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* ALL-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA C.I.F. HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM SELECTIONS

JIM CONTRATTO GIVEN C.I.F. PLAYER OF YEAR LAURELS BY HELMS FOOTBALL BOARD FOR 1949

It was the opinion of members of All Southern California Board of Football that quarterback Jim Contratto was the young man who did most to guide the Compton Tartars to the Southern California C.I.F. gridiron title in 1949, and so he was named C.I.F. Player of the Year. In regular-season play, Contratto bagged a total of 72 points; chalked up 568 yards on running, for an average of 7.47 yards per carry; completed 42 passes for a total gain of 823 yards; and accounted for a punting average of 37.07 yards a boot.

Compton's Southern California champion coach, Chuck Williams, contends that Contratto is the finest all-around back he has ever tutored. Coaches whose teams opposed Compton in 1949 lauded the brilliant Tartar quarterback for his outstanding all-around performances.

The name of Jim Contratto will therefore be added to the list of other prep school 'greats' who have been chosen for Player of the Year honors by the Helms Board over the past thirteen years. Players of the Year of the past, follow:

YEAR	C.I.F. PLAYER OF YEAR	SCHOOL
1937	Frank Albert	Glendale
1938	Harry Karns	Pomona
1939	John Petrovich	Alhambra
1940	Peter Zucco	Santa Barbara
1941	Newell Oestreich	Inglewood
1942	Glenn Davis	Bonita
1943	Norman Veeh	Tustin
1944	Bill Martin	Mark Keppel
1945	Al Pollard	Loyola (L.A.)
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1947	Bud Woodward	Jordan (Long Beach)
1948	John Olszewski	St. Anthony (L.Beach)
1949	James Contratto	Compton

In recognition of having been chosen Southern California C.I.F. High School Football Player of the Year for the 1949 season, Jim Contratto will be presented with the Helms Athletic Foundation medal award at Helms Hall on Saturday morning, January 7th, in conjunction with the 13th annual All Southern California Board of Football award program.

In addition to Jim Contratto, who was chosen for All-Southern California C.I.F. second-team honors in 1948, three other players found their names on the All-C.I.F. honor roll this year, for the second time. They included South Pasadena's Bob Garrett, and Chaffey's Bill Casler, backs; and Chaffey's fine center, Rudy Valadez.

Casler was a third-team All-C.I.F. choice in 1948, but moved up to the first-team this season. Bob Garrett nabbed a second-team berth in '48, but hopped on the first-team this time, while Valadez moved up from the '48 third-team to the '49 second-lineup.

The championship Compton eleven placed three stalwarts on the All-Southern California C.I.F. squads. Mike Aguilar, a guard, and Contratto made the first team, while Joe Rose, who registered 690 yards on running plays in 10 contests, snared a third-team post.

Santa Barbara, runner-up for the Southern California title, placed three men on the All-C.I.F. squads. (Peter O'Garro, back; Marshall Howe, tackle; and William McCourt, end) as did South Pasadena, which provided Bob Garrett, back; Ronnie Stewart, back; and George De Weese, end.

Among the backs who put a heavy peddle on the throttle, were Tom Draper, Loyola; John Lewis, Leuzinger; Ronnie Stewart, South Pasadena and Primo Villanueva, Calexico. All scored over 100 points for the season, with Stewart leading the parade with 144. Excelsior's pass-catching end, Bob Smith, tallied 51 points at his post.

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*** FIRST TEAM

<u>POS.</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>HEIGHT</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>
E	George De Weese	So. Pasadena	Sr.	6:0	170
E	Robert Smith	Excelsior	Sr.	6:3	195
T	Charles Greenhalgh	Mark Keppel	Sr.	6:4	210
T	Frank San Filippo	San Diego	Sr.	6:0	195
G	Mike Aguilar	Compton	Sr.	5:8	155
G	Thomas Dutlon	Alhambra	Sr.	6:0	190
C	James Reid	St. Anthony	Sr.	6:1	195
B	James Contratto	Compton	Sr.	5:10	165
B	Landon Exley	Santa Monica	Sr.	5:11	157
B	Robert Garrett	So. Pasadena	Sr.	6:1	195
B	Peter O'Garro	Santa Barbara	Sr.	6:3	180
BB	William Casler	Chaffey	Sr.	6:0	195

*** SECOND TEAM

<u>POS.</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>HEIGHT</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>
E	Dewey Brundage	El Monte	Sr.	6:2	187
E	Auzzie Sheard	John Muir	Sr.	6:4	210
T	Marshall Howe	Santa Barbara	Sr.	6:1	181
T	Herbert Tanner	Fullerton	Sr.	6:0	208
G	Leroy Hoffman	Wilson (L. Beach)	Sr.	6:0	190
G	Donald Vaughn	Fullerton	Sr.	6:0	190
C	Rudy Valadez	Chaffey	Sr.	6:2	238
B	Paul Cameron	Burbank	Sr.	6:1	180
B	Thomas Draper	Loyola	Sr.	5:10	147
B	John Lewis	Leuzinger	Sr.	6:0	180
B	Ronnie Stewart	So. Pasadena	Sr.	6:1	180
BB	George Van Zant	Long Beach Poly	Sr.	6:2	213

*** THIRD TEAM

<u>POS.</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>HEIGHT</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>
E	William McCourt	Santa Barbara	Sr.	6:0	185
E	Parry O'Brien	Santa Monica	Sr.	6:3	205
T	Gerald Charlton	Long Beach Poly	Sr.	6:1	185
T	Richard Gant	Covina	Sr.	6:0	190
G	Duane Creighton	Bonita	Sr.	5:10	178
G	John Julian	Burbank	Sr.	5:8	170
C	Peter Dourxou	Torrance	Sr.	6:0	185
B	Carlos Martinez	Cantwell	Soph.	5:11	170
B	Joseph Rose	Compton	Sr.	5:11	170
B	Edward Silva	Pt. Loma	Sr.	6:1	180
B	Primo Villanueva	Calexico	Jr.	5:10	175
BB	Robert Boraparte	El Monte	Sr.	6:1	191

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