

## HELMS ATHLETIC FOUNDATION

HELMS HALL, 8760 VENICE BOULEVARD • LOS ANGELES 34, CALIFORNIA

## THE ALL-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA C.I.F. HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM FOR 1954

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Thirty-six of Southern California's outstanding C.I.F. prep school football players were named to the Eighteenth Annual All-Southern California Board of Football honor teams when the Helms Prep Board of Football met at Helms Hall for its annual meeting.

Player of the Year honors went to Glendale Hoover's quarterback, John Hangartner. Hangartner won by near unanimous vote over some of the finest football players to be seen in Southland circles in several years. John led Glendale Hoover to the C.I.F. Central Section finals, where they lost in the last minute to Centennial High School, 12-6. During the year John completed 143 of 259 passes for 2,187 yards and 18 touchdowns. The great majority of Hangartner's passes were thrown to right halfback Richard Phares, who was named to the second team. Dick scored 68 points during the season, which saw Hoover finish second in the Foothill League behind Montebello, but come within a whisker of winning the C.I.F. crown.

Other backs to be named on the first team along with Hangartner were: Lee Grosscup, who led Santa Monica into the C.I.F. playoffs although finishing second behind Bay League and C.I.F. champion Centennial. Grosscup compiled a record of 135 completions in 247 attempts for 1,949 yards and 17 touchdowns. Lee also did some running and scored 43 points during the season. John Adams, San Diego Hoover High's powerful fullback, who was the C.I.F. Central Section's second high scorer with 110 points. Mickey Gouyd of Anaheim, one of the smallest players in the Southland, who led the Colonists to the Sunset League title scoring 109 points in 11 ball games. Rex Johnston of Compton was named for his great performances during the season in leading Compton to the Coast League title. Rex is 185-pound halfback who scored 97 points in 11 ball games. He has been the Coast League's player of the year the past two seasons.

Gary Campbell, who led Whittier to the Pacific League title with a perfect record, wound up as the central section's top scorer for 1954 with 127 points. Gary averaged almost 7 yards per carry in 215 attempts scoring 21 touchdowns & one extra point. Along with Gary on the second team are Dick Wallen of Alhambra, Pacific League player of the year; Tony Ortega of Cathedral, Catholic League Champions, who scored 127 points for 11 games, finished fourth in league scoring with 100 points. Joe Graham of Pomona High scored 78 points during the Citrus Belt League season.

Centennial High School, winner of the C.I.F. championship, a 12-6 victory over Glendale Hoover climaxing their fine season, placed 4 players on the teams. Boasting a terrifically tough defense, Lee Sampson, an end, and Charles and Eddis McNeal, guards, were named in the line. Paul Lowe, top offensive back on the team and hero of the playoff game with Glendale Hoover, was named to the third team.

Three players were repeaters from last year's team. Charles McMurtry was a first team selection last year, while John Hangartner and Jim Brackins were named to the second team.

Players named for honors on the All-C.I.F. teams will be recipients of Helms Athletic Foundation scroll awards at the Eighteenth Annual All-Southern California Board of Football awards program to be held at Helms Hall, Saturday morning, January 8th at 10:30 am. Also at this time John Hangartner will receive his Player of the Year medal award along with special recognition going to C.I.F. championship coaches Aaron Wade, Chet DeVore and Hal Chauncey.

## PAST C.I.F. PLAYER OF THE YEAR SELECTIONS

1937	Frank Albert	Glendale	1946	Al Pollard	Loyola (LA)
1938	Harry Karns	Pomona	1947	Bud Woodward	Wilson (IL)
1939	John Petrovich	Alhambra	1948	John Olszewski	St. Anthony
1940	Peter Zucco	Santa Barbara	1949	Jim Contratto	Compton
1941	Newell Oestrich	Inglewood	1950	Charles Powell	San Diego
1942	Glenn Davis	Bonita	1951	Marty Keough	Pomona
1943	Norman Veeh	Tustin	1952	Ronald Knox	Santa Monica
1944	Bill Martin	Mark Keppel	1953	Ernie Zampese	S. Barbara
1945	Al Pollard	Loyola (LA)	1954	John Hangartner	Hoover, Glen.

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JOHN HANGARTNER, GLENDALE HOOVER QUARTER-  
 BACK, NAMED C.I.F. PLAYER OF YEAR FOR 1954

ALL-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA C.I.F. HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM FOR 1954

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POSITION	P L A Y E R	S C H O O L	SCHOOL	YEAR	HEIGHT	WEIGHT
End.....	LEE SAMPSON	Centennial	Senior	Senior	6' 2	190
End.....	ART POWELL	San Diego	Senior	Senior	6' 2	170
Tackle..	CHARLES McMURTRY	Whittier	Senior	Senior	5'10	260
Tackle..	RALPH MARTIN	Riverside	Senior	Senior	6' 4	225
Guard...	JAMES BRACKINS	Redlands	Senior	Senior	5'11	182
Guard...	CHARLES McNEAL	Centennial	Senior	Senior	5'11	185
Center..	JOHN GEYER	St. Anthony	Senior	Senior	5'11	185
Back....	JOHN HANGARTNER	Hoover (Glen.)	Senior	Senior	5'10	170
Back....	LEE GROSSCUP	Santa Monica	Senior	Senior	5' 8	145
Back....	JOHN ADAMS	Hoover (S.D.)	Senior	Senior	6' 3	215
Back....	MICKEY GOUYD	Anaheim	Senior	Senior	5' 7	153
Back....	REX JOHNSTON	Compton	Senior	Senior	6' 1	185

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End.....	KEN GREGORY	Whittier	Senior	Senior	6' 1	175
End.....	CARL BARE	Chaffey	Senior	Senior	6' 1	175
Tackle..	ROGER MASSEY	Compton	Senior	Senior	6' 1	200
Tackle..	DON CROSBY	Cathedral	Senior	Senior	6'	205
Guard...	EDDIS McNEAL	Centennial	Senior	Senior	5'11	185
Guard...	JOHN TRUHER	Muir	Junior	Junior	6'	180
Center..	MICKEY CARUSO	Glendale	Senior	Senior	5'10	175
Back....	GARY CAMPBELL	Whittier	Senior	Senior	6'	187
Back....	DICK WALLEN	Alhambra	Senior	Senior	6'	170
Back....	TONY ORTEGA	Cathedral	Senior	Senior	5'11	188
Back....	RICH PHARES	Hoover (Glen.)	Senior	Senior	5' 9	165
Back....	JOE GRAHAM	Pomona	Senior	Senior	5' 9	160

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End.....	DALE ZEIGLER	Montebello	Senior	Senior	6'	170
End.....	DERON JOHNSON	San Diego	Junior	Junior	6' 2	185
Tackle..	TROY BARBEE	Hoover (S.D.)	Senior	Senior	6' 1	220
Tackle..	DAVID KRUSE	Monrovia	Senior	Senior	5'11	205
Guard...	OWEN GUENTHARD	Alhambra	Senior	Senior	5'10	150
Guard...	LeROY HEITMAN	Anaheim	Senior	Senior	5'11	182
Center..	BOB CRAWFORD	Compton	Senior	Senior	6'	200
Back....	PAUL LOWE	Centennial	Senior	Senior	5'11	175
Back....	DAVID HARGRAVE	Muir	Senior	Senior	6'	162
Back....	PAUL GROVER	Anaheim	Senior	Senior	5' 9	160
Back....	GARY BAGWELL	Montebello	Senior	Senior	6'	185
Back....	BILLY HOWARD	Santa Monica	Senior	Senior	5' 9	165

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JIM BRACKINS TO RECEIVE NAVY FOOTBALL AWARD

James Brackins, named to the All-C.I.F. team for the second year in a row at a guard position, was named by the All-Southern California Board of Football to receive a special United States Naval Academy football award -- a football from the annual Army-Navy gridiron game autographed by members of the Naval Academy team -- at Helms Hall on Saturday, January 8th. This award, presented by the Fleet Reserve Association, will be given in recognition of Jim Brackins' all-around ability in football, plus his record as an outstanding leader in school activities. Joe Keeken, Regional Vice President of the Fleet Reserve Association will make presentation of the football to Jim. Members of the Long Beach Branch No. 43 of the F.R.A. will be on hand plus Johnny Baker, of the Long Beach City Council.

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## BILL COOPER & BOB FRANKLIN CO-PLAYERS OF YEAR ON NORTH-SOUTH C.I.F. TEAM FOR 1954

FOR RELEASE: WEDNESDAY, P.M., DECEMBER 29th and Thursday a.m.

Twenty-four of the outstanding prep football players who competed in the Northern-Southern section of the C.I.F. for 1954, were selected when the All-Southern California Board of Football met at Helms Hall for its annual football selections.

Named as Players of the Year were two players from the Northern and Southern section championship teams. William Cooper, of Hawthorne, Northern Section champions, and Bob Franklin, of Chula Vista, Southern group king pins, were the co-player selections.

Bill Cooper played the center position for Coach Hal Chauncey, called offensive and defensive signals, and has been named to the All-Pioneer League first team at center for the past three years. Coach Chauncey and his assistant, Dave Capelouto, give Cooper a good deal of the credit for the Cougars championship season. Hawthorne defeated Basic of Henderson, Nevada, in the playoff, 39-13, for the title.

Bob Franklin, T-Formation quarterback for Chula Vista's Spartans, led his team to the Southern Section title, which they won last year. Franklin, a 6 foot, 175 pound senior, scored 30 points during the season, passing for many more. He played both ways, being a top defensive halfback. Chula Vista beat El Centro, 34-19 for title.

Outstanding players named to this year's team were: Jerry Nicholson, Hawthorne's quarterback, who accounted for 1,141 yards during the season and 114 points. Dan Beard of Burstow averaged over 100 yards a game rushing and scored 74 points. Bill Lehrfeld, full-back for Paso Robles, who scored 124 points on 16 touchdowns and 28 extra points. Dick Ambrosi, Ikey Star of the Sea's ace back, rounded out the first team backfield. Dick scored 72 points on 12 touchdowns.

Ralph Ottoson, 6'1", 190-pound end from Paso Robles and Lynn Palmer, outstanding flanker from Bishop are the two first team ends named. Palmer scored 46 points during the season and is about the same size as Ottoson, who scored 42 points.

Four players repeated on this year's team from last season. Bill Lehrfeld was a first team member in 1953, while Lynn Palmer, Kei Higa and Eddie Murphy were second team selections last year.

Members of the Northern-Southern section All-C.I.F. team will receive Helms scroll awards at Helms Hall on Saturday morning, January 8th, at the Eighteenth annual All-Southern California Board of Football awards program. Coaches Hal Chauncey and Chet DeVore will receive special awards for leading their teams to sectional titles.

### ALL-C.I.F. NORTH-SOUTH FIRST & SECOND TEAM

#### \* FIRST TEAM

POSITION	P L A Y E R	S C H O O L	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	YEAR
End.....	LYNN PALMER	Bishop	6' 2	186	Senior
End.....	RALPH OTTOSON	Paso Robles	6' 1	187	Senior
Tackle..	PAUL WARWICK	Claremont	6' 2	200	Senior
Tackle..	REGINALD ATTIX	Garden Grove	6' 1	225	Junior
Guard...	ROBERT BAIZ	Pomona-Catholic	5' 10	175	Senior
Guard...	LARRY ERWIN	Chula Vista	5' 7	185	Senior
Center..	WILLIAM COOPER	Hawthorne	5' 11	190	Senior
Back....	DAN BEARD	Burstow	5' 11	175	Senior
Back....	BILL LEHRFELD	Paso Robles	6'	204	Senior
Back....	DICK AMBROSI	Mary Star of the Sea	6' 1	190	Senior
Back....	BOB FRANKLIN	Chula Vista	6'	175	Senior
Back....	JERRY NICHOLSON	Hawthorne	6'	170	Senior
End.....	CARROLL CLOWERS	Chula Vista	6' 1	170	Senior
End.....	WALT BEASLEY	El Centro	6'	170	Senior
Tackle..	PHINNIE MARSH	Culver City	6' 2	200	Senior
Tackle..	JIM MOSICH	Mary Star of the Sea	6'	185	Senior
Guard...	ABE DIN	El Centro	5' 6	150	Senior
Guard...	KEI HIGA	Citrus	5' 7	170	Senior
Center..	JERRY GAMBATESE	Bellarmine-Jefferson	6'	180	Senior
Back....	DONALD LONG	Beverly Hills	6'	185	Senior
Back....	EDDIE MURPHY	Corona	6'	175	Senior
Back....	TOM DOYLE	Bellarmine-Jefferson	6'	210	Senior
Back....	JACK HART	Garden Grove	5' 10	170	Senior
Back....	LARRY SHAW	El Centro	6'	180	Senior