MATER DEI'S 6-11 CENTER, LERON ELLIS, UNANIMOUS SELECTION AS 5-A CIF BASKETBALL PLAYER OF YEAR.

FOR RELEASE: TUESDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 7 & Wed. am's

DERON ELLIS, COACH GARY MCKNIGHT'S "SUPER SENIOR", LED MATER DEI HIGH SCHOOL TO ITS THIRD STRAIGHT C.I.F. DIVISION 5-A BASKETBALL CROWN AND LATER THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND STATE DIVISION ONE CHAMPIONSHIPS AS THE MONARCHS COMPLETED A 31-1 SEASON. FOR HIS EFFORTS, THE RETURNING ALL-CIF SELECTION, WAS THE FIRST INTERSTATE BANK - AMATEUR ATHLETIC FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES UNANIMOUS 5-A DIVISION PLAYER OF THE YEAR...AS VOTED BY ALL-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BOARD OF ATHLETICS.

In the words of coach McKnight, "He (Ellis) is in a class by himself this year. There's no comparison between LeRon and anyone else around."

Ellis had 21 points and 15 rebounds (both game highs) in the Monarchs' 53-52win over Millikan for the 5-A Division title. He had 22 points and 16 board against Fairfax, as Mater Dei eliminated the previously undefeated Colonials 46-42 to win the Southern Cal title. At Oakland's Coliseum Arens, Mater Dei's stellar senior scored 28 of his team's 69 points, added four blocks and six rebounds, as the Santa Ana area Monarchs defeated Ygnacio Valley (69-51) and collected the school's first state title.

Mater Dei defeated Fountain Valley (64-42), St. Anthony (68-57), St. Monics (48-47) and Millikan in the finals for the CIF 5-A Championship. Millikan, the Moore League Champion, won games over St. Paul (72-56), Servite (49-45) and Lakewood (67-57) before the finals.

All players named for 5-A Division all-star team honors will be recipients of framed scroll awards from First Interstate Bank - Amateur Athletic Found ation of Los Angeles. Title-winning coaches and MVPs will also receive awards.

ALL - C.I.F. SOUTHERN SECTION BASKETBALL TEAM 5-A DIVISION - 1987 SEASON

	PLAYER	S C H O O L	HGHT YEAR AVERAGE
外	LeRON ELLIS	MATER DEI	6-11 SENIOR 23.2
+	RICKY BUTLER	OCEAN VIEW	6-6 SENIOR 16.2
#	ANTHONY JENKINS .	PIUS X	6-4 SENIOR 23.5
15	DON BROTZ	WILSON, LONG BEACH	6-5 SENIOR 22.0
*	DAVID WHITMORE	ST. BERNARD	6-4 SENIOR 23.0
*	JAMES MOSES	SERRA	6-4 JUNIOR 28.0
	DARRICK MARTIN	ST. ANTHONY	5-11 JUNIOR 31.0
	MARK GEORGESON	MARINA	6-10 SENIOR 17.2
	BRIAN WILLIAMS	ST. MONICA	6-10 SENIOR 18.0
	JASON MATTHEWS	ST. MONICA	6-3 SENIOR 27.0
	KEVIN REMBERT	MATER DEI	6-5 JUNIOR 11.5
	KEN JARVIS	MILLIKAN	6-4 SENIOR 15.9
	SHAWN WILLIAMS	MILLIKAN	6-3 SENIOR 16.7
	DUANE COOPER	LAKEWOOD	6-1 SENIOR 18.4
	STEVE GUILD	MARINA	6-6 JUNIOR 16.0

^{* 1986} lst Team + 1985 & 1986 lst Team

DON MacLEAN, SIMI VALLEY JUNIOR CENTER, PICKED MVP IN 4-A DIVISION BASKETBALL FOR '87 SEASON...

FOR RELEASE: MONDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 6 & Tues. am's

S IMI VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL'S JUNIOR CENTER, DON MacLEAN WHO ALREADY HAS
THE SCHOOL'S ALL-TIME SCORING RECORD, HAS BEEN VOTED 4-A DIVISION CIF
PLAYER OF THE YEAR BY MEMBERS OF FIRST INTERSTATE BANK - AMATEUR ATHLETIC FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES HIGH SCHOOL SELECTION COMMITTEE. THE 6-10 JUNIOR
SCORED 1,335 POINTS FOR THE MAROON AND GOLD PIONEERS THUS FAR IN HIS CAREER AND
THIS YEAR AVERAGED 25.3 POINTS AND 11.4 REBOUNDS. HE SCORED 20 OR MORE POINTS IN
23 OF 27 GAMES IN WHICH HE PLAYED IN '87.

MacLean was a 63% field goal shooter and was 85% from the charity line. Although Simi Valley was eliminated in the quarter-finals of the 4-A Division playoffs, MacLean was the Foundation board's majority MVP choice over three other candidates.

Santa Monica won the 4-A title, 62-60, over Westlake. The Vikings, Ocean League champs, beat Morse (San Diego) in the Southern Cal Regionals, but then fell before LA City champion Fairfax, 83-65.

First Interstate Bank and Foundation awards will go to all honored 4-A Division players, with Santa Monica coach Cliff Hunter and Simi Valley MVP Don MacLean also receiving special recognitions. Four-A honor teams follow:

ALL - C.I.F. SOUTHERN SECTION BASKETBALL TEAM 4-A DIVISION - 1987 SEASON

	PLAYER	S C H O O L	HGHT YEAR AVERAGE
+	DON MacLEAN	SIMI VALLEY	6-10 JUNIOR 25.3
4		DOMINGUEZ	6-6 SENIOR 22.8
	DANNY PRICE		6-3 SENIOR 16.0
	MIKE CRAVEN	SANTA BARBARA	6-7 SENIOR 14.3
	ADRIAN JACKSON	LYNWOOD	6-2 SENIOR 16.8
*	KIRK WAGNER		6-7 SENIOR 17.5
	BRIAN HENDRICK		6-7 JUNIOR 19.0
		WESTLAKE	6-0 SENIOR 12.9
	BOBBY JOYCE	SANTA ANA	6-6 JUNIOR 18.0
	SEAN ROOKS.	FONTANA	
	FARTS MANNING	NOGALES	5-11 SENIOR 19.3
	DUKE SUTTON	MORENO VALLEY	6-1 JUNIOR 19.0
	SECOND T	EAM	
	SCOTT McCULLOUGH.	CAPISTRANO VALLEY	6-0 SENIOR 19.7
	CLAY SCHWARTZ	DOWNEY	6-7 SENIOR 21.6
	KEITH NEAL	SANTA MONICA	6-3 JUNIOR 14.8
	CHRIS HANTGIN	VENTURA	6-4 JUNIOR 14.3
	PAUL KEENAN	WESTLAKE	6-4 SENIOR 16.4
	PAUL JOHNSON		6-4 JUNIOR 13.4
		IRVINE	6-5 SENIOR 18.6
#	TY STOCKHAM	SAN GORGONIO	6-5 SENIOR 18.6 5-9 SENIOR 21.9
		MISSION VIEJO	6-6 SENIOR 18.8
		NORTH, RIVERSIDE	6-6 SENIOR 18.8 6-4 SENIOR 21.0
*	SHAWN DeLAITTRE.	SIMI VALLEY	6-5 JUNIOR 16.8
	TRACY MURRAY	GLENDORA	6-5 SOPH 2/10

^{+ 1}st Team '86 * 2nd Team '86

ROLLING HILLS HIGH'S DOUG GEHR IS VOTED TOP PERFORMER IN CIF 3-A BASKETBALL FOR 1 9 8 7...

FOR RELEASE: FRIDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 3 & Sat. am's

DOUG GEHR, WHO LED COACH CLIFF WARREN'S ROLLING HILLS TITANS TO THE BAY LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP AND THE FINALS OF THE 3-A DIVISION PLAYOFFS, HAS BEEN VOTED PLAYER OF THE YEAR IN HIS DIVISION BY MEMBERS OF ALL-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BOARD OF ATHLETICS PREP SELECTION BOARD. AVERAGING OVER 20 POINTS IN A 25-4 SEASON, GEHR WAS ALSO HIS TEAM'S LEADING REBOUNDER, AS THE TITANS LOST TO SAUGUS, 66-53, FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

In winning the division title, Saugus became only the second team to do so coming from a "wild-card" berth. The Centurians best Katella in an opening-round over-time game, 69-68, and then dispatched California, 67-63, Tustin, 59-56, and Palos Verdes, 45-41, before beating Rolling Hills for the crown. In Div. II Southern California playoff action, Saugus beat Oceanside, 47-39, before losing to eventual State Champion Woodbridge, 65-53.

This marks the 50th year that Southern California all-star basketball teams have been selected by southland sports journalists. Over this period, some of the nation's top players have been accorded recognition for their play. Awards will be presented to all honored players by First Interstate Bank and the Amateur Athletic Foundation of Los Angeles. Coaches and division MVPs also receive award:

ALL - C.I.F. SOUTHERN SECTION BASKETBALL TEAM ... 3-A DIVISION - 1987 SEASON

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ADAM KEEFE, WOODBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL CENTER, IS MVP PICK IN 2-A DIV. BASKETBALL FOR '87 SEASON

FOR RELEASE: THURSDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 2 & Fri. am's

A DAM KEEFE, COACH BILL SHANNON'S 6-8, JUNIOR CENTER WHO GUIDED THE WOODBRIDGE WARRIORS TO THE 2-A DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP, WAS VOTED THE DIVISION'S TOP PLAYER BY MEMBERS OF ALL-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BOARD OF ATHLETICS, AS ANNUAL SELECTIONS WERE HELD RECENTLY IN CULVER CITY. THE WARRIORS, PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE CHAMPIONS, DEFEATED SUNKIST LEAGUE KINGPINS BANNING, 68-60, IN THE OVER-TIME CHAMPIONSHIPS GAME.

Keefe, who was his league's MVP, scored 32 game-high points in the championship game with Banning before being ejected for fighting with 4:37 remaining in regulation play. Keefe, among the state's top junior players, took the War flors from their over-time Southern Section win all the way to the state championship. Woodbridge won the Div. II State Championship over North Coast De Anza 89-53. Woodbridge, finishing its State Championship season 28-5, whipped Washington of the CIF Central Section (71-66) and Saugus 3-A Southern Section Champion (65-53) to advance to the title game in Oakland.

All players named for 1987 all-ster team honors in the 2-A Division of the Southern Section, will be recipients of framed scrolls. Coaches of title-sinning teams will also be presented with awards. Players of the Year will receive beautiful medallions from First Interstate Bank - Amateur Ath. Found.

ALL - C.I.F. SOUTHERN SECTION BASKETBALL TEAM 2-A DIVISION - 1987 SEASON

PLAYER	S C H O O L	HGHT YEAR AVERAGE
ADAM KEEFE	WOODBRIDGE	6-8 JUNIOR 22.5
+ STEVE WARD	CALABASAS	6-4 SENIOR 25.3 5-11 SENIOR 17.0
DENNIS GRAY	BANNING	6-6 JUNIOR 20.0
* MIKE McDONALD	ROSEMEAD	6-2 SENIOR 23.7
VINCE BRYAN	WOODBRIDGE	6-7 SENIOR 15.4
STEVEN CLAY	VICTOR VALLEY	6-1 SENIOR 16.2
MELVIN LOVE	CAJON	6-8 SENIOR 27.7
DAVE PURDY	ST. JOSEPH, Santa Maria	6-6 SENIOR 17.5
* HANS KARDEL	RIGHETTI	6-4 SENIOR 22.7
ANTHONY McGOWAN	DUARTE	6-7 SENIOR 19.8
TONY FARMER DARREN GIPSON	ARTESIA	6-7 SENIOR 22.3 5-10 SENIOR 12.0
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SECOND TEA	M	
TONY HANNIBAL	BANNING	6-4 JUNIOR 13.5
ERIC GRAY	BLOOMINGTON	6-5 JUNIOR 23.0
RICKY MARTINEZ	COACHELLA VALLEY	6-0 SENIOR 19.3
PHIL FANCHER	SANTA CLARA	6-6 SENIOR 10.0
SHASEAN GREER DAVE TOWNSEND	ELS INORE	6-5 SENIOR 19.4
KENNY WHITE	WOODBRIDGE	6-0 SENIOR 10.6 6-3 SENIOR 18.0
GREG JOHNSON	WALNUT.	6-0 SENIOR 16.0
JOHN MOSES	EDGEWOOD	6-6 JUNIOR 18.9
KELLEY BROOKS	WORKMAN.	5-9 SENIOR 31.4
DESHAUN ANDERSON	SAN BERNARDINO	6-3 JUNIOR 14.0
KEN FUNKHOUSER	SAN DIMAS	6-3 SENIOR 16.6
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CHRIS BROWN, CROSSROADS SENIOR GUARD, VOTED 1-A DIVISION BASKETBALL PLAYER OF YEAR FOR 1 9 8 7

FOR RELEASE: WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 1 & Thurs. am's

C HRIS BROWN, LEADER OF CROSSROADS HIGH SCHOOL'S DIVISION III CALIFORNIA
STATE CHAMPIONS, HAS BEEN NAMED SOUTHERN SECTION CIF DIV. 1-A PLAYER OF
THE YEAR BY MEMBERS OF THE FIRST INTERSTATE BANK - AMATEUR ATHLETIC
FOUNDATION'S HIGH SCHOOL SELECTION BOARD. THE BOARD'S 50TH ANNUAL SELECTIONS
MEETING WAS HELD RECENTLY IN CULVER CITY, WITH ALL-STAR TEAMS BEING NAMED IN
EACH OF THE SOUTHERN SECTION'S SIX DIVISIONS OF PLAY.

Crossroads, the defending 1-A Division champion (70-61 over Whit.Chr. in '86) won the title 58-48 over Whittier Chr. again this year. Chris Brown, who coach David Benezra says, "takes over in big games," did just that in the titledecider. He scored 16 of his game-high 26 points in the 4th quarter against the Whittier Christian Heralds.

The Delphic League Champions swept through the Southern Section's 1-A Division over Flintridge Prep (69-54), Montclair Prep (75-49) and Harvard (79-55) before dispatching Whittier Christian 58-48. Then the Roadrunners beat Riverdale of the Central Section (59-42) and Whitney, Southern Section Small Schools Champions (74-46) before taking the California State title, 83-65, over Colusa of the Northern Section of the CIF. Crossroads completed its state-championship season 26-5.

All players named for 1-A Division All-Star Team honors will be recipients of First Interstate Bank - Amateur Athletic Foundation scroll awards. Those coaches winning division title will also be honored. Players of the Year in each of the Southern Section divisions will receive medallion awards. Team follows:

ALL - C.I.F. SOUTHERN SECTION BASKETBALL TEAM 1-A DIVISION - 1987 SEASON

PLAYER	SCHOOL	HGHT	YEAR AVERAGE
CHRIS BROWN	CROSSROADS	6-0	SENIOR 15.8
ERIK MARTIN	WHITTIER CHRISTIAN.	6-5	JUNIOR 21.0
DAVID WOLFE	CROSSROADS	6-8	SENIOR 14.4
MATT BAILEY	CROSSROADS	6-2	SENIOR 12.6
SCOTT HASKIN	BEAUMONT	6-7	JUNIOR 25.5
+ DERRICK THORNTON	BEL-AIR PREP	6-0	SENIOR 15.0
* ROCKY RAY	TWENTYNINE PALMS	6-5	SENIOR 16.9
CHRIS MARTIN	WHITTIER CHRISTIAN.	6-2	SENIOR 14.9
RAY WALKER	CANTWELL	6-0	SENIOR 16.6
KEVIN BLACK	CHAMINADE	6-7	SENIOR 22.2
BRIAN FRIEFELD	OAK PARK	5-10	SENIOR 24.5
ERNIE WOODS	CHADWICK	6-2	SENIOR 15.0
ERIC BAUGH	AQUINAS	6-8	SENIOR 16.6
CRAIG McCULLOUGH	SANTA YNEZ	6-3	JUNIOR 15.0
BARRY ABLIN	BEAUMONT	5-10	SENIOR 24.0

^{# 1986} Team + 1986 Samll Schools Team

OAKWOOD HIGH SOPH., MITCHELL BUTLER, IS NAMED "SMALL SCHOOLS" CIF MVP FOR 1987 SEASON....

FOR RELEASE: TUESDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 31 & Wed. am's

ITCHELL BUTLER, WHO LED THE OAKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL GORILLAS TO THE LIBERTY LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP AND TO THE SEMI-FINAL ROUND OF THE CIF SMALL SCHOOLS PLAYOFFS AGAINST EVENTUAL DIVISION CHAMPION WHITNEY, BECAME ONE OF THE RARE SOPHOMORE MVP SELECTIONS AS MEMBERS OF THE FIRST INTERSTATE BANK - AMATEUR ATHLETIC FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES SELECTION BOARD MADE THE ANNUAL ALL-STAR BAS-KETBALL TEAM SELECTIONS IN CULVER CITY LAST WEEK.

Butler, whose Cakwood team lost to Whitney 50-49 in overtime, scored 27.9 points-per-game over the regular season, upping this average slightly through the Gorillas' full 21-6 playoff season to 28.6. Butler scored a game-high 25 points in Cakwood's loss to the champion Whitney Wildcats.

In winning its second straight CIF Small Schools title, Whitney defeated Christian League Champion Hesperia Christian, 53-44. Last year the Wildcats defeated Bel-Air Prep, 76-58 for the crown. Following a 24-2 Small Schools Div. season, coach Bruce Carlisle's squad beat Calipatria (San Diego Section) in the first round of the Southern California Playoffs...then falling before 1-A Div. Champion Crossroads (74-46) in the Southern Cal Div. III finals.

Whitney, winding up second to Leffingwell Christian in the Academy League, defeated Woodcrest Christian (75-48), Gethsemane (71-48), Silver Valley (69-57) and Oakwood (50-49) in overtime before taking the Small Schools title.

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ALL - C.I.F. SOUTHERN SECTION BASKETBALL TEAM SMALL SCHOOLS - 1987 SEASON

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**	MAT	T B	OWI	ΕY			WH	ITNEY								6-2	SENIOR	14.0	
#	CLA	YTC	N	HAY	NES		WH	CTNEY						0		5-10	SENIOR	10.4	
	MIT	CHE	LL	BUT	LER		OAR	COOW								6-5	SOPH.	28.6	
	DWA	YNE	F	OWL	ER.		LEF	FING	VELL	CH	RIST	L	IN			6-2	SENIOR	17.4	
46	LEE	W	HIT	E.		•	ROS	AMONI)							6-2	JUNIOR	25.9	
	MIK	2	JON	ES			HES	PERL	A CH	RIST	PIAN	Ι.	٠	٠		6-0	SENIOR	13.2	
	MAR	K	LOC	MIS			HES	PERL	A CH	RIST	PIAN	١.				6-1	SENIOR	18.8	
	DAL	e s	ANT	A A	NA.		RIE	ET (HRI	STI	IN.	•				5-4	JUNIOR	17.9	
	JEF.	F C	REC	HRI	OU.		BIC	PI	VE .					•		6-5	SENIOR	20.0	
	JAM	ES	JU	STI	CE.	•	WH]	THEY					٠			6-0	SENIOR	15.2	
	CRA	IG	POS	EY			SII	VER 1	ALL	EY .				٠		6-5	SENIOR	15.1	
	SCO	PT	WE	LDO	N.	9	MIS	SION	PRE	P, S	BLO	0		•	•	6-5	SENIOR	19.2	
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