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JOHN RUDOMETKIN, SANTA MARIA CENTER, TOP CIF BASKETBALL PLAYER FOR 1958 SEASON....

FOR RELEASE: TUESDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 18 and Wednesday a.m.

Fabulous John Rudometkin of Santa Maria High School, who led his team into the semi-finals of the central section CIF basketball playoffs, amassing the highest point total over the season of any player in the history of Southern California prep basketball, was a unanimous choice as the Southland's number one performer for 1958. It took the Helms Board of Basketball just a few short minutes to confirm what Santa Maria fans have known throughout the season....that here is the finest player of the year.

John was a 1st-team pick on the small schools team last year, Santa Maria elected to enter the central section playoffs in 1958 and therefore qualified to be placed with the larger enrollment schools for all-star team selection. Last season John scored 781 points in 28 games for a 27.9 average, which topped the previous high average held by Bill Kilmer of Citrus who, as small schools player of the year in 1957, averaged 26.5 points per game.

This season John shattered all Southland prep scoring marks with a record high total of 966 points. Playing in 32 ball games, his average was 30.2, which also is a new high, breaking his own mark of 1957. Former high point total was held by Bill Kilmer, who accounted for 900 points in 34 games. A chart showing the top Southland high scorers follows:

PLAYER	SCHOOL	POINTS	GAMES	AVG.	YEAR
JOHN RUDOMETKIN	SANTA MARIA	966	32	30.2	1958
TOM SHAULES	ST. AUGUSTINE	736	26	28.3	1958
JOHN RUDOMETKIN	SANTA MARIA	781	28	27.9	1957
BILL KILMER	CITRUS	900	34	26.5	1957
JERRY PIMM	MONTEBELLO	864	33	26.2	1956
FRED CRAETREE	COVINA	789	31	25.5	1955
ROWALD BANE	ALHAMBRA	736	29	25.4	1951
GARY CUNNINGHAM	INGLEWOOD	626	25	25.4	1958

At 6 feet, 6 inches and 190 pounds, Rudometkin played outstanding basketball wherever he went and received praise from opposing coaches. Bob Panches, long-time basketball coach at San Luis Obispo, says of Rudometkin, "The best I've seen in 15 years", which is typical of comments from all over Southern California.

Only one team -- C.I.F. Champion Compton -- placed more than one player on this year's all-star teams. Marvin Fleming, 6 foot, 4 inch center, and Brad Greene, the Tarbabes top scorer, were the boys honored. Compton, tied with Centennial for the Coast League crown with 6-2 records, won five playoff contests on its way to the 1958 CIF Central Section Championship. Bill Armstrong's Tarbabes defeated Santa Ana (52-47), Bellflower (57-54), Fullerton (71-59), Colton (62-41), and Centennial (57-55).

Three players repeated from the 1957 CIF teams. Stan Andersen, high-scoring senior forward from Millikan High School, was a second-team selection last year. He scored 1,046 points in two years for the Rams, and was named top player in the Long Beach Invitational Tournament this year. Bill Parsons, Mt. Carmel's senior forward, retained his second team position from last year. Bill was the leader of a team that won 24 games and lost five. He was all-tournament selection at both Mt. Carmel and Compton. Bob Jordan, the third repeater from Sweetwater's Metropolitan League champions, also retained his second-team position. Bob was named unanimously as league player of the year, the second time he has received this honor. He was also player of the year in football.

Named at forwards on the first team were Inglewood's Gary Cunningham, one of the CIF's top scorers of all time, Frank Jackson, of Centennial's runner-up five, and Ken Hubbs of Colton who, along with Compton's Marvin Fleming, is the only junior on this year's teams. Stan Andersen, Millikan, is the other forward pick.

Guards named to the number one team were St Augustine's Tom Shaules who this season scored 736 points in 26 games for a 28.3 average. This places him just below John Rudometkin on the all-time Southern California prep list for best average over a full season's play. Joining Shaules at guard were Neil Edwards of Cantwell, Larry Maxie of Chaffey, and Pete Ruscher of Ventura. Edwards was Catholic League player of the year and outstanding player in the Mt. Carmel Tournament, which Cantwell won. Maxie was all-tournament at Huntington Beach and Chino and was considered one of the toughest competitors in the Southland. Pete Ruscher was Bob Tuttle's top performer at Ventura, excelling particularly on defense.

All players named to the first and second C.I.F. teams will be presented with their Helms Board scroll awards at Helms Hall on Saturday morning March 29th, at 10:30 a.m.

POSITION	PLAYER	SCHOOL	HGHT	WGHT	YEAR	POINTS	AVG.
Forward	GARY CUNNINGHAM	Inglewood	6' 5	170	Senior	626-25	25.4
Forward	STAN ANDERSEN	Millikan	6' 2	162	Senior	520-25	20.8
Forward	FRANK JACKSON	Centennial	6' 2	190	Senior	104-8	13.0
Forward	KEN HUBBS	Colton	6' 2	170	Junior	315-21	14.4
Center	JOHN RUDOMETKIN	Santa Maria	6' 6	190	Senior	966-32	30.2
Center	MARVIN FLEMING	Compton	6' 4	197	Junior	214-19	11.3
Guard	TOM SHAULES	St. Augustine	5' 8	135	Senior	736-26	28.3
Guard	NEIL EDWARDS	Centwell	6' 2	165	Senior	262-14	18.7
Guard	LARRY MAXIE	Chaffey	6' 3	215	Senior	272-29	9.4
Guard	PETE RUSCHER	Ventura	6'	170	Senior	276-25	11.0

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Forward	ARTIST GILBERT	San Diego	6' 1	185	Senior	386-25	15.4
Forward	BILL PARSONS	Mt. Carmel	6' 4	170	Senior	448-26	17.2
Forward	SCOTT PERLEY	Fullerton	6' 2	170	Senior	352-26	13.5
Forward	PHILLIP LIVESEY	San Gabriel	6' 3	165	Senior	424-22	19.3
Center	MIKE McCONNELL	Mira Costa	6' 5	175	Senior	408-26	15.7
Center	JON BRETTMAN	Santa Ana	6' 2	180	Senior	299-24	12.5
Guard	RODNEY HEYNE	El Monte	6' 3	185	Senior	400-24	16.6
Guard	ROBERT JORDAN	Sweetwater	5' 11	160	Senior	279-16	17.4
Guard	PERRY BATES	Santa Monica	5' 9	160	Senior	408-24	17.0
Guard	BRAD GREENE	Compton	6'	150	Senior	327-21	15.6

Selection of C.I.F. teams for the 1958 season were made by All-Southern California Board members Ralph Alexander (LA Examiner), John de la Vega (LA Times), Jack Hefley (LA Times), Joe Lyou (LA Mirror-News), Pete Kokon (Valley Times), Jack Disney (LA Herald-Express), Jerry Weiner (Hollywood Citizen-News), Richard Roberts (San Pedro News-Pilot), Eddie West (Santa Ana Register), Marnie 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).

1958 BASKETBALL AWARDS PROGRAM TO BE HELD AT HELMS HALL, SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 29

The Twenty-First Annual All-Southern California Board of Basketball Awards Program will be held at Helms Hall on Saturday morning, March 29th, at 10:30 a.m. All-C.I.F. and All-Los Angeles City basketball players who have been named for 1958 honors, as well as coaches of honored players, will be invited to attend. Top college cage personalities will also be invited to attend the ceremonies.

Larry Hanson, Jefferson High School coach who led the Democrats to the City title, will be presented a special Helms award. C.I.F. championship coaches to receive awards will be Bill Armstrong of Compton (Central Section Championship), James Nau of Burroughs, China Lake (Northern Championship), Bill Frantz of Orange (Southern Championship), Rev. Marion Gienko of Newman (Small Schools Championship)

All-City and All-C.I.F. players of the year will also receive special Helms medal 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 Grimley	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	1958	John Rudometkin	Santa Maria

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TERRY HERMANN, ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL GUARD,
NAMED CIF NORTH-SOUTH BASKETBALL PLAYER
OF YEAR FOR 1958 SEASON.....

FOR RELEASE: THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 1958 and after.

Terry Hermann, star guard of the C.I.F. Southern Group champion Orange High School Five, was a unanimous choice for player of the year honors when members of the Helms Athletic Foundation's All-Southern California Board of Basketball met to make their annual selections. Hermann was the top performer on Coach William Frantz' team that won the Orange League crown and marched through three opponents on their way to the small CIF high schools Southern group championships. Orange defeated San Gabriel Mission (44-24), Banning (57-48), and Escondido in the finals (49-40). According to Coach Frantz, Hermann was primarily responsible for this fine record and opposing coaches seemed to agree as they named him unanimously as league player of the year. Orange was the only small schools team to place more than one player on the two honor teams. Besides Hermann, center Jack Schroeder was named.

Northern group playoff champions, Burroughs - China Lake, placed its top center on the first team. Jay Carty, who led his team to the championship defeating San Luis Obispo (51-35), St. Agnes (65-52), and Bell Gardens in the finals (41-40), was named at a guard position along with Hermann. Bill Allen, St. Agnes, and San Marino's Bob Sommers, were the other two guards named to the first team.

Only repeater from the 1957 small schools teams is St. Monica's Roger Gonzalez. Gonzalez was among the top scorers in the CIF this season with a 21.4 average in 25 games. Charles Wright, who led Newman to the Small Schools Championship over Army-Navy (59-38), Trona (46-26), and Ramona (45-44), was also a forward pick along with Claremont's Stan Nelson and Bob Cota of Calexico. Cota is considered the best basketball player to come along in Imperial Valley play in years.

The Twenty-First Annual All-Southern California Board of Basketball awards program will be held at Helms Hall on Saturday morning, March 29th at 10:30 a.m. Those players named for All-C.I.F. and All-Los Angeles City basketball honors for the 1958 season will be presented their Helms scroll awards. Players of the year will receive special medal awards, while championship coaches will be recipients of silver tumbler awards.

* * * F I R S T T E A M (All-Southern California CIF Small Schools)

POSITION	P L A Y E R	S C H O O L	HGHT	WGHT	YEAR	POINTS	AVG.
Forward	BOB COTA	Calexico	5'11	170	Senior	246-12	20.5
Forward	ROGER GONZALEZ	St. Monica's	5'11	160	Senior	536-25	21.4
Forward	CHARLES WRIGHT	Newman	6' 4	170	Senior	484-26	18.6
Forward	STAN NELSON	Claremont	6' 4	195	Senior	312-19	16.4
Center	BOB ROENICKE	San Jacinto	6'	165	Senior	182-12	15.2
Center	AL WINDFELDT	Mary Star of Sea	6' 5	190	Junior	154-10	15.4
Guard	TERRY HERMANN	Orange	5'11	165	Senior	431-26	16.6
Guard	JAY CARTY	Burroughs, China Lake	6' 6	185	Senior	281-18	15.6
Guard	BOB SOMMERS	San Marino	6' 4	165	Junior	292-19	15.4
Guard	BILL ALLEN	St. Agnes	5'11	180	Senior	483-24	20.1

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Forward	LOREN GRESHAM	Pasadena Academy	5'11	150	Senior	526-21	25.1
Forward	TOBY THURLOW	Escondido	6' 1	175	Junior	407-25	16.3
Forward	ZEKE YAQUEZ	Santa Clara	6' 2	175	Senior	382-21	18.2
Forward	ED BRISCOE	Buena Park	6' 3	175	Junior	247-14	17.6
Center	JACK SCHROEDER	Orange	6' 6	170	Senior	329-27	12.2
Center	CARL HALL	Trona	6' 3	175	Senior	196-16	12.2
Guard	RICHARD PALMER	Fillmore	6'	140	Senior	360-21	17.1
Guard	BOB LOMAX	Bell Gardens	6' 2	170	Senior	320-25	12.8
Guard	PETE SACHSE	Fallbrook	6' 2	170	Senior	437-19	23.0
Guard	CHARLES BROWN	Banning	5'11	145	Junior	279-20	13.9

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BILLY MCGILL & WILLIS THOMAS OF JEFFERSON NAMED L.A. CITY CO-BASKETBALL PLAYERS OF YEAR FOR 1958 SEASON

FOR RELEASE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14 and after.

Top performers for Jefferson High School's Los Angeles City Basketball champions, Billy McGill and Willis Thomas, were selected co-Players of the Year for the 1958 city season when members of All-Southern California Board of Basketball met at Helms Hall to make their annual selections. Both McGill and Thomas were hailed for their play throughout the season and during the Los Angeles City playoffs, which saw Jefferson win the title handily from Hollywood High in the finals, 69-50.

Selected co-Players of the Year in the Southern League, McGill and Thomas led the Democrats to a tie for the Southern League Basketball title, both averaging better than 20 points per ball game. Jefferson was the highest scoring team in Los Angeles City league play, averaging 77 points per game. Democrat Coach Larry Hanson makes no bones about calling McGill the best high school basketball player in the United States. He rates Willis Thomas not far behind.

For having been named co-Players of the Year for 1958, Thomas and McGill will receive special Helms Player of the Year awards at the 21st annual All-Southern California Board of Basketball Awards Program to be held at Helms Hall in March. Both boys will have their names engraved upon the Paul H. Helms Trophy which is lodged permanently in Helms Hall. McGill and Thomas join a long list 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
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 Willie Naulls.....San Pedro
Earl Battey.....Jordan
1953 James Kaufman.....Los Angeles
1954 Lee Harman.....University
1955 Don Pino.....University
1956 Sterling Forbes....Jordan
1957 Billy McGill.....Jefferson
1958 Billy McGill.....Jefferson
Willis Thomas.....Jefferson

Members of All-Southern California Board of Basketball for the 1958 season, Los Angeles City section, are as follows:

- John de la Vega - Los Angeles Times
Jerry Weiner - Hollywood Citizen-News
Jack Hefley - Huntington Park Signal
Jack Disney - Los Angeles Herald-Express
Pete Kokon - San Fernando Valley Times
Joe Lyou - Los Angeles Mirror-News
Richard Roberts - San Pedro News-Pilot
Mory Kapp - Helms Athletic Foundation
Ralph Alexander - Los Angeles Examiner
Braven Dyer, Jr. - Helms Athletic Found.

W.R. Bill Schroeder, Helms Athletic Found. (Chairman)

Four league Players of the Year were named to the All-City first team for 1958. Co-City Players of the Year and Southern League co-Players, McGill and Thomas were named to center and forward positions respectively. Chris Appel, Western League award winner, got the other forward post along with Thomas, while San Pedro's Bob Benedetti, Marine League top-player, was named at a guard post. Verne Ashby, Manual Arts star, nabbed the other guard post.

Each of the five players named to the City's first team are seniors and all hit for 20 points or more in league play. Billy McGill is the only player on any of the three city teams who repeated from last year. Billy has been a first team selection at center for the past three seasons and was named to the All-City second team at center as a freshman.

Other league players of the year to be named were Valley League co-players Johnny Green of San Fernando and North Hollywood's Alan Helmel. They were picked at forward and guard respectively on the second team. Larry Sharp, Verdugo Hills ace and Northern League player of the year, was named to a third team guard position. Sharp is one of three juniors on this year's teams, the others being Washington's Rich Johnson (Guard) and Charles Shubin of Bell (3rd team).

HELMS ALL-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BOARD OF BASKETBALL -- 1958 SELECTIONS

Named to the second team along with Valley League co-players of the year John Green and Alan Heimel were Rich Johnson of Washington (forward), Willie Davis of Roosevelt (center) and Roscoe Neal of Jordan (guard).

Willie Davis, who led Roosevelt to the Eastern League crown with a perfect 10-0 mark, led city scorers in 1958 with a 25.9 average for 10 league games. He was closely followed by San Pedro's Bob Benedetti (23.3) and Chris Appel of Hollywood (23.2). Other players hitting in the 20-point bracket were Thomas of Jeff (21.5), McGill of Jeff (20.8), Ashby of Manual (22.7), Shubin of Bell (20.3) and Blackman of University (22).

Third team selections along with Northern League player of the year Larry Sharp of Verdugo Hills were Charles Shubin of Bell and Dave Rosenthal of Hollywood at the forwards; Pete Blackman at center from University and Waymond Wiley of Manual Arts at guard along with Sharp.

All players named for Los Angeles City Basketball team honors will receive special scroll awards at the Twenty-First annual All-Southern California Board of Basketball awards program to be held at Helms Hall in March. At this time, all boys named for honors will gather with a similar group from the C.I.F. to receive their awards. Players, coaches and honored guests from the field of basketball will be invited to pay tribute to Southern California's fine prep basketball talent. In addition to presenting framed scroll awards to all players named for honors, plus medal awards to all players of the year, Coach Larry Hanson will receive a special Helms Tumbler award for directing Jefferson High School to the City Championship.

Here are the 1958 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	WILLIS THOMAS.....	Jefferson.....	6' 2	178	Senior	21.5
Forward	CHRIS APPEL.....	Hollywood.....	6' 2	163	Senior	23.2
Center	BILLY MCGILL.....	Jefferson.....	6'11	225	Senior	20.8
Guard	VERNE ASHBY.....	Manual Arts.....	6' 2	173	Senior	22.7
Guard	BOB BENEDETTI.....	San Pedro.....	6' 4	213	Senior	23.3

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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	RICH JOHNSON.....	Washington.....	5'10	155	Junior	18.0
Forward	JOHN GREEN.....	San Fernando.....	6' 2	170	Senior	18.3
Center	WILLIAM DAVIS.....	Roosevelt.....	6' 1	165	Senior	25.9
Guard	ALAN HEIMEL.....	North Hollywood.....	5'11	152	Senior	12.8
Guard	ROSCOE NEAL.....	Jordan.....	5'11	159	Senior	12.4

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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	CHARLES SHUBIN.....	B e l l.....	5'10	140	Junior	20.3
Forward	DAVE ROSENTHAL.....	Hollywood.....	6' 1	175	Senior	13.6
Center	PETE BLACKMAN.....	University.....	6' 4	159	Senior	22.0
Guard	LARRY SHARP.....	Verdugo Hills.....	5'11	141	Junior	14.1
Guard	WAYMOND WILEY.....	Manual Arts.....	6' 1	167	Senior	16.1

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BOB BENEDETTI, SAN PEDRO CENTER, NAMED TOP BASKETBALL PERFORMER IN MARINE LEAGUE PLAY

FOR RELEASE: WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, February 12, and Thursday a.m.

Helms' All-Southern California Board of Basketball had no trouble naming the Marine League Basketball Player of the Year for 1958....he was San Pedro's Bob Benedetti, 6' 5", 215-pound center, who led Marine League scorers with 22.6 points in league engagements to place fourth among all city basketballers. San Pedro finished second to Jordan in league play, with an 8-2 record. Jordan wound up the campaign with a 9-1 mark.

Named at forwards on the first team were Ken Reuter of Gardena (19 avg.) and Roscoe Neal of Jordan (12.4 avg.). At the guards spots were Joe Nemeth (14.3 avg.) and Paul Rucker of Gardena (15.5 avg.). San Pedro's Hollis Lee was high scorer among the second team members, with a 14.1 average. Warren McCarns of Banning had a 13.5 average.

There are no repeaters on this season's Marine League teams. All players named are seniors and each will receive a special Helms scroll award signifying their selection to the All-Marine League team for 1958.

This marks the twenty-first year that Helms Athletic Foundation, through All-Southern California Board of Basketball, has selected All-Los Angeles City League Basketball teams. Scroll awards are presented each year to those named.

* * * F I R S T T E A M All-Marine League Basketball

POSITION	P L A Y E R	S C H O O L	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	YEAR
Forward	KEN REUTER.....	Gardena.....	6' 1	183	Senior
Forward	ROSCOE NEAL.....	Jordan.....	5'11	159	Senior
Center	ROBERT BENEDETTI.....	San Pedro.....	6' 4	213	Senior
Guard	JOE NEMETH.....	Westchester.....	5'10	158	Senior
Guard	PAUL RUCKER.....	Gardena.....	5'11	166	Senior

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Forward	WARREN McCARNs.....	Banning.....	6' 2	152	Senior
Forward	BERNARD BOWLER.....	Jordan.....	6' 4	170	Senior
Center	BOB NELSON.....	Westchester.....	6' 5	177	Senior
Guard	ROBERT HALVERSON.....	Narbonne.....	6'	180	Senior
Guard	HOLLIS LEE.....	San Pedro.....	6' 3	154	Senior

BILLY MCGILL & WILLIS THOMAS, JEFFERSON BASKETBALL STARS, SOUTHERN LEAGUE'S BEST

Jefferson High School, champions of Los Angeles City Basketball for the 1958 season, placed two of its stars on the All-Southern League first team and they were named co-Players of the Year to boot. Center Billy McGill and forward Willis Thomas were the Democrats honored and they finished two-three in league scoring with 21.5 point average for Thomas and a 20.8 average for McGill. Manual Arts' Verne Ashby led the loop in scoring with 22.7 average.

This marks the fourth straight year that Billy McGill has been named to the first team All-Southern League center post. This is his third year as player of the year in the league. The only other repeater from last year's Southern League team in Manual Arts' Verne Ashby, who was a second team selection in 1957.

The Southern League wound up in a three way tie for first among Jefferson, Manual Arts and Fremont. The two teams were dominated by this threesome, with Jeff and Manual placing three players each on the two teams, while Fremont placed a pair. Dorsey and Washington each placed one. Rich Johnson of Washington (18 avg.) was named at forward along with Thomas and Verne Ashby of Manual Arts and Waymond Wiley of Manual (16.1 avg.) were the guards selected.

* * * F I R S T T E A M All-Southern League Basketball

POSITION	P L A Y E R	S C H O O L	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	YEAR
Forward	WILLIS THOMAS.....	Jefferson.....	6' 2	178	Senior
Forward	RICH JOHNSON.....	washington.....	5'10	155	Junior
Center	BILLY MCGILL.....	Jefferson.....	6'11	225	Senior
Guard	VERNE ASHBY.....	Manual Arts.....	6' 2	173	Senior
Guard	WAYMOND WILEY.....	Manual Arts.....	6' 1	157	Senior

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Forward	HENRY JOHNSON.....	Fremont.....	6' 2	173	Junior
Forward	LAVERN SHEPHERD.....	Manual Arts.....	6' 1	215	Junior
Center	CLAYBORN JONES.....	Dorsey.....	6' 2	164	Senior
Guard	TONY JONES.....	Fremont.....	6' 2	174	Senior
Guard	W.L. MOORE.....	Jefferson.....	6' 2	154	Junior

**JOHN GREEN, SAN FERNANDO, & ALAN HEIMEL,
NO. HOLLYWOOD, NAMED TOP BASKETBALL STARS**

FOR RELEASE: TUESDAY AFTERNOON, February 11 and Wednesday a.m.

Two of the San Fernando Valley's top prep basketball performers, John Green of San Fernando and Alan Heimel of North Hollywood, were named co-Players of the Year in Valley League basketball when members of the Helms All-Southern California Board of Basketball met to make their annual selections. It was impossible for members of the Board to separate Green and Heimel, both of whom meant so much to their respective teams.

John Green wound up as the league's top scorer, with an 18.4 average, and was perhaps the best rebounder in the league. Alan Heimel, Coach John Furlong's top ball player at North Hollywood, led his team to first place in the Valley Loop with a 9-1 record. He averaged 12.8 points per game for the league season.

Johnny Green is a repeater from last year's All-Valley team, having been named to a forward position on the second team in 1957. One other repeater -- Keith Buchanan of Birmingham, who was a second team center last year -- made the honor teams.

Other players to be named along with Green and Heimel on the first team were: Russ White of North Hollywood and John Todd of Birmingham at forwards and Jim Wagner of Reseda at the other guard spot along with Heimel. Next to Green, John Todd of Birmingham had the best average....16.1 points for 10 league games.

* * * FIRST TEAM All-Valley League Basketball

POSITION	PLAYER	SCHOOL	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	YEAR
Forward	RUSS WHITE.....	North Hollywood...	5'11	160	Senior
Forward	JOHN TODD.....	Birmingham.....	6' 1	153	Senior
Center	JOHN GREEN.....	San Fernando.....	5'10	157	Senior
Guard	ALAN HEIMEL.....	North Hollywood...	5'11	152	Senior
Guard	JIM WAGNER.....	Reseda.....	5'10	157	Senior

* * * SECOND TEAM

Forward	JIM DESHEROW.....	San Fernando.....	6'	158	Senior
Forward	IVAN BENNETT.....	Reseda.....	5'11	147	Senior
Center	KEITH BUCHANAN.....	Birmingham.....	6' 3	170	Senior
Guard	PAUL COOK.....	North Hollywood...	5'11	168	Senior
Guard	ZEKE PERLO.....	Van Nuys.....	6'	145	Senior

**LARRY SHARP, VERDUGO HILLS, HELMS BOARD'S
CHOICE AS TOP BASKETBALL PLAYER FOR 1958**

Verdugo Hills High School's Larry Sharp was the unanimous selection of the Helms Board as Player of the Year for 1958 in Northern League Basketball.

Coach Si Korach, who directed Verdugo Hills to the championship, speaks very highly of his junior guard. "Under press conditions, the burden of bringing the ball down court belonged to Sharp," stated Korach. "He averaged 14.1 points per game, but this is not a true indication of his scoring ability as we won several games handily and Sharp was out of there."

Sharp was a first team guard selection last year as a sophomore. Jonathan Hall is the only other repeater from last year's team, having been picked at a first team forward spot. Hall was the star of third place Belmont High, and was named at center on this year's number one squad.

Named to the first team along with Sharp and Hall were Joe Quintana of Lincoln (16.1 avg. which topped league), and John DeLussa of Wilson (15.5 avg.) at the forwards; and Americ Hadley of Eagle Rock (15.9 avg.) at guard along with Sharp.

Mike Saffell of Franklin led the second team scorers with 13.3 average.

* * * FIRST TEAM All-Northern League Basketball

POSITION	PLAYER	SCHOOL	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	YEAR
Forward	JOE QUINTANA.....	Lincoln.....	6' 1	150	Junior
Forward	JOHN DeLUSSA.....	Wilson.....	6'	165	Senior
Center	JONATHAN HALL.....	Belmont.....	6' 3	176	Senior
Guard	LARRY SHARP.....	Verdugo Hills.....	5'11	141	Junior
Guard	AMERIC HADLEY.....	Eagle Rock.....	6'	153	Junior

* * * SECOND TEAM All-Northern League Basketball

Forward	DALE IDDINGS.....	Verdugo Hills.....	6' 2	162	Senior
Forward	DALE KROHNFELDT.....	Eagle Rock.....	6'	160	Senior
Center	GEORGE REBANE.....	Verdugo Hills.....	6' 3	191	Senior
Guard	JOHN SEPULVEDA.....	Belmont.....	5'10	126	Senior
Guard	MIKE SAFFELL.....	Franklin.....	5'10	150	Senior

CHRIS APPEL, HOLLYWOOD FORWARD, SELECTED WESTERN LEAGUE'S BEST PLAYER FOR '58 SEASON

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Chris Appel, number one player on Guy Wrinkle's number one Western League team, was the unanimous selection of All-Southern California Board of Basketball as Western League Player of the Year. Appel, considered by his coach as one of Hollywood's great players of the past 21 years, wound up the league season as the league's top scorer -- a 23.6 point average for ten league games -- and second among Los Angeles City players in the scoring department.

Appel is one of four players who were named to the Western League team in 1957. Dave Rosenthal of Hollywood (13.6 avg.) and Dave Spring of Venice (16.4 avg.) were both second team choices in '57, while Gary Adams of Hamilton (14.2 avg.) was a first team pick last season. Bill Hoyland of Hollywood (7.5 avg.) was the third Hollywood player to be named from a team which boasted a 10-0 record and averaged 71.6 points for 10 games which was second in the city to Jefferson's 77.1.

Two remaining players to be named to the first team were University's Pete Blackman and Jeff Gidlow of Fairfax. Blackman averaged 21.8 points for Jerry Marvin's University Five, while Jeff Gidlow averaged 16.6 points for 10 games. Ken House of Marshall was high scorer on the second team with a 16 point average.

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

POSITION	P L A Y E R	S C H O O L	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	YEAR
Forward	CHRIS APPEL.....	Hollywood.....	6' 2	163	Senior
Forward	DAVE ROSENTHAL.....	Hollywood.....	6' 1	175	Senior
Center	DAVE SPRING.....	Venice.....	6' 1	180	Senior
Guard	PEYE BLACKMAN.....	University.....	6' 4	159	Senior
Guard	JEFF GIDLOW.....	Fairfax.....	5'10	145	Senior

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Forward	GARY ADAMS.....	Hamilton.....	6' 2	165	Junior
Forward	TOMMY McCRAW.....	Venice.....	5' 9	156	Senior
Center	DICK CHARLES.....	University.....	6' 4	176	Senior
Guard	KENNETH HOUSE.....	Marshall.....	5'10	144	Senior
Guard	BILL HOYLAND.....	Hollywood.....	5'11	150	Senior

WILLIAM DAVIS, ROOSEVELT CENTER, NAMED AS EASTERN LEAGUE BASKETBALL PLAYER OF YEAR

William Davis, Los Angeles City High School's scoring champion for the 1958 basketball season with a 25.9 average for 10 league games, was the unanimous selection of the Helms Board for Eastern League Player of the Year honors when the group met to make its annual basketball picks. Davis led his Roosevelt teammates to the Eastern League crown with a perfect 10-0 record and was Coach Blaine Crowther's choice as his team's number one player.

Davis was one of two players to repeat from last year's Eastern League team. Willie was named to the second team last year as a junior when he averaged 19.2 points in 10 games. Marvin Cichy of South Gate was also on the second team last season as a sophomore. Named with Cichy at forward on the first team was Bell's Charles Shubin, who finished second to Davis in league scoring with a 20.3 average. The two guards named were Jiro Takahashi of Roosevelt (11.1 avg.) and David Ball of Poly (13.5 avg.).

All players named for league honors will receive special scroll awards from All-Southern California Board of Basketball as has been the custom for 20 years.

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

POSITION	P L A Y E R	S C H O O L	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	YEAR
Forward	CHARLES SHUBIN.....	B e l l.....	5'10	140	Junior
Forward	MARVIN CICHY.....	South Gate.....	5' 9	143	Junior
Center	WILLIAM DAVIS.....	Roosevelt.....	6' 1	165	Senior
Guard	JIRO TAKAHASHI.....	Roosevelt.....	5' 7	138	Senior
Guard	DAVID BALL.....	Polytechnic.....	6' 1	170	Senior

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

Forward	MIKE IRELAND.....	South Gate.....	5'10	139	Junior
Forward	CHRISTER LEWIS.....	Roosevelt.....	5'11	160	Senior
Center	RICHARD CROWELL.....	Polytechnic.....	6' 3	156	Senior
Guard	DAVID BAILEY.....	Huntington Park..	5'11	158	Senior
Guard	HAROLD LOONEY.....	Garfield.....	6' 1	161	Senior