

RONALD BANE, ALHAMBRA CENTER SENSATION,
GAINS UNANIMOUS RECOGNITION AS 1951 CIF
BASKETBALL PLAYER OF YEAR

FOR RELEASE: ~~Wednesday morning, March 14, 1951, and after~~

The near legendary exploits of Ronald Bane, Alhambra High School's top point producer and star center, led to his unanimous selection as CIF Basketball Player of the Year, at the Helms Athletic Foundation's All-Southern California Board of Basketball meeting at Helms Hall on March 8. As in 1950, the Board chose two ten-man teams. Four southland schools placed two men on the All-CIF squads: Alhambra, Pacific League champions, placed Ronald Bane on the First Team at a center post, and its star forward, Charles Reilly, also gained a First Team berth. Compton, Ken Fagans' Coast League champs, matched the Moors in the selections by placing Jim Ritchie on the First Team at guard, and Ben Daniels at the same spot on the Second Team. Pomona High, boasting two of the outstanding ball players in the Citrus-Belt League, placed Marty Keough on the First Team at a forward, and Ralph Bonham, regular Red Devils' center, at a guard position on the Second Team. Loyola, champions of the Catholic League, placed Fernando Neri on the First squad, and Jack Dunne on the Second Team. Neri holds down one of the forward berths, while his teammate, Dunne, goes at a center position.

736-29 games

"The best center I ever coached", was what Claude Miller had to say concerning his CIF Player of the Year, Ronald Bane. Never seemingly bothered by the pressure of crucial games, Bane has amassed a total of 626 points for 25 games. He compiled the phenomenal average of 28 points-per-game in league competition, and has a 25.7 average for the season. Bane boasts a remarkable 71% free throw record, to top off his season's accomplishments. Not far behind in the estimation of his coach, is Charles Reilly, who ranks with Bill Sanchez, of Cathedral, as the scoringest forward in CIF ranks. Reilly scored 474 points in 25 contests, while Sanchez bucketed 635 in 36 games.

Marty Keough, Pomona, and Fernando Neri, Loyola, are the other pair of forwards named to the CIF First Team. Both boys are juniors, as is Sanchez, of Cathedral, all returning next year to bolster their respective teams. Keough maintained a 19.9 average for league games, to break the Citrus-Belt League record, and was the only unanimous choice for all-league honors by a vote of the coaches. Neri, spark of the Cubs' powerful attack, is considered one of the top floor-men in CIF ranks this year. Possessed of great ball handling ability and a quick start, Neri is as hard to stop on offense as he is to shake on defense. Fernando scored 378 points in 27 games.

Art Henriksen, Long Beach Poly, named to the other center slot, went over the "400 mark" as he counted for 403 points in 23 games. Percy Gilbert, San Diego star, and San Diego League Player of the Year, led the guard selections, along with Jim Ritchie, Compton, Jack Findley, Glendale, and Bob Lethbridge, of Burroughs.

Here are the All-CIF Teams for 1951, as chosen by the Helms Athletic Foundation's All-Southern California Board of Basketball, composed of Ralph Alexander, John de la Vega, Bud Furillo, Eddie West, Mannie Pineda, Francis Tuckwiler, Jerry Weiner, Mil Chipp, Tom Burdick, Bill Whitney, Mory Kapp, Ward Gillilan, Bill Walker, Pete Kokon, Jim Leigh, Russ Cochran, Harley Tinkham, and Bill Schroeder.

* ALL-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CIF HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL FIRST TEAM-1951

POSITION	PLAYER	TEAM	HGHT	WGHT	YR. SCHOOL
Forward	Charles Reilly	Alhambra	5'10"	150	Senior
Forward	Marty Keough	Pomona	5'10"	175	Junior
Forward	Fernando Neri	Loyola	5' 9"	160	Junior
Forward	William Sanchez	Cathedral	6'	150	Junior
Center	Ronald Bane	Alhambra	6' 1"	190	Senior
Center	Arthur Henriksen	Long Beach P.	6' 8"	210	Senior
Guard	James Ritchie	Compton	6'	157	Senior
Guard	Percy Gilbert	San Diego	5'11"	150	Senior
Guard	Jack Findley	Glendale	6' 3"	180	Senior
Guard	Bob Lethbridge	Burroughs	6' 2"	195	Senior

ALL-C.I.F. BASKETBALL TEAM - 1951 SEASON

* ALL-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CIF HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL SECOND TEAM

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>HGHT</u>	<u>WGHT</u>	<u>YR. SCHOOL</u>
Forward	Armand Nettles	Newport Harbor	6' 4"	160	Junior
Forward	James Ranglos	La Jolla	6' 2"	185	Senior
Forward	Eric Wittenberg	Beverly Hills	6' 3"	185	Senior
Forward	Ronald Hearn	Excelsior	5' 9"	150	Senior
Center	Roy Irvin	Montebello	6' 6"	205	Senior
Center	Jack Dunne	Loyola	6' 4"	184	Junior
Guard	Wayne Lockhart	Ventura	5' 8"	140	Senior
Guard	Ben Daniels	Compton	6' 1"	177	Senior
Guard	Ralph Bonham	Pomona	6' 3"	175	Senior
Guard	Tom Lambert	Whittier	5' 9"	150	Senior

HELMS HALL C.I.F. AWARDS PROGRAM SET FOR SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 31

The Fourteenth Annual All-Southern California C.I.F. High School Basketball Team Awards Program, sponsored by Helms Athletic Foundation, will be held at Helms Hall, on Saturday morning, March 31. All players chosen for honors, coaches of honored players, and student newspaper sports editors of high schools which honored players represented, will be invited to attend.

Many features have been planned for the Awards Ceremony on March 31. All players selected for honors, on the first and second teams, will be presented with framed Helms Athletic Foundation certificate awards. Schools of honored players will receive duplicate awards for their trophy cases.

Ronald Bane, C.I.F. Basketball Player of the Year for 1951, will be presented with the Helms Athletic Foundation's medal award.

The coach of the C.I.F. Championship Basketball Team will receive a special Helms Athletic Foundation award on March 31, at which time a number of outstanding basketball players and coaches will be invited to attend. The Saturday morning Awards Program will get under way at 10:30 A.M.

Those players who have been chosen for C.I.F. Basketball Player of the Year honors during the past fourteen years are as follows:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PLAYER OF THE YEAR</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>
1938	Stuart Lewis	Whittier
1939	Bob Howard	Long Beach Poly
1940	Ed Gillean	Long Beach Poly
1941	Horace Brightman	Long Beach Wilson
1942	Irving Noren	Pasadena
1943	Alan Grimley	Glendale
	Bob Hobbs	Orange
1944	Richard Robbins	Long Beach Poly
1945	Richard Barnes	San Diego Hoover
1946	Hugh Stewart	South Pasadena
1947	Houston Faulkner	Anaheim
1948	Bob Johnson	Whittier
1949	Wayne Kopren	Whittier
1950	Mark Costello	El Monte
1951	Ronald Bane	Alhambra

NEWS RELEASE
**J.C. GIPSON, JEFFERSON, LOS ANGELES CITY
BASKETBALL PLAYER OF YEAR FOR 1951 SEASON**

FOR RELEASE: SATURDAY AFTERNOON, JANUARY 27, 1951....AND AFTER

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From a host of Los Angeles City basketball talent, J.C. Gipson, high-scoring center from Jefferson High School, was selected All-Los Angeles City Basketball Player of the Year for 1951 by the Helms All-Southern California Board of Basketball.

Gipson, star member of Jefferson's All-Southern League and All-Los Angeles City Championship basketball team, averaged 22 points per game in Southern League play and scored over 400 points during the '51 campaign. The only sophomore to make the first three All-Los Angeles City basketball teams, Gipson stands 6'6" and weighs in at 179 pounds.

In recognition of his selection as Los Angeles City High Schools Basketball Player of the Year for 1951, J.C. Gipson will have his name engraved upon the Paul H. Helms Trophy, which is lodged in Helms Hall, and will be recipient of the Helms Athletic Foundation's Player of the Year medal award. Presentation will be made at Helms Hall on Saturday morning, February 10, 1951, at which time the Fourteenth Annual All-Southern California Board of Basketball (Los Angeles City Section) Awards program will be held.

Those who have been chosen for Los Angeles City High School Basketball Player of the Year honors in the past, are:

1938 John Mandic, Roosevelt	1946 Dick McFarland, Manual Arts
1939 Dick Lindsley, Eagle Rock	1947 Al Linnick, Fairfax
1940 Dick Frey, Banning	1948 Dick Saner, Venice
1941 Gilbert Turnbull, Hamilton	1949 Chet Noe, Washington
1942 Derington Gartrell, Banning	Don Eby, Washington
1943 Vic Larson, Washington	1950 James Powell, Polytechnic
1944 Dan Ducich, Los Angeles	1951 J.C. Gipson, Jefferson
1945 Bob Kloppenburg, Marshall	

Members of the All-Southern California Board of Basketball for the 1951 season, Los Angeles City Section, are as follows:

Ralph Alexander, Examiner	Jerry Weiner, Citizen-News
John de la Vega, Times	Pete Kokon, Valley Times
Bud Furillo, Herald-Express	Mil Chipp, San Pedro News-Pilot
Mory Kapp, Daily News	Braven Dyer, Jr., Secretary
Harley Tinkham, Mirror	Bill Schroeder, Chairman

The All-Los Angeles City First Team is made up of three seniors, one junior and a lone sophomore. Flanking J.C. Gipson, tallest of the All-City selections, are Duane Robbins, North Hollywood, and Dennis White, Hollywood, two top-flight forwards. And at the guard posts the Helms Board selected Algin Sutton, Jefferson, and Gus Tassopulos, Los Angeles, both of whom were standouts in their respective leagues.

Duane Robbins, North Hollywood's fine forward, was selected Valley League Player of the Year, and Duane's coach, Al Lundy, called him "the best forward in the city." Duane scored 204 points in 11 games for the Huskies and was the only junior to be selected on the All-Los Angeles City First Team.

At the other forward, Dennis White, Hollywood, was a standout performer in the Western League. He was chosen Player of the Year in his league. White led Western League scorers with 190 points in 12 games and turned in a good job of defensive work. Dennis is a senior, stands 6'1" and weighs 151 pounds.

Algin Sutton, Jefferson, was named by the Helms Board to fill one guard position. A great team player, Sutton was called the "spark" of the Democrats' attack by coach Larry Hanson. Sutton scored 219 points in 22 games as well as being sharp on defense.

Gus Tassopulos, Los Angeles, rounds out the All-City First Team at the remaining guard spot. Tassopulos is regarded by his coach, Horace Bresee, as the second best basketball player he has coached in his 25 years at L.A. High School. Gus was the highest scoring guard in the city this season and his total of 165 points in 12 games is the third highest scored by a guard in city basketball history.

J.C. Gipson, Jefferson, is the biggest man on the All-City First Team, standing 6'6" and weighing 179 pounds. Gus Tassopulos is the smallest man, measuring 5'9" and tipping the scales at 127 pounds.

MORE....MORE....MORE

The All-Los Angeles City Second Team is composed of five seniors. Eddie White, Narbonne, and Mack Taylor, Jefferson, were selected at forwards. White was named Eastern-Marine League Player of the Year and he scored 215 points in 12 games. Taylor was high scoring forward for the Democrats with 370 points in 23 games. Alan Ludecke was the Helms Board's choice at center. Alan scored 145 points for the Sheiks in 11 games. The two guards were Sam Owens, Manual Arts, and Herb Isono, University. Owens scored 108 points in 10 games, while Isono, who like Owens is a repeater from the 1950 All-Los Angeles Second Team....Isono was selected as a forward in 1950....led the scoring among University's guards.

The All-Los Angeles City Third Team is made up of Jack Selleck, Franklin, and Dick Carver, Fairfax, at the forwards; William Naulis, San Pedro, the only junior on the third team, the rest being seniors, was chosen to fill the center position; and Ray Villalobos, Belmont, and Paul Moe, South Gate, rounding out the team at guards. Ray Villalobos, Belmont, was selected by the Helms Board as Co-Player of the Year from the Northern League.

All players selected for All-Los Angeles City Basketball Team honors (first, second and third teams) will be presented with Helms Athletic Foundation awards at the Fourteenth annual All-Southern California Board of Basketball Awards program which will be held at Helms Hall on Saturday morning, February 10th, at 10:30 o'clock. Also, at this time, all players who have been chosen for all-star team honors in each of the five Los Angeles City Leagues---Eastern-Marine, San Fernando Valley, Northern, Southern and Western---will be presented with their Helms Athletic Foundation awards. Coaches of all the players, as well as sports editors of the student newspapers, will be guests of Helms Athletic Foundation on this occasion. A number of famed basketball coaches and celebrities have been invited as honored guests, and will be on hand to greet the All-City and all-League players.

Here are the All-Los Angeles City Team selections, made by the Helms All-Southern California Board of Basketball:

***** FIRST TEAM

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>HGHT</u>	<u>WGHT</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
Forward	Duane Robbins	No. Hollywood	5'11"	141	Jr.
Forward	Dennis White	Hollywood	6' 1"	151	Sr.
Center	J.C. Gipson	Jefferson	6' 6"	179	Soph.
Guard	Algin Sutton	Jefferson	6' 1"	151	Sr.
Guard	Gus Tassopoulos	Los Angeles	5' 9"	127	Sr.

***** SECOND TEAM

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>HGHT</u>	<u>WGHT</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
Forward	Eddie White	Narbonne	6' 1"	170	Sr.
Forward	Mack Taylor	Jefferson	5'10"	137	Sr.
Center	Alan Ludecke	Hollywood	6' 4"	169	Sr.
Guard	Samuel Owens	Manual Arts	5'10"	175	Sr.
Guard	Herbert Isono	University	5' 9"	152	Sr.

***** THIRD TEAM

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>HGHT</u>	<u>WGHT</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
Forward	Jack Selleck	Franklin	5'11"	142	Sr.
Forward	Dick Carver	Fairfax	6' 2"	182	Sr.
Center	William Naulis	San Pedro	6' 5"	202	Jr.
Guard	Ray Villalobos	Belmont	5'10"	139	Sr.
Guard	Paul Moe	South Gate	5'10"	156	Sr.

*** Larry Hanson, who coached Jefferson's Democrats to the City Championship, will be presented with a special Helms Foundation award at the February 10th basketball awards program in recognition of his fine coaching this season. Members of the champion Jefferson High School Basketball Team will also be presented with special awards in recognition of their All-City Championship.

*** Members of the All-Los Angeles City First Team will be awarded regulation basketballs by the Voit Rubber Company at the Fourteenth Annual All-Southern California Board of Basketball Awards program, February 10, 1951, at Helms Hall.

EDDIE WHITE, NARBONNE, CHOSEN PLAYER OF YEAR IN EASTERN-MARINE LEAGUE BASKETBALL

FOR RELEASE: TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JANUARY 23, 1951...AND AFTER

Eddie White, ace Narbonne forward, was chosen Player of the Year in the Eastern-Marine League for the 1951 basketball season. White scored 215 points in 12 games and broke a school single-game scoring record by bucketing 32 points against Bell.

Other players chosen on the All-Eastern-Marine League first team were Ray Goodwin, Riis and Paul Moe, South Gate at the guard positions; William Naualls, San Pedro at Center and Earl Battoy of Jordan at the other forward post.

Earl Battoy, sophomore sensation from Jordan, was the only sophomore to make either first or second team in the Eastern-Marine League, scoring 253 points in 14 games.

Here are the All-Eastern-Marine League Basketball Teams for the 1950-1951 season, as chosen by the Helms All-Southern California Board of Basketball.

*** * * * FIRST TEAM...ALL-EASTERN-MARINE LEAGUE**

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>HGHT</u>	<u>WGHT</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
Forward	Eddie White	Narbonne	6' 1"	170	Sr.
Forward	Earl Battoy	Jordan	5' 11"	180	Soph.
Center	William Naualls	San Pedro	6' 5"	202	Jr.
Guard	Ray Goodwin	Riis	6'	140	Sr.
Guard	Paul Moe	South Gate	5' 10"	156	Sr.

*** * * * SECOND TEAM...ALL-EASTERN-MARINE LEAGUE**

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>HGHT</u>	<u>WGHT</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
Forward	Bob Mendez	Riis	5' 8"	147	Sr.
Forward	Ivan Keys	Narbonne	6'	180	Sr.
Center	Jack Lovrich	San Pedro	6' 3"	161	Sr.
Guard	Mike Moore	Narbonne	6'	160	Sr.
Guard	Sonny Flor	Banning	5' 11"	155	Jr.

JIM MALOUSIS, POLY, RAY VILLALOBOS, BELMONT, CHOSEN CO-PLAYERS OF YEAR IN NORTHERN LEAGUE BASKETBALL

Jim Malousis, Polytechnic and Ray Villalobos, Belmont, both of whom played their last season of basketball in Los Angeles City Prep ranks, were voted co-players of the year in Northern League balloting. Malousis scored 134 points in 10 games, while Villalobos countered for 146 points in the same number of contests.

Bob Gluckstein, Marshall was selected as first team center and Morris Taft, Poly and Elmo Murray, Belmont nailed down the guard positions.

Here are the All-Northern League Basketball Teams for the 1950-1951 season, as chosen by the Helms All-Southern California Board of Basketball.

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

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>HGHT</u>	<u>WGHT</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
Forward	Jim Malousis	Polytechnic	5' 10"	149	Sr.
Forward	Ray Villalobos	Belmont	5' 10"	139	Sr.
Center	Bob Gluckstein	Marshall	6' 3"	173	Sr.
Guard	Morris Taft	Polytechnic	6'	148	Jr.
Guard	Elmo Murray	Belmont	6'	155	Sr.

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

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>HGHT</u>	<u>WGHT</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
Forward	Dick Van Matre	Hunt. Park	5' 10"	155	Sr.
Forward	Chuck Bonhan	Marshall	5' 9"	142	Sr.
Center	Vic Lapiner	Wilson	6'	187	Jr.
Guard	Howard Kincaid	Belmont	6' 2"	185	Sr.
Guard	Jimmy Backstrom	Polytechnic	5' 9"	145	Sr.

ALL-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BOARD OF BASKETBALL FOR 1951 SEASON: RALPH ALEXANDER, JOHN DE LA VEGA, BUD FURILLO, MORY KAPP, JERRY WEINER, PETE KOKON, MIL CHIPP, and BILL SCHROEDER, CHAIRMAN.

JEFFERSON'S J.C. GIPSON CHOSEN BASKETBALL PLAYER OF YEAR IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE FOR 1951

FOR RELEASE: THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 1951....AND AFTER

J.C. Gipson, Jefferson's 6'6" center and leading scorer, was a unanimous choice as Southern League Player of the Year for the 1951 basketball season. Averaging 22 points per game in league competition, the Democrats' sophomore sensation scored over 400 points for the full season of play.

Jefferson dominated the Southern League selections, landing three players on the first team and two on the second team. Mack Taylor, high scoring forward, and Algin Sutton, fine rebounding guard, were the other first team choices. Dean Johnson was selected as a forward on the second team and Charles Hill made the same squad at a guard position.

Sam Owens, Manual Arts, gained a first team berth at guard. Don Carlson, Toiler coach, calls Sam "one of the finest guards to ever represent Manual Arts."

The remaining forward position on the first team went to Tom Rawlings, Roosevelt, who averaged 16 points per game in league play.

Here are the All-Southern League Basketball teams for the 1950-1951 season, as selected by the Helms All-Southern California Board of Basketball.

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

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>HEIGHT</u>	<u>WGHT</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
Forward	Mack Taylor	Jefferson	5'10"	137	Sr.
Forward	Tom Rawlings	Roosevelt	6' 1"	156	Jr.
Center	J.C. Gipson	Jefferson	6' 6"	179	Soph.
Guard	Algin Sutton	Jefferson	6' 1"	151	Sr.
Guard	Sam Owens	Manual Arts	5'10"	175	Sr.

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

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>HEIGHT</u>	<u>WGHT</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
Forward	Bob Ross	Washington	5'10"	163	Sr.
Forward	Dean Johnson	Jefferson	5' 6"	136	Sr.
Center	John Samarin	Roosevelt	6' 4"	172	Sr.
Guard	Al Espinosa	Manual Arts	6' 2"	180	Sr.
Guard	Charles Hill	Jefferson	5' 9"	150	Sr.

DUANE ROBBINS, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CHOSEN VALLEY LEAGUE PLAYER OF YEAR FOR 1951

Duane Robbins, North Hollywood's fine forward, was named Player of the Year in the Valley League by the Helms All-Southern California Board of Basketball. Reputed to be one of the best forwards in the city ranks this year, Robbins shared first-team honors with two of his team-mates, Dave DeGroot, center, and Charley Reed, guard. Howard Hagen, Verdugo Hills, was chosen to fill the other guard spot, while Jack Solleck, Franklin, rounded out the first team at forward.

Here are the All-Valley League teams, as chosen by the Helms All-Southern California Board of Basketball.

* * * * FIRST TEAM....ALL-SAN FERNANDO VALLEY LEAGUE

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>HEIGHT</u>	<u>WGHT</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
Forward	Duane Robbins	North Hollywood	5'11"	141	Jr.
Forward	Jack Solleck	Franklin	5'11"	142	Sr.
Center	Dave DeGroot	North Hollywood	6' 6"	191	Sr.
Guard	Charley Reed	North Hollywood	5'10"	149	Sr.
Guard	Howard Hagen	Verdugo Hills	5' 9"	141	Sr.

* * * * SECOND TEAM....ALL-SAN FERNANDO VALLEY LEAGUE

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>HEIGHT</u>	<u>WGHT</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
Forward	Dale Morse	Canoga Park	5'10"	141	Sr.
Forward	Joe Ponce	Van Nuys	5' 9"	145	Sr.
Center	Dick Baker	Franklin	6' 2"	151	Sr.
Guard	Richie Morse	North Hollywood	5'11"	156	Sr.
Guard	Lewis Little	San Fernando	6' 3"	170	Sr.

*** THOSE PLAYERS SELECTED FOR FIRST AND SECOND TEAM ALL-LEAGUE HONORS WILL BE PRESENTED WITH HELMS ATHLETIC FOUNDATION AWARDS AT THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL ALL-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BOARD OF BASKETBALL AWARDS PROGRAM, TO BE HELD AT HELMS HALL ON SATURDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 10th, AT 10:30 O'CLOCK.

The All-Southern California Board of Basketball for the 1951 season: Mory Kapp, Ralph Alexander, John de la Vega, Bud Furillo, Jerry Weiner, Pete Kokon, Mil Chipp, Maxley Tinkham, Bravon Dyer, Jr., and Bill Schroeder, Chairman.

DENNIS WHITE, HOLLYWOOD, WESTERN LEAGUE'S
BASKETBALL PLAYER OF YEAR FOR 1951 SEASON

FOR RELEASE: FRIDAY AFTERNOON, JANUARY 26, 1951....AND AFTER

Player of the Year honors in the Western League went to Denny White, Hollywood forward, who scored 190 points in 12 games to lead the league in scoring. The Sheiks placed one other player, Al Ludecke, on the first team, and two players, Art Rimdzius, forward, and Bob Sutton, guard, on the second squad.

Ludecke, star center for Hollywood, scored 145 points in 11 games and was highly accurate in his shooting attempts.

The other forward on the first team was Dick Carver, Fairfax, who scored 170 points in 11 games. Carver was expert on rebounds and good both on offense and defense.

The two guard positions were filled by Gus Tassopulos, Los Angeles, and Herb Isono, University, who was the only repeater on the Western League first team. Tassopulos was All-Western League second team guard last year, moving up to the first team in 1951. He is considered by Coach Bresee as the second best basketball player regardless of size, to play for Los Angeles in 25 years. He was the highest scoring guard in the city and his total of 165 points in 12 games is the third highest scored by a guard in city history.

Here are the All-Western League Basketball teams for the 1950-1951 season, as chosen by the Helms All-Southern California Board of Basketball.

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

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>HGHT</u>	<u>WGHT</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
Forward	Denny White	Hollywood	6' 1"	151	Sr.
Forward	Dick Carver	Fairfax	6' 2"	182	Sr.
Center	Al Ludecke	Hollywood	6' 4"	169	Sr.
Guard	Gus Tassopulos	Los Angeles	5' 9"	127	Sr.
Guard	Herb Isono	University	5' 9"	152	Sr.

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

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>HGHT</u>	<u>WGHT</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
Forward	Art Rimdzius	Hollywood	6' 3"	172	Sr.
Forward	Jackson Eddy	Fairfax	5' 11"	156	Sr.
Center	Bill Shaw	Hamilton	6' 3"	170	Sr.
Guard	Bob Sutton	Hollywood	5' 9"	160	Soph.
Guard	John Carver	University	5' 9"	150	Sr.

* * * Those players selected for All-Western League honors will be presented with Helms Athletic Foundation awards at the 14th Annual All-Southern California Board of Basketball Awards program, to be held at Helms Hall on Saturday morning, February 10th, at 10:30 o'clock.

The All-Southern California Board of Basketball for the 1951 season: Mory Kapp, Ralph Alexander, John de la Vega, Bud Furillo, Jerry Weiner, Pete Kokon, Mil Chipp, Harley Tinkham, Braven Dyer, Jr., and Bill Schroeder, Chairman.