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## LEE HARMAN, UNIVERSITY GUARD, NAMED LOS ANGELES CITY BASKETBALL PLAYER OF 1954

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LEE HARMAN, UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL'S OUTSTANDING GUARD AND CALLED BY HIS COACH, JERRY MARVIN, "THE GREATEST FLOOR PLAYER I'VE SEEN IN YEARS," IS THE LOS ANGELES CITY HIGH SCHOOL'S BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR FOR THE 1953-1954 SEASON. HARMAN LEFT NO DOUBT IN THE MINDS OF THE HELMS ALL-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BOARD OF BASKETBALL AS TO THE TOP CITY PLAYER, AS HE LED THE UNIVERSITY FIVE TO THE CITY BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP, DEFEATING HOLLYWOOD, 41-39.

Harman, a 5'11", 165 pound guard, scored 142 points in 10 league games for the University Warriors, but his scoring was only a minor factor in his selection as the City's best. He is, perhaps, the greatest defensive player in the history of University High School and that takes in players like Barry Porter and Denny Miller. Harman had a fine shooting average scoring 53 baskets out of 133 attempts, for 40%. Besides his great floor play and fine defense, Lee was the come-through kid of the team. When points were needed Harman seemed to get them.

For having been selected as Los Angeles City Basketball Player of the Year for 1954, Lee Harman will receive the Helms Athletic Foundation's Player of the Year award as well as having his name engraved upon the Paul H. Helms Trophy which is lodged in Helms Hall. Presentation of the medal award to Lee Harman will be made at Helms Hall on Saturday morning March 20th, at 10:30 a.m. At this time the Seventeenth Annual All-Southern California Board of Basketball Awards Program will be held.

Those who have been named for Los Angeles City Basketball Player of the Year honors in past years are:

1938 John Mandic, Roosevelt	1948 Dick Saner, Venice
1939 Dick Lindsley, Eagle Rock	1949 Chet Noe, Washington
1940 Dick Frey, Banning	Don Eby, Washington
1941 Gilbert Turnbull, Hamilton	1950 James Powell, Polytechnic
1942 Derington Cartrell, Banning	1951 J.C. Gipson, Jefferson
1943 Vic Larson, Washington	1952 William Nauls, San Pedro
1944 Dan Ducich, Los Angeles	Earl Battey, Jordan
1945 Bob Kloppenburg, Marshall	1953 James Kaufman, Los Angeles
1946 Dick McFarland, Manual Arts	1954 Lee Harman, University
1947 Al Linnick, Fairfax	

Members of the All-Southern California Board of Basketball for the 1954 season, Los Angeles City section, are as follows:

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

The 1954 All-Los Angeles City Basketball first team is made up of five seniors. In fact, there were only seniors named to all three City squads. There were no repeaters named to this year's first team, although Bob Raine, who notched a first team berth in '53, was named to the second team this season. Art Hutchins, Hollywood's top guard, was elevated from a second team position last year, to the number one squad.

Named to the other guard spot along with Player of the Year, Lee Harman, was Arthur Hutchins, of Hollywood High School. Hutchins, named the Valley League's Player of the Year, is called by his coach, Guy Wrinkle, "one of the finest team players I have ever coached." Art was the top scoring guard in the Valley with an average of 11.2 points for 8 games. Center selection was Hollywood's 6'6", 185 pound Jim Yocum, who led Valley League scorers with 145 points in 8 games, for an average of 18.1 points per contest.

Forwards named to the first team were Fremont's Isaac Brown, and Chuck Franklin, of Manual Arts. Brown was the Southern League's Player of the Year, with Franklin not far behind. Franklin tied with Poly's Chuck Bazadier as the City's top scorer, with 246 points. Don Carlson calls Franklin, "the finest and best boy I have ever coached."

Isaac Brown, Fremont's ace forward scored 195 points in 10 games and was a unanimous choice on the coaches all-opponent teams. Coach Jim Mercer calls Brown one of, if not the greatest shooter in Fremont's Basketball history.

This year's All-City team averages just a shade over six feet, which is quite a bit shorter than the 1953 team. © 1954 Helms Athletic Foundation. All Rights Reserved.

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Five seniors made the All-City second team and not one of its members reached over the six foot mark. A pair of the shortest players in the City made the squad, namely Eliseo Nino, 5'9" forward from Lincoln, and 5'8" Billy Mills from Wilson.

The two-guard selections -- Bill Mills and Bob Raine -- were named Players of the year in their respective leagues, Northern and Marine. Raine was a first team All-City selection in 1953. Mills wound up the season as the Northern League's top scorer with 207 points for 10 encounters. Raine topped the Marine League with 180 points in 10 contests. Second team center, John Thomas of Jefferson, did not place among the top seven scorers in the Southern League, but was a top rebounder and defenseman. Mike Simmons of University and Eliseo Nino of Lincoln were the forwards named. Simmons, who scored 17 points against Hollywood in the City finals, averaged 17 points for the season, while Nino was averaging a point less in the Northern circuit.

There were three guards named to the City third team. The Board felt an injustice would be done if one of the three were left off the honor team....their abilities are that close. Rudy Escamilla, Player of the Year in the Eastern League, scored 195 points in 10 games; Everett Jackson of Manual Arts, who scored 155 points in 10 games; and Jim Halsten, North Hollywood, who accounted for 109 points in 8 games.

Forwards named to the All-City third team were Jerry Friedman, Hollywood, and Henry Hairston, Jefferson. Friedman averaged 10.6 points in 8 ball games, while Hairston was primarily a ball-handler and defenseman. Lathon Brewer, Bell High School, was named third-team center. Brewer averaged 22.6 points per game during the league season.

All players named for All-Los Angeles City Basketball Team honors -- first, second and third teams -- will be presented with Helms Athletic Foundation awards at the Seventeenth Annual All-Southern California Board of Basketball awards program to be held at Helms Hall on Saturday morning, March 20, at 10:30 a.m. Coaches of all players named as well as Helms Board members, will be guests of Paul H. Helms on this occasion. A number of famed basketball coaches and celebrities have been invited to be honored guests and will be on hand to help honor the All-City players.

Here are the All-Los Angeles City selections for the 1954 season:

\* \* \* FIRST TEAM

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>HEIGHT</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
Forward	CHARLES FRANKLIN	Manual Arts	6' 3	175	Senior
Forward	ISAAC BROWN	Fremont	5' 8	162	Senior
Center	JIM YOCUM	Hollywood	6' 6	185	Senior
Guard	LEE HARMAN	University	5'11	165	Senior
Guard	ART HUTCHINS	Hollywood	5'11	160	Senior

\* \* \* SECOND TEAM

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>HEIGHT</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
Forward	MIKE SIMMONS	University	6'	155	Senior
Forward	ELISEO NINO	Lincoln	5' 9	135	Senior
Center	JOHN THOMAS	Jefferson	6'	145	Senior
Guard	BOB RAINE	Banning	6'	170	Senior
Guard	BILL MILLS	Wilson	5' 8	150	Senior

\* \* \* THIRD TEAM

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>HEIGHT</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
Forward	JERRY FRIEDMAN	Hollywood	5'11	158	Senior
Forward	HENRY HAIRSTON	Jefferson	5'10	160	Senior
Center	LATHON BREWER	Bell	6' 4	175	Senior
Guard	RUDY ESCAMILLA	Polytechnic	6'	148	Senior
Guard	EVERETT JACKSON	Manual Arts	6' 3	185	Senior
Guard	JIM HALSTEN	North Hollywood	6' 2	200	Senior

\* \* \* \* Coach Jerry Marvin, who directed the University High School Warriors to the Los Angeles City Basketball championship for 1954, will be presented with a special Helms Athletic Foundation award at the March 20th Basketball awards program in recognition of his fine coaching achievement. Two of Coach Marvin's star players were named to the All-City teams.....Lee Harman, Player of the Year, and Mike Simmons, outstanding forward, on the second team.

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MOUNT CARMEL'S LARRY HAUSER SELECTED AS  
C.I.F. BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR FOR  
1 9 5 4 SEASON

FOR RELEASE: Wednesday Afternoon, March 17 and Thursday a.m.

Larry Hauser, sensational center from Mount Carmel High School and a standout performer for the Crusaders all season long, has been named the C.I.F. Basketball Player of the Year for the 1954 season, at the recent annual selection meeting of the Helms Southern California Board of Basketball. Hauser's selection was close to unanimous on the first ballot as the outstanding center became the first Basketball player of the year from his school.

A graduating senior at Mt. Carmel, Hauser is not big as centers go. Larry stands only 6 feet 3 inches and weighs but 170 pounds. In league play he scored 177 points in 14 games for an average of 12.6 points per game. He led the Crusaders to the C.I.F. Central section championship, with an outstanding performance in the final game against Long Beach Poly. Hauser scored 20 in the title scrap for high point honors. Hauser performed in 32 ball games during the year, scoring 572 points for an average of 17.9 per game. For having been named Player of the Year Hauser will receive the Helms medal award.

Forwards named to the All-C.I.F. first team were Sam Gardner, Colton, Ronald Wheatcroft, South Pasadena, Jim Hickox, Whittier, and George Wagner, Wilson Long Beach. Gardner was the outstanding performer for Colton, leading the league in scoring with an average of 16.6 points for 10 league games. Ron Wheatcroft, South Pasadena, wound up second high scorer in the Foothill League, with a league average of 18.1 points for 10 ball games. Jim Hickox also wound up in the place position, averaging 19.4 points in the tough Pacific League. George Wagner was the scoring champion of the Coast League with an 18.9 average for 12 games.

The first team centers were Hauser and Norman Price, of Rosemead. Price, largest man on the team at 6 feet 4 inches and 200 pounds, finished the season as the C.I.F. Central section scoring champion. He scored 298 points in 12 league games for an average of 24.8 points per contest. He scored less than 20 points in only one Pacific League game and that was against Whittier when he fouled out before the half.

First team guards for 1954 were Charles Greer, Fillmore, Jim Bohlen, Ventura, Tom Donahue, Mount Carmel, and George Taylor, San Diego. Greer wound up second in Ventura County League scoring with an average of 19 points in 10 games. Bohlen, Ventura's star center switched to guard, accounted for 161 points in 10 league games. Mt. Carmel's team captain, Tom Donahue, averaged 12 points in the powerful Catholic League. George Taylor, who was an outstanding guard for the San Diego City League champions, dropped in 139 points in 14 games, for a 9.9 average.

There were only two repeaters from last year's C.I.F. honor squads and both appear on this season's first team. Norm Price and Ron Wheatcroft were named to second team berths in 1953, moving up to the top team this year.

Second team members were high scoring players, as a group, not one member falling below 14 points per game in league play. Centers named were John Bowen, Notre Dame, and Eugene Porter, of Muir. Bowen fashioned the highest league average among second team members, with 22.5 points in each of 14 games. Porter was averaging around 18 points per game, as a member of Muir's free lance team.

High scorer among second team forwards was Mike Beach, Anaheim, who topped Sunset League scorers with 20.2 points per game. Not far behind was Neale Stoner, Montebello, who captured Foothill scoring honors, with an average of 19.2. Bob Archer, outstanding performer from Alhambra, scored 204 in 12 games which gives him 17 points a contest in Pacific League play. William Wallace, Loyola, was 4th in Catholic League scoring with 14.1 points in each of 14 games.

Robert Moon, Bay League's scoring leader from Torrance, led the guards on the second team with an 18.8 average in league play. Mike Armacost, Redlands, was second in scoring in Citrus Belt play, averaging 16.4 points for 10 games. James Smith took second place honors in Coast League scoring with 15.9 points for each of 12 games, while Fred Crabtree, Covina, accounted for a 14.1 average.

Three juniors were named to this year's lineup, all on the second team. Boys who will have another year of C.I.F. play are Bob Archer, Alhambra, Michael Beach, Anaheim, and Fred Crabtree, of Covina. Only one school placed more than one player, that being Mount Carmel, C.I.F. Central section champions.

Each boy named to the two honor teams will receive a framed Helms Athletic Foundation scroll award and a duplicate award will be sent to his school.

**\* \* ALL-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA C.I.F. HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL FIRST TEAM**

POSITION	PLAYER	SCHOOL	HGHT	WGHT	YEAR	AVG. (league)
Forward	Sam Gardner	Colton	6'	160	Senior	16.6
Forward	Ronald Wheatcroft	South Pasadena	6' 3	190	Senior	18.1
Forward	Jim Hickox	Whittier	5'10	140	Senior	19.4
Forward	George Wagner	Wilson, L.B.	6' 2	160	Senior	18.9
Center	Larry Hauser	Mount Carmel	6' 3	170	Senior	12.6
Center	Norman Price	Rosemead	6' 4	200	Senior	24.8
Guard	Charles Greer	Fillmore	6' 4	195	Senior	19
Guard	Jim Bohlen	Ventura	5'11	200	Senior	16.1
Guard	Tom Donahue	Mount Carmel	6' 2	170	Senior	12.1
Guard	George Taylor	San Diego	6'	175	Senior	9.9

**\* \* ALL-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA C.I.F. HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL SECOND TEAM**

POSITION	PLAYER	SCHOOL	HGHT	WGHT	YEAR	AVG. (league)
Forward	Bob Archer	Alhambra	6' 5	180	Junior	17
Forward	Neale Stoner	Montebello	6'	140	Senior	19.2
Forward	Michael Beach	Anaheim	6'	140	Junior	20.2
Forward	William Wallace	Loyola	5'11	160	Senior	14.1
Center	John Bowen	Notre Dame	6' 3	190	Senior	22.5
Center	Eugene Porter	Muir	6' 2	170	Senior	18
Guard	Fred Crabtree	Covina	6'	155	Junior	14.1
Guard	Robert Moon	Torrance	6' 1	155	Senior	18.8
Guard	James Smith	Polytechnic, LB	5' 9	150	Senior	15.9
Guard	Mike Armacost	Redlands	6' 1	160	Senior	16.4

The All-C.I.F. teams for the 1954 season were selected by the Helms Athletic Foundation's All-Southern California Board of Basketball composed of the following: Ralph Alexander, John de la Vega, Eddie West, Bud Furillo, Mannie Pineda, Chuck Sawyer, Jerry Weiner, Tom Burdick, Bill Whitney, Mory Kapp, Garland Rose, Pete Kokon, Dick Vanderveld, Al Ames, Joe Lyou, Chuck Cherniss, Bill Hollohan, Braven Dyer, Jr., Secretary, and Bill Schroeder, Chairman.

## HELMS HALL C.I.F. AWARDS PROGRAM SET FOR SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 20

The Seventeenth Annual All-Southern California Board of Basketball awards program will be held at Helms Hall on Saturday morning, March 20 at 10:30 a.m. All players named for honors — both Los Angeles City and C.I.F. players — as well as coaches of honored players and Basketball personalities of the past will be invited to attend.

All players named for honors will receive Helms scroll awards as well as a miniature souvenir basketball from the W.J. Voit Rubber Company. Members of the City Championship University High School Basketball team, as well as their coach Jerry Marvin, will receive gold basketball awards from the Helms Foundation. Other coaches who directed their clubs to sectional championships — Marty Martinelli, whose Mount Carmel team won the Central section crown; Del Goodyear, who directed Culver City to the Northern section title; Clarence Burton, coach of the Southern section champs; and coach Marvin — will receive special Helms Foundation awards.

Larry Hauser, Southern California C.I.F. Player of the Year, and Lee Harman, Los Angeles City Player of the Year, will be presented with their Helms Athletic Foundation medal awards at the March 20th program and will have their names engraved upon the Paul H. Helms Trophy, which is lodged in Helms Hall. Players of the Year in each of the six Los Angeles City leagues will also be presented with their medal awards.

**\* \* \* PAST C.I.F. BASKETBALL PLAYERS OF THE YEAR FOLLOW:**

YEAR	PLAYER	SCHOOL	YEAR	PLAYER	SCHOOL
1938	Stuart Lewis	Whittier	1946	Hugh Stewart	South Pasadena
1939	Bob Howard	Poly (L.B.)	1947	Houston Faulkner	Anaheim
1940	Ed Gillean	Poly (L.B.)	1948	Bob Johnson	Whittier
1941	Horace Brightman	Wilson (L.B.)	1949	Wayne Kopren	Whittier
1942	Irving Noren	Pasadena	1950	Mark Costello	El Monte
1943	Alan Grimely	Glendale	1951	Ronald Bane	Alhambra
	Bob Hobbs	Orange	1952	George Selleck	Compton
1944	Richard Robbins	Poly (L.B.)	1953	Bill Bond	St. Anthony
1945	Richard Barnes	Hoover (S.D.)	1954	Larry Hauser	Mt. Carmel

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MIKE GRAY, CLAREMONT HIGH SCHOOL, NAMED  
"SMALL SCHOOLS" PLAYER OF THE YEAR FOR  
1954 BASKETBALL SEASON

FOR RELEASE: Thursday Afternoon, March 18 and Friday a.m.

Claremont High School's Mike Gray, outstanding forward performer for Coach Dave Stern's Wolfpack five, was named Player of the Year in the "small schools" division of the C.I.F. when the Helms Athletic Foundation's All-Southern California Board of Basketball met to make its annual selections. This marks the third season that the Helms Board has selected a separate team made up from among the outstanding players in the smaller C.I.F. high schools of Southern California.

Gray led Claremont High School to a Tri-County League championship this season, the Wolfpack winning 10 and losing 0 during league play. Gray wound up the season leading the league in scoring for the second straight year. The 6 feet 3 inch, 165 pound forward scored 345 points in 22 ball games and was the team captain. He displayed an excellent shooting eye, both from in close and outside and was a better than average rebounder. For having been named Player of the Year for the 1954 season, Gray will receive the Helms Athletic Foundation medal award and have his name engraved upon the Paul H. Helms Trophy, which is lodged in Helms Hall.

Forwards named to the C.I.F. team were William Boldebeck, Culver City, Louis Osuna, Lone Pine, Fred Nightingale, Santa Maria and Gray. Boldebeck was one of the highest scoring players in C.I.F. play this year, scoring 412 points in 22 ball games. He led his team to the Northern Section title, as Culver City defeated Santa Maria, 49-45. Bill was high point man for the contest with 16 points. Fred Nightingale, who scored 338 points during 19 outings, scored 11 points against the Northern Section title holders in the championship game. Louis Osuna, who rounds out the forward selections, was described by his coach, Vernon Raker, as the "finest high school player I have ever seen." Osuna scored 272 points in 14 games and played part time at the center position.

Charles Reeves, Hemet, and Tom Noonan, Coronado, were the centers named to the honor squad. Reeves counted for 257 points in 17 ball games for his team and displayed fine all-around form. Reeves was named to the team last year as a junior. Tom Noonan, 6 feet 4 inches from Coronado, scored 375 in 20 games, topping the Metropolitan League in scoring.

Guards named to the team were Blake Neal, Chula Vista, Jim Steffen, Tustin, John Arrillaga, Morningside, and Bob Espinoza, Mary Star of the Sea. Neal, star of Chula Vista's Southern Section champions, scored 329 points in 22 games. "Without Neal we couldn't have won the title", said coach Clarence Burton. Neal scored 15 points during the game as Chula Vista bested St. Bernardine's, 61-46. Jim Steffen, who was the Orange League's top scorer, averaged 14.7 points in 10 league games. John Arrillaga and Bob Espinoza, two juniors, round out the all-star selections. Espinoza was the Catholic Conference leading scorer, averaging 18.2 points per game.

The Seventeenth Annual All-Southern California Board of Basketball Awards program will be held at Helms Hall on Saturday morning, March 20, at 10:30 a.m. At this time players named for honors will receive their Helms certificate awards. Coach Del Goodyear, Culver City, and Clarence Burton, Chula Vista, will receive special awards for their outstanding work in coaching the two sectional champion teams.

## ALL-C.I.F. (NORTH-SOUTH SECTION) BASKETBALL TEAM FOR THE 1954 SEASON

POSITION	PLAYER	SCHOOL	HGHT	WGHT	YEAR
Forward	Mike Gray	Claremont	6' 3	160	Senior
Forward	William Boldebeck	Culver City	6' 1	165	Senior
Forward	Louis Osuna	Lone Pine	5'10	133	Junior
Forward	Fred Nightingale	Santa Maria	6'	138	Senior
Center	Charles Reeves	Hemet	6' 3	170	Senior
Center	Tom Noonan	Coronado	6' 4	175	Senior
Guard	Blake Neal	Chula Vista	6'	160	Senior
Guard	Jim Steffen	Tustin	6'	150	Senior
Guard	John Arrillaga	Morningside	6' 2	175	Junior
Guard	Bob Espinoza	Mary Star of the Sea	6' 1	170	Junior

ART HUTCHINS, HOLLYWOOD HIGH, VOTED TOP PERFORMER IN VALLEY LEAGUE BASKETBALL PLAY

FOR RELEASE: WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 3 -- and Thursday AM

Hollywood High School's Art Hutchins was named the top Basketball performer in the Valley League when the Helms All-Southern California Board of Basketball met at Helms Hall on January 27th. Art received similar recognition last year when he was named the league's outstanding player along with Jeff Penfield of North Hollywood.

Coach Guy Wrinkle calls Hutchins "one of the finest team players I have coached." Hutchins led Hollywood to the Valley League championship and to a runner-up spot in the Los Angeles City Tournament.

Jerry Friedman and Al Andreas were named as forwards, Jim Yocum at center and Jim Halsten at the other guard. Hollywood also placed one of its team on the second team, with Dean Thomas being named at guard. Every member of this year's Valley team is a senior.

Players who repeated from last year's team are Art Hutchins and Jim Halsten. Halsten moved up from last year's second team, while Hutchins was co-player of the year.

\* \* \* FIRST TEAM . . . . . All-Valley League, 1953-1954

POSITION	PLAYER	SCHOOL	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	YEAR
Forward	JERRY FRIEDMAN	Hollywood	5'11	160	Sr.
Forward	AL ANDREAS	Van Nuys	5'10	145	Sr.
Center	JIM YOCUM	Hollywood	6' 6	185	Sr.
Guard	ART HUTCHINS	Hollywood	5'11	160	Sr.
Guard	JIM HALSTEN	North Hollywood	6' 2	200	Sr.

\* \* \* SECOND TEAM

Forward	MIKE LADEN	Van Nuys	5'11	150	Sr.
Forward	PAUL LEVITT	North Hollywood	6'	155	Sr.
Center	ROGER ROBERTS	San Fernando	5'11	160	Sr.
Guard	DEAN THOMAS	Hollywood	5' 9	157	Sr.
Guard	LARRY O'CONNOR	San Fernando	5'10	135	Sr.

BANNING HIGH'S BOB RAINE RECEIVES VOTE AS MARINE LEAGUE'S BEST FOR 1954 CAGE SEASON

Bob Raine, Banning High School's ace guard, was named the Marine League Player of the Year when the Helms All-Southern California Board of Basketball met at Helms Hall on January 27th. Raine was a unanimous choice for the honor, both by Marine League coaches and Helms Board members.

Also named to the Marine League first team were Jerry Moore, Narbonne High, and Anthony Zankich, San Pedro, at forwards; Frank Morandini, San Pedro, at center; and Hinton Turner, of Jordan High, at the other guard with Raine.

Raine was the league's top scorer, with an average of 18 points per game. Anthony Zankich scored 138 points in 10 games; Frank Morandini, 111 in 10 contests; Jerry Moore, 110 in 10 battles; with scoring honors among the second team members going to Jay Snelson, of Westchester, with an average of 15.1 points in 10 games.

The only sophomore to be named to any of the league teams in 1954 was Sterling Forbes, of Jordan High, who did a fine job at center. Forbes stands 6'3" and weighs 175 pounds.

There is only one repeater from last year's Marine League team and that player is Bob Rains. Bob was a first team guard in 1953.

\* \* \* FIRST TEAM . . . . . All-Marine League, 1953-1954

POSITION	PLAYER	SCHOOL	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	YEAR
Forward	JERRY MOORE	Narbonne	5' 7	140	Sr.
Forward	ANTHONY ZANKICH	San Pedro	5'11	160	Jr.
Center	FRANK MORANDINI	San Pedro	6' 1	175	Jr.
Guard	BOB RAINE	Banning	6'	170	Sr.
Guard	HINTON TURNER	Jordan	5' 8	145	Sr.

\* \* \* SECOND TEAM

Forward	JAY SNELSON	Westchester	6' 3	165	Sr.
Forward	BOB HALE	Gardena	6'	145	Sr.
Center	STERLING FORBES	Jordan	6' 3	175	Soph.
Guard	VINCE FIAMENGO	San Pedro	6'	175	Sr.
Guard	JIMMY WILLIAMS	Narbonne	5' 8	150	Jr.

# RUDY ESCAMILLA, POLYTECHNIC, SELECTED AS EASTERN LEAGUE'S BEST FOR '54 CAGE SEASON

FOR RELEASE: TUESDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 2 -- and Wednesday AM

Rudy Escamilla, star performer for Polytechnic High School's Eastern League Champs, was named Player of the Year for 1954 by the Helms All-Southern California Board of Basketball at its annual meeting, January 27th. Rudy averaged 20.2 points per game in league play and was considered the real power behind Polytechnic's fine showing this year.

Also given consideration for Player of the Year honors were Terry Bazadier, also of Poly, and Bill Dandridge of Riis. Bazadier scored 236 points during league play, while Dandridge scored 227 points in 8 games -- an average of 28.4 -- for the highest average in the city. Lathon Brewer, named first team center, scored 254 points in 11 games for Bell. Sam Mendoza, guard from Belmont, averaged 18.3 points for the year in league competition.

High scorer on the second team was Belmont's Art Trousdale, who averaged 13.5 during league play. Wong averaged 7.6 in 10 games; Sharpe, 6.6 in 10 games; Davis, 9.8 in 12 games.

There were two repeaters from 1953. Both Rudy Escamilla and Lathon Brewer were named to the second team last year.

## \* \* \* F I R S T T E A M . . . . . All-Eastern League, 1953-1954

POSITION	PLAYER	SCHOOL	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	YEAR
Forward	TERRY BAZADIER	Polytechnic	6'	153	Sr.
Forward	BILL DANDRIDGE	Riis	6' 1	175	Sr.
Center	LATHON BREWER	Bell	6' 4	175	Sr.
Guard	RUDY ESCAMILLA	Polytechnic	6'	148	Sr.
Guard	SAM MENDOZA	Belmont	5'10	130	Sr.

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

Forward	DON DAVIS	South Gate	6' 1	170	Sr.
Forward	BOB MC FARLANE	Huntington Park	6' 4	180	Sr.
Center	ARTHUR TROUSDALE	Belmont	6' 4	180	Sr.
Guard	CORWIN SHARPE	Bell	6' 1	165	Sr.
Guard	LELAN WONG	Polytechnic	6' 1	170	Sr.

# UNIVERSITY'S LEE HARMAN PLAYER OF YEAR SELECTION IN WESTERN LEAGUE FOR 1954

Lee Harman, University High School's great floor man, was named Player of the Year in the Western League for the 1954 season. He was a unanimous choice for the honor as result of his fine play in leading the University five to the Western League title as well as the Los Angeles City Championship.

Harman scored 142 points in 10 games for a 14.2 average, but it was not only for his scoring ability that he was named the league's top player. Jerry Marvin, Lee's coach, calls Harman "the greatest floor player I've seen in years."

Along with Harman on the first team are Mike Simmons, University, who scored an average of 17.2 points in 10 games. Simmons was high scorer in the City finals against Hollywood, with 17 points. Saul Rowinsky, of Venice High, named to the other forward post averaged 13.2 points in 10 games. Center Isaac Bass, of Hamilton, averaged 18.1 points in league play. High scorers on the second team were Andy Vandervelde, with 172 points for 10 games; and Willie Tusan, who averaged 16.2 points in league play.

Those who made the All-Western League team last year, who were also selected in '54, were Mike Simmons, a first team member in '53, and Linderman and Tusan, both second team selections last year.

## \* \* \* F I R S T T E A M . . . . . All-Western League, 1953-1954

POSITION	PLAYER	SCHOOL	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	YEAR
Forward	MIKE SIMMONS	University	6'	155	Sr.
Forward	SAUL ROWINSKY	Venice	5'11	145	Sr.
Center	ISAAC BASS	Hamilton	6' 2	210	Sr.
Guard	LEE HARMAN	University	5'11	165	Sr.
Guard	DAVE LINDERMAN	Fairfax	5'10	162	Sr.

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Forward	BOB RINKER	Hamilton	6' 1	165	Jr.
Forward	WILLE TUSAN	Los Angeles	5' 9	145	Sr.
Center	ANDY VANDERVELDE	Dorsey	6' 2	180	Jr.
Guard	DON PINO	University	6'	152	Jr.
Guard	BILL BELCHER	Dorsey	5' 9	150	Jr.

# ISAAC BROWN, FREMONT ACE, SELECTED AS THE TOP SOUTHERN LEAGUE BASKETBALL PERFORMER

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Isaac Brown, Fremont High School's all-purpose Basketball star, was a unanimous selection for Player of the Year honors in the Southern League when the All-Southern California Board of Basketball met at Helms Hall, January 27th. Coach Jim Mercer calls Brown one of, if not the greatest shooter in Fremont's Basketball history.

Brown concluded the league season with an average of 19.5 points per game and was a unanimous choice on the coach's all-opponent teams. Charlie Franklin was named to the other forward position and is called by his coach, Don Carlson, "the finest and best boy I have ever coached." Franklin scored 246 points in league play. John Thomas and Henry Hairston were first team selections from Jefferson, while Everett Jackson, of Manual Arts, was the other first team member. Jackson scored 165 points in 9 league games.

There were three repeaters from last year's Southern League team. Isaac Brown was a first team member in '53, while Charles Franklin and John Thomas moved up from the second team. High point scorers on the second team were Kaz Shinzato, of Roosevelt, who averaged 15.7 points for 10 games, and Jim Pugh, of Washington, who accounted for 183 points in 10 contests.

\*\*\* FIRST TEAM . . . . . All-Northern League, 1953-1954

POSITION	PLAYER	SCHOOL	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	YEAR
Forward	ISAAC BROWN	Fremont	5' 8	162	Sr.
Forward	CHARLES FRANKLIN	Manual Arts	6' 3	175	Sr.
Center	JOHN THOMAS	Jefferson	6'	145	Sr.
Guard	EVERETT JACKSON	Manual Arts	6' 3	185	Sr.
Guard	HENRY HAIRSTON	Jefferson	5'10	160	Sr.

\*\*\* SECOND TEAM

Forward	JIM PUGH	Washington	6' 3	175	Sr.
Forward	HENRY HOWARD	Jefferson	6' 1	165	Sr.
Center	JACK CROWTHER	Washington	6' 5	180	Sr.
Guard	KAZUO SHINZATO	Roosevelt	5' 9	150	Jr.
Guard	ERNEST STAFFORD	Fremont	6' 1	150	Jr.

## BILL MILLS, WILSON HIGH GUARD, NAMED TOP PLAYER IN NORTHERN LEAGUE FOR '54 SEASON

Wilson High School's Billy Mills was named Player of the Year for 1954 in the Northern League by the All-Southern California Board of Basketball. The Northern League's leading scorer, from his guard spot, Mills dropped in 207 points in 10 league games. Ron Pearson, Wilson coach, calls Bill "the best little player I've seen in the City in years."

Other players named to the first team were Howard Safier, of Franklin, at the other guard position, Jerry Gordin of Lincoln at center, and Paul Kinder, Marshall, and Eliseo Nino, Lincoln, at forwards. Kinder averaged 17.2 points in 10 games, while Nino averaged 16.3 for the same number. Gordin averaged 18.7 in 10 encounters, while Safier dumped in 193 digits in league play.

There are four members of this year's team who were named in 1953. Nino and Stevens were first team members as juniors, while Safier and Stewart were picked for second team honors in '53. Only one junior made this year's Northern squad, Joel Nenzell, a 6'2", 190 pounder from Marshall.

High scorers on the second team were Stevens, 185 in 10 games; Borrego, 166 in 10 games; Moken, 146 in 10 games; and Stewart, 129 points in 10 games.

\*\*\* FIRST TEAM . . . . . All-Northern League, 1953-1954

POSITION	PLAYER	SCHOOL	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	YEAR
Forward	PAUL KINDER	Marshall	6' 1	160	Sr.
Forward	ELISEO NINO	Lincoln	5' 9	135	Sr.
Center	JERRY GORDIN	Lincoln	6' 1	150	Sr.
Guard	BILL MILLS	Wilson	5' 8	150	Sr.
Guard	HOWARD SAFIER	Franklin	5'11	140	Sr.

\*\*\* SECOND TEAM

Forward	MIKE MOKEN	Wilson	5'10	150	Sr.
Forward	STEVEN STEWART	Eagle Rock	5'11	165	Sr.
Center	FRANK STEVENS	Verdugo Hills	6' 2	200	Sr.
Guard	FRANK BORREGO	Verdugo Hills	6' 1	158	Sr.
Guard	JOEL NENZELL	Marshall	6' 2	190	Jr.