST PALM SPRINGS, 71-70.

PALM SPRINGS, SO SUCCESSFULLY COACHED BY BILL ARMSTRONG OVER THE PAST FEW SEASONS, BEAT SANTIAGO (84-71), LA MIRADA (58-56), CABRILLO (97-72) AND FULLERTON (60-51) PRIOR TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME WITH LYNWOOD

39TH SOUTHLAND BASKETBALL AWARDS CEREMONIES AT MAGIC MT. ON APRIL 10

All players named for honors on the 3A Division All-Southern California High School Basketball Team for 1976 will be honored guests for the 39th annual basketball awards program to be held at Magic Mountain's Showcase Theater on Sat. morning, April 10 at 10:30 am.

Players, coaches and friends will be the special guests of Magic Mt. at awards ceremonies being conducted at the Valencia fun facility for the 4th consecutive year.

AMF VOIT BASKETBALLS AWARDED TO HONORED PLAYERS

Citizens Savings Athletic Foundation's traditional framed-scroll awards will go to each honored player, as will special commemorative basketballs, which AMF VOIT INC has so kindly presented over the past 20-odd years. Player of the Year Gig Sims will be recipient of the traditional bronze medallion award.

Thirty-two players, representing 26 southland high schools have been named to the 1976 all-stars in the "AAA" Division. Champion Lynwood and semi-finalist Ramona placed three players on this year's all-stars, while Camarillo and Victor Valley each landed two performers each.

No less than nine players selected on the 1976 honor teams are repeaters. Two of these -- first team guard James McCloud from North Riverside and third team forward Tony Hodges of Cathedral -- have been honored on the team over the past three seasons. McCloud, a first team guard in '75, was on the 2nd team in '74, while Hodges repeats for the third year on the third team.

There won't be quite the number of repeaters on next year's all-stars, since there are but two lower classmen on the teams. Lynwood's sensational forward Tom Freeman is a junior, while his teammate Tyren Mauls, is but a sophomore.

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**JOHN GREER, THREE-TIME ALL-CIF CHOICE, IS
"AA" DIVISION BASKETBALL MVP CHOICE IN '76**

FOR RELEASE: FRIDAY, MARCH 26 ... am's ***KINDLY HONOR RELEASE DATE!!!

JOHN GREER, 6-6, 210-POUND SENIOR CENTER FOR COACH DOUG STOCKHAM'S DE ANZA LEAGUE CHAMPIONS AND A MEMBER OF THE ALL-CIF "A" TEAM THE PAST TWO SEASONS (THE TIGERS MOVED UP TO "AA" PLAY IN 1976) WAS NAMED PLAYER OF THE YEAR FOR 1976 IN HIS DIVISION AS MEMBERS OF CITIZENS SAVINGS ATHLETIC FOUNDATION'S ALL-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BOARD OF BASKETBALL MET TO MAKE THEIR 39TH ANNUAL HARDCOURT SELECTIONS. A UNANIMOUS SELECTION AS "AA" DIVISION MVP, AS THE THREE-TIME ALL-CIFer NOTCHED THE HIGHEST AVERAGE IN THE STATE FOR 1976...34.6 POINTS IN 25 GAMES.

POSSESSED OF REMARKABLE SHOOTING ABILITY, GREER HAD SIX GAMES IN THE 20s, SIX IN THE 30s, 12 GAMES OVER 40 AND ONE GAME (54) OVER 50. HIS LOW EFFORT WAS 23 POINTS. THE TIGERS WERE 21-4 FOR THE YEAR, AS THE BIG SENIOR CENTER CARRIED HIS TEAM TO THE SECOND ROUND OF THE PLAYOFFS. ELSINORE BETTERED SAN CLEMENTE, 79-67, BEFORE LOSING TO SONORA, 73-52.

WITH 865 POINTS THIS SEASON, GREER ACCOUNTED FOR 2,108 POINTS OVER HIS THREE ALL-CIF SEASONS, HIS TEAM GOING 70-11 DURING THAT SPAN. HIS THREE YEAR AVERAGE STANDS AT 25.3-POINTS PER GAME. GREER WAS 52% FROM THE FLOOR AND HE GATHERED 425 REBOUNDS...A 17.8 AVERAGE.

GREER & OTHER ALL-STARS HONORED AT MAGIC MOUNTAIN ON APRIL 10TH

Johnny Greer and all other "AA" Division athletes honored on this year's team will be the honored guests of the officials at Magic Mountain Park at the 39th annual All-Southern California Board of Basketball Awards Program, sponsored by the Citizens Savings Athletic Foundation.

Players, coaches and friends will be the special guests of Magic Mountain at awards ceremonies to be conducted in the Showcase Theater. The 1976 program will mark the 4th year that Southern California's finest prep basketball talent has been honored at the Valencia fun facility.

AMF VOIT BASKETBALLS AWARDED TO ALL-STAR TEAM PLAYERS

AMF VOIT Basketballs will go to each honored player...a tradition which goes back into the early fifties. AMF VOIT has long shown its interest in Southern California youth with the awarding of basketballs and footballs to the annual all-star team members.

Twenty-four schools are represented on the 30-player, three-team selections, with six schools landing two performers. Mission Viejo, San Marino, Santa Clara, El Dorado, Alta Loma and Aviation each placed two players...as five juniors found their way onto the honor teams.

Rowland High School defeated Mission Viejo for the 2A Championship, 41-38. Rowland ended its season with a 23-6 record, having entered the tournament as the Montview League's No. 2 entry. Workman, the Montview League's No. 1 team, was eliminated by Moreno Valley in the second round, 72-59. The low-scoring 2A finale was the result of extremely poor accuracy on the part of both finalists, as the shooting from the floor and the line was erratic...falling well below 50%.

On their way to the "AA" title Rowland's Raiders routed Perris (90-63), Alta Loma (70-65), El Dorado (58-39), San Marino (65-57) and then Mission Viejo (41-38). Mission Viejo, the South Coast League champion, finished the year with a 24-5 record.

High School all-star team selections have been made by Citizens Savings Athletic Foundation's All-Southern California Board of Athletics since 1937. All players named for honors by this board of Southland sports journalists receive Foundation awards and have their exploits filed in the Foundation's sports library.

The library, finest of its kind in the world, is open to the public without charge for research purposes.

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1 9 7 6 - ALL-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA "AA" DIVISION BASKETBALL - 1 9 7 6

F I R S T		T E A M		"AA"				
POSITION	P L A Y E R	S C H O O L	HGHT	WGHT	YEAR	AVG.		
FORWARD.....	RUSTY CWENS.....	ROWLAND.....	6'5"	205	Senior	14.0		
FORWARD.....	GREG GOMES.....	LEUZINGER.....	6'5"	175	Junior	24.2		
FORWARD.....	TIM SHAW.....	CANYON (V.P.).....	6'3"	160	Senior	21.1		
FORWARD.....	ROGER ANDERSON.....	SAN MARINO.....	6'6"	190	Senior	22.4		
CENTER.....++	JOHN GREER.....	ELSINORE.....	6'6"	210	Senior	34.6		
CENTER.....	STEVE SAWYER.....	MISSION VIEJO.....	6'5"	190	Senior	14.5		
GUARD.....*	TOM CODY.....	SANTA CLARA.....	5'11"	170	Senior	17.2		
GUARD.....#	BLAKE WITHERS.....	EL DORADO.....	6'2"	165	Senior	16.1		
GUARD.....+	AL WINTERS.....	MORENO VALLEY.....	6'3"	170	Senior	15.2		
GUARD.....	BILL MORALES.....	WORKMAN.....	6'0"	185	Junior	14.0		
S E C O N D		T E A M		"AA"				
FORWARD.....	TONY VASQUEZ.....	ALTA LOMA.....	6'2"	180	Senior	16.2		
FORWARD.....	TIM SIEFKEN.....	NORDHOFF.....	6'6"	205	Senior	21.2		
FORWARD.....	STEVE PARKS.....	LAWDALE.....	6'5"	185	Senior	18.4		
FORWARD.....	DAVID ZOGG.....	MISSION VIEJO.....	6'5"	175	Senior	11.6		
CENTER.....	BILL RUTZ.....	SAN MARINO.....	6'6"	190	Senior	22.3		
CENTER.....	DAVE KNUDSEN.....	SONORA.....	6'7"	210	Senior	17.9		
GUARD.....	DON MORROW.....	AVIATION.....	5'9"	160	Junior	14.2		
GUARD.....+	ALBERT RODGERS.....	LENNOX.....	6'0"	170	Senior	29.0		
GUARD.....	DAN DAVIDSMAYER.....	YUCAIPA.....	5'11"	165	Senior	25.5		
GUARD.....	GREG RIPHAGEN.....	GAHR.....	6'4"	170	Senior	13.8		
T H I R D		T E A M		"AA"				
FORWARD.....	ROGER SWAVING.....	VALLEY CHRISTIAN...	6'6"	200	Senior	16.2		
FORWARD.....	BRIAN MCCORMICK...	MIRALESTE.....	6'4"	185	Senior	19.3		
FORWARD.....	RORY LOVELL.....	EL DORADO.....	6'7"	195	Senior	16.9		
FORWARD.....	THERMAN HENDERSON.	PERRIS.....	6'6"	180	Junior	19.0		
CENTER.....	JOE GAGNON.....	SANTA CLARA.....	6'6"	205	Senior	17.1		
CENTER.....	STEVE SLY.....	BNITA.....	6'4"	190	Senior	21.7		
GUARD.....	DUSTY DVORAK.....	LAGUNA BEACH.....	6'2"	160	Senior	13.5		
GUARD.....	JOHN MOON.....	AVIATION.....	6'1"	165	Senior	14.5		
GUARD.....	JAMIE EAGLE.....	ALTA LOMA.....	6'0"	145	Senior	8.7		
GUARD.....	MANUEL CRUMP.....	DUARTE.....	5'9"	155	Junior	17.6		

* 1st Team '75 + 2nd Team '75 # 3rd Team '75 ++ 1st Team "A" 1974-75

ALL-CIF SOUTHERN SECTION MVP'S IN "AA" & "A" & "SMALL SCHOOLS" -- 1952-1976							
1952	Don Carter.....	Tustin (SS)	1967	George Valle.....	Nordhoff (A)		
	Bill Dennis.....	Citrus (SS)	1968	Rusty Blair.....	San Luis Obispo (AA)		
1953	Clyde Cook.....	Laguna Bch. (SS)		Ronal Montoya...N.D.	Riverside (A)		
1954	Mike Gray.....	Claremont (SS)	1969	Keith Batiste...Verbum Dei	(AA)		
1955	John Arrillaga...Morningside	(SS)		Steve McFall...Atascadero	(A)		
1956	Charles Jordan...Palm Springs	(SS)	1970	Ray Price.....Temple City	(AA)		
1957	Bill Kilmer.....Citrus	(SS)		Brian Heublein...Pasadena Poly	(A)		
1958	Terry Hermann....Orange	(SS)	1971	Dave Meyers.....Sonora	(AA)		
1959	Bob Sommers....San Marino	(SS)		Larry Reynolds...Lutheran	(A-SS)		
1960	Steve Miller...Santa Clara	(SS)	1972	Luther Philyaw...Murphy	(AA)		
1961	Bob Bedell....Bell Gard.	(AA-A)		Terry Tate.....Murphy	(AA)		
1962	Bob Bedell....Bell Gard.	(AA)		Alvin Joseph.....L.A. Baptist	(A)		
	Bob Henderson..Laguna Bch.	(A)		Kirk Bechtold....29 Palms	(A)		
1963	Ramon Sanchez...Calexico	(AA-A)	1973	Dave Ertel.....La Canada	(AA)		
1964	Jerry Sharman...Charter Oak	(AA)		Bob Hatch.....La Canada	(AA)		
	Andy Herrera....Santa Clara	(A)		Chuck Gulo.....Aquinas	(A)		
1965	Kenny Heitz...Righetti	(AA)	1974	Bill Roemer.....Agoura	(AA)		
	Dean Duistermars..Val. Christ.	(A)		David Bobsin.....Atascadero	(A)		
1966	Steve Patterson...Santa Maria	(AA)	1975	Kevin Heenan....El Dorado	(AA)		
	Mike Terwilliger...Bell-Jeff	(A)		Steve Simpson....Banning	(A)		
	Guy Dimonte.....Bell-Jeff	(A)	1976	John Greer.....Elsinore	(AA)		
1967	Carl Skidmore.....So. Pasadena	(AA)		Shawn Kuhn.....Morro Bay	(A)		

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SHAWN KUHN, STAR OF MORRO BAY'S CIF "A" CHAMPS, NAMED DIVISION MVP FOR '76 SEASON

FOR RELEASE: THURSDAY, MARCH 25...am's ***KINDLY HONOR RELEASE DATE!!

SHAWN KUHN, 6-4, 195-POUND SENIOR FORWARD FOR COACH SAL CARDINALE'S "A" DIVISION CHAMPION PIRATES, HAS BEEN NAMED PLAYER OF THE YEAR IN HIS DIVISION BY ALL-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BOARD OF BASKETBALL IN ANNUAL SELECTIONS RELEASED TODAY THROUGH THE ATHLETIC FOUNDATION. KUHN AND THREE OTHER PIRATE PERFORMERS FIND THEMSELVES ON THE TWO HONOR TEAMS....THE SELECTION BOARD WELL AWARE OF MORRO BAY'S COMPLETE DOMINANCE IN ONE A PLAY IN 1976.

Kuhn led the Morro Bay Pirates through a perfect Los Padres League season and a 26-2 record overall in 1976. Morro Bay's losses coming at the hands of two 3A opponents (losses later reversed) evidenced the school's great superiority in 1A play. This fact was clearly displayed in 1A playoff action, as the Pirates defeated five opponents by an average of over 30 points.

Top rated by his coach, Sal Cardinale, Shawn Kuhn is called "an excellent prospect." He and guard Jack Wheeler averaged 16 points per game over the full season, while junior center Dave McCracken averaged 14.5 points per game. Jack Wheeler's brother, junior guard Chris, was named to the 1A second team.

AWARDS FOR "A" ALL-STARS AT MAGIC MOUNTAIN ON SAT., APRIL 10TH

All-Southern California Board of Athletic's 39th annual Basketball Awards Program will be held at Magic Mountain Park in Valencia on Saturday, April 10 at 10:30 a.m. Players, coaches and parents will be the honored guests of Magic Mountain officials for an afternoon of fun following the awards ceremonies. The 1976 program will mark the 4th year that basketball awards have been presented at Magic Mountain.

AMF - VOIT BASKETBALLS FOR HONORED PLAYERS

Special Voit basketballs will be presented to all honored players at the April 10th awards program. This traditional award, so thoughtfully given by the people at AMF VOIT Inc., dates back to the early fifties.

Fifteen "A" Division schools are represented on the two honor teams for 1976. Finalist Big Bear (for the second straight year) places two players on the team, as does Chadwick a semi-finalist.

On its way to a virtually "untested" title, Morro Bay whipped Cuyama by 45 points (93-48); swamped Coast Union by 58 (109-51); easily dispatched Bishop by 21 (66-45); plastered Pasadena Poly by 26 (85-59); and then eased by Big Bear in the division finale by 13 (67-54).

First and second All-A Division teams follow:

1976 "A" DIVISION ALL-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM....

FIRST TEAM "A"

POSITION	PLAYER	SCHOOL	HGHT	WGHT	YR.	AVG
+ FORWARD...	SHAWN KUHN	MORRO BAY	6-4	190	Sr.	16.0
+ FORWARD...	TERRY MC GRATH	BIG BEAR	6-4	185	Sr.	15.0
FORWARD...	BOB ROSTOCHAR	ST. BONAVENTURE	6-3	210	Jr.	23.2
FORWARD...	DAVE TOCKEY	BISHOP	6-1	170	Sr.	24.2
* FORWARD...	BRENT KING	HERITAGE	6-2	170	Sr.	22.4
CENTER....	JEFF CHURCHILL	BIG BEAR	6-5	203	Sr.	19.5
CENTER....	DAVE MC CRACKEN	MORRO BAY	6-5	185	Jr.	14.5
GUARD.....	JACK WHEELER	MORRO BAY	6-2	165	Sr.	16.0
GUARD.....	BRAD BALDRIDGE	PASADENA POLY	5-11	180	Jr.	18.0
¢ GUARD.....	MIKE BOGDANOV	HUNTINGTON VALLEY CHRISTIAN	6-3	180	Sr.	21.7

SECOND TEAM

FORWARD...	MARK LEWELLEN	SANTA YNEZ	6-2	174	Sr.	15.5
FORWARD...	BEN BRUSH	TRONA	6-3	175	Jr.	15.5
FORWARD...	RALEIGH SADDLER	CHADWICK	6-1	180	Sr.	15.6
FORWARD...	STEVE MC CRAVEY	MONICLAIR PREP	6-3	175	Jr.	13.3
CENTER....	BRIAN EHLERS	CHADWICK	6-4	160	Sr.	18.5
CENTER....	HUGH HOBUS	MARY STAR OF SEA	6-3	195	Jr.	18.4
GUARD.....	JOHN SOTO	HOLTVILLE	6-2	170	Sr.	16.7
GUARD.....	KEN BOOKER	TEHACHAPI	6-3	155	Sr.	15.4
GUARD.....	CHRIS WHEELER	MORRO BAY	6-0	155	Jr.	10.0
GUARD.....	RICK CAPRETTA	PROVIDENCE	6-2	180	Jr.	16.0

+ 1st Team '75 * 2nd Team 1974-75 ¢ 2nd Team '75