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MICHAEL HOLTON (PASADENA) & CLIFF FRUITT (VERBUM DEI) SHARE 4-A MVP BASKETBALL HONOR FOR 1979 SEASON.....

FOR RELEASE: THURSDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 22 pm's ... & Fri. am's

CLIFF FRUITT, WHO LED COACH ELI HAWTHORNE'S VERBUM DEI EAGLES TO THIS YEAR'S CIF SOUTHERN SECTION 4-A CHAMPIONSHIP, AND PASADENA HIGH'S HIGH SCORING GUARD MICHAEL HOLTON, HAVE BEEN NAMED CO-PLAYERS OF THE YEAR IN DIVISION 4-A BASKETBALL BY MEMBERS OF THE CITIZENS SAVINGS ATHLETIC FOUNDATION'S ALL-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BOARD OF BASKETBALL. THE ANNUAL ALL-STAR TEAMS, DATING BACK TO 1938 BY THE FOUNDATION BOARD, WERE RELEASED TODAY BY CITIZENS SAVINGS ATHLETIC FOUNDATION.

FRUITT, WHO LED THE EAGLES BACK INTO NO. 1 POSITION FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1974 WHEN THEY CELEBRATED THEIR 6TH STRAIGHT HARDCOURT TITLE, IS A REPEATER OFF LAST SEASON'S SECOND TEAM WHEN VERBUM DEI LOST IN THE FINAL PLAYOFF GAME TO PASADENA 70-68. DESCRIBED BY HIS COACH AS "A GOOD ALL-AROUND PLAYER", FRUITT LED THE EAGLES TO THE CAMINO REAL TITLE (10-0) AND AN OVERALL 4-A RECORD OF 28-1. IN THE TITLE WIN OVER L.B. POLY THIS YEAR (62-47), FRUITT SHARED HIGH POINT HONORS (16 POINTS) WITH TEAMMATE KIM LEWIS. BOASTING A 3.5 GRADE POINT AVERAGE, FRUITT AVERAGED 18 POINTS FOR THE SEASON.

MICHAEL HOLTON, UNANIMOUS MVP IN THE PACIFIC LEAGUE THIS YEAR, AVERAGED 26.4 POINTS PER GAME WHILE LEADING THE BULLDOGS TO THE LEAGUE TITLE. MVP IN TWO TOURNAMENTS DURING THE YEAR, HOLTON SCORED OVER 40 POINTS IN TWO GAMES THIS SEASON AND HAD 29 IN PASADENA'S FIRST PLAYOFF WIN OVER SANTA BARBARA (70-57). OVER TWO YEARS HOLTON HAS SCORED 1,048 POINTS (A 19.4 POINT AVG.). THE BULLDOGS ARE 48-6 OVER THE PERIOD, GOING 22-4 THIS SEASON AND 26-2 IN LAST YEAR'S TITLE CAMPAIGN.

42ND ANNUAL BASKETBALL AWARDS AT MAGIC MOUNTAIN ON SAT., MARCH 31....

Both Cliff Pruitt and Michael Holton will receive traditional bronze medallion awards for their '79 hardcourt heroics at the 42nd annual All-Southern California Board of Basketball Awards Program at Magic Mountain Park on Saturday morning, March 31, at 10:30 am. This will mark the 6th year that the good people of Magic Mountain Park will host the basketball players and coaches of Southern California and share in the awards ceremonies.

Players, coaches, parents, high school administrators, collegiate coaches and members of the selection board will take part in the festivities, as Citizens Savings Athletic Foundation will present each honored player with a beautiful framed certificate.

AMF VOIT BASKETBALLS TO ALL HONORED PLAYERS

The AMF VOIT Company has again thoughtfully offered to present each all-star with one of its coveted basketballs. AMF VOIT has made these awards to southland basketball players over the past 25-30 years, for which the coaches and players are most grateful.

Thirty-two players representing some 21 high schools have been selected on the 1979 4-A all-stars. Title-winning Verbum Dei led the parade with four players named, while L.B. Poly, Pasadena, Morningside, Inglewood, Oxnard, San Marcos, Marina and Compton placed two players each.

Five players, headed by MVP Cliff Pruitt, are back from last year's all-stars. Ray Whiting, Long Beach Poly's 6-8, 210-pound front-liner, is back on the first team. Bryon Scott, Morningside, was elevated to this year's first team from the '78 second squad along with Pruitt. Mark Sewald, Bishop Montgomery, and Loyola's Cecil Morris were third-team picks one year ago.

On its way to the 4-A crown the Verbum Dei Eagles beat Culver City (60-49), Ocean View (89-53), Crescenta Valley (87-57), Morningside (84-78) and LB Poly (62-47). Five lower classmen are named including San Marcos' sophomore Jon Korfas.

-- pick up teams --

1979 ALL-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA "AAAA" DIVISION BASKETBALL TEAM 1979

***** FIRST TEAM "AAAA" *****

POSITION	PLAYER	SCHOOL	HGHT	WG:TT	YEAR	AVG.
FRONT COURT	* RAY WHITING.....	LONG BEACH POLY....	6'8"	210	Sr.	16.8
FRONT COURT	KEN FIELDS.....	VERBUM DEI.....	6'8"	212	Jr.	12.8
FRONT COURT	+ CLIFF PRUITT.....	VERBUM DEI.....	6'8"	195	Sr.	18.0
FRONT COURT	+ BYRON SCOTT.....	MORNINGSIDE.....	6'4"	190	Sr.	26.2
FRONT COURT	EDDIE GORDON.....	VERBUM DEI.....	6'6"	213	Sr.	14.0
FRONT COURT	REID POOLE.....	CRESCENTA VALLEY...	6'9"	230	Sr.	28.6
BACK COURT	MICHAEL HOLTON.....	PASADENA.....	6'2"	170	Sr.	26.4
BACK COURT	JAMES McDONALD.....	LONG BEACH POLY....	6'6"	202	Sr.	12.6
BACK COURT	RALPH JACKSON.....	INGLEWOOD.....	6'3"	135	Jr.	15.0
BACK COURT	LANCE WASHINGTON...	ST. BERNARD.....	6'1"	175	Sr.	17.0
BACK COURT	# MARK SEWALD.....	BISHOP MONTGOMERY..	6'4"	135	Sr.	20.0

***** SECOND TEAM "AAAA" *****

FRONT COURT	# CECIL MORRIS.....	LOYOLA.....	6'4"	130	Sr.	16.6
FRONT COURT	JOHN SAUNDERS.....	MATER DEI.....	6'4"	190	Sr.	18.1
FRONT COURT	DEREK ANDERSON.....	MORNINGSIDE.....	6'6"	170	Sr.	16.0
FRONT COURT	ED GILLESPIE.....	OXNARD.....	6'3"	130	Sr.	14.0
FRONT COURT	VINCE HINCEN.....	EISENHOWER.....	6'3"	135	Sr.	25.8
FRONT COURT	OMEL NIEVES.....	SAN MARCOS.....	6'1"	135	Sr.	16.5
BACK COURT	MELVIN HERNDON.....	COMPTON.....	6'0"	175	Sr.	19.0
BACK COURT	BRYAN ROBERTS.....	SIMI VALLEY.....	6'2"	175	Sr.	28.1
BACK COURT	JON KORFAS.....	SAN MARCOS.....	5'10"	155	So.	17.9
BACK COURT	HAROLD BROOKS.....	OXNARD.....	6'1"	185	Sr.	17.1

***** THIRD TEAM "AAAA" *****

FRONT COURT	ED STARKS.....	INGLEWOOD.....	6'6"	175	Sr.	16.0
FRONT COURT	RANDY HEIDENREICH..	MARINA.....	6'7"	190	Sr.	13.1
FRONT COURT	ADRIAN PALMER.....	SANTA BARBARA.....	6'6"	175	Sr.	15.0
FRONT COURT	TERRY JONES.....	COMPTON.....	6'4"	170	Sr.	13.0
FRONT COURT	RICKY RODRIGUEZ....	MURPHY.....	6'6"	185	Sr.	21.3
FRONT COURT	VICTOR ANGER.....	CHANNEL ISLANDS....	6'7"	195	Jr.	16.6
FRONT COURT	MIKE LAVELLE.....	MUIR.....	6'4"	195	Sr.	14.9
BACK COURT	STEVE CARFINO.....	ST. JOHN BOSCO.....	6'1"	175	Jr.	24.5
BACK COURT	TRUIETT HATTON.....	MARINA.....	6'1"	155	Sr.	12.6
BACK COURT	CARMEL STEVENS.....	VERBUM DEI.....	6'0"	160	Sr.	10.0
BACK COURT	BOBBY STEPPES.....	PASADENA.....	6'2"	175	Sr.	11.0

| * 1st Team, 1978 + 2nd Team, 1978 # 3rd Team, 1978

ALL-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA "AAAA" BASKETBALL PLAYERS OF THE YEAR 1938-1979

1938	Stuart Lewis.....Whittier	1960	Thomas Dose.....Glendale
1939	Bob Howard.....L.B. Poly	1961	Fred Goss.....Compton
1940	Ed Gillean.....L.B. Poly	1962	Douglas Bolcom.....Arcadia
1941	Hoarce Brightman....L.B. Wilson	1963	Loy Peterson.....Anaheim
1942	Irving Noren.....Pasadena	1964	David Lawyer.....Oxnard
1943	Alan Grimley.....Glendale	1965	Lynn Shackelford....Burrroughs
	Bob Hobbs.....Orange	1966	Chuck Moore.....L.B. Poly
1944	Robert Robbins.....L.B. Poly		Trent Gaines.....L.B. Poly
1945	Richard Barnes.....Hoover, S.D.	1967	Dana Pagett.....El Segundo
1946	Hugh Stewart.....So. Pasadena	1968	Paul Westphal.....Aviation
1947	Houston Faulkner....Anaheim	1969	Larry Hollyfield.....Compton
1948	Bob Johnson.....Whittier	1970	Keith Wilkes.....Santa Barbara
1949	Wayne Kopren.....Whittier	1971	Raymond Lewis.....Verbun Dei
1950	Mark Costello.....El Monte	1972	Lewis Brown.....Verbun Dei
1951	Ronald Bane.....Alhambra	1973	Lewis Brown.....Verbun Dei
1952	George Selleck.....Compton	1974	Mark Wulfemeyer.....Troy
1953	Bill Bond.....St. Anthony	1975	David Greenwood.....Verbun Dei
1954	Larry Hauser.....Mt. Carmel	1976	Johnny Nash.....L.B. Poly
1955	Fred Crabtree.....Covina		Michael Wiley.....L.B. Poly
1956	Jerry Pimm.....Montebello	1977	Purvis Miller.....Compton
	Jim Hanna.....L.B. Poly	1978	Greg Goorjian.....Crescenta Valley
1957	George Van Vliet....Whittier	1979	Cliff Pruitt.....Verbun Dei
	Alvin Claiborne....Mt. Carmel		Michael Holton.....Pasadena
1958	John Rudometkin....Santa Maria		
1959	Darrell Sutherland....Glendale		

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MIKE CHAVEZ, DOWNEY HIGH GUARD, WINS 3-A PLAYER OF YEAR ACCLAIM FOR 1979 SEASON....

FOR RELEASE: WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 21 pm's ... & Thurs. am's

MIKE CHAVEZ, DOWNEY'S DETERMINED, DIMINUTIVE AND DYNAMIC FORCE WHO CARRIED THE VIKINGS TO THE 3-A DIVISION BASKETBALL CROWN IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PREP BASKETBALL FOR 1979, HAS BEEN SELECTED PLAYER OF THE YEAR BY MEMBERS OF THE CITIZENS SAVINGS ATHLETIC FOUNDATION'S ALL-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BOARD OF BASKETBALL. CHAVEZ, A FINE STUDENT AND SUPER-QUICK ON THE BASKETBALL FLOOR, WAS NAMED THE DIVISION'S BEST ON THE 42ND ANNUAL SOUTHLAND ALL-STAR TEAMS RELEASED TODAY THROUGH THE ATHLETIC FOUNDATION.

DOWNEY DOWNED NORTH RIVERSIDE IN THE FINALS OF THE PLAYOFFS, 67-65 IN OVERTIME AS COACH DEAN ACKLAND'S FLOOR GENERAL HIT A 24-FOOT JUMPER WITH FOUR SECONDS REMAINING ON THE OVERTIME CLOCK TO ASSURE THE TITLE. MIKE, ALTHOUGH NOT SCORING WELL IN THE FINAL GAME, DIRECTED THE VIKINGS BRILLIANTLY THROUGH A 14-0 SEASON, AVERAGING 25.2 POINTS OVER A 26-2 SEASON.

THE QUICKNESS OF CHAVEZ IS WHAT IMPRESSED MOST PREP OBSERVERS, AS THE 5-9, 160-POUND SENIOR AVERAGED CLOSE TO SIX STEALS PER GAME. HE ALSO AVERAGED SEVEN ASSISTS PER GAME, WAS 51 % FROM THE FIELD AND 82 % FROM THE FOUL LINE. ONE AMAZING STATISTIC IN MIKE'S LAST TWO SEASONS AT DOWNEY...HE WAS THE MVP OF NINE OF 10 TOURNAMENTS IN WHICH THE VIKINGS PLAYED.

THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY KINGPINS DISPATCHED ALL OF ITS PLAYOFF OPPONENTS WITH EASE PRIOR TO MEETING NORTH IN THE FINALS. MIRA COSTA (81-60), LA H/BRA (81-69), BARSTOW (75-60) AND LOS AMIGOS (83-68) FELL BEFORE THE VIKES EDGED NORTH IN THE 3-A TITLE DECIDER.

MAGIC MT. SITE OF 42ND ANNUAL BASKETBALL AWARDS...SAT. MARCH 31ST

Mike Chavez, 1979 Division Basketball Player of the Year, will be recipient of the Citizens Savings Athletic Foundation's traditional bronze medalion award at the 42nd annual All-Southern California Board of Basketball Awards Program to be held at Magic Mountain Park on Saturday morning, March 31st at 10:30 am. All honored players, their coaches, parents and friends will attend the SHOWCASE THEATER presentations...at which time all players will be presented with framed scroll awards.

Collegiate coaches, school administrators and Foundation selection committee board members will take part in the festivities. The AMF VOIT Company will have basketball awards for each of the honored players, as the good people from that organization have so kindly done over the past 25-30 years.

Thirty-one players, representing 26 southland high schools find themselves on the 1979 all-star 3-A team. Division playoff finalist North Riverside led the parade in placing three players, while champion Downey, Beverly Hills and Glendale placed two players.

Five performers return from the 1978 team, headed by MVP Mike Chavez, who is the lone first-team returnee. Teammates Don Barnes and George Smith of North are back from last year's 2nd and 3rd teams respectively. Downey's John Ritchie was a second-team choice in '78, while Corona del Mar's Dave Koehler makes the first team, up from last year's third squad.

Four juniors — Clayton Oliver, Los Amigos, and Steve Van Horn, Estancia, one the first team...Gahr's Mark Wilson on the second...& El Toro's Ron Holmes on the third — were named to this year's 3-A team. All material relative to prep all-star team selections by the Athletic Foundation is on file in the Foundation Library. It is open to the public without charge. — pick up team: —

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1979 ALL-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA "AAA" DIVISION BASKETBALL TEAM 1979

***** FIRST TEAM "AAA" *****

POSITION	PLAYER	SCHOOL	HGHT	WGHT	YEAR	AVG.
FRONT COURT	GARY HEIL.....	LCWELL.....	6'2"	130	Sr.	24.8
FRONT COURT	CLAYTON OLIVIER....	LOS AMIGOS.....	6'10"	235	Jr.	27.2
FRONT COURT	+ DON BARNES.....	NORTH RIVERSIDE....	6'6"	130	Sr.	14.4
FRONT COURT	+ JOHN RITCHIE.....	DCWNEY.....	6'9"	210	Sr.	19.5
FRONT COURT	LINDSAY McELMELL...	MIRA COSTA.....	6'7"	135	Sr.	27.0
FRONT COURT	STEVE VAN HORN.....	ESTANCIA.....	6'5"	135	Jr.	21.2
FRONT COURT	ERIC CLARKE.....	BEVERLY HILLS.....	6'7"	135	Sr.	13.0
BACK COURT	# DAVE KOEHLER.....	CORONA DEL MAR.....	6'0"	155	Sr.	16.3
BACK COURT	* MIKE CHAVEZ.....	DOWNEY.....	5'9"	150	Sr.	25.2
BACK COURT	# GEORGE SMITH.....	NORTH RIVERSIDE....	5'8"	150	Sr.	18.8
BACK COURT	CLARK GUEST.....	TROY.....	6'3"	190	Sr.	21.3

***** SECOND TEAM "AAA" *****

FRONT COURT	PHIL TANKEY.....	BARSTOW.....	6'3"	170	Sr.	17.8
FRONT COURT	DON BICKETT.....	GLENDALE.....	6'4"	175	Sr.	13.0
FRONT COURT	JOHN PIERCE.....	LA HABRA.....	6'7"	190	Sr.	19.0
FRONT COURT	HERMAN BROWN.....	SANTA ANA.....	6'7"	220	Sr.	19.1
FRONT COURT	GREG CARROLL.....	CHINO.....	6'6"	175	Sr.	16.0
FRONT COURT	CURTIS BURNETT.....	MONROVIA.....	6'2"	170	Sr.	15.9
BACK COURT	RICHARD COTTRELL...	SUNNY HILLS.....	6'2"	168	Sr.	16.5
BACK COURT	MARK WILSON.....	GAHR.....	6'1"	165	Jr.	20.0
BACK COURT	DAN ROBINSON.....	BLAIR.....	5'10"	170	Sr.	18.9
BACK COURT	TONY TRONCALE.....	ROWLAND.....	6'1"	160	Sr.	21.0

***** THIRD TEAM "AAA" *****

FRONT COURT	DENNIS THOMPSON....	LOS ALTOS.....	6'5"	205	Sr.	14.0
FRONT COURT	DONALD OTIS.....	DOMINGUEZ.....	6'2"	160	Sr.	18.5
FRONT COURT	KEVIN HOBBSIESFEN	WARREN.....	6'2"	170	Sr.	22.5
FRONT COURT	JAY KOLLAR.....	LA QUINTA.....	6'7"	185	Sr.	25.0
FRONT COURT	KEN EDMOND.....	NORTH RIVERSIDE....	6'2"	170	Sr.	9.5
FRONT COURT	MIKE MAROSS.....	BEVERLY HILLS.....	6'6"	205	Sr.	15.0
BACK COURT	RON HOLMES.....	EL TORO.....	6'5"	190	Jr.	21.1
BACK COURT	CHRIS BEASLEY.....	COSTA MESA.....	6'2"	170	Sr.	20.0
BACK COURT	FRANK HAYNES.....	POMONA.....	6'2"	180	Sr.	16.7
BACK COURT	VIGEN JABURIAN.....	GLENDALE.....	6'0"	175	Sr.	14.0

* 1st Team, 1978 + 2nd Team, 1978 # 3rd Team, 1978

PAST "AAA" DIVISION C.I.F. PLAYERS OF THE YEAR 1969 - 1979

1969	Doug Little.....	San Marcos.....	6'3"	195	25.3 avg.
1970	Raymond Lewis.....	Verbum Dei.....	6'0"	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.....	6'9 1/2"	200	27.0 avg.
1977	Bill Duffy.....	Damien.....	6'4"	185	23.1 avg.
	Jack Tuz.....	Corona del Mar.....	6'6"	185	16.4 avg.
1978	Richard Box.....	North Riverside....	6'5"	180	21.8 avg.
1979	Mike Chavez.....	Downey.....	5'9"	160	25.2 avg.

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CABRILLO HIGH'S YORK GROSS WINS MVP HONOR IN 2-A DIV. BASKETBALL FOR 1979 SEASON....

FOR RELEASE: TUESDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 20 pm's ... & Wed. am's

YORK GROSS, WHO PUT ON A SUPERB "ONE-MAN" PERFORMANCE IN CABRILLO HIGH SCHOOL'S 69-64, 2-A CHAMPIONSHIP GAME IN WHICH HE SCORED A GAME-HIGH 35 POINTS, HAS BEEN NAMED THE DIVISION'S PLAYER OF THE YEAR BY CITIZENS SAVINGS ATHLETIC FOUNDATION'S ALL-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BOARD OF BASKETBALL FOR THE 1979 SEASON. GROSS WAS A SECOND-TEAM 2-A CHOICE LAST SEASON WHEN HE AVERAGED 21 POINTS, UPPING HIS POINT PRODUCTION TO A SPIFFY 25.8 POINT AVERAGE THIS SEASON.

A 6-5, 190-POUND SENIOR FORWARD AVERAGED 16 REBOUNDS AND FOUR ASSISTS PER GAME AND SHOT 52 % FROM THE FIELD. HIS FINAL-GAME HEROICS IN THE 2-A CHAMPIONSHIP GAME WILL LONG BE REMEMBERED. PLAYING IN FOUL TROUBLE MOST OF THE SECOND HALF, GROSS HIT CRITICAL BASKETS AMONG THEM A DUNK FOLLOWING HIS STEAL FROM A MORENO VALLEY OPPONENT. HE COLLECTED 11 REBOUNDS IN THE TITLE GAME AND WAS OUTSTANDING ON DEFENSE.

COACH GLENN ABRAHAMSEN'S CABRILLO CONQUISTADORES TIED FOR THE NORTHERN LOOP TITLE WITH RIGHETTI AT 9-1 AND THEN DISPOSED OF TEMPLE CITY (63-41), BURROUGHS, RIDGECREST (70-64), NORTHVIEW (75-67) AND MISSION VIEJO (68-66) BEFORE WINNING IT ALL FROM MORENO VALLEY. CO-NORTHERN LEAGUE TITLIST RIGHETTI WAS KNOCKED OUT IN THE 1ST ROUND OF THE PLAYOFFS (44-40) BY CANYON OF SAUGUS.

BASKETBALL AWARDS PROGRAM AT MAGIC MOUNTAIN ON SAT., MARCH 31 ... 10:30 am

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Thirty-two players, representing 25 high schools make up the 2-A Division all-stars for the 1979 season. Moreno Valley, 2-A runner-up to Cabrillo, placed three players on the three-team squad, while champion Cabrillo, Covina, Hart, El Monte and Mission Viejo placed two players each.

Just a one player returns from last year's 2-A first team...Mike Tolliver from Antelope Valley. Tolliver averaged 19.3 points per game last year as a junior, slipping a tad to 19.0 even in 1979. The first team is composed of only seniors, with two juniors making the second and one the third teams.

York Gross was a second-team pick last year, while Covina High's Scott McCollum, 6-9 200-pound first teamer, was a second-team 3-A choice in '78 when he averaged 21 points. McCollum and teammate Chuck Marty who made the third team are the tallest 2-A selections at 6-9.

Moreno Valley, second-place finisher to Victor Valley in the San Andreas League, advanced to the final game by defeating Schurr (57-52), Duarte (53-59), Canyon (48-47) and Sierra (60-39). Last year's 2-A Co-MVP, Tom Kuyper, has a brother Tim on this year's third team as a junior from Mayfair High...who won the Suburban League title.

-- pick up teams --

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

***** FIRST TEAM "AA" *****

POSITION	PLAYER	SCHOOL	HGHT	WGHT	YEAR	AVG.
FRONT COURT	+ YORK GROSS.....	CABRILLO.....	6'5"	190	Sr.	25.8
FRONT COURT	# SCOTT McCOLLUM.....	COVINA.....	6'9"	200	Sr.	24.1
FRONT COURT	DARYL PEGRAM.....	MORENO VALLEY.....	6'4"	190	Sr.	16.5
FRONT COURT	JOHN HAVRISIK.....	RIGHETTI.....	6'4"	165	Sr.	19.6
FRONT COURT	TERRY KALDUSAL.....	CANYON (SAUGUS)....	6'6"	190	Sr.	15.3
FRONT COURT	ADRIAN FRISTENSKY..	MORENO VALLEY.....	6'4"	170	Sr.	18.7
BACK COURT	PETE DeCASAS.....	MISSION VIEJO.....	6'2"	175	Sr.	20.6
BACK COURT	* MIKE TOLLIVER.....	ANTELOPE VALLEY....	5'11"	170	Sr.	19.0
BACK COURT	STEVE MIHO.....	SCHURR.....	5'10"	150	Sr.	19.7
BACK COURT	PETE BELL.....	DUARTE.....	6'2"	170	Sr.	18.9
BACK COURT	DOUG BONNEL.....	HART.....	5'11"	155	Sr.	17.0

***** SECOND TEAM "AA" *****

FRONT COURT	ANDY MORRIS.....	EL MONTE.....	6'5"	180	Sr.	17.3
FRONT COURT	DENNIS BLACK.....	PARAMOUNT.....	6'7"	190	Jr.	20.6
FRONT COURT	STEVE EGBERT.....	SIERRA.....	6'3"	175	Sr.	16.7
FRONT COURT	KIRBY FOSTER.....	INDIO.....	6'3"	175	Sr.	17.3
FRONT COURT	JEFF OLDFIELD.....	VICTOR VALLEY.....	6'4"	180	Jr.	18.4
FRONT COURT	JEFF DALTON.....	CABRILLO.....	6'3"	170	Sr.	15.3
BACK COURT	MIKE ROBERTS.....	MISSION VIEJO.....	6'3"	170	Sr.	15.8
BACK COURT	GREG BOSS.....	LA CANADA.....	6'0"	160	Sr.	20.6
BACK COURT	STEVE WIENS.....	YUCAIPA.....	5'10"	160	Sr.	22.3
BACK COURT	RON SKAVARIL.....	NORTHVIEW.....	6'2"	175	Sr.	16.0

***** THIRD TEAM "AA" *****

FRONT COURT	MIKE WERTZ.....	BURROUGHS, RIDGE...	6'1"	175	Sr.	12.0
FRONT COURT	BRIAN IAPP.....	BONITA.....	6'4"	195	Sr.	12.0
FRONT COURT	MIKE SAMUELS.....	DANA HILLS.....	6'3"	175	Sr.	14.6
FRONT COURT	BOB ECKMAN.....	WORKMAN.....	6'1"	185	Sr.	15.0
FRONT COURT	TIM KUYPER.....	MAYFAIR.....	6'5"	175	Jr.	16.8
FRONT COURT	CHUCK MARTY.....	COVINA.....	6'9"	210	Sr.	12.0
BACK COURT	DAVE McBETH.....	ARROYO GRANDE.....	6'2"	170	Sr.	18.8
BACK COURT	RICH HOLLINGER.....	TEMPLE CITY.....	6'3"	185	Sr.	18.2
BACK COURT	PHIL GARCIA.....	EL MONTE.....	5'7"	140	Sr.	13.0
BACK COURT	GARY PETERS.....	HART.....	6'3"	185	Sr.	15.0
BACK COURT	TIM LYONS.....	MORENO VALLEY.....	6'2"	185	Sr.	8.7

* 1st Team, 1978 + 2nd Team, 1978 # 2nd Team AA, 1978

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LEON WOOD (ST. MONICA) REPEATS AS 1-A MVP PASADENA POLY'S BERT BANTA BEST IN SMALL SCHOOLS BASKETBALL FOR 1979 HARDWOOD SEASON

FOR RELEASE: MONDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 19 pm's ... & Tues. am's

L EON WOOD, WHO BECAME THE CIF SOUTHERN SECTION SCORING CHAMPION FOR A CAREER WITH 2,693 POINTS IN 77 BALL GAMES AND IN THE DOING SHOT DOWN ALL MANNER OF RECORDS AT ST. MONICA HIGH SCHOOL, HAS BEEN NAMED 1-A DIVISION BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR FOR THE SECOND TIME AS TEAMS WERE RELEASED TODAY BY THE CITIZENS SAVINGS ATHLETIC FOUNDATION. PASADENA POLY'S BERT BANTA, WHO LED THE PANTHERS TO THE SMALL SCHOOLS DIVISION TITLE, WAS ACCLAIMED BEST IN HIS DIVISION FOR THE 1979 CAMPAIGN.

WOOD, WHO HAS BEEN A FIRST TEAM ALL-STAR SELECTION FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS, LED THE MARINERS TO THIS YEAR'S 1-A DIVISION TITLE, 70-65 OVER ST. JOSEPH OF SANTA MARIA. LEON WAS THE GAME'S HIGH SCORER (HE USUALLY IS) WITH 28 POINTS, WHICH BROUGHT HIS SEASON TOTAL TO 1,203 POINTS IN 29 GAMES....A SPARKLING 41.5 POINT PER GAME AVERAGE. WOOD'S THREE YEAR TOTAL (HE AVERAGED 23.0 POINTS AS A SOPHOMORE AND 36.4 PTS LAST YEAR) OF 2,693 POINTS RANKS HIM AS THE HIGHEST SCORER IN STATE HISTORY. HIS POINT TOTAL THIS SEASON RATES SECOND TO CRESCENTA VALLEY'S GREG GOORJIAN (1,259) AS THE CIF SOUTHERN SECTION'S TOP.

BERT BANTA LED PASADENA POLY TO THE SCHOOL'S SECOND CONSECUTIVE SMALL SCHOOLS TITLE 46-44 OVER PREP LEAGUE RIVAL CHADWICK, WHICH HAD TWICE DEFEATED THEM DURING THE YEAR. BANTA WAS THE TITLE GAME'S HIGH SCORER WITH 16 POINTS AND FINISHED THE 29-GAME SEASON (22-7) WITH A 24.0 POINT AVERAGE. THE PANTHERS BOAST A 44-11 RECORD OVER THE PAST TWO CHAMPIONSHIP SEASONS.

MVPs & HONORED ALL-STARS TO RECEIVE AWARDS AT MAGIC MT. ON SAT., MARCH 31st

Players of the Year Leon Wood and Bert Banta will be among the honored guests at Magic Mountain Park to receive Citizens Savings Athletic Foundation awards for their 1979 basketball heroics. The program -- the 42nd annual -- will take place in the Park's SHOWCASE THEATER with honored all-star team players, coaches, parents and high school administrators taking part in the ceremonies.

Collegiate coaches will also be invited to take part in the presentation of awards...medallions for the players of the year and framed scrolls for the all-stars.

AMF VOIT BASKETBALLS TO ALL HONORED PLAYERS

As part of the program and as they have done over the past 25-odd years, the AMF VOIT Company will again provide basketballs for all the honored players.

St. Monica, which finished behind Bosco Tech in the Santa Fe League in '79, placed only Leon Wood on the divisional all-star squad. The Mariners defeated Norte Vista (70-65), Santa Ynez (64-63), Montclair Prep (82-67) and Valley Christian (89-84) before winning the crown (70-65) from St. Joseph of Santa Maria.

Four 1-A first team performers from last season find themselves back in '79. Leon Wood (also a 1st team AA member in 1977), Craig Fuller, Chris Klekas and Ray Owsley are the first teamers back. John Vermeer and Mike Smith from Valley Christian moved up to the first team from the second squad in '78.

Santa Clara, Banning and Valley Christian placed two players on the honor teams. Montclair Prep's outstanding freshman, Keith London (6-5 and 215-pounds), was a first-team pick...a rare happening.

On its way to the Small Schools title (for the second straight year) Pasadena Poly bettered Masada (87-63), Coast Union (59-48), Riverside Christian (65-53) and Orange Lutheran (50-49) before edging Chadwick in the finals 46-44. Two players return to the Small Schools Division team...Paul Champlin of Chadwick and Tim Cresto of Villanova. Finalists Pasadena Poly and Chadwick placed two players on the one divisional team.

Twenty-six high schools are represented on the two divisional teams, as 31 players were honored. Of this number, five are lower classmen.

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1979 - ALL-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA "A" AND "SMALL SCHOOL" DIVISION BASKETBALL - 1979

***** FIRST TEAM "A" *****

POSITION	PLAYER	SCHOOL	HGHT	WGT	YEAR	AVG.
FRONT COURT	LEWIS GABBARD.....	SANTA CLARA.....	6'5"	215	Sr.	12.5
FRONT COURT	* CRAIG FULLER.....	BANNING.....	6'7"	190	Sr.	19.3
FRONT COURT	* CHRIS KLEKAS.....	BISHOP.....	6'4"	180	Sr.	24.9
FRONT COURT	ROBBY TATE.....	TWENTYNINE PALMS...	6'6"	190	Sr.	20.5
FRONT COURT	+ JOHN VERMEER.....	VALLEY CHRISTIAN...	6'4"	180	Sr.	11.6
FRONT COURT	LEONARD AGEE.....	HAWTHORNE.....	6'8"	200	Jr.	23.0
FRONT COURT	KEITH LONDON.....	MONTCLAIR PREP.....	6'5"	215	Fr.	21.5
BACK COURT	* LEON WOOD.....	ST. MONICA.....	6'3"	180	Sr.	41.5
BACK COURT	* RAY OWSLEY.....	CATHEDRAL.....	6'2"	180	Sr.	24.5
BACK COURT	+ MIKE SMITH.....	VALLEY CHRISTIAN...	6'1"	175	Sr.	18.7
BACK COURT	TIM BEDNAR.....	SANTA CLARA.....	6'1"	170	Sr.	12.8

***** SECOND TEAM "A" *****

FRONT COURT	BILL PHIPPS.....	NORDOFF.....	6'5"	183	Sr.	14.2
FRONT COURT	VINCE ANTHONY.....	ST. JOSEPH.....	6'3"	190	Jr.	14.0
FRONT COURT	TRACY JONES.....	LAWDALE.....	6'3"	175	Sr.	25.0
FRONT COURT	DANNY CAIRO.....	BOSCO TECH.....	6'4"	185	Sr.	13.5
FRONT COURT	ANDREW PEARCE.....	CARPINTERIA.....	6'4"	175	Sr.	20.8
FRONT COURT	ARMEL DAVISON.....	BANNING.....	6'6"	220	Sr.	18.0
BACK COURT	MARTY GOLDEN.....	AVIATION.....	5'10"	160	Sr.	17.0
BACK COURT	MARK McCULLOUGH....	SANTA YNEZ.....	6'2"	170	Sr.	17.1
BACK COURT	PAT WHELOCK.....	MIRALESTE.....	6'1"	150	Sr.	22.0
BACK COURT	BOBBY FOY.....	NOTRE DAME (RIV)...	6'0"	150	Jr.	20.8

***** SMALL SCHOOL DIVISION *****

(NOTE: NO POSITIONS WERE NAMED)	BERT BANTA.....	PASADENA POLY.....	5'9"	150	Sr.	24.0
	# TIM CRESTO.....	VILLANOVA.....	6'2"	135	Sr.	23.3
	# PAUL CHAMPLIN.....	CHADWICK.....	6'1"	175	Sr.	21.0
	DAN ARMSTRONG.....	CHADWICK.....	6'5"	130	Sr.	22.0
	STEVE McCORMACK....	SAN JACINTO.....	6'0"	170	Sr.	22.6
	FRED BAGATOURIAN...	ORANGE LUTHERAN....	5'11"	170	Sr.	13.3
	TROY JAMES.....	RIVERSIDE CHRISTIAN	6'1"	160	Jr.	24.5
	EVAN SHERRITT.....	OWENS VALLEY.....	6'1"	130	Sr.	16.0
	DONALD McCLEARY....	CROSSROADS.....	6'1"	170	Sr.	15.0
	JON YONEMOTO.....	PASADENA POLY.....	5'10"	160	Jr.	8.5

* 1st Team, 1978

+ 2nd Team, 1978

1978 Team

ALL-C.I.F. SOUTHERN SECTION MVP'S IN "AA", "A" AND SMALL SCHOOLS 1952 - 1979

1952	Don Carter.....Tustin (SS)	1969	Steve McFall.....Atascadero (A)
	Bill Dennis.....Citrus (SS)	1970	Ray Price.....Temple City (AA)
1953	Clyde Cook.....Laguna Bch. (SS)		Brian Heublein...Pasadena Poly (A)
1954	Mike Gray.....Claremont (SS)	1971	Dave Meyers.....Sonora (AA)
1955	John Arrillaga...Morningside (SS)		Larry Reynolds....Lutheran (A-SS)
1956	Charles Jordan...Palm Springs (SS)	1972	Luther Philyaw....Murphy (AA)
1957	Bill Kilmer.....Citrus (SS)		Terry Tate.....Murphy (AA)
1958	Terry Hermann....Orange (SS)		Alvin Joseph....L.A. Baptist (A)
1959	Bob Sommers.....San Marino (SS)		Kirk Bechtold....29 Palms (A)
1960	Steve Miller.....Santa Clara (SS)	1973	Dave Ertel.....La Canada (AA)
1961	Bob Bedell.....Bell Garden (AA-A)		Bob Hatch.....La Canada (AA)
1962	Bob Bedell.....Bell Garden (AA)		Chuck Gulo.....Aquinas (A)
	Bob Henderson...Laguna Bch. (A)	1974	Bill Roemer.....Agoura (AA)
1963	Ramon Sanchez...Calexico (AA-A)		David Bobsin....Atascadero (A)
1964	Jerry Sharman...Charter Oak (AA)	1975	Kevin Heenan....El Dorado (AA)
	Andy Herrera....Santa Clara (A)		Steve Simpson....Banning (A)
1965	Kenny Heitz....Righetti (AA)	1976	John Greer.....Elsinore (AA)
	Dean Duisternars..Val. Chr. (A)		Shawn Kuhn.....Morro Bay (A)
1966	Steve Patterson..Santa Maria (AA)	1977	Tony Anderson...Victor Val. (AA)
	Mike Terwilliger..Bell-Jeff (A)		Therman Henderson...Perris (A)
	Guy Dimonte.....Bell-Jeff (A)		Brad Adams.....Montclair Prep (SS)
1967	Carl Skidmore....So. Pasadena (AA)	1978	Brian Burns.....Channel Isl. (AA)
	George Valle.....Nordhoff (A)		Tom Kuyper.....Mayfair (AA)
1968	Rusty Blair...San Luis Obispo (AA)		Leon Wood.....St. Monica (A)
	Ronald Montoya...N.D. Riverside (A)		Jeff Frazer....Hunt.Val.Ch. (SS)
1969	Keith Batista....Verbum Dei (AA)	1979	Leon Wood.....St. Monica (A)
			Bert Banta.....Pasadena Poly (SS)
