

SPECIAL RELEASE

HELMS ATHLETIC FOUNDATION

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

JERRY PIMM, MONTEBELLO, AND JIM HANNA, POLY LONG BEACH, SELECTED CO-PLAYERS OF YEAR IN C.I.F. BASKETBALL, CENTRAL SECTION, FOR '56

FOR RELEASE: TUESDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 20TH, and Wednesday am

For the second time, since All-Southern California's Board of Basketball was founded in 1938, co-players of the year were selected at the board's annual meeting at Helms Hall. Not since 1943, when Alan Grimely of Glendale and Bob Hobbs of Orange were chosen, has there been such a close race for top honors in C.I.F. ranks. A full 45 minutes was taken up in discussing the merits of Jerry Pimm, Montebello High School's fine forward, and Jim Hanna, Long Beach Poly's giant center, who led the Jackrabbits to their first C.I.F. Central Section title since 1942. Failing to agree on one over the other, the board named both boys to share the honor.

Of Jerry Pimm, Coach Ray Hooper says, "Pimm is the finest all-around basketball player in this school's history. He is a perfectionist and has mastered by hard work the fundamentals of the game. His team play has added much to the success of this year's squad." Pimm finished the season with 864 points in 33 games, for a 26.2 average. Although Pimm's point total represents a California High School record (so far as we can determine) it is believed that several boys have topped this total, over past years, in national prep play.

Jim Hanna, 6 foot 7 inch, 210 pound center for Long Beach Poly's CIF Champions, was the big man for coach Del Walker's club. Hanna, highest scoring player in Poly basketball history, scored 592 points in 30 games, for a 19.7 average. Jim scored 34 points in the CIF championship game against Montebello, which is a new CIF record for a finals game. Speaking of Hanna's fine season, coach Walker says, "Hanna is the highest scorer in Poly history. His size and agility have been instrumental in our league leadership."

Both Jim Hanna and Jerry Pimm will receive their Helms Basketball Player of the Year medal awards at the 19th Annual All-Southern California Board of Basketball Awards program to be held at Helms Hall on Saturday morning, March 31, at 10:30 am.

At forwards on the first team beside Pimm, were Bill Bloom of John Burroughs, Rex Hughes of Redondo, and Bob Fisher of Hart. All three of these players were high scorers, hitting over 400 points for the season. Bloom, a mid-term graduate and named to the All-CIF first team last year, scored 459 points in 18 ball games, missing the second round of Foothill League play. Now at U.S.C., Bloom averaged 25.5 points per game.

Rex Hughes was named player of the year in the Bay League by unanimous vote of the coaches. He holds every Redondo High School record, including most points scored in a single season -- 436 points this year. Bob Fisher was the top performer in Ventura League scoring and helped lead Hart to a respectable 15-10 record for the year. Fisher played the center position for coach Kalin, but was moved to a forward.

Named to the other first team center position along with Hanna, was Redlands' John Bethke. Bethke was a unanimous choice for player of the year honors among Citrus Belt League coaches. A strong rebounder, John was a top scorer and fine all-around performer.

Guard selections were Mike McPerson of Culver City, Mike McCormick of Mark Keppel, Henry Wallace of Poly, and Dick Sundahl of Hoover, Glendale. McPerson was named top performer in Pioneer League play and is considered a top prospect. Mike McCormick, Mark Keppel's ace forward, led the Aztecs to the Pacific League crown. Henry Wallace, one of the strongest defensive players in CIF play, was named to the first team, giving Poly two representatives. Dick Sundahl led Hoover to the Foothill League title, scoring 222 points in 9 league games. He was team captain and very consistent throughout the season.

This year's first team is composed of only seniors. Two juniors were named to the second team -- Notre Dame's Tony Salas and Richard Ruffell of Torrance. Outstanding players among second team members are Bill Heynen, Pacific League scoring champion and ace rebounder; Tony Salas, high scoring Notre Dame center; Ron Fairly, Jordan High's ace forward and top scorer; Richard Ruffell, Torrance junior center, who many predict will be top college performer; and Larry Elliot, top man on San Diego Hoover's City League champions.

All players named to All-Southern California Board of Basketball first and second teams will receive Helms scroll awards at Helms Hall on Saturday morning, March 31st, at 10:30 am.

* * * F I R S T T E A M ALL-C.I.F. BASKETBALL FOR 1956 SEASON

POSITION	PLAYER	SCHOOL	HGHT	WGHT	YEAR	SCHOOL	POINTS
Forward	JERRY PIMM	Montebello	5-11	155	Senior		864-33
Forward	BILL BLOOM	Burroughs, Burbank	6-1	185	Grad.		459-18
Forward	REX HUGHES	Redondo	6-2	175	Senior		436-24
Forward	BOB FISHER	Hart	6-2	170	Senior		449-25
Center	JIM HANNA	Poly, Long Beach	6-7	210	Senior		592-30
Center	JOHN BETHKE	Redlands	6-6	212	Senior		282-14
Guard	MIKE McPHERSON	Culver City	6-1	148	Senior		336-18
Guard	MIKE McCORMICK	Mark Keppel	6-2	190	Senior		317-21
Guard	HENRY WALLACE	Poly, Long Beach	6-0	180	Senior		121-23
Guard	DICK SUNDAHL	Hoover, Glendale	5-11	160	Senior		122-9

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

Forward	LARRY ELLIOT	Hoover, San Diego	6-2	180	Senior		277-23
Forward	ROBERT BELL	Hoover, Glendale	6-1	180	Senior		137-9
Forward	STEVE SHUKEN	Beverly Hills	6-3	182	Senior		299-23
Forward	RON FAIRLY	Jordan, Long Beach	5-10	173	Senior		279-14
Center	BILL HEYNEN	El Monte	6-4	180	Senior		478-25
Center	TONY SALAS	Notre Dame	6-6	175	Junior		396-29
Guard	MEL HOWERY	Ventura	5-11	162	Senior		301-24
Guard	RICHARD RUFFELL	Torrance	6-3	179	Junior		404-23
Guard	LOWELL RAPER	Grossmont	6-3	180	Senior		353-26
Guard	GERRY SNIDER	Chaffey	5-11	170	Senior		421-24

The C.I.F. teams for 1956 were selected by members of All-Southern California Board of Basketball, composed of the following: Ralph Alexander (L.A. Examiner), John de la Vega (L.A. Times), Joe Lyou (L.A. Mirror-News), Pete Kokon (Valley Times), Jack Disney (L.A. Herald-Express), Ron Weiner (Hollywood Citizen-News), Bill Hollohan (San Pedro News-Pilot), Eddie West (Santa Ana Register), Mannie Pineda (Pasadena Star-News), Tom Burdick (Long Beach Press-Telegram), Al Ames (Glendale News-Press), Dick Vanderveld (Santa Monica Outlook), Garland Rose (Riverside Press-Enterprise), Chuck Gherniss (Alhambra Post-Advocate), Claude Anderson (San Bernardino Sun), Bill Whitney (Breitbart Athletic Foundation), Philip Patton (Santa Barbara News-Press), Mory Kapp (Helms Athletic Foundation), Braven Dyer, Jr. (Helms Athletic Foundation), Bill Schroeder (Chairman).

1956 BASKETBALL AWARDS PROGRAM SET FOR SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 31, AT HELMS HALL

The Nineteenth Annual All-Southern California Board of Basketball Awards Program will be held in the patio of Helms Hall on Saturday morning, March 31 at 10:30 a.m. All-C.I.F. and All-Los Angeles City players who were named for honors, as well as coaches of honored players will be invited to attend. College cage personalities, of both past and present, will also be invited to share in honoring the All-City and All-C.I.F. players.

Players will receive Helms scroll awards and the Voit Rubber Company will also present miniature basketballs to all honored players. Players of the Year in both C.I.F. and City sections will receive medal awards, while the coaches of championship C.I.F. and City teams will be presented special awards.

Jerry Pimm and Jim Hanna will receive their player of the year medals, as will Charles Jordan, of Palm Springs. Sterling Forbes, City player of the year from Jordan High School, will accept his medal award, also.

* * * 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's
1944	Richard Robbins	Poly (L.B.)	1954	Larry Hauser	Mt. Carmel
1945	Richard Barnes	Hoover (S.D.)	1955	Fred Crabtree	Covina
1946	Hugh Stewart	South Pasadena	1956	Jerry Pimm	Montebello
				Jim Hanna	Poly (L.B.)

HELMS ATHLETIC FOUNDATION

HELMS HALL, 8750 VENICE BOULEVARD • LOS ANGELES 34, CALIFORNIA

CHARLES JORDAN, PALM SPRINGS STAR CENTER, NAMED C.I.F. NORTH-SOUTH SECTION PLAYER OF THE YEAR FOR 1956 BASKETBALL SEASON

FOR RELEASE: THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 1956 and after....

Charles Jordan, Palm Springs High School's outstanding offensive and defensive center, was selected as the top player among schools playing in the northern and southern sections of the C.I.F. for the 1956 basketball season. Selection of Jordan was made at the Nineteenth Annual meeting of All-Southern California Board of Athletics held at Helms Hall in Los Angeles.

Boasting a 23.8 average for 20 ball games, Jordan is considered one of the finest players to ever perform in the Riverside County League. Standing over 6 feet 4 inches in height, Jordan was Palm Springs' top performer and scorer. His coach, Ralph Watt, says of Jordan; "An outstanding boy, both offensively and defensively." A senior, Jordan has many colleges and universities interested in him.

Three schools placed two players each on this year's honor teams. St. Monica's, winner of the Northern Section title over Temple City, 71-51, placed its star forward Ralph Garcia and outstanding center Dan Rodriguez on the first team. Garcia scored 533 points in 26 games and over .500 shooting percentage. He was second to Rodriguez in the rebound department and was St. Monica's top defensive player. Coronado High School, champions of the Southern Section, defeating Citrus 60-54 in the finals, placed Jon Crawford and Roger Nix, the latter on the second team. Both were high scorers and very good in the rebound department. Citrus, loser to Coronado in the finals, placed Bill Kilmer and Curry Robertson, Curry on the second team. Kilmer was the league's leading scorer, while Robertson wasn't far behind.

Three juniors made the first team and two were named to the second. Brea-Olinda's Don McConnell, Roger Short of Burroughs, and Bill Kilmer of Citrus were the lower classmen on the first team. Arroyo Grande's center Gene Shields and Wayne Wilson of San Jacinto were juniors named to the second team.

Three players were named for honors for the second straight year. Ray Sims of Hemet repeated on the first team, while Bob Magaw and Larry Boyd were picked on the second team. Boyd was a first team choice in 1955.

The Nineteenth Annual All-Southern California Board of Basketball Awards program will be held at Helms Hall on Saturday morning, March 31, at 10:30 am. At this time all honored players will receive special Helms scroll awards and coaches John Kovac of Coronado and William Bonali of St. Monica's will be presented with special awards for having coached their teams to sectional championships in 1956.

* * * F I R S T T E A M (All C.I.F. Small Schools Team for 1956)

POSITION	PLAYER	SCHOOL	HGHT	WGHT	YEAR SCHOOL	POINTS
Forward	JON CRAWFORD	Coronado	5-9	165	Senior	351-24
Forward	RALPH GARCIA	St. Monica's	6-1	165	Senior	533-26
Forward	BILL KILMER	Citrus	6-0	170	Junior	493-24
Forward	DON McCONNELL	Brea-Olinda	5-8	140	Junior	191-10
Center	CHARLES JORDAN	Palm Springs	6-4	170	Senior	476-20
Center	DAN RODRIGUEZ	St. Monica's	6-3	180	Senior	333-26
Guard	CHARLES ESTRADA	Atascadero	6-0	155	Senior	364-19
Guard	RAY SIMS	Hemet	6-1	160	Senior	472-21
Guard	RONALD BAUER	South Pasadena	6-4	190	Senior	443-26
Guard	ROGER SHORT	Burroughs, C.L.	6-1	158	Junior	173-12

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

Forward	ROBERT MAGAW	St. Francis	5-10	145	Senior	364-20
Forward	LARRY BOYD	Mar Vista	6-2	175	Grad.	324-19
Forward	JAMES WHELIHAN	Santa Maria	6-2	165	Senior	267-22
Forward	BILL ENGEL	Avalon	5-8	150	Senior	194-17
Center	GENE SHIELDS	Arroyo Grande	6-5	190	Junior	246-17
Center	GENE OLDHAM	Mater Dei	6-2	180	Senior	164-9
Guard	ROGER NIX	Coronado	6-0	155	Senior	340-24
Guard	CURRY ROBERTSON	Citrus	6-2	185	Senior	356-24
Guard	BILL JUDY	Temple City	5-8	140	Senior	124-10
Guard	WAYNE WILSON	San Jacinto	6-0	180	Junior	146-11

(1956 marks the 19th year of the All-Southern California Board of Basketball. Records of all prep selections are on file at Helms Hall.)

SPECIAL RELEASE

HELMS ATHLETIC FOUNDATION

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

STERLING FORBES, JORDAN HIGH SCHOOL CENTER, LOS ANGELES CITY BASKETBALL PLAYER OF 1956

FOR RELEASE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1956 and after.....

Jordan High School, Los Angeles City Basketball Champions for 1956, produced one of the finest players to perform in Los Angeles City ranks in some time. His name is Sterling Forbes and he was so outstanding throughout season and post-season play that the Helms All-Southern California Board of Basketball named him city player of the year for 1956.

This marked the second straight year that Sterling Forbes was named player of the year in the Marine League. He led Jordan to perfect 10-0 league seasons in 1955 and 1956. He was third in league scoring last year (139-10) and first this season with 201 points in 10 games. He was sixth in city scoring. In winning the City title from Jefferson (64-57) Jordan's Forbes scored 19 points to tie with teammate Bobby Odom for high point honors. During the league season Jordan scored 800 points, just four below high scoring Jefferson. Forbes graduated in January and is now attending Pepperdine College in Los Angeles.

For having been named Los Angeles City Basketball player of the year for the 1956 season, Forbes 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 Forbes will be made at the Nineteenth Annual All-Southern California Board of Basketball awards program to be held at Helms Hall in March.

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

- 1938 John Mandic, Roosevelt
1939 Dick Lindsley, Eagle Rock
1940 Dick Frey, Banning
1941 Gilbert Turnbull, Hamilton
1942 Derington Cartrell, Banning
1943 Vic Larson, Washington
1944 Dan Ducich, Los Angeles
1945 Bob Kloppenburg, Marshall
1946 Dick McFarland, Manual Arts
1947 Al Linnick, Fairfax
1948 Dick Saner, Venice
1949 Chet Noe, Washington
Don Eby, Washington
1950 James Powell, Polytechnic
1951 J.C. Gipson, Jefferson
1952 William Naualls, San Pedro
Earl Battey, Jordan
1953 James Kaufman, Los Angeles
1954 Lee Harman, University
1955 Don Pino, University
1956 Sterling Forbes, Jordan

Members of All-Southern California Board of Basketball for the 1956 season -- Los Angeles City section -- are as follows:

- Ralph Alexander - Los Angeles Examiner
John de la Vega - Los Angeles Times
Ron Weiner - Hollywood Citizen-News
Pete Kokon - San Fernando Valley-Times
Joe Lyou - Los Angeles Mirror-News
Bill Hollohan - San Pedro News-Pilot
Jack Disney - Los Angeles Herald-Express
Braven Dyer, Jr., Secretary
W.R. "Bill" Schroeder - Chairman

Four of the five players named to this year's All-Los Angeles City first team were players of the year in their respective leagues. Six foot, ten inch Bill McGill, sophomore center from Jefferson, was Southern League player of the year; Forward Jim White from Hollywood received top recognition in the Western Loop; Charles Bernstein, second in Valley scoring, was named top man in that league, and Forbes, of course, was named in Marine League play. John Werhas, named at guard on the first squad along with Bernstein, was fourth in Marine League scoring and 10th among all city players.

Northern and Eastern League players of the year -- Dick Clement and Eddie Zetar -- were named to forward and guard spots respectively, on the second team.

Three members of the city first team were in the top ten scorers in city play. Forbes was 6th with 203 points in 10 games; White was 9th, averaging 19 points in 10 games; and Werhas was 10th with 179 points for the league season. The only lower classman on the first team is Billy McGill, who could well be the first player in city history to make the All-City team four years running. Billy is only a sophomore.

The 1956 All-City first team is one of the biggest city teams ever assembled. The first five averages 6 feet 4 inches in height and weighs 190 pounds. McGill at center is the largest-all-around player on any of the three teams, although the weight of the 15 players selected is much above the average. Over half of the boys selected to this year's All-City teams weigh in over 185 pounds. Five of the boys list their weight as over 195 pounds.

HELMS ALL-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BOARD OF BASKETBALL.1955-1956

All members of the 1956 All-City second team are seniors. Robert Guidry, Jefferson forward, and Dick Clement, Northern League player of the year from Verdugo Hills, were named as second team forwards. Clement had the top scoring average in the city this year -- 25 points per game -- and was the second high scorer in city play with 225 points for nine games.

Selected as second team center was Michael Fryer of Venice, Western League title holders. Fryer finished fifth in scoring in league play with a 16 point per game average. Almost 200 pounds and standing 6 feet 4 inches in height, Fryer was virtually impossible to move under the basket.

Second team guards are LeGrant Skjervheim, San Fernando star who tied for third in city scoring with 218 points, and Riis' Eddie Zetar, Eastern League player of the year. Zetar, one of the fastest guards in city play this year, was the top scorer among city basketball performers, with 251 points in 10 games. Zetar and Clement finished in a dead heat so far as averages went, both putting in 25 points per game.

High scorers made up the third All-City team. Charles Dugan, Manual Arts center, finished fifth in city scoring and was named to the third team pivot spot. Forwards on the third team are Jordan's Bobby Odom and Earl Shultz from South Gate. Odom teamed with Sterling Forbes to lead Jordan to the city title, scoring 19 points. Shultz wound up the season with the third highest scoring total in the city, 218 points.

Third team guards are University's Kent Miller and Earle Schneider from Van Nuys. Miller, one of two juniors on the third team, finished 11th in city scoring. The other junior is South Gate's Earl Shultz.

All players named for Los Angeles City Basketball team honors for 1956 will receive Helms All-Southern California Board of Basketball scroll awards at the Nineteenth Annual Basketball Awards program to be held at Helms Hall in March. At this time coaches and players, as well as members of the Helms Board will be honored guests. 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 1956 All-Los Angeles City High School selections:

* * * 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	STERLING FORBES	Jordan	6' 5	190	Senior	203-10
Forward	JIM WHITE	Hollywood	6' 3	185	Senior	190-10
Center	BILLY MCGILL	Jefferson	6'10	200	Soph.	135-8
Guard	CHARLES BERNSTEIN	North Hollywood	6' 2	196	Senior	166-10
Guard	JOHN WERHAS	San Pedro	6' 2	175	Senior	179-10

* * * 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	ROBERT GUIDRY	Jefferson	6' 6	195	Senior	183-14
Forward	DICK CLEMENT	Verdugo Hills	6' 2	164	Senior	225-9
Center	MICHAEL FRYER	Venice	6' 4	197	Senior	166-10
Guard	EDDIE ZETAR	R i i s	6' 1	160	Senior	251-10
Guard	LeGRANT SKJERVHEIM	San Fernando	6' 1	170	Senior	218-10

* * * 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	BOBBY ODOM	Jordan	5'11	160	Senior	170-10
Forward	EARL SHULTZ	South Gate	6' 2	155	Junior	218-10
Center	CHARLES DUGAN	Manual Arts	6' 4	185	Senior	209-10
Guard	EARLE SCHNEIDER	Van Nuys	6' 4	150	Senior	150-10
Guard	KENT MILLER	University	6' 5	200	Junior	176-10

Johnny Randolph, who coached Jordan High School to the Los Angeles City Basketball title, will be presented with a special Helms Athletic Foundation award at the annual awards program late in March. This award is presented each year to the championship coach in recognition of his fine work during the Basketball season. Two of coach Randolph's players -- Sterling Forbes and Bobby Odom -- were named to this year's All-City team.

* * * * *

JIM WHITE, HOLLYWOOD HIGH FORWARD, PICKED AS OUTSTANDING PLAYER IN WESTERN LEAGUE

FOR RELEASE: WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, February 8 and Thursday am

Hollywood High School's Jim White was unanimously selected as the top basketball player in the Western League for 1956. White was player of the year in the San Fernando Valley League in 1955. Hollywood, moving into Western League play this season, finished in a tie with University for second place. Top team in the Western League for 1956 was Venice, which placed three players on the two honor teams.

Jim White had a 19 point per game average in league play, while Lowell Holt, Marshall's ace center, averaged 23 points in six games. Holt could not play in four league contests because of injury. Kent Miller, University's top guard and only junior on the two teams, was third in the Western League scoring parade with a 17 point average.

Three men on this season's team were named for Helms' honors in 1955. Michael Fryer was a second-team center one year ago; Lowell Holt was a first-team center on last season's Northern League team; and Jim White, also named at center in '55, was the Valley League's player of the year.

All players named for Western League honors, both first and second teams, will receive Helms scroll awards from All-Southern California Board of Basketball.

* * * FIRST TEAM All-Western League 1955-1956

POSITION	PLAYER	SCHOOL	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	YEAR	POINTS
Forward	Jim White	Hollywood	6' 3	185	Senior	190-10
Forward	Don McAllister	Marshall	6' 3	160	Senior	152-9
Center	Michael Fryer	Venice	6' 4	197	Senior	166-10
Guard	Arnold Marks	Venice	6'	165	Senior	128-10
Guard	Kent Miller	University	6' 5	200	Junior	176-10

* * * SECOND TEAM

Forward	Pete Fine	Venice	5'11	168	Senior	107-10
Forward	Jerry Randolph	University	5'11	155	Senior	100-10
Center	Lowell Holt	Marshall	6' 4	190	Senior	136-6
Guard	Larry Goodman	Hamilton	5' 9	150	Senior	89-10
Guard	Dave Cadiente	Hollywood	5'10	160	Senior	100-9

STERLING FORBES, JORDAN CENTER, IS MARINE LEAGUE'S BEST FOR 1956 BASKETBALL SEASON

One of the truly all-around performers in city league play during 1956 was Sterling Forbes, Jordan High School's star center and the Helms' Board selection as Marine League player of the year. Forbes was named for similar honors last season and for the past two years has led Jordan to perfect 10-0 records for league play.

Last season Jordan lost to Jefferson in the City Championships, 58-55, but this year Jordan defeated the Democrats, 64-57, with Forbes leading the way. Sterling and teammate, Bobby Odom finished in a tie for high point honors, scoring 19. Forbes won league scoring honors with 203 points, just beating out Tom Reddin of Westchester (199) and Narbonne's Robert Hultz (196).

Jordan placed four players on this year's first and second teams, the same four who were named for honors in 1955. Forbes and Hugh Stewart were named to last season's first team, while Odom and Bob Sims were second-team forwards in '55.

Sterling Forbes was named at center on last year's All-City first team. Just last week he enrolled at Pepperdine College in Los Angeles.

* * * FIRST TEAM All-Marine League 1955-1956

POSITION	PLAYER	SCHOOL	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	YEAR	POINTS
Forward	Tom Reddin	Westchester	6' 5	172	Junior	199-10
Forward	Bobby Odom	Jordan	5'11	160	Senior	170-10
Center	Sterling Forbes	Jordan	6' 5	190	Senior	203-10
Guard	John Werhas	San Pedro	6' 2	175	Senior	179-10
Guard	Robert Sims	Jordan	6' 5	190	Senior	119-10

* * * SECOND TEAM

Forward	Hugh Stewart	Jordan	6' 3	190	Senior	108-10
Forward	John Schroeder	San Pedro	6'	170	Senior	165-15
Center	Robert Hultz	Narbonne	6' 2	170	Junior	196-10
Guard	William Gravett	San Pedro	6' 1	170	Senior	145-14
Guard	Richard Somer	San Pedro	6' 1	170	Senior	128-10

**DICK CLEMENT, VERDUGO HILLS FORWARD, NAMED
NORTHERN LEAGUE BASKETBALL PLAYER OF YEAR**

FOR RELEASE: MONDAY AFTERNOON, February 6...and Tuesday am

The unanimous choice of the Helms Board for Northern League player of the year honors was Verdugo Hills' Richard Clement. Dick possessed the best scoring average in the city this past season, averaging 25 points for 9 games. Needless to say, Clement won the scoring title in the Northern League for 1956, a title he also won last year, when he scored 198 points in 10 games.

Verdugo Hills finished second in Northern League play behind Belmont, losing all four of its games by margins of four points or less. Clement made good on 47% of his field goal attempts and 61% of his attempted free throws. One other member of the Verdugo Hills team made the All-Northern lineup, Sheldon Milstien who was selected on the second team.

Two players repeated from last year's All-Northern team, both from Verdugo Hills. Dick Clement was a first-team forward, while Sheldon Milstien was named as a guard on the second team.

Named to a forward position along with Clement on the first team was Jim Weersing, number five in the city scoring parade. Weersing had a 21.2 average for the League season and the tallest boy on the all-star squad.

*** * * FIRST TEAM All-Northern League 1955-1956**

POSITION	PLAYER	SCHOOL	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	YEAR	POINTS
Forward	Jim Weersing	Eagle Rock	6' 4	180	Senior	212-10
Forward	Richard Clement	Verdugo Hills	6' 2	164	Senior	225-9
Center	Juan Lopez	Lincoln	6' 3	156	Senior	126-10
Guard	Jimmy Garcia	Wilson	5'10	165	Senior	154-10
Guard	Dennis Quan	Belmont	5' 9	145	Senior	72-10

*** * * SECOND TEAM**

Forward	Tom Silkwood	Franklin	6' 2	183	Senior	148-10
Forward	Kermit Harcos	Franklin	5'11	130	Senior	111-10
Center	Tom Gould	Eagle Rock	6' 2	176	Senior	76-10
Guard	Jonathan Hall	Belmont	6' 2	160	Soph.	86-10
Guard	Sheldon Milstien	Verdugo Hills	5'10	169	Senior	95-10

**BILLY MCGILL, JEFFERSON'S SOPH. CENTER,
NAMED SOUTHERN LEAGUE'S BEST FOR 1 9 5 6**

Billy McGill, Jefferson High School's growing sophomore center at 6'10", was named Southern League player of the year when the Helms Board met to make its annual basketball selections. A first-team selection on last year's league team and a second-team All-City choice, McGill led the Democrats to the finals of the City Basketball Championships. Jefferson was defeated by Jordan in the finals, 64-57.

Over the season McGill scored 247 points (13 games), however his league total was a more conservative 135 for eight games. Larry Hanson, head coach at Jefferson, claims Billy is the best player from all angles in Los Angeles. One thing is certain. McGill may well become the first player in city history to make the All-City basketball team four times.

Three players are repeaters from last year's All-Southern League team. Jefferson's Bob Guidry moved up to a first team forward position from his second-team center spot of last year. Charles Dugan and McGill retained their first team spots. The Southern League first five is the tallest team among this year's all-star team selections. The squad averages 6' 5".

All players named to this year's Southern League team — as well as those named to the other five league teams — will receive special scroll awards from All-Southern California Board of Basketball, sponsored by Paul Helms for the 19th year in 1956.

*** * * FIRST TEAM All-Southern League 1955-1956**

POSITION	PLAYER	SCHOOL	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	YEAR	POINTS
Forward	Robert Guidry	Jefferson	6' 6	195	Senior	183-14
Forward	Charles Dugan	Manual Arts	6' 4	185	Senior	209-10
Center	Billy McGill	Jefferson	6'10	200	Soph.	135-8
Guard	Huey Phillips	Fremont	6' 1	165	Senior	137-10
Guard	Ted Fields	Manual Arts	6' 5	200	Senior	145-10

*** * * SECOND TEAM**

Forward	James Turner	Jefferson	6' 5	175	Junior	178-14
Forward	J.W. Hillis	Fremont	5' 9	143	Junior	72-10
Center	Gene Freeman	Los Angeles	6' 3	170	Junior	123-9
Guard	Mathew Gaines	Jefferson	6' 5	180	Senior	117-14
Guard	Tom Wilson	Los Angeles	5'10	150	Senior	135-10

EDDIE ZETAR, CITY CHAMPION SCORER FOR 1956, PICKED AS EASTERN LEAGUE BASKETBALL BEST

FOR RELEASE: TUESDAY AFTERNOON, February 7 and Wednesday am

Rated by Riis High School's coach, Locke Livermash, as one of his very best players he has ever coached, Eddie Zetar was a unanimous choice of the Helms Board as player of the year in the Eastern League for 1956. Winding up season's play as the top scorer in the city, Eddie scored 251 points in 10 games. He worked from a guard position and was proficient at both the jump and hook shot. His coach rates him a top rebounder, also.

Riis finished fourth in Eastern League play with Bell and South Gate finishing in a tie for the title, both dropping a pair of games. Zetar is the only senior on this year's first team, the other four being juniors. Six of the ten players named for honors are lower classmen.

Repeaters on this year's team are Zetar, Jim Frost of Bell, and Fred Engels of South Gate. Zetar was a second-team member in 1955, as was Engels, while Frost was selected as a forward on the first team last season. South Gate's Earl Schultz finished second in the Eastern League scoring race with 218 points, which gave him a tie for third in the city scoring race. Scroll awards will be given all players named for honors by Helms All-Southern California Board of Basketball.

* * * F I R S T T E A M All-Eastern League 1955-1956

POSITION	PLAYER	SCHOOL	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	YEAR	POINTS
Forward	Ken Carpenter	B e l l	6'	175	Junior	136-10
Forward	Earl Shultz	South Gate	6' 2	155	Junior	218-10
Center	Dave Hancock	Huntington Park	6' 2	160	Junior	162-8
Guard	Eddie Zetar	R i i s	6' 1	160	Senior	251-10
Guard	Jim Frost	B e l l	6' 4	160	Junior	154-10

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

Forward	Arthur Johnson	R i i s	5' 9	140	Senior	137-10
Forward	Miguel Mijares	Garfield	5' 7	136	Senior	95-10
Center	Ned Averbuck	Roosevelt	6' 3	180	Junior	178-10
Guard	Fred Engels	South Gate	6' 1	190	Senior	156-15
Guard	Dan Ornelas	Roosevelt	5' 9	130	Junior	165-10

NORTH HOLLYWOOD'S CHARLES BERNSTEIN NAMED TOP PLAYER IN VALLEY LEAGUE PLAY FOR '56

Best in the San Fernando Valley League", is what the Helms Board said of North Hollywood's Charles Bernstein. Bernstein was coach John Furlong's top player and second high scorer in the league. It was a close vote between he and San Fernando's LeGrant Skjervheim. LeGrant was the league's top scorer with 218 points, which was good for a third place tie in final city standings.

All members of this year's Valley League first team are seniors. There were no repeaters from last year's team. Two juniors, Mike Flannery of Birmingham, and Terry Fortin of Canoga Park, were named to the second team. First-team center Ernie Windle was the Valley League champion's second high scorer with 133 points. North Hollywood finished the league campaign with a perfect 10-0 record.

All members of the San Fernando Valley League team will receive special Helms All-Southern California Board of Basketball scrolls, which have been given to the outstanding Los Angeles City basketball players for the past 19 years. Paul H. Helms is sponsor of All-Southern California Board of Athletics.

* * * F I R S T T E A M All-Valley League 1955-1956

POSITION	PLAYER	SCHOOL	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	YEAR	POINTS
Forward	Charles Bernstein	North Hollywood	6' 2	196	Senior	166-10
Forward	LeGrant Skjervheim	San Fernando	6' 1	170	Senior	218-10
Center	Ernie Windle	North Hollywood	6' 2	168	Senior	133-10
Guard	Weldon Burnham	Van Nuys	6'	150	Senior	96-10
Guard	Earle Schneider	Van Nuys	6' 4	150	Senior	150-10

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

Forward	John Tyndall	North Hollywood	6' 2	145	Senior	90-10
Forward	Mike Flannery	Birmingham	5' 10	145	Junior	109-10
Center	Steve Mezger	Van Nuys	6' 4	175	Senior	86-10
Guard	Terry Fortin	Canoga Park	5' 11	158	Junior	107-10
Guard	Mike Higer	North Hollywood	5' 9	150	Senior	75-10