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AL CLAIBORNE, MT. CARMEL, AND GEORGE VAN VLIET, WHITTIER, NAMED CO-PLAYERS OF YEAR IN CIF BASKETBALL, CENTRAL SECTION, FOR '57

FOR RELEASE: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 1957 and after

For the second straight year, and only the third time in its history dating back to 1938, All-Southern California Board of Basketball selected co-players of the year in the CIF's central section for the 1957 season just concluded. From the perennially strong Pacific and Catholic leagues, George Van Vliet (Whittier) and Alvin Claiborne (Mt. Carmel) were finally picked as the outstanding players from a list of over one-thousand boys participating in C.I.F. central section basketball during 1957. Last year's co-players were Jim Hanna of Long Beach Poly and Jerry Pimm of Montebello.

Al Claiborne, who led Mt. Carmel to the Catholic League crown with a 13-1 record and to runner-up spot in the CIF playoffs behind El Monte, scored 486 points for 30 games from his center position. Coach Martinelli singled out Claiborne for special praise, noting Al's great all-around ability. Named player of the tournament at both Mt. Carmel and Compton, Al was exceptional at blocking opponent's shots. At 6' 8" and 190 pounds, Claiborne was remarkably agile all over the floor.

Picked with Claiborne was Whittier's star center, George Van Vliet. A first team All-C.I.F. end in football, George was no less devastating on the basketball floor. George was top scorer in the Pacific League with 292 points for 14 league games and a 21.9 average. Although not playing much in Whittier's five practice games, he scored an additional 63 points, to give him a 19-game total of 355 points. Of his star player Coach Glen Kelly says, "I have not seen a player this year that could fill his shoes. He is a hard worker, a scholarship student and I honestly believe he is the best in the C.I.F. this year."

Both Al Claiborne and George Van Vliet will receive their player of the year medal awards at the 20th annual All-Southern California Board of Basketball awards program to be held at Helms Hall on Saturday morning, March 30th at 10:30 am.

Three teams placed two players each on the two teams. Playoff finalists Mt. Carmel and El Monte and strong Catholic League contender Notre Dame were the clubs to land two berths. All first team members are seniors, with three lower classmen being named to the second club. High scoring Stan Andersen, forward on Millikan's strong free lance quintet, is only a junior as are Bill Parsons of Mt. Carmel and Bob Jordan, All-Metropolitan player of the year from Sweetwater.

Two players repeated from the 1956 team. Tony Salas, high scorer in the Catholic League with 300 points in 14 contests, moved up from a second team center post to the first team. Richard Ruffell, named last year at guard on the number two team, was picked at a forward on the top team this season. Ruffell wound up the season with over 500 points, to mark him high on the list among southland shooters.

C.I.F. championship team El Monte placed its diminutive guard, Dave Haynes on the first team, along with three other outstanding performers -- Tom Bennett (Santa Monica), Dick DeMars (Excelsior), and Don Roarty (Covina). Bennett finished second in league scoring to Ruffell, with a 16.3 average in league play. Roarty was second to El Rancho's Marty Vedova in San Gabriel League scoring, with a 15.4 average. Excelsior's Dick DeMars averaged 12.6 points for the season.

Named at forwards on the first team along with Van Vliet and Ruffell were Glendale's Alan Simila and Newport Harbor's Eddy Pope. Simila led Foothill League scorers with a 15.4 average in 10 ball games, while Pope finished third in Sunset League shooting competition with a 15.6 average.

Bill Engesser, El Monte's 7-foot center, was named to the second team. Bill finished second to Whittier's George Van Vliet in league scoring with a 19.3 average. Other top scorers to be named to the second team are Dick Johnson, Oxnard second in the Ventura League (15.8 avg.), David Mielke, San Bernardino second in the Citrus Belt League (14.7 avg.), Wayne Adams, Hoover, San Diego third in the San Diego City League (13.6 avg.), Marty Vedova, El Rancho first in the San Gabriel Valley League (16.5 avg.), Kent Pembroke, Fullerton second in the Sunset League (18.6 avg.) Bill Gregory, Notre Dame second in the Catholic League (18.7).

All players named to the first and second C.I.F. teams will be presented Helms Board scroll awards at Helms Hall on Saturday morning March 30th, at 10:30 am.

<u>P O S I T I O N</u>	<u>P L A Y E R</u>	<u>S C H O O L</u>	<u>H G H T</u>	<u>W G H T</u>	<u>Y E A R</u>	<u>P O I N T S</u>
Forward	GEORGE VAN VLIET	Whittier	6-2	190	Senior	292-14
Forward	ALAN SIMILA	Glendale	6-5	184	Senior	355-27
Forward	ED POPE	Newport Harbor	6-1	172	Senior	407-29
Forward	RICHARD RUFFELL	Torrance	6-4	185	Senior	504-27
Center	ALVIN CLAIBORNE	Mt. Carmel	6-8	190	Senior	416-26
Center	TONY SALAS	Notre Dame	6-6	180	Senior	455-28
Guard	DAVE HAYNES	El Monte	5-8	145	Senior	291-27
Guard	TOM BENNETT	Santa Monica	5-8	150	Senior	420-28
Guard	DICK DE MARS	Excelsior	6-3	170	Senior	327-26
Guard	DON ROARTY	Covina	6-0	172	Senior	329-26

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Forward	DICK JOHNSON	Oxnard	6-3	185	Senior	396-24
Forward	STAN ANDERSEN	Millikan	6-1	165	Junior	560-26
Forward	DAVID MIELKE	San Bernardino	6-3	185	Senior	375-25
Forward	WAYNE ADAMS	Hoover, San Diego	6-3	187	Senior	234-21
Center	BILL ENGESSER	El Monte	7-0	265	Senior	434-27
Center	MARTY VEDOVA	El Rancho	6-1	180	Senior	165-10
Guard	BOB JORDAN	Sweetwater	5-11	160	Junior	234-18
Guard	KENT PEMBROKE	Fullerton	6-4	165	Senior	510-29
Guard	BILL GREGORY	Notre Dame	6-2	170	Senior	436-27
Guard	BILL PARSONS	Mt. Carmel	6-4	175	Junior	399-26

Selection of C.I.F. teams for the 1957 were made by All-Southern California Board members Ralph Alexander (Los Angeles Examiner), John de la Vega (Los Angeles Times), Joe Lyou (Los Angeles Mirror-News), Pete Kokon (Valley Times), Jack Disney (Los Angeles Herald-Express), Jerry Weiner (Hollywood Citizen-News), Bill Hollohan (San Pedro News-Pilot), Eddie West (Santa Ana Register), Mammie Pineda (Pasadena Star-News), Jack Teele (Long Beach Press-Telegram), Al Ames (Glendale News-Press), Dick Vanderveld (Santa Monica Outlook), Garland Rose (Riverside Press-Enterprise), Chuck Cherniss (Alhambra Post-Advocate), Claude Anderson (San Bernardino Sun), Bill Whitney (Breitbart Athletic Foundation), Philip Patton (Santa Barbara News-Press), Chuck Thomas (Ventura Star Free Press), Mory Kapp (Helms Athletic Foundation), Braven Dyer, Jr. (Secretary), W.R. Bill Schroeder (Chairman).

1957 BASKETBALL AWARDS PROGRAM TO BE HELD AT HELMS HALL, SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 30

The Twentieth Annual All-Southern California Board of Basketball awards program will be held in the Helms Hall patio on Saturday morning, March 30th, at 10:30 am. All-C.I.F. and All-Los Angeles City players who have been named for honors, as well as coaches of honored players will be invited to attend. College cage personalities will also be invited to share in honoring these players.

All players named for honors will receive Helms scroll awards, attractively framed. The Voit Rubber Company will again present miniature basketballs to all honored players. Don Carlson, Manual Arts High School championship coach, along with C.I.F. championship coaches, Eugene Victor (El Monte), Frank Burke (Banning), and Bob McCutcheon (Santa Maria), will be presented special achievement awards.

All-City and C.I.F. players of the year will also receive special awards.

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1938	Stuart Lewis	Whittier	1949	Wayne Kopren	Whittier
1939	Bob Howard	Poly (L.B.)	1950	Mark Costello	El Monte
1940	Ed Gillean	Poly (L.B.)	1951	Ronald Bane	Alhambra
1941	Horace Brightman	Wilson (L.B.)	1952	George Selleck	Compton
1942	Irving Noren	Pasadena	1953	Bill Bond	St. Anthony's
1943	Alan Grimely	Glendale	1954	Larry Hauser	Mt. Carmel
	Bob Hobbs	Orange	1955	Fred Crabtree	Covina
1944	Richard Robbins	Poly (L.B.)	1956	Jerry Pimm	Montebello
1945	Richard Barnes	Hoover (S.D.)		Jim Hanna	Poly (L.B.)
1946	Hugh Stewart	South Pasadena	1957	George Van Vliet	Whittier
1947	Houston Faulkner	Anaheim		Alvin Claiborne	Mt. Carmel
1948	Bob Johnson	Whittier			

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BILL KILMER, CITRUS SCORING SENSATION, PICKED NORTH-SOUTH PLAYER OF YEAR FOR '57

FOR RELEASE: THURSDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 21 and Friday am.

Billy Kilmer, Citrus High School scoring sensation who over the past season set a new scoring mark of 900 points in 34 ball games, was named North-South section C.I.F. Basketball Player of the Year when the Helms Board met at Helms Hall to make its annual selections. Kilmer took over Southern California's single-season scoring mark from Jerry Pimm (864 points in 33 ball games) last season's central section co-player of the year from Montebello.

A fine all-around athlete, Kilmer performed at quarterback and fullback last football season and was named to the All-C.I.F. team. Over a three year period Bill has scored 1,901 points on the basketball court. This is believed to represent another scoring mark for southland high schools. Kilmer was named to last year's all-star basketball team at forward.

Four other players were selected for the second straight year. Roger Short of Burroughs and Don McConnell of Brea-Olinda were repeaters on the first squad, while Gene Shields, Arroyo Grande, and Wayne Wilson, San Jacinto, were again placed on the second team. Wayne's twin brother, Blayne, was named to a first team center position. The Wilson brothers led San Jacinto through the Southern Group playoffs to the finals, where they were defeated by Banning, the team which beat them out for the Riverside County championship. Banning placed two of her top players on the team -- Jerry Barr at forward on the first team and Larry Baca, one of three juniors named, at a forward on the second team.

A player given serious consideration for player of the year honors along with Kilmer was John Rudometkin, who led Santa Maria to the Northern Group playoff title. Rudometkin averaged a sensational 28 points per game for 24 contests from his center position. John has another year at Santa Maria, which brings smiles to the face of his coach, Bob McCutcheon.

The Twentieth Annual All-Southern California Board of Basketball awards program will be held at Helms Hall on Saturday morning, March 30th, at 10:30 am. At this time all players named for All-C.I.F. and All-Los Angeles City honors will be presented with scroll awards. Players of the year will be awarded special Helms medals, while championship coaches will receive silver tumbler awards. This marks the 20th year that southland high school basketball stars have received Helms Foundation awards.

* * * F I R S T T E A M (All-C.I.F. Small Schools Team for 1957)

POSITION	P L A Y E R	S C H O O L	HGHT	WGHT	Y E A R	POINTS
Forward	BILL KILMER	Citrus	6-0	185	Senior	900-34
Forward	BILL LEDGER	Big Bear	6-6	200	Senior	195-7
Forward	JERRY BARR	Banning	6-3	165	Senior	146-11
Forward	DON McCONNELL	Brea-Olinda	5-9	140	Senior	391-20
Center	JOHN RUDOMETKIN	Santa Maria	6-4	180	Junior	672-24
Center	BLAYNE WILSON	San Jacinto	6-2	175	Senior	200-14
Guard	JAN BARRETT	Santa Ynez	6-2	200	Senior	277-17
Guard	MAURILLO ESCAMILLA	Santa Clara	5-11	155	Senior	133-9
Guard	ROGER SHORT	Burroughs, China Lake	6-3	170	Senior	271-20
Guard	ROGER GONZALEZ	St. Monica's	5-11	165	Junior	378-25

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Forward	ADRIAN LEDEBETTER	Brea-Olinda	6-4	190	Senior	360-20
Forward	LARRY BACA	Banning	6-3	165	Junior	169-11
Forward	GENE SHIELDS	Arroyo-Grande	6-7	200	Senior	322-19
Forward	WAYNE WILSON	San Jacinto	6-1	174	Senior	168-14
Center	DAVE HOUSTON	South Pasadena	6-5	185	Senior	385-20
Center	ROLAND SKELTON	Beaumont	6-3	195	Senior	238-14
Guard	DON SEARS	Tustin	5-10	160	Senior	325-22
Guard	DICK BARRETT	San Marino	6-1	180	Senior	179-17
Guard	LANCE VAN WAVEREN	Bellflower Christian	6-3	185	Senior	292-22
Guard	MIKE LASSALETTE	Pomona Catholic	6-3	182	Senior	268-23

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BILLY MCGILL, JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL'S ACE CENTER, SELECTED TOP PLAYER IN CITY, 1957

FOR RELEASE: FRIDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 8, and Saturday a.m. . .

Knocked out of the City Tournament with a gimpy knee in the first round of play, but by no means knocked out of the minds of Helms selection Board members, Billy McGill was the unanimous choice as Los Angeles High School Basketball Player of the Year for the 1957 season. Having led his team to 10 straight league victories, Billy's importance to his team was clearly apparent in the playoffs. Without him, Jeff was just another basketball team.

Named player of the year in the Southern League, with a league scoring total of 239 points in 10 games, McGill is only a junior this year. He stands 6' 11" in height and weighs 215 pounds. His coach, Carl Hanson, calls Billy "the best by far in the city." Jefferson was the highest scoring club in city ranks this year, averaging 86.8 points per ball game. Following McGill's knee injury in the Huntington Park first-round playoff game, Jefferson lost to Hollywood.

For having been selected Los Angeles City Basketball Player of the Year, Billy McGill will receive a special Helms Player of the Year award at the Twentieth Annual All-Southern California Board of Basketball Awards program to be held at Helms Hall in March. Billy will also have his name engraved upon the Paul H. Helms Trophy which is lodged in Helms Hall permanently. McGill joins a long line of outstanding city players named for player of the year honors in years past. The following are the board's selections since 1938:

1938	John Mandic.....	Roosevelt	1949	Chet Noe.....	Washington
1939	Dick Lindsley.....	Eagle Rock		Don Eby.....	Washington
1940	Dick Frey.....	Banning	1950	James Powell.....	Polytechnic
1941	Gilbert Turnbull...	Hamilton	1951	J.C. Gipson.....	Jefferson
1942	Derington Cartrell.	Banning	1952	Willie Naulls....	San Pedro
1943	Vic Larson.....	Washington		Earl Battey.....	Jordan
1944	Dan Ducich.....	Los Angeles	1953	James Kaufman....	Los Angeles
1945	Bob Kloppenburg....	Marshall	1954	Lee Harman.....	University
1946	Dick McFarland.....	Manual Arts	1955	Don Pino.....	University
1947	Al Linnick.....	Fairfax	1956	Sterling Forbes..	Jordan
1948	Dick Saner.....	Venice	1957	Billy McGill.....	Jefferson

Members of All-Southern California Board of Basketball for the 1957 season, Los Angeles City section, are as follows:

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

Four league players of the year landed first team positions on the 1957 All-Los Angeles City Team. Eastern League top-player, Earl Shultz, and Valley League's best Ken Stanley, were named at the forwards; Billy McGill, Jefferson king pin, latched onto the center position for the second straight year; Kent Miller, top banana in the Western circuit, landed a guard spot; and City-Tournament top-performer, Arthur Jenkins, made the other guard position.

Guards on the second All-City squad, Bob Wadding of Verdugo Hills, and Barry Rabune of Westchester, were the remaining players of the year, named from the Northern and Marine Leagues respectively.

Three of the city's top scorers were named to the first squad. Earl Shultz, South Gate High's star forward, averaged 24.5 points per game; University's Kent Miller was sixth in scoring with an 18.2 point average; while Billy McGill wound up third among city scorers with an average of 24 points per game.

Two top point producers, Harley East with an 18.6 average, and David Hancock with a 26.6 average, were named to the second team.

Only two juniors broke into this year's All-City line-up. Billy McGill has another year at Jefferson and Gary Johnson, who finished 7th in scoring in the city, also has another year of action. Three players come in under six feet, one on each of the three teams. Art Jenkins, Manual, and Gary Johnson, Canoga Park, both measure 5' 7", while Verdugo Hills' Bob Wadding is 5' 10".

Teams finishing one-two-three in the City Tournament -- Manual Arts, San Fernando and University -- placed two players apiece on the three city teams.

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Ned Averbuck, number one man on Roosevelt's Eastern League championship team, was named to the second team center spot. At 6' 3" and 210 pounds, Ned was one of the largest players in city ranks this year. He is described by his coach Blaine Crowther as "one of the best players Roosevelt has ever had and a smart player."

Joining with Averbuck on the second squad are forwards Rust (San Fernando) and Hancock (Huntington Park) and league player of the year guards Bob Wadding (Verdugo Hills) and Barry Rabune (Westchester). Hancock was the number one scorer in the city with 266 points in league play, while Rust finished fourth with 186 points. Wadding and Rabune scored well for guards and were the play makers on their outstanding teams.

Jim Malkin nailed down the third-team center position. Playing at both forward and center during the season for coach Guy Wrinkle, Malkin was selected at the center position although making the league team at guard. Forwards on the third team are San Pedro's John Gwartney and Ray Thornton, off Manual Arts' City Champions. Gwartney was coach Bob Bell's ace at San Pedro and performed well in all departments although on a weak team. Thornton was a steady player on a good ball club which won the City Championship.

Guards on the third team are John Van Atta and Gary Johnson. Van Atta was coach Jerry Marvin's second best ball player, a fine rebounder and scorer. He helped take the team to third place in the city tournament. Gary Johnson, sharp-shooting guard on a cellar-dwelling team, was most impressive on a poor ball club.

Three players were on the All-City team last year. McGill on the first and Shultz and Miller at forward and guard respectively on the third team.

Players will receive their All-Los Angeles City scroll awards at the 20th Annual All-Southern California Board of Basketball Awards Program to be held at Helms Hall in March. At this time coaches, players and honored guests from the basketball world will be invited guests. In addition to presenting framed scroll awards to all players named for honors, plus medal awards to all players of the year, Coach Don Carlson will receive a special Helms Tumbler award for directing his team to the City Basketball Championship.

Here are the 1957 All-City selections as determined by the Helms Board:

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<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	EARL SHULTZ	South Gate	6' 3	165	Senior	245-10
Forward	KEN STANLEY	San Fernando	6' 3	185	Senior	152-10
Center	BILLY MCGILL	Jefferson	6'11	215	Junior	239-10
Guard	ARTHUR JENKINS	Manual Arts	5' 7	140	Senior	158-10
Guard	KENT MILLER	University	6' 6	200	Senior	182-10

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<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	HARLEY RUST	San Fernando	6' 2	160	Senior	186-10
Forward	DAVID HANCOCK	Huntington Park	6' 3	172	Senior	266-10
Center	NED AVERBUCK	Roosevelt	6' 3	210	Senior	136-9
Guard	BOB WADDING	Verdugo Hills	5'10	140	Senior	184-10
Guard	BARRY RABUNE	Westchester	6'	151	Senior	133-9

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<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	JOHN GWARTNEY	San Pedro	6' 1	175	Senior	144-9
Forward	RAY THORNTON	Manual Arts	6' 3	170	Senior	150-10
Center	JIM MALKIN	Hollywood	6' 2	165	Senior	108-10
Guard	JOHN VAN ATTA	University	6' 1	165	Senior	109-10
Guard	Gary Johnson	Canoga Park	5' 7	134	Junior	180-10

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**SAN FERNANDO CENTER, KEN STANLEY, NAMED
PLAYER OF YEAR IN VALLEY LOOP BASKETBALL**

FOR RELEASE: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1957, and after.

San Fernando High School's center, Ken Stanley, who helped lead his team to runner-up position in the Los Angeles City Basketball Tourney this year, was named player of the year in San Fernando Valley League basketball for 1957. The Helms Board singled out Stanley for his fine showing throughout the year, both in league and tournament play.

Stanley, along with forward Harley Rust, was the backbone of coach Vincent Seekins' team. Both boys handled rebounds on both offensive and defensive boards, with Stanley being very strong in this department. Other San Fernando players to be named were guard George Welch and forward John Green.

Gary Johnson, Canoga Park's high scoring guard, was the only lower classman to be named to the Valley first team. He finished second to Harley Rust, with 180 points. Rust finished the season with 186 points.

All boys named to this year's Valley League team will be presented scroll awards as has been the custom for the past 20 years. Ken Stanley will receive his player of the year award at the 20th Annual Basketball Awards program to be held at Helms Hall in March.

* * * FIRST TEAM All-Valley League 1957

POSITION	PLAYER	SCHOOL	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	YEAR	POINTS
Forward	Harley Rust	San Fernando	6' 2	160	Senior	186-10
Forward	Tyson Roberts	Van Nuys	6' 1	160	Senior	149-10
Center	Ken Stanley	San Fernando	6' 3	185	Senior	152-10
Guard	Gary Johnson	Canoga Park	5' 7	134	Junior	180-10
Guard	Ronald Roderick	North Hollywood	6' 4	165	Senior	111-10

* * * SECOND TEAM

Forward	Terry O'Hanlon	North Hollywood	6' 1	140	Senior	95-10
Forward	John Green	San Fernando	6' 2	162	Junior	130-10
Center	Keith Buchanan	Birmingham	6' 1	165	Junior	58-10
Guard	George Welch	San Fernando	5' 7	135	Senior	51-10
Guard	Dick Kovner	Van Nuys	5' 11	185	Senior	101-10

**EARL SHULTZ, SOUTH GATE'S HIGH SCORER FOR
1957 SEASON, PICKED EASTERN LEAGUE'S TOPS**

The Los Angeles City League's second high scorer, Earl Shultz of South Gate, was selected player of the year in the Eastern League by members of All-Southern California Board of Basketball. Shultz scored 245 points for the 10-game league season, 21 points less than Huntington Parks' David Hancock who was the City's top scorer with 266 points. Shultz was named to the All-City third team in 1956 at forward.

"Earl Shultz is the best offensive player in the city", said South Gate coach Garvin Barnes. "He has a great eye, is a brilliant dribbler and averaged 22 rebounds per game."

Roosevelt won the Eastern League title, posting a 9-1 record in league play. Two of Roosevelt's stars from last year were named to this season's first team. Ned Averbuck, 6' 3", 210-pound center, and Danny Ornelas, high-scoring guard, were the selections. Willie Davis, third high scorer in the league, was named to the second team.

Besides Shultz, Averbuck and Ornelas, Dave Hancock and Jim Frost were repeaters from last year. Both boys were first team picks last season.

* * * FIRST TEAM All-Eastern League 1957

POSITION	PLAYER	SCHOOL	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	YEAR	POINTS
Forward	Earl Shultz	South Gate	6' 3	165	Senior	245-10
Forward	David Hancock	Huntington Park	6' 3	172	Senior	266-10
Center	Ned Averbuck	Roosevelt	6' 3	210	Senior	136-9
Guard	Danny Ornelas	Roosevelt	5' 11	155	Senior	162-10
Guard	Jim Frost	Bell	6' 4	175	Senior	150-10

* * * SECOND TEAM

Forward	Willie Davis	Roosevelt	6'	165	Junior	192-10
Forward	Bob Riley	Huntington Park	6' 3	180	Senior	143-10
Center	Dick Murphy	Bell	6' 3	180	Senior	124-10
Guard	Donald Afonin	Garfield	5' 10	164	Senior	167-10
Guard	Marvin Cichy	South Gate	5' 8	135	Soph.	90-10

**BARRY RABUNE, TOP WESTCHESTER GUARD, 1957
BASKETBALL PLAYER OF YEAR IN MARINE LOOP**

FOR RELEASE: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1957 and after

One of Los Angeles City Basketball's outstanding guards during the 1957 season, Barry Rabune was named Marine League player of the year for his over-all fine play in leading Westchester High School to the league crown. Rabune won out in the voting over first team forwards Robert Hultz (Narbonne) and John Gwartney (San Pedro).

Westchester coach Bill Rankin, called Rabune "the best over-all player in the Marine League". Barry scored 133 points in nine games and finished third in league scoring. In naming him for player of the year honors, the Board noted his fine all-around ability both on offense and defense and his steady influence on his team.

Robert Hultz, 6' 3" forward off Wayne Sloss' second place Narbonne team, was the league's top scorer with 186 points in 10 games. Hultz, the only repeater from last year's team, was a second team center in 1956.

All players named for honors on the two Marine League teams will receive Helms scroll awards from All-Southern California Board of Basketball.

* * * FIRST TEAM All-Marine League 1956-1957

POSITION	PLAYER	SCHOOL	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	YEAR	POINTS
Forward	Robert Hultz	Narbonne	6' 2	175	Senior	186-10
Forward	John Gwartney	San Pedro	6' 1	175	Senior	144-9
Center	Bruce Burton	Narbonne	6' 5	195	Soph.	121-10
Guard	Barry Rabune	Westchester	6'	151	Senior	133-9
Guard	Jesse Pinkston	Jordan	6' 3	175	Senior	109-10

* * * SECOND TEAM

Forward	John Spohrer	Gardena	6'	150	Senior	99-10
Forward	Dennis Dexter	Westchester	6' 4	190	Senior	76-9
Center	Bob Lock	Gardena	6' 3	160	Senior	102-10
Guard	Wayne Riblett	Westchester	5'10	140	Senior	107-9
Guard	Bob Bunch	Narbonne	5'10	175	Senior	75-10

**JEFFERSON'S BILLY MCGILL, 6' 11" CENTER,
SOUTHERN LEAGUE'S BEST FOR 1957 SEASON**

Only league player of the year returning from last year's selections is Jefferson High School's Billy McGill, who led coach Larry Hanson's five to the Southern League crown with a perfect 10-0 record. Injured in the early going of the City Basketball Tournament, McGill was forced to sit out the play-offs as Jefferson lost in the quarter-finals to Hollywood.

One of the classiest performers to come along in city play in some years, McGill wound up as third high scorer in the city with a 23.9 average in 10 games. Billy was a first team All-City center selection in 1956, when he scored a 135 points in eight contests. Only a junior, McGill will return to action in 1958.

Two other players along with McGill were named to the All-Southern League team last season. Gene Freeman, second team center from Los Angeles last year, was selected at guard on the first squad this time. James Turner, a second team forward in 1956, was moved to guard on this year's second team.

All players named on this season's All-Southern League squads will be recipients of scroll awards, presented to team members annually by All-Southern California Board of Basketball since 1937. Billy McGill will receive a special medal award for being named Southern League player of the year.

* * * FIRST TEAM All-Southern League

POSITION	PLAYER	SCHOOL	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	YEAR	POINTS
Forward	Clarence Davis	Jefferson	6' 3	160	Senior	104-10
Forward	Ray Thornton	Manual Arts	6' 3	170	Senior	150-10
Center	Billy McGill	Jefferson	6'11	215	Junior	239-10
Guard	Arthur Jenkins	Manual Arts	5' 7	140	Senior	158-10
Guard	Gene Freeman	Los Angeles	6' 3	176	Senior	186-10

* * * SECOND TEAM

Forward	Harry Bledstein	Los Angeles	6'	165	Senior	161-10
Forward	James Franklin	Fremont	6' 1	175	Senior	146-10
Center	Mel Taylor	Dorsey	5'11	150	Junior	176-10
Guard	Vern Ashby	Manual Arts	6' 3	160	Junior	124-10
Guard	James Turner	Jefferson	6' 5	165	Senior	78-10

KENT MILLER, UNIVERSITY HIGH SCORER, NAMED TOP PLAYER IN WESTERN LEAGUE PLAY FOR '57

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Kent Miller, 6' 5", 200-pound center who led coach Jerry Marvin's University High Five to the Western League crown with a perfect 10-0 record in league play, was named player of the year when All-Southern California Board of Basketball met at Helms Hall late last week.

A unanimous choice for top-player honors by both league coaches and the selection board, Miller led the league in scoring with 182 points for the 10-game league season. Miller, described by his coach as "one of the best I have had", led his team to third place in the Los Angeles City Basketball Tournament. Miller was All-Western League last year and third-team All-City. No other players were repeaters from last year.

The league's second and third high scorers, Chris Appel (170-10) from Hollywood, and Gary Adams (141-9) from Hamilton, joined Miller on the first team at forwards. Three other University players were named to the league teams. John Van Atta was named at guard on the first team, while Don Collis and Norm Forsythe were picked for the second team. Scroll awards will be presented to all players named for honors by the Helms Board of Basketball.

* * * F I R S T T E A M All-Western League 1956-1957

POSITION	PLAYER	SCHOOL	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	YEAR	POINTS
Forward	Gary Adams	Hamilton	6' 2	150	Junior	141-9
Forward	Chris Appel	Hollywood	6'	155	Junior	170-10
Center	Kent Miller	University	6' 6	200	Senior	182-10
Guard	John Van Atta	University	6' 1	165	Senior	109-10
Guard	Jim Malkin	Hollywood	6' 2	165	Senior	108-10

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

Forward	David Rosenthal	Hollywood	5'10	165	Junior	119-10
Forward	Don Collis	University	5'11	160	Senior	67-10
Center	Dave Spring	Venice	6' 1	170	Junior	96-10
Guard	Norm Forsythe	University	6' 2	173	Senior	55-9
Guard	Tony Santoro	Hollywood	5'11	155	Junior	88-9

VERDUGO HILLS' BOB WADDING SELECTED TOP BASKETBALL PLAYER IN NORTHERN LEAGUE

Verdugo Hills' top basketball performer and the Northern League's top scorer with a 17.5 average in 10 games, Bob Wadding was the Helms Board's choice as player of the year for 1957. Wadding led Verdugo Hills to second place in the Northern League standings, finishing one game behind Belmont which fashioned a 9-1 record for the league season.

Verdugo Hills, which lost the league title to Belmont in the last second of play, also placed its other top guard, Larry Sharp on the first team. Coach Si Korach had nothing but praise for his two fine guards. Sharp is only a sophomore.

Jonathan Hall, Belmont forward, is the only repeater from last year's All-Northern League team...he was named to the 1956 second squad at a guard position.

All players named to the Northern League team will receive Helms scroll awards from All-Southern California Board of Basketball. These awards have been presented through Helms Athletic Foundation for the past 20 years.

* * * F I R S T T E A M All-Northern League 1956-1957

POSITION	PLAYER	SCHOOL	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	YEAR	POINTS
Forward	Jonathan Hall	Belmont	6' 3	170	Junior	142-10
Forward	Walter Harcos	Franklin	5'10	150	Senior	166-10
Center	Russell Osborne	Belmont	6' 4	160	Senior	90-10
Guard	Bob Wadding	Verdugo Hills	5'10	140	Senior	175-10
Guard	Larry Sharp	Verdugo Hills	5'10	140	Soph.	149-10

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

Forward	Ralph Garcia	Wilson	6' 2	175	Junior	105-10
Forward	Terry Silkwood	Franklin	5'11	149	Senior	95-10
Center	John Langdale	Wilson	6' 6	231	Soph	113-10
Guard	Allen Black	Belmont	5'10	155	Senior	116-10
Guard	Henry Orona	Lincoln	5' 9	145	Senior	119-10