



# BOB JOHNSON, WHITTIER STAR, NAMED SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

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It wasn't an easy job for members of All Southern California Board of Basketball to select the Player of the Year in C.I.F. basketball ranks for the 1948 season. All five men who were chosen for the All-Southern California C.I.F. quintet merited consideration for the award.

After lengthy discussion was given to the matter, however, Whittier's fine all-around player, Bob Johnson, was handed the laurels. Johnson sparked Coach Glen Kelly's speedy Cardinals to a Pacific League title, and, later, to the Southern California championship.

Although Johnson topped the 300 mark in points scored this year, he excelled on defense, as well.

For having been chosen C.I.F. Player of the Year for the 1948 campaign, Bob Johnson will be presented with the Helms Athletic Foundation medal award. Others who have been named for the Helms Player of the Year award in the past, follow:

YEAR	PLAYER OF YEAR	SCHOOL	YEAR	PLAYER OF YEAR	SCHOOL
1938	Stuart Lewis . . .	Whittier	1944	Richard Robbins . .	Long Beach
1939	Bob Howard . . . .	Long Beach	1945	Richard Barnes . .	Hoover (S.D.)
1940	Ed Gillean . . . .	Long Beach	1946	Hugh Stewart . . .	So. Pasadena
1941	Horace Brightman .	Wilson (L.B.)	1947	Houston Faulkner .	Anaheim
1942	Irving Noren . . .	Pasadena	1948	Bob Johnson . . . .	Whittier
1943	Alan Grimley . . .	Glendale			
	Bob Hobbs . . . . .	Orange			

Teaming with Bob Johnson at a forward position on the All-Southern California quintet is San Diego Hoover's Bill McColl. It was the second All-Southern award for McColl, the San Diego star having been named for honors in 1947. McColl chalked up 398 points in 28 contests.

Board members assigned the center berth on the All-Southern California to big 6-foot, 6-inch Bob Boyd of Alhambra. Bob was a terror to opposing squads, racking up 430 points in 29 contests.

Compton's sterling Bud Chrisman, who was a center, but shone in all departments of play, chalking up well over 400 points for the year, was chosen for a guard post, as was Ventura's defensive ace, John Gobel. The Board praised Gobel highly for his defensive work in the Southern California championships, which aided Ventura in reaching the finals, being edged out by Whittier, 48-41.

The Southern California championship Whittier squad placed two men on the All-Southern California lineups -- Johnson gaining a first-team berth, while clever Eddie Hookstratten gathered in a second-team post. The selections follow:

## ALL-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA C.I.F. HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAMS FOR 1948.

### \*\*\* FIRST TEAM

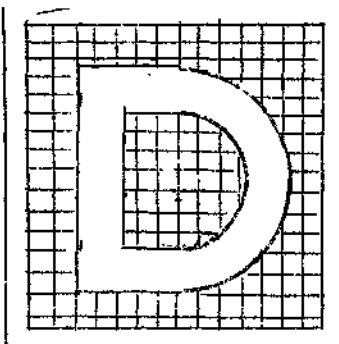
POS.	PLAYER	TEAM	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	SCHOOL
F	Bob Johnson . . . .	Whittier . . . .	6'03	180	Senior
F	Bill McColl . . . .	Hoover (S. Diego)	6'03	195	Senior
C	Bob Boyd . . . . .	Alhambra . . . .	6'06	195	Senior
G	Bud Chrisman . . .	Compton . . . .	6'02	180	Senior
G	John Gobel . . . .	Ventura . . . .	5'11	180	Senior

### \*\*\* SECOND TEAM

F	Eddie Hookstratten .	Whittier . . . .	5'10	150	Senior
F	Mel Streeter . . . .	Riverside . . . .	6'03	175	Senior
C	Frank Sullivan . . .	Burbank . . . .	6'-7	198	Senior
G	Robert Davis . . . .	Chaffey . . . .	6'02	165	Junior
G	Noel Huff . . . . .	Long Beach . . .	5'08	150	Senior

### \*\*\* THIRD TEAM

F	James Dean . . . .	So. Pasadena . .	6'00	148	Senior
F	Louis Caton . . . .	Loyola . . . . .	6'00	160	Senior
C	James Nau . . . . .	Santa Ana . . . .	6'05	187	Senior
G	Richard Henry . . .	El Centro . . . .	5'09	165	Senior
G	Donn Fisher . . . .	Hoover (Glendale)	5'11	158	Senior



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AN DUCICH GRABS HELMS MEDAL AS PLAYER OF YEAR FOR SECOND TIME. . . . .

COMPTON COLLEGE CENTER DUPLICATES PERFORMANCE AT LOS ANGELES HIGH SCHOOL DURING 1944 SEASON

Dan Ducich, the big, 6-foot, 3-inch, 190-pound center of Bill Schleibaum's Western States Conference championship Compton College squad, who led the Tartars to the Western States College hoop tourney title, has been chosen Southern California Junior College Basketball Player of the Year, for the 1947-'48 season.

It marked the second time that Ducich has been named as Player of the Year by All Southern California Board of Basketball, having previously been honored when at Los Angeles High School, in 1944.

Ducich performed brilliantly in all departments of play for the Tartars during the 1948 campaign, and that included the art of tossing the ball through the basket. The big Compton pivot-man looped in a total of 445 points in 37 regular-season skirmishes, and topped off that achievement with an additional 42 points in the Western States tournament, giving him a grand total of 487 points.

Ducich will be presented with the Helms Athletic Foundation medal, in recognition of Player of the Year laurels. Others, in junior college ranks, who have been accorded such honors in the past, were as follows:

YEAR	PLAYER	SCHOOL	YEAR	PLAYER	SCHOOL
1938	Vic Townsend. . . .	Compton	1943	Irving Noren. . .	Pasadena
1939	Tom Keesey. . . . .	Fullerton	1944	Melvin Baer . . .	Pasadena
1940	Francis Garland . . .	Los Angeles	1945	Morris Decker . . .	Pasadena
1941	Henry Fohring . . . .	Los Angeles	1946	Bill Lewis . . . .	Glendale
1942	Bob Howard. . . . .	Long Beach	1947	Tom Amberry . . .	Long Beach
			1948	Dan Ducich. . . .	Compton

Having been named Player of the Year, Compton's Dan Ducich also had an All-Southern California Junior College Team berth awaiting him, and it was at a center post.

Ducich was flanked at the forwards by East Los Angeles' Jerry Norman, leading scorer of the Metropolitan Conference; and by San Diego's high-scoring Ivan Robinson, a transfer from San Jose State. Robinson tallied 345 points in 25 contests.

Fullerton's high-scoring center, Herbert Wilson, who chalked up 387 points in 27 games, was assigned to a guard spot on the All-Southern California quintet. Herb was a standout on defense, as well as on offense. In two years of play at Fullerton, Wilson has collected a total of 757 points.

The other guard berth was handed to Glendale's sparkling defensive ace, Ward Coburn, who probably did most to gain the Metropolitan Conference title for the Vaqueros.

Riverside, champions of the Orange Empire Conference, didn't place a man on the first-team lineup, but did place its sterling guard, Frank Brophy, on the second-team.

The All-Southern California Board of Basketball selections, in junior college ranks, for the 1948 season, follow:

FIRST TEAM . . . ALL-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA JUNIOR COLLEGE						
POS.	PLAYER	TEAM	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	YEAR IN SCHOOL	
F	JERRY NORMAN. . . . .	East L.A. . .	6'00	170	1st	
F	IVAN ROBINSON. . . . .	San Diego . .	6'03	175	2nd	
C	D.N DUCICH. . . . .	Compton . . .	6'03	190	2nd	
G	HERBERT WILSON. . . . .	Fullerton . .	6'03	230	2nd	
G	WARD COBURN . . . . .	Glendale. . .	6'01	170	2nd	
SECOND TEAM			THIRD TEAM			
POS.	PLAYER	TEAM	POS.	PLAYER	TEAM	
F	Marrell Binkley. . . .	Ventura	F	William Meyer. . . .	Mair	
F	Bob Grove. . . . .	Compton	F	Roy Morrison . . . .	Chaffey	
C	Houston Faulkner . . .	Santa Ana	C	Carl Kraushaar . . .	Compton	
G	Richard Wolfe. . . . .	Long Beach	G	Jack Sparks. . . . .	Los Angeles	
G	Frank Brophy . . . . .	Riverside	G	Vaughn Tolman. . . .	Santa Monica	

DICK SANER, VENICE ACE, NABS ALL-WESTERN  
 LEAGUE PLAYER OF YEAR HONORS FOR 1948

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Members of the Helms Athletic Foundation All-Southern California Board of Basketball lost no time in selecting one of the finest players in Los Angeles City High School ranks, Dick Saner, Venice guard, for Western League Player of the Year honors for 1948. Saner was the key-man in the Venice attack which took the Condoliers to the very top of the Los Angeles City High Schools basketball tourney, at the close of the season. During the regular season, Saner chalked up 97 points in 10 games, from his guard position. Dick was a standout in all departments of play.

The Western League's highest scorer, Joe Marcus of Dorsey, who tallied 105 points, landed on the Second Team.

In addition to Saner, Venice placed center Bob Murray on the All-Western. University likewise nabbed two All-Western assignments, with forward Ronnie Garver and guard Barry Potter gaining the laurels.

Dorsey didn't dent the First Team squad, but placed three on the Second Team.

\* ALL-WESTERN LEAGUE . . . FIRST TEAM . . . 1948

POSITION	PLAYER	TEAM	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	YEAR IN SCHOOL
Forward	Ronnie Garver . . .	University	5'10	160	Sr.
Forward	Dale Lillard . . .	Fairfax	6' 1	160	Sr.
Center	Bob Murray . . . .	Venice	6' 1	180	Sr.
Guard	Dick Saner . . . .	Venice	6' 1	175	Sr.
Guard	Barry Potter . . . .	University	6' 1	160	Sr.

\* ALL-WESTERN LEAGUE . . . SECOND TEAM . . . 1948

Forward	Joe Marcus . . . .	Dorsey	5'11	160	Sr.
Forward	Richard Donny . . .	Hollywood	6' 2	157	Sr.
Center	Bob Woods . . . .	Dorsey	6' 4	185	Sr.
Guard	Jerry Riffe . . . .	University	6' 1	170	Sr.
Guard	Gerald Haney . . . .	Dorsey	5' 8	140	Sr.

BANNING'S WAYNE SNELL HONORED AS PLAYER  
 OF YEAR IN MARINE LEAGUE, BY BOARD

Tall, rugged Wayne Snell, strong-armed passer of Banning's co-championship squad of the Marine League, was handed Player of the Year honors by All-Southern California Board of Basketball, earning him the Helms award. Snell's fine defensive work caught the eye of the Board.

Marine League high-scorer, Francisco Pacheco, forward, with 90 points in 6 skirmishes, gave Banning its second place on the All-Marine. San Pedro also provided the All-Marine squad with two men -- Tom Lovrich, center, and Edgar Johnson, guard.

Narbonne's Marine League co-championship quintet placed Paul Fetitt on the first team, and three players -- Bob Gazeley, Bob Fresenius, and Bill Brown, on the Second Team. Fetitt was just a Sophomore.

\* ALL-MARINE LEAGUE . . . FIRST TEAM . . . 1948

POSITION	PLAYER	TEAM	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	YEAR IN SCHOOL
Forward	Francisco Pacheco . .	Banning	5'10	160	Jr.
Forward	Paul Fetitt . . . .	Narbonne	6' 0	160	Soph.
Center	Tom Lovrich . . . .	San Pedro	6' 2	139	Sr.
Guard	Wayne Snell . . . .	Banning	6' 1	160	Sr.
Guard	Edgar Johnson . . . .	San Pedro	5' 9	158	Sr.

\* ALL-MARINE LEAGUE . . . SECOND TEAM . . . 1948

Forward	Bob Gazeley . . . .	Narbonne	5' 9	140	Sr.
Forward	William Carr . . . .	Banning	5' 9	155	Jr.
Center	Bob Fresenius . . . .	Narbonne	6' 3	185	Jr.
Guard	Bill Brown . . . .	Narbonne	5' 8	145	Sr.
Guard	Bob Karbach . . . .	Gardena	6' 3	185	Jr.

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# RONNIE KREUTZBERG, WILSON CENTER, NAMED ALL-NORTHERN LEAGUE PLAYER OF YEAR

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Although he had plenty of competition from Franklin's Don Elmore, and Belmont's Monico Gonzales, Wilson's Ronnie Krutzberg, elongated center, was chosen All-Northern League Player of the Year for 1948. Ronnie hooped in 91 points in regular-season League play, and bucketed 50 more in 4 All-City tourney games.

Polytechnic was the only school which did not place players on the All-Northern League first team, but two Mechanics, Jack Hickman and Bill Holdeman, earned Second Team posts.

Franklin's big Don Elmore, a center, but moved to guard on the all-star squad, because of his sterling defensive play, has high-scorer of the Northern circuit, with 140 points. Marshall's Harold Carr was next in line, with 118.

Lincoln's Eddie Davis, who captured a guard position, was an accurate shot, bagging a total of 109 points.

Jack Hickman, Polytechnic center, who gained Second Team honors, scored 110 pts.

\* ALL-NORTHERN LEAGUE . . . FIRST TEAM . . . 1948

POSITION	PLAYER	TEAM	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	YEAR IN SCHOOL
Forward	Harold Carr . . . . .	Marshall	5'10	150	Sr.
Forward	Monico Gonzales . . . . .	Belmont	5'10	155	Jr.
Center	Ronnie Krutzberg . . . . .	Wilson	6' 3	165	Sr.
Guard	Don Elmore . . . . .	Franklin	6' 1	175	Sr.
Guard	Eddie Davis . . . . .	Lincoln	5'11	140	Sr.

\* ALL-NORTHERN LEAGUE . . . SECOND TEAM . . . 1948

Forward	Jerry Florence . . . . .	Marshall	6' 1	150	Sr.
Forward	Fred Garner . . . . .	Franklin	5'10	160	Sr.
Center	Jack Hickman . . . . .	Polytechnic	6' 4	190	Sr.
Guard	Allen Brogan . . . . .	Wilson	5' 9	145	Jr.
Guard	Bill Holdeman . . . . .	Polytechnic	5'11	160	Jr.

## ALL-SAN FERNANDO VALLEY LEAGUE HONORS AWARDED TO DICK CORZINE, TIGER FORWARD

San Fernando's Dick Corzine, scoring leader of the Valley League, with 163 points in 10 games, was awarded the Player of the Year crown, in his circuit, by All Southern California Board of Basketball. That honor will gain Corzine the Helms award.

North Hollywood was the only school to place two men on the All-Valley squad -- Dick Williams, and Ralph Bauer, both chosen for guard assignments, being those who were chosen. Williams converted at center, but stood out so prominently on defense that he was assigned to guard duty.

Verdugo Hills' Allen Durbin, who tallied 131 points, was chosen for a forward berth, while Eagle Rock's Ralph Potter, who chalked up 123 points, was named at the center post.

North Hollywood not only nabbed two First Team positions, but also collected a couple of Second Team places -- Fred Holzer and Bob Keefauver being chosen.

\* ALL-SAN FERNANDO VALLEY . . . FIRST TEAM . . . 1948

POSITION	PLAYER	TEAM	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	YEAR IN SCHOOL
Forward	Richard Corzine . . . . .	San Fernando	5'11	170	Sr.
Forward	Allen Durbin . . . . .	Verdugo Hill	5' 9	155	Sr.
Center	Ralph Potter . . . . .	Eagle Rock	6' 1	185	Sr.
Guard	Dick Williams . . . . .	N.Hollywood	6' 1	160	Sr.
Guard	Ralph Bauer . . . . .	N.Hollywood	6' 2	195	Sr.

\* ALL-SAN FERNANDO VALLEY . . . SECOND TEAM . . . 1948

Forward	Fred Holzer . . . . .	N.Hollywood	5'11	165	Jr.
Forward	Ed Amescua . . . . .	Oxnog Park	5' 8	150	Sr.
Center	Bob Keefauver . . . . .	N.Hollywood	6' 5	165	Sr.
Guard	Tom Lannin . . . . .	Verdugo Hill	5'11	165	Jr.
Guard	David Morales . . . . .	San Fernando	5'11	146	Sr.

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# DON EBY, WASHINGTON FORWARD, GAINS ALL-SOUTHERN LEAGUE PLAYER OF YEAR HONORS

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A Junior, forward Don Eby of Washington High School, captured All-Southern League Player of the Year honors for 1948. The General's hook-shot artist, who collected 48 points in the season finale, against Fremont, to hang up a loop mark, tallied 160 points for the '48 campaign. Eby, as will other players chosen for honors, will be presented with Helms Athletic Foundation awards.

Washington, in Eby, and Chet Noe, nabbed two berths on the All-Southern outfit. Noe performed at center, but was assigned to a guard position on the all-star five. Noe, who stands 6' 6", and weighs 200, chalked up 141 points in 10 League games.

Manual Arts' Dick Satterlee, who registered 122 points, was given the center post, while Roosevelt's Jack Ednoff, who registered 121, placed at forward.

Los Angeles' clever defensive ace, Billy Morris, grabbed a guard post.

\* ALL-SOUTHERN LEAGUE . . . FIRST TEAM . . . 1948

POSITION	PLAYER	TEAM	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	YEAR IN SCHOOL
Forward	Don Eby . . . . .	Washington	6' 2	165	Jr.
Forward	Jack Ednoff . . . . .	Roosevelt	5'11	160	Sr.
Center	Dick Satterlee . . . . .	Manual Arts	6' 0	173	Sr.
Guard	Billy Morris . . . . .	Los Angeles	6' 0	156	Sr.
Guard	Chet Noe . . . . .	Washington	6' 6	200	Jr.

\* ALL-SOUTHERN LEAGUE . . . SECOND TEAM . . . 1948

Forward	Jim McFarland . . . . .	Manual Arts	5'11	160	Sr.
Forward	Elias Contreras . . . . .	Roosevelt	5'11	165	Sr.
Center	Bill Peppard . . . . .	Fremont	6' 2	170	Sr.
Guard	Bob Williams . . . . .	Jefferson	5'11	170	Sr.
Guard	Wally Howarth . . . . .	Manual Arts	5' 9	137	Sr.

# NELSEN AND JOHNSON SHARE ALL-EASTERN LEAGUE PLAYER OF YEAR LAURELS FOR 1948

It was impossible for members of All Southern California Board of Basketball to choose between Garfield's Jack Nelsen, and Jordan's Rufus Johnson, for All-Eastern League Player of the Year honors. Both were selected.

Nelsen was high scorer of the City, with 175 points, and Johnson followed closely behind with 172. In one game, against Riis, Nelsen hit the hoop for 33 points. Johnson, playing with a weak team, was practically a one-man show. He bucketed 28 against Huntington Park, and 27 against Riis.

Three Juniors gained places on the All-Eastern -- Hollis Pincock, Huntington Park, a center but shifted to forward by the Board; Bernard Baker, high-scoring Huntington Park guard, and Rufus Johnson. Johnson, however, won't be eligible next season.

A trio of the All-Easterns were centers -- Pincock, Johnson, and Dick Chapman. The latter operated at both center and guard. Craven, on the second team, was also a center, but was shifted to a guard assignment by the Board of Basketball.

\* ALL-EASTERN LEAGUE . . . FIRST TEAM . . . 1948

POSITION	PLAYER	TEAM	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	YEAR IN SCHOOL
Forward	Jack Nelsen . . . . .	Garfield	5' 9	145	Sr.
Forward	Hollis Pincock . . . . .	Huntington Pk.	6' 1	170	Jr.
Center	Rufus Johnson . . . . .	Jordan	6' 2	165	Jr.
Guard	Dick Chapman . . . . .	Garfield	5'11	175	Sr.
Guard	Bernard Baker . . . . .	Huntington Pk.	5'11	168	Jr.

\* ALL-EASTERN LEAGUE . . . SECOND TEAM . . . 1948

Forward	Stuart Dollinger . . . . .	South Gate	6' 1	185	Sr.
Forward	Gene Dickey . . . . .	South Gate	6' 1	170	Sr.
Center	Robert Taylor . . . . .	R i i s	6' 4	185	Sr.
Guard	Gerald Watts . . . . .	B e l l	5'10	157	Sr.
Guard	Leonard Craven . . . . .	B e l l	6' 1	151	Sr.

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