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THE ALL-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA C.I.F. HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM FOR 1956

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For the 20th year Helms All-Southern California Board of Football made its annual pigskin selections at Helms Hall, naming 36 of Southern California's top prep performers for honors. Made up of Southern California sports journalists, the board has made selections dating back to 1937. For the first time in the board's history, co-players of the year were named in the C.I.F. central section division.

Unable to choose between Randy Meadows of Downey and Mickey Flynn of Anaheim, writers figured there would be no problem picking between the two following the C.I.F. playoff game in which the two stars faced each other. Following the 13-13 tie between Downey and Anaheim for the C.I.F. crown, the picture was more clouded than ever. Both boys lived up to all expectations and therefore the board was unanimous in making them co-players of the year for 1956.

This year both Flynn and Meadows averaged 16 yards per carry. Meadows scored 196 points in 13 ball games, while Flynn scored 22 in 10 games. Although Anaheim played a 13-game schedule, Flynn was injured and didn't play in three games. Both boys are the same size and come within a step or so of each other at 100 yards. Both Anaheim and Downey swamped their playoff foes. Anaheim beat Compton (32-7), San Diego Hoover (34-6), and Redlands (42-20). Downey defeated San Diego (35-21), Beverly Hills (54-14), and Antelope Valley (46-13). Both teams were undefeated going into the playoffs.

Other top backs on the first team are Roger Chaney, Redlands' fine quarterback who led Buck Weaver's team to the Citrus Belt title; Joe Avitia, Anaheim's ace fullback who is called the best small (5'9", 155 pounds) football player ever seen anywhere by his coach Clare Van Hoorebeke; and Art Gilmore, tailback for Riverside who scored 126 points in Citrus Belt League competition.

In 7 league games Chaney threw for 10 touchdowns and scored 6 himself. He had a 69.4% completion average. Buck Weaver makes no bones about the fact that Chaney is the best quarterback he has ever coached. Another great senior quarterback was Downey's Jack Trumbo who was named to the second team. A fine faker, Trumbo turned in some fine passing performances for essentially a running ball club.

All players on this year's first and second teams are seniors. Jim Smith, guard from Long Beach Poly is the only lower classman on the third team.

On January 12th, all players named for Southern California C.I.F. football team honors will be presented Helms Board of Football scroll awards. Dick Hill and Clare Van Hoorebeke both of whom finished such fine seasons will receive special tumbler awards. Football coaches and players will be guests of Paul H. Helms and the Helms Foundation at a patio luncheon following the awards ceremony.

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

1937	Frank Albert	Glendale	1948	John Olszewski	St. Anthony
1938	Harry Karns	Pomona	1949	Jim Contratto	Compton
1939	John Petrovich	Alhambra	1950	Charles Powell	San Diego
1940	Peter Zucco	S. Barbara	1951	Marty Keough	Pomona
1941	Newell Oestrich	Inglewood	1952	Ronald Knox	Santa Monica
1942	Glenn Davis	Bonita	1953	Ernie Zanpese	S. Barbara
1943	Norman Veeh	Tustin	1954	John Hangartner	Hoover, Gl.
1944	Bill Martin	Mark Keppel	1955	Mickey Flynn	Anaheim
1945	Al Pollard	Loyola (La)	1956	Mickey Flynn	Anaheim
1946	Al Pollard	Loyola (LA)		Randy Meadows	Downey
1947	Bud Woodward	Loyola (LA)			

MICKEY FLYNN, ANAHEIM, AND RANDY MEADOWS,
 DOWNEY, NAMED CO-PLAYERS OF YEAR IN CIF

ALL-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM FOR 1956

* * * FIRST TEAM

POSITION	PLAYER	SCHOOL	YEAR SCHOOL	HEIGHT	WEIGHT
End.....	GEORGE VAN VLIET	Whittier	Senior	6' 2	192
End.....	ANDY PUTNAM	Santa Barbara	Senior	5'11	175
Tackle..	MARLIN McKEEVER	Mt. Carmel	Senior	6' 1	229
Tackle..	HARLEY WIDMARK	Downey	Senior	5'11	185
Guard...	BEN CUTTER	San Gabriel	Senior	6' 2	190
Guard...	ROY BOTTINI	Helix	Senior	6'	195
Center..	BOB EDWARDS	Montebello	Senior	6'	213
Back....	MICKEY FLYNN	Anaheim	Senior	5'10	165
Back....	RANDY MEADOWS	Downey	Senior	5'11	165
Back....	JOE AVITIA	Anaheim	Senior	5' 9	155
Back....	ART GILMORE	Riverside	Senior	6' 1	175
Back....	ROGER CHANEY	Redlands	Senior	5' 9	160

* * * SECOND TEAM

End.....	JIM BLAIR	Beverly Hills	Senior	6' 1	175
End.....	GARY FREDERICK	Anaheim	Senior	6' 2	190
Tackle..	RONALD PUCKETT	Antelope Valley	Senior	6' 2	192
Tackle..	BRUCE CORNELL	Redlands	Senior	6'	195
Guard...	GORDON THOMPSON	Covina	Senior	5'10	180
Guard...	DAVE OKURA	Downey	Senior	5'10	175
Center..	RON COLLINS	San Diego	Senior	6'	195
Back....	JACK TRUMBO	Downey	Senior	6'	170
Back....	DEAN MOORE	Redondo	Senior	6' 1	178
Back....	BILL MONK	Oxnard	Senior	5'10	175
Back....	DICK ARBUCKLE	El Monte	Senior	5'10	150
Back....	MELVIN NEWQUIST	Mark Keppel	Senior	6' 1	200

* * * THIRD TEAM

End.....	JACK KELSEY	Redlands	Senior	6'	164
End.....	JOHN SHORT	Hawthorne	Senior	6'	180
Tackle..	EARL WOODWARD	Riverside	Senior	6' 3	220
Tackle..	GENE MORFORD	Anaheim	Senior	6'	192
Guard...	BILL JENNINGS	Chaffey	Senior	6' 1	180
Guard...	JIM SMITH	* Poly, Long Beach	Junior	5'10	215
Center..	CLARENCE GOODMAN	Mt. Carmel	Senior	6' 2	235
Back....	GORDON HESS	Glendale	Senior	6' 1	180
Back....	GARY DUNN	Helix	Senior	6'	205
Back....	CHARLES SPENCER	Antelope Valley	Senior	5' 9	160
Back....	DOUG RAINIER	Huntington Beach	Senior	6' 1	194
Back....	RON FUJINO	Fullerton	Senior	5' 8	145

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All-C.I.F. players will gather at Helms Hall on Saturday morning, January 12th for the 20th annual Board of Football awards program. Each player named to this year's teams will receive framed scroll awards presented by board members. Clare Van Hooerbeke of Anaheim and Dick Hill of Downey -- along with their star players Mickey Flynn and Randy Meadows, who were named co-players of the year -- will receive special awards for their outstanding achievements during 1956. Top personalities from the field of football will be in attendance to help pay tribute to the honored athletes.

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA NORTH-SOUTH C.I.F. HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM FOR 1956

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For the sixth year, Helms All-Southern California Board of Football -- composed of sports journalists throughout the Southern California area -- has selected all-star football teams from the high schools competing in the northern and southern sections of the California Interscholastic Federation. These high schools generally have smaller enrollment than those in the central section of the C.I.F.

This season the Helms Board named Adrian Ledbetter, senior fullback from Brea-Olinda High School as the outstanding player in small school's play. Ledbetter and the Brea-Olinda Wildcats lost in the Southern Section finals to Claremont, 19-12. Standing 6'4", and weighing 190 pounds, Ledbetter averaged over 110 yards rushing in five league games and gained 863 yards for the season. Adrian averaged 9 yards per carry in 97 attempts. Besides his fine ability on offense, Ledbetter was one of the finest linebackers in prep football this season. His coach, Dick Tucker, calls him the finest linebacker he's ever had. Ledbetter scored 17 touchdowns during the year and a total of 106 points.

Ledbetter's selection as player of the year was not a unanimous one. Michael Noyes, San Gabriel Mission's fine senior halfback who scored 15 touchdowns during the year, received several votes. Claremont's Hector Gonzalez, top lineman on Len Cohn's Southern Section champions, also received backing for player of the year honors.

Laguna Beach placed its star halfback, Bill O'Brien on the first team. Bill averaged 11.6 yards on 87 carries, completed 27 of 61 passes for 536 yards and scored 136 points. John Sommercamp, star back at Beaumont this season, scored 114 points and was one of the best extra point kickers in the southland. Darrell Eisner, who led Santa Maria to the San Luis Obispo League title, also was named to the first team backfield. Eisner scored 60 points from his quarterback post, 32 on conversions.

Other top performers who were named to the small schools teams were the following: Loy Coon, Brea's right half, who scored 110 points during the season and sparkled on defense along with Ledbetter; Pat Young, St. Monica's senior quarterback, who scored 72 points and passed for eight TDs; Tom Hitch, Claremont High's fine halfback, who scored 60 points; Chuck Wood, fullback on Escondido's Avocado League champions, who scored 106 points; Pete Aguirre from Mater Dei, who sparked the Monarchs to the northern group title; Roger Short, who averaged 10.6 yards per carry and scored 103 points in 9 games; and Larry Parque, quarterback for Bell Gardens, who along with Jim Sheffer, was a top performer in the Rio Hondo League for 1956.

Only one player from last year's teams repeated on the 1956 selections. Rudy Chacon, guard from Chino, was a third team pick last year.

PAST NORTH-SOUTH C.I.F. PLAYER OF THE YEAR SELECTIONS

1951	Billy J. Smith	Ventura	1954	Bill Cooper	Hawthorne
1952	C.R. Roberts	Oceanside		Bob Franklin	Chula Vista
1953	C.R. Roberts	Oceanside	1955	Bill Face	San Marino
			1956	Adrian Ledbetter	Brea-Olinda

Adrian Ledbetter will receive his player of the year medal award at Helms Hall on the morning of January 12th, when all players named for C.I.F. and All-Los Angeles City football team honors will gather for the 20th annual All-Southern California Board of Football awards program. Coaches and athletes will be invited to attend as well as outstanding personalities from the field of football.

**ADRIAN LEDBETTER, BREA-OLINDA BACKFIELD
STAR, NAMED SMALL SCHOOLS PLAYER OF YEAR**

ALL-C.I.F. NORTH-SOUTH SECTION FOOTBALL TEAM FOR 1956

* * * F I R S T T E A M

POSITION	PLAYER	SCHOOL	YEAR	HEIGHT	WEIGHT
End.....	TONY ANKERSON	Mater Dei	Senior	6'	170
End.....	DICK PAULUS	St. Francis	Senior	6' 1	190
Tackle..	JIM PUTMAN	Claremont	Senior	6'	190
Tackle..	TOM DALLAPE	Mater Dei	Senior	6' 1	190
Guard...	HECTOR GONZALEZ	Claremont	Senior	5'10	165
Guard...	LOUIE VALDIVIA	Brawley	Senior	5'10	175
Center..	RUDY DUARTE	Carpinteria	Senior	5'11	181
Back.....	ADRIAN LEDBETTER	Brea-Olinda	Senior	6' 4	190
Back....	MICHAEL NOYES	San Gabriel Mission	Senior	5'11	160
Back....	DARRELL EISNER	Santa Maria	Senior	6' 1	175
Back....	JOHN SOMMERCAMP	Beaumont	Senior	5'11	185
Back....	BILL O'BRIEN	Laguna Beach	Senior	5' 9	158

* * * S E C O N D T E A M

End.....	FLOYD PAINE	Corona	Senior	6' 3	195
End.....	CHARLES HUNNER	St. Monica's	Senior	6'	185
Tackle..	JACK ANDERSON	Escondido	Senior	6' 1	205
Tackle..	DICK JERNIGAN	Brawley	Senior	6' 2	185
Guard...	MIKE ARCHER	South Pasadena	Junior	5'11	170
Guard...	RUDY CHACON	Chino	Senior	5' 9	175
Center..	HARVEY CRANDALL	Trona	Senior	6' 3	230
Back....	ROGER SHORT	Burroughs,China Lake	Senior	6' 1	160
Back....	JIM SHEFFER	South Pasadena	Senior	6' 1	150
Back....	PETE AGUIRRE	Mater Dei	Senior	5' 8	140
Back....	CHUCK WOOD	Escondido	Senior	6' 2	188
Back....	KEN BALLARD	Coachella	Senior	5'11	197

* * * T H I R D T E A M

End.....	GARY JOHNSON	Santa Maria	Senior	6' 2	180
End.....	JAY LICON	Santa Ynez	Senior	6' 1	170
Tackle..	JIM RAMSEY	Barstow	Senior	6' 1	198
Tackle..	JOHN KUIZENGA	Carpinteria	Senior	6' 1	175
Guard...	TIM ANKERSON	Mater Dei	Junior	5'10	160
Guard...	GENE GOYCOCHEA	Mar Vista	Senior	6'	190
Center..	BOB ANDERSON	Perris	Senior	5'11	198
Back....	PAT YOUNG	St. Monica's	Senior	5' 9	175
Back....	TOM HITCH	Claremont	Senior	5'11	175
Back....	LARRY PARQUE	Bell Gardens	Senior	6'	190
Back....	BILL KILMER	Citrus	Senior	5'10	175
Back....	LOY COON	Brea Olinda	Senior	5'10	150

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All players named for honors on this season's All-C.I.F. small schools team will receive their framed scroll awards at the 20th Annual All-Southern California Board of Football Awards program to be held at Helms Hall on Saturday morning, January 12th at 10:30 a.m. Also receiving awards will be Leonard Cohn (Claremont) and Steve Musseau (Mater Dei) who directed their respective teams to Southern and Northern group titles this past season.