

## HELMS ATHLETIC FOUNDATION

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

FRED CRABTREE, SOUTHLAND'S TOP PREP SCORER,  
NAMED CIF BASKETBALL PLAYER OF YEAR...1955

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**F**red Crabtree, Covina High School's talented all-around basketball performer, has been selected as the C.I.F. High School Basketball Player of the Year at the annual selection meeting of the Helms All-Southern California Board of Basketball held at Helms Hall. Crabtree received no serious opposition and was named for top-player honors on the first ballot.

Reportedly the highest scoring guard in CIF history, Crabtree scored 680 points in 29 games as the Covina Colts won 23 and lost 6 engagements during the season. Fred's coach, Windorf "Doc" Sooter, explains Crabtree's play this way...."He is an outstanding scorer who was just as consistent against the good teams. He led team with 197 rebounds, also with assists, and drew the toughest defensive assignments. He has held at least 12 men scoreless while he maintained his high average. In addition he maintained an overall percentage of shots at 47%. He has scored 1002 points in two years of varsity competition."

Fred Crabtree joins such other CIF Players of the Year as Larry Hauser (1954), Bill Bond (1953), George Selleck (1952) and Ron Bane (1951). Of this group Fred is the highest scoring guard, as Selleck scored only 511 points in 28 games. Bond is reportedly the CIF's top scorer in history with 727 points in 33 games, while of the five, Ron Bane boasts the best average at 25.7 points for 25 games.

For having been named the CIF's outstanding player for 1955 Fred Crabtree will receive the Helms medal award at the 18th annual All-Southern California Board of Basketball program to be held at Helms Hall on Saturday morning, April 2, at 10:30 a.m.

Forwards selected on the first team were Bob Archer, Alhambra, Bill Bloom, Burroughs, Bob Coopman, Huntington Beach, and David Pierce of Baldwin Park. Archer, member of Alhambra's CIF central group champions, joins the select group for the second year. He was named to the second team in 1954, as was Crabtree. Archer accounted for 397 points in 23 ball games. He was the Moors' captain for the second straight season. Bill Bloom, top player in Burroughs' history according to coach Bill Flora, scored 364 points in 20 games. Bill is given most of the credit for leading the Indians to the Foothill title. Bob Coopman, who scored 469 in 29 battles, led Huntington Beach to the Sunset League title. David Pierce (414-22) led Baldwin Park to the title in San Gabriel Valley play.

Two outstanding centers were named in Ron Wallace, Ventura, and John Cunningham of St. Augustine. Wallace led Ventura to a tie with Hart for the Ventura League title, scoring 575 points in 26 games. Cunningham, star of St. Augustine's free lance team which was knocked out of the playoffs by Alhambra, gained the other center position with 440 points in 23 games.

Joining Crabtree at the guard positions are James Taylor, Mt. Carmel, Bob Hurvitz, Alhambra, and Joe Kapp of Hart. Taylor was coach Martinelli's choice as top CIF player with 236 points in 27 ball games. He captained the Carmel team and was president of the student body. Bob Hurvitz joins his teammate, Bob Archer, on the first team by virtue of his fine shooting and team play. Joe Kapp (428-31) gains a guard spot following an outstanding season, which saw him lead Hart to an upset tie with Ventura for the league crown.

Outstanding performers on the second CIF team were Mike Beach, repeater from last year's 2nd team with 529 points in 24 games. Bob Dye, Downey's greatest player in history, with 476 points in 30 games. Richard Buckelew, the Bay League's top scorer and Arthur Powell, the San Diego City League's outstanding player, who hit 227 points in 16 games. Centers Rollie Underhill (179-10) and Charles Smith (466-26) of Glendale Hoover and Riverside respectively were named, along with guards Ken Ekema, Walt Prukop, Randy Anderson and Paul Lowe.

Only one junior was named to this year's CIF team and he is Robert Dye of Downey. Two schools, Catholic League champion Mt. Carmel and CIF champion Alhambra placed two players on the team. Each boy named to the two CIF teams will receive a framed Helms Athletic Foundation scroll award at Helms Hall on Saturday morning, April 2.

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

POSITION	P L A Y E R	S C H O O L	HGHT	WGHT	YEAR	POINTS
Forward	Robert Archer	Alhambra	6' 5	185	Sr.	397-23
Forward	Bill Bloom	Burroughs	6'	180	Sr.	364-20
Forward	Robert Coopman	Huntington Beach	5'11	150	Sr.	469-29
Forward	David Pierce	Baldwin Park	6' 1	190	Sr.	414-22
Center	Ron Wallace	Ventura	6' 5	180	Sr.	575-26
Center	John Cunningham	St. Augustine	6' 3	185	Sr.	440-23
Guard	Fred Crabtree	Covina	6' 1	152	Sr.	680-29
Guard	James Taylor	Mount Carmel	6' 1	170	Sr.	236-27
Guard	Robert Hurvitz	Alhambra	6' 3	185	Sr.	213-16
Guard	Joe Kapp	Hart	6' 3	185	Sr.	428-31

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

Forward	Michael Beach	Anaheim	6' 1	140	Sr.
Forward	Robert Dye	Downey	5' 9	150	Jr.
Forward	Richard Buckelew	Inglewood	6' 4	155	Sr.
Forward	Arthur Powell	San Diego	6' 2	175	Sr.
Center	Roland Underhill	Hoover, Glendale	6' 4	180	Sr.
Center	Charles Smith	Riverside	6' 4	210	Sr.
Guard	Ken Ekema	Redlands	6'	175	Sr.
Guard	Walt Prukop	Mount Carmel	6' 2	178	Sr.
Guard	Randolph Anderson	Muir, Pasadena	6'	145	Sr.
Guard	Paul Lowe	Centennial	5'11	175	Sr.

The C.I.F. teams for 1955 were selected by the Helms Athletic Foundation's All-Southern California Board of Basketball composed of the following: Ralph Alexander, John de la Vega, Joe Lyou, Pete Kokon, Jack Disney, Ron Weiner, Bill Hollohan, Eddie West, Lannie Pineda, Tom Burdick, Al Ames, Dick Vanderveld, Dick Gitlin, Garland Rose, Chuck Cherniss, Claude Anderson, Bill Whitney, Braven Dyer, Jr., and J.N. Bill Schroeder, Chairman.

## HELMS HALL C.I.F. AWARDS PROGRAM SET FOR SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 2

The Eighteenth Annual All-Southern California Board of Basketball awards program will be held at Helms Hall on Saturday morning, April 2 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 All-City and All-C.I.F. honors will be recipients of Helms scroll awards, while players of the year will be presented medal awards. Coaches who directed their teams to sectional titles -- Claude Miller, Alhambra, Edmund Smyth, Citrus, Al Greenleaf, Horningside, and Larry Hanson, Jefferson -- will receive special tumbler awards.

Fred Crabtree, C.I.F. Player of the Year, and Don Pino, City Player of 1955, will receive their Helms medal awards and have their names engraved upon the Paul H. Helms Trophy 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:**

1938	Stuart Lewis	Whittier	1947	Houston Faulkner	Anaheim
1939	Bob Howard	Poly (L.B.)	1948	Bob Johnson	Whittier
1940	Ed Gillean	Poly (L.B.)	1949	Wayne Kopren	Whittier
1941	Horace Brightman	Wilson (L.B.)	1950	Mark Costello	El Monte
1942	Irving Noren	Pasadena	1951	Ronald Bane	Alhambra
1943	Alan Grimely	Glendale	1952	George Selleck	Compton
	Bob Hobbs	Orange	1953	Bill Bond	St. Anthony
1944	Richard Robbins	Poly (L.B.)	1954	Larry Hauser	Mt. Carmel
1945	Richard Barnes	Hoover (S.D.)	1955	Fred Crabtree	Covina
1946	Hugh Stewart	So. Pasadena			

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## SPECIAL RELEASE

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IT'S NOW OFFICIAL.....FRED CRABTREE IS  
HIGHEST SCORING CIF BASKETBALL PLAYER.....

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**A**fter a close check of Fred Crabtree's scoring record over the past season and a talk with "Doc" Sooter, Fred's coach, we learned that the 1955 C.I.F. Player of the Year is the new C.I.F. scoring champion.

Fred scored 789 points in 31 ball games to eclipse Ronald Bane's old mark of 736 points in 29 games, made for Alhambra in 1951. Bill Bond of St. Anthony High, Player of the Year in 1953, is the third top-scorer with 727 points in 33 games.

Fred Crabtree's scoring mark of 789 points is also a new national interscholastic record for one season, so far as this office knows. Reportedly, Bevo Francis held the scholastic single-season mark of 776 points.

Fred Crabtree	scored	789 points	in 31 games,	25.45 avg.
Ron Bane	scored	736 points	in 29 games,	25.38 avg.
Bill Bond	scored	727 points	in 33 games,	22.03 avg.

Fred Crabtree, along with players named for All-C.I.F. and All-Los Angeles City Basketball team honors will gather at Helms Hall on Saturday morning, April 2 at 10:30 am for the 18th annual All-Southern California Board of Basketball awards program. Personalities from the field of basketball have been invited to attend along with coaches of the honored ball players.

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JOHN ARRILLAGA, MORNINGSIDE CENTER, NAMED  
C.I.F. SMALL SCHOOLS BASKETBALL STAR OF '55

FOR RELEASE: FRIDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 25....p.m. and after

John Arrillaga, who led Morningside High School to the Northern Section CIF Basketball title this past season with a thrilling 64-62 two-overtime victory over Beverly Hills, was named CIF Basketball Player of the Year for the "small schools" division of the CIF. Arrillaga scored 276 points in 17 ball games during the season and was considered such a standout by his coach, Al Greenleaf, that he was used at every position as needed.

Winning the Southern Section CIF title was Citrus High School, which defeated Coronado High, 69-58, in the finals. Citrus placed its star, Jim Gates, on the first team. He averaged over 18 points a game for the league season. Another Citrus player, Larry Lankford, was named to the second team. This marks the first year that two small schools teams have been chosen, however it was felt by the board that there was a definite need for two since the growth of the CIF has been so great.

First team forwards honored are Louis Osuna, Lone Pine, Jim Gates, Citrus, Ned Eckert, Beverly Hills, and Bob Espinoza of Mary Star. Osuna and Espinoza are repeaters from last year's team as is Player of the Year Arrillaga. Vern Raker, Lone Pine coach, calls Osuna the finest high school player he's ever seen. Osuna scored 410 points in 19 ball games and has the best average on the team. Bob Espinoza, the most valuable player in the Catholic Conference the past two years, scored 243 points in 13 games, while Beverly Hills' Ned Eckert scored 342 points in 29 games. Eckert was the mainstay of a team which lost only one game during the entire season and that to Morningside in two overtimes for the championship.

Centers named to the first team were John Arrillaga and Don Walker, Beverly Hills, both of the Pioneer League. Walker faced Arrillaga on three occasions with Beverly Hills winning two games, by a total of three points, and Morningside winning the all-important engagement by two points. Both boys were outstanding, Walker scoring 440 points in 29 outings.

Guards named were John Marshall, Mission, South Gate, Dan Barry, Morningside, Ray Sims, Hemet, and Larry Boyd of Mar Vista. Sims, a unanimous selection as player of the year in the Riverside County League, scored 343 points in 19 games and is a fine all-around ball player. Dan Barry, Arrillaga's teammate at Morningside, gained a first team post by virtue of his steady play and scoring 278 points in 20 games. Larry Boyd, top scorer in the Metropolitan League, is one of two juniors on the first team, the other being Sims. John Marshall of Mission, at 6 feet 7 inches, is the tallest boy on any of the CIF honor teams. He scored 142 points during the league season.

The Eighteenth Annual All-Southern California Board of Basketball awards program will be held at Helms Hall on Saturday morning, April 2, at 10:30 a.m. At this time honored players will receive scroll awards and coaches Edmund Smyth, Citrus, and Al Greenleaf, Morningside, will receive special awards for their fine coaching.

\* \* \* ALL-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA C.I.F. (SMALL SCHOOLS) BASKETBALL...FIRST TEAM

POSITION	PLAYER	SCHOOL	HGHT	WGHT	YEAR	POINTS
Forward	Louis Osuna	Lone Pine	6'	147	Sr.	410-19
Forward	James Gates	Citrus	5' 9	140	Sr.	187-10
Forward	Ned Eckert	Beverly Hills	5' 8	148	Sr.	342-29
Forward	Robert Espinoza	Mary Star of Sea	6' 2	183	Sr.	243-13
Center	John Arrillaga	Morningside	6' 4	175	Sr.	276-17
Center	Donald Walker	Beverly Hills	6' 6	195	Sr.	440-29
Guard	John Marshall	Mission (S.G.)	6' 7	170	Sr.	142-12
Guard	Dan Barry	Morningside	5' 9	160	Sr.	278-20
Guard	Ray Sims	Hemet	6' 1	155	Jr.	343-19
Guard	Larry Boyd	Mar Vista	6' 2	175	Jr.	324-23

\* \* \* ALL-C.I.F. (SMALL SCHOOLS) SECOND TEAM. . . . .

Forward	James Quast	San Jacinto	6' 2	165	Jr.
Forward	Tom McEacheron	Santa Maria	6' 1	170	Sr.
Forward	George Daech	Laguna Beach	6' 3	170	Sr.
Forward	Victor Wallace	Calexico	6'	170	Sr.
Center	B.J. Schaffer	Tustin	6' 3	170	Sr.
Center	Pat O'Brien	Santa Clara	6' 1	175	Sr.
Guard	Robert Dean	Coronado	5'10	145	Sr.
Guard	Robert Magaw	St. Francis	5' 9	145	Jr.
Guard	Larry Lankford	Citrus	6' 3	170	Sr.
Guard	Raul Quesada	Trona	5'10	170	Sr.

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## HELM'S ATHLETIC FOUNDATION

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DON PINO, UNIVERSITY GUARD, SELECTED AS  
LOS ANGELES CITY BASKETBALL PLAYER OF 1955

FOR RELEASE: THURSDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 17, and Friday a.m.

University High School, for the second straight year, has produced an All-Los Angeles City Basketball Player of the Year. Don Pino is the player's name and he ran away with city scoring honors both in league play and for the season. The All-Southern California Board of Basketball was unanimous in its selection of Pino, who follows another outstanding University guard, Lee Harman, as the tops in city basketball for 1955.

Scoring 401 points in 18 ball games, 242 of them during the 10-game league season, Pino was the highest scoring player in the city. He is considered by his coach, Jerry Marvin, "The greatest offensive player I have ever coached." Pino was captain of the University team and broke the City Championship scoring record for a guard, with 30 points against Jefferson. Pino is a senior, stands six feet two inches tall and weighs 168 pounds. While Pino was not the defensive player that Lee Harman was, he was above average in this department and certainly had no peer when it came to offense.

For having been selected as the top basketball player for 1955, Don Pino will receive the Helms Athletic Foundation's Player of the Year medal award and will have his name engraved upon the Paul H. Helms Trophy which is lodged in Helms Hall. Presentation of the award to Don Pino will be made at the Eighteenth Annual All-Southern California Board of Basketball awards program, which will be held at Helms Hall in March.

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

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 Naualls, 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	1955 Don Pino, University

Members of All-Southern California Board of Basketball for the 1955 season, Los Angeles City section, are as follows:

Ralph Alexander, Examiner	Joe Lyou, Mirror-News
John de la Vega, Times	Bill Hollohan, San Pedro News-Pilot
Ron Weiner, Hollywood Citizen-News	Jack Disney, Herald-Express
Pete Kokon, San Fernando Valley Times	Braven Dyer, Jr., Secretary
Dick Gitlin, Huntington Park Signal	Bill Schroeder, Chairman

The 1955 All-Los Angeles City Basketball First Team is composed of three seniors and a pair of juniors. The lower classmen to make the team are Jim White, Valley League Player of the Year from Hollywood, and Sterling Forbes, who was named the outstanding performer in the Marine League off his play with Jordan.

Seniors named were Kazuo Shinzato, Roosevelt, and Don Pino, University, at guards and Ernest Stafford, Fremont, at a forward along with White. Both Shinzato and Pino were players of the year in their respective leagues, while Stafford was a close second to Shinzato in the Southern League voting.

Two league scoring leaders made the first team selections. Kazuo Shinzato averaged 20.6 points during the league season and gained runner-up scoring honors in the city race. Don Pino was the Western League's highest point producer with an average of 24.2, which was high for the year. Both these boys are expected to be fine college players.

The remainder of the first team, while not individual scoring leaders in their own leagues, were good point getters. Ernest Stafford and Jim White averaged 14 and 16 points respectively, while Sterling Forbes accounted for a 13.9 average. The first team averaged 17.8 points per game as a group.

Besides the two juniors on the first team only three other lower classmen made the three All-City teams. For the first time in the 18-year history of the Helms selections a freshman was named to the All-City team. Jefferson's Billy McGill, who led the Democrats to the City title, was the boy so honored. He is 6'8" tall and weighs 200 pounds and was third high scorer in Southern League play with a 15.4 average. McGill led Jefferson to the Southern League title, a record of 8-2 winning the championship, and then scored 74 points as Jeff took the City crown.

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Named to the third team was Jim Frost, sophomore guard from Bell, who scored 148 points in 10 games leading Bell to second place behind Poly in the Eastern League. Another lower classman named to the third team was Verdugo Hills' Richard Clement, a junior, who was the Northern League's scoring leader with a 19.8 average for the season.

Previous to this year's selections, J.C. Gipson was the youngest player to make the All-City team. Gipson was selected as a sophomore in 1951 and not only made the first team, but was voted City Player of the Year in the bargain. Gipson was 6'6" tall and weighed 180 pounds at the time of his selection. He is now playing for the Harlem Globetrotters.

Silas Williams, Polytechnic's 6'5" guard led scorers on the second team with a 16.8 average for 10 games. Williams was scoring leader in the Eastern League. Ken Guffey, Lincoln High's Northern League Player of the Year, was the third high scorer in the league with an average of 15.6 points in 10 games. Charles Dugan, Manual Arts, the other forward along with Guffey, scored 148 points which was 5th highest in the Southern League. Frank Morandini, San Pedro's senior guard, was the 5th member of the second team. He scored 139 points in 10 games.

Three forwards were named to the third team, so close was their ability. Dick Clement, Northern League scoring leader from Verdugo Hills with a 19.8 average, and Robert New, Valley scoring ace from San Fernando with a 17.6 average were selected, along with Saul Rowinsky, Venice deadeye, who scored 156 points in 10 games. Andy Van der Velde, Dorsey High's center, who managed to bucket 178 digits was named along with guards Jim Frost and Doug Warren. Warren was the play maker of the University five and therefore did not score with the others, but his play was none the less outstanding.

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 Eighteenth Annual All-Southern California Board of Basketball awards program to be held at Helms Hall in March. Coaches and players, as well as Helms Board members will be the guests of Paul H. Helms on this occasion. A number of famed basketball coaches and celebrities will be invited to attend the affair and will be on hand to help honor the All-City players.

Here are the All-Los Angeles City High School selections for 1954-1955:

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

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>P L A Y E R</u>	<u>S C H O O L</u>	<u>HEIGHT</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
Forward	ERNEST STAFFORD	Fremont	6' 1	155	Sr.	140-10
Forward	JIM WHITE	Hollywood	6' 1	180	Jr.	130-8
Center	STERLING FORBES	Jordan	6' 2	175	Jr.	139-10
Guard	DON PINO	University	6' 2	168	Sr.	242-10
Guard	KAZUO SHINZATO	Roosevelt	5'11	163	Sr.	206-10

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

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>P L A Y E R</u>	<u>S C H O O L</u>	<u>HEIGHT</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
Forward	KEN GUFFEY	Lincoln	5'11	158	Sr.	156-10
Forward	CHARLES DUGAN	Manual Arts	6' 3	180	Sr.	148-10
Center	BILL MCGILL	Jefferson	6' 8	200	Fresh.	154-10
Guard	SILAS WILLIAMS	Polytechnic	6' 5	175	Sr.	168-10
Guard	FRANK MORANDINI	San Pedro	6' 2	175	Sr.	139-10

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

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>P L A Y E R</u>	<u>S C H O O L</u>	<u>HEIGHT</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
Forward	RICHARD CLEMENT	Verdugo Hills	6' 1	160	Jr.	198-10
Forward	ROBERT NEW	San Fernando	5'11	175	Sr.	141-8
Forward	SAUL ROWINSKY	Venice	5'11	162	Sr.	156-10
Center	ANDY VANDERVELDE	Dorsey	6' 2	195	Sr.	178-10
Guard	JIM FROST	Bell	6' 3	155	Soph.	148-10
Guard	DOUGLAS WARREN	University	6' 2	155	Sr.	83-10

Coach Larry Hanson, who directed the Jefferson Democrats to the Los Angeles City Basketball championship for 1955, will be presented with a special Helms Athletic Foundation award at the awards program to be held at Helms Hall in March. The award is presented each year to the championship coach in recognition of his fine work during the basketball season. Coach Hanson's outstanding freshman center, Bill McGill, was named to the All-City second team.

**SILAS WILLIAMS, POLYTECHNIC STAR SCORER,  
NAMED PLAYER OF YEAR IN EASTERN LEAGUE**

FOR RELEASE: Wednesday, February 16 and after

**S**ilas Williams, high scoring Polytechnic High School basketball ace, was named as the outstanding player in the Eastern League for the 1955 basketball season when members of the All-Southern California Board of Basketball met at Helms Hall. Williams was a unanimous selection.

Poly ran through 10 straight league games without defeat and at the close of the season Silas Williams had earned the league scoring crown, dropping in 168 points. Williams played at guard most of the season, but he was selected as a center by the Helms Board. He was very good on the boards and had a good selection of shots.

Jim Frost, who finished the season as the league's fifth high scorer, is only a sophomore. He was the only lower classman on the first team, however three juniors were named to the second squad. Eddie Zetar, second high scorer in the league from Riis, Carrell Proby, Poly center, and Fred Engels, South Gate guard are all juniors and will be back next year.

Poly High's champions placed three members on the team, Williams and Bob Green on the first team and Carrell Proby on the second.

\* \* \* FIRST TEAM . . . . . All-Eastern League 1954-1955

POSITION	PLAYER	SCHOOL	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	YEAR	POINTS
Forward	Jim Frost	Bell	6'3	155	Soph.	148-10
Forward	Bob Sunderland	Huntington Park	6'	158	Sr.	157-10
Center	Silas Williams	Polytechnic	6'5	175	Sr.	168-10
Guard	Maurice Boyd	Riis	5'10	170	Sr.	151-10
Guard	Bob Green	Polytechnic	5'10	152	Sr.	99-10

\* \* \* SECOND TEAM

Forward	Eddie Zetar	Riis	6'1	160	Jr.	163-10
Forward	Leon Murray	Belmont	5'10	135	Sr.	103-10
Center	Carrell Proby	Polytechnic	6'5	195	Jr.	81-10
Guard	Tom Roberts	Huntington Park	5'10	178	Sr.	99-12
Guard	Fred Engels	South Gate	6'1	180	Jr.	101-10

**DON PINO, TOP CITY SCORER FOR '55, NAMED  
WESTERN LEAGUE'S TOP PERFORMER FOR YEAR**

**D**on Pino, University High School's top scorer and captain, was chosen by unanimous vote as Western League Player of the Year when All-Southern California Board of Basketball met at Helms Hall to name its 1955 honor teams. This marked the second year in a row that a University High School guard has been named Player of the Year. Last year Lee Harman was the board's choice.

Coach Jerry Marvin was high in his praise of Pino throughout the season. "The greatest offensive player I have ever coached," is the way he describes his star player. Pino completed the league season as the number one scorer in city play with 242 points for 10 games. Don was also high scorer for the season in city ranks, with a 401 total. He holds the school scoring record for a single game of 42 points. For the year, University won 16 and lost two. Two defeats were to Dorsey in league play, 50-48, and to Jefferson 71-68, in the City Tourney.

Five players who made last season's Western League team were named for 1955 honors. Don Pino, Andy Van der Velde and Bob Rinker, who were second team choices in 1954, moved up to the first team in this year's picks. Bill Belcher, a second team guard selection last year, retained his position. Saul Rowinsky was again voted a first team forward position.

\* \* \* FIRST TEAM . . . . . All-Western League 1954-1955

POSITION	PLAYER	SCHOOL	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	YEAR	POINTS
Forward	Saul Rowinsky	Venice	5'11	162	Sr.	156-10
Forward	Robert Rinker	Hamilton	6'2	170	Sr.	144-10
Center	Andy Van der Velde	Dorsey	6'2	195	Sr.	178-10
Guard	Don Pino	University	6'2	168	Sr.	242-10
Guard	Douglas Warren	University	6'2	155	Sr.	83-10

\* \* \* SECOND TEAM

Forward	Joe Jares	Hamilton	6'2	185	Sr.	126-10
Forward	Ronald Rombeau	Hamilton	6'3	180	Sr.	112-10
Center	Michael Fryer	Venice	6'4	190	Jr.	145-10
Guard	Bill Belcher	Dorsey	5'9	160	Sr.	90-10
Guard	Kelly Johnson	University	5'11	155	Sr.	36-8

**JORDAN'S STERLING FORBES, SELECTED PLAYER OF YEAR FOR 1955 MARINE LEAGUE SEASON.**

FOR RELEASE: Tuesday, February 15 and after

Sterling Forbes, who led Jordan to a perfect Marine League season and a 10-0 record, was a unanimous selection as Player of the Year for 1955. Forbes, only a junior, finished the league season in the number three position so far as scoring goes, but his over-all ability won him the award as the league's top performer.

Forbes wound up the league campaign with 139 points in 10 games and helped take his team all the way to the finals in the City Championships. Jordan was defeated by Jefferson in the title match, 58-55. John Randolph, who coaches Forbes, calls Sterling an excellent rebounder and a top all-around center.

Five juniors were named to this year's Marine League squad, four from the Jordan championship team. The other junior to be named is Art Johnson, Gardena's junior sharpshooting guard, who was the league's second high scorer with 160 points for 10 games.

Two players were named for the second year. Frank Morandini, a center on the first team last season, was picked for a forward position this year. Sterling Forbes, second team center last year, was this year's top center selection.

\* \* \* FIRST TEAM . . . . . All-Marine League 1954-'55

POSITION	PLAYER	SCHOOL	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	YEAR	POINTS
Forward	Roy Ruebel	Narbonne	6'	175	Sr.	173-10
Forward	Frank Morandini	San Pedro	6'2	175	Sr.	139-10
Center	Sterling Forbes	Jordan	6'5	175	Jr.	139-10
Guard	Royce Esters	San Pedro	5'9	118	Sr.	146-10
Guard	Hugh Stewart	Jordan	6'3	180	Jr.	74-10

\* \* \* SECOND TEAM

Forward	Bob Odom	Jordan	5'11	160	Jr.	120-10
Forward	Bob Sims	Jordan	6'4	180	Jr.	108-10
Center	Joe Matich	San Pedro	6'3	195	Sr.	117-16
Guard	Art Johnson	Gardena	5'7	130	Jr.	160-10
Guard	Henry Salcido	Banning	5'6	140	Sr.	120-10

**JIM WHITE, HOLLYWOOD BASKETBALL STAR, IS VALLEY LEAGUE PLAYER OF YEAR FOR 1955.**

Jim White, Hollywood High School's outstanding basketball performer, and second high scorer in the Valley League, was named Player of the Year for the 1955 season following a vote of the Helms Board of Basketball at its annual meeting last week.

White led his Hollywood High School team to the Valley League title with an 8-0 record. Hollywood won the title last year also. Coach Guy Wrinkle gives White much of the credit for Hollywood's successful season, calling Jim "A strong rebounder on both offense and defense." Only a junior, White will be back next year.

Two players will be back again next year to try for Valley league honors. White returns, as does Kirk Oswell, Canoga Park forward. All players on last season's Valley team were seniors, therefore there were no repeaters.

Scoring honors for the league season went to San Fernando's Bob New who scored 141 points in 8 league contests. Jim White was close behind New with 130 points, while Joe Byrne, also of Hollywood, was third with 124.

The Valley League team is a comparatively short one compared with most of this year's squads. Only one player, center Jim White, measures over six feet.

\* \* \* FIRST TEAM . . . . . All-Valley League 1954-'55

POSITION	PLAYER	SCHOOL	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	YEAR	POINTS
Forward	Robert New	San Fernando	5'11	175	Sr.	141-8
Forward	Joe Byrne	Hollywood	5'7	135	Sr.	124-8
Center	Jim White	Hollywood	6'1	180	Jr.	130-8
Guard	Dick Winter	North Hollywood	5'10	170	Sr.	103-8
Guard	Denny Crum	San Fernando	5'10	132	Sr.	102-8

\* \* \* SECOND TEAM

Forward	Kirk Oswell	Canoga Park	5'8	152	Jr.	99-8
Forward	Art Copeland	Hollywood	6'3	195	Sr.	46-6
Center	Gary Shair	Van Nuys	6'4	185	Sr.	83-8
Guard	Jack Howell	San Fernando	6'2	182	Sr.	83-8
Guard	John Stapp	North Hollywood	6'	145	Sr.	47-6



# KEN GUFFEY, LINCOLN FORWARD, SELECTED AS TOP PLAYER IN NORTHERN LEAGUE FOR 1955

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**K**en Guffey, captain of the Lincoln High School quintet that won the Northern League title with a 10-0 record, was named the most outstanding player in his league when members of the Helms Board of Basketball met at Helms Hall to pick the 1955 city league teams.

Ken Guffey placed third in the Northern League scoring race, with 156 points in 10 games. He was outstanding on both offense and defense, leading his team in both rebounds and interceptions. He hit 45% of his shots from the floor and was voted the top player award by his team mates.

Top scorer in the league was Verdugo Hills' Richard Clement, junior forward, who scored 198 points in league action. Lowell Holt of Marshall was second man with 177 digits. Clement broke the school scoring record with his fine shooting.

Three juniors were named to this year's squad. Dick Clement and Lowell Holt on the first team and Sheldon Milstien, of Verdugo Hills, on the second. Only one player repeated from last year's squad, Joel Nenzell, who was named to the second team in 1954.

\* \* \* FIRST TEAM . . . . . All-Northern League 1954-1955

POSITION	PLAYER	SCHOOL	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	YEAR	POINTS
Forward	Ken Guffey	Lincoln	5'11	158	Sr.	156-10
Forward	Richard Clement	Verdugo Hills	6'1	160	Jr.	198-10
Center	Lowell Holt	Marshall	6'3	175	Jr.	177-10
Guard	Tom Spradley	Franklin	6'1	155	Sr.	134-10
Guard	Bob Castaneda	Lincoln	5'7	130	Sr.	154-10

\* \* \* SECOND TEAM

Forward	Bob Hesse	Marshall	6'	160	Sr.	143-14
Forward	Winton Combs	Verdugo Hills	6'1	160	Sr.	68-10
Center	Victor Diamond	Wilson	6'2	170	Sr.	135-10
Guard	Sheldon Milstien	Verdugo Hills	5'10	158	Jr.	87-10
Guard	Joel Nenzell	Marshall	6'3	190	Sr.	118-14

# ROOSEVELT'S KAZUO SHINZATO, SOUTHERN LOOP SCORING CHAMP, NAMED PLAYER OF YEAR FOR '55

**R**oosevelt High School's Kazuo Shinzato is one of the hottest basketball articles to come along in the Southern League in quite some time. The Helms Board of Basketball thought so much of his ability that it named him Player of the Year for the 1955 season.

Kazuo Shinzato, a senior guard at Roosevelt, was the Southern League scoring champion and finished second in city scoring with 206 points for 10 games. Shinzato's coach, Elaine Crowther, calls Kazuo a better player than Dick Nagai was when he graduated from Roosevelt.

The Southern League first team is composed of high scorers, none of whom fell below 140 points during the league season. Bill McGill, of Jefferson, is the only member of the first team who is not a senior. He is a FRESHMAN! McGill is 6'8" tall and weighs 200 pounds and before he's through his coach, Larry Hanson, expects him to be one of the greatest players produced in city ranks.

Only two players repeated from last season's Southern League teams. Ernest Stafford and Shinzato were second team guards in 1954. The only other lower classman on the team besides McGill is Robert Guidry, also of Jefferson, who is a junior. Jefferson won the league title with an 8-2 mark, also the city crown.

\* \* \* FIRST TEAM . . . . . All-Southern League 1954+55

POSITION	PLAYER	SCHOOL	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	YEAR	POINTS
Forward	John Rettberg	Washington	6'1	160	Sr.	150-10
Forward	Charles Dugan	Manual Arts	6'3	180	Sr.	148-10
Center	Bill McGill	Jefferson	6'8	200	Fresh.	154-10
Guard	Kazuo Shinzato	Roosevelt	5'11	163	Sr.	206-10
Guard	Ernest Stafford	Fremont	6'1	155	Sr.	140-10

\* \* \* SECOND TEAM

Forward	Leo Hill	Jefferson	5'9	155	Sr.	131-16
Forward	Harold Brice	Jefferson	6'	165	Sr.	188-16
Center	Robert Guidry	Jefferson	6'5	185	Jr.	129-16
Guard	Clifford Brandon	Manual Arts	5'11	170	Sr.	164-10
Guard	Conrad Munatones	Roosevelt	6'1	178	Sr.	141-10