

The Annual Southern California College Prep Charity Football Classic

A major project of the Breitbard Athletic Foundation is the annual Southern California College Prep Charity Football Classic — which raises money for the San Diego Children's Dental Health Center.

The "Prep All-Star Game", as it is popularly called, is staged each August in Aztec Bowl, pitting an All-San Diego County Team against an All-Los Angeles Team. Each squad is composed of the top selections of June-graduated high school players.

Since the inception of the Prep All-Star Game in 1949, many of the prep stars who have played in it have gone on to achieve top level collegiate recognition as All-Pacific Coast Conference and All-American players.

The list of such who have played in the All-Star game includes: Donn Moomaw, Bill Stits, Paul Cameron, Jim Salsbury, Terry Debay, Rommie Loudd, Bob Davenport, Don Shinnick, Dave Peterson (all UCLA); Bob Peviani, Dale Atkeson, Luther Hayes, Aramis Dandoy, Ron Fletcher, Orlando Ferrante, Tony Ortega (all USC); Bob Garrett, Joe Freis, Troy Barbee (all Stanford); Jim Hanifan, Jim Carmichael, Ron Wheatcroft (all California); Gary Dunn, BYU; Willie West, Oregon; Lee Grosscup, Utah; John Core, Washington; Art Luppino and Buddy Lewis, Arizona; R. C. Owens, College of Idaho; and Charley Powell, San Francisco '49ers.

The first seven Prep All-Star games found the All-Los Angeles team opposing the All-Southern California team composed of boys selected from all over Southern California, with the exception of Los Angeles.

During this period, San Diego County high schools were increasing greatly in number, and in 1956 it was decided to make the game an All-San Diego versus All-Los Angeles affair. Los Angeles won the first game of this new series, 19-0, but the following

year, 1957, the San Diegans bounced back to defeat Los Angeles by the identical score of 19-0. Los Angeles went ahead in the series, 2-1, in 1958 with an 18-7 win, and 3-1 in 1959, winning 9-6.

Scores of Prep All-Star Games

1949	All-So. Calif., 27; All Los Angeles, 7
1950	All-Los Angeles, 27; All-So. Calif., 7
1951	All-So. Calif., 19; All Los Angeles, 16
1952	All-So. Calif., 47; All-Los Angeles, 7
1953	All-Los Angeles, 24; All-So. Calif., 13
1954	All-So. Calif., 20; All-Los Angeles, 6
1955	All-So. Calif., 23; All-Los Angeles, 0
1956	All-Los Angeles, 19; All-San Diego, 0
1957	All-San Diego, 19; All-Los Angeles, 0
1958	All-Los Angeles, 18; All-San Diego, 7
1959	All-Los Angeles, 9; All-San Diego, 6

Commencing with the 1951 All-Star Game, a substantial share of the net profits has been turned over to the San Diego Children's Dental Health Center. This splendid charity which takes care of the dental needs of children only was enabled to open its doors with receipts from the 1951 game, and, with the advent then of further financial help from other organizations, has been able to operate continuously ever since.

The Center has served children with some 30,000 appointments; over 40,000 fillings; over 6,000 extractions and more than 11,000 X-rays, plus many other services to children who otherwise might have had to suffer without adequate dental care.

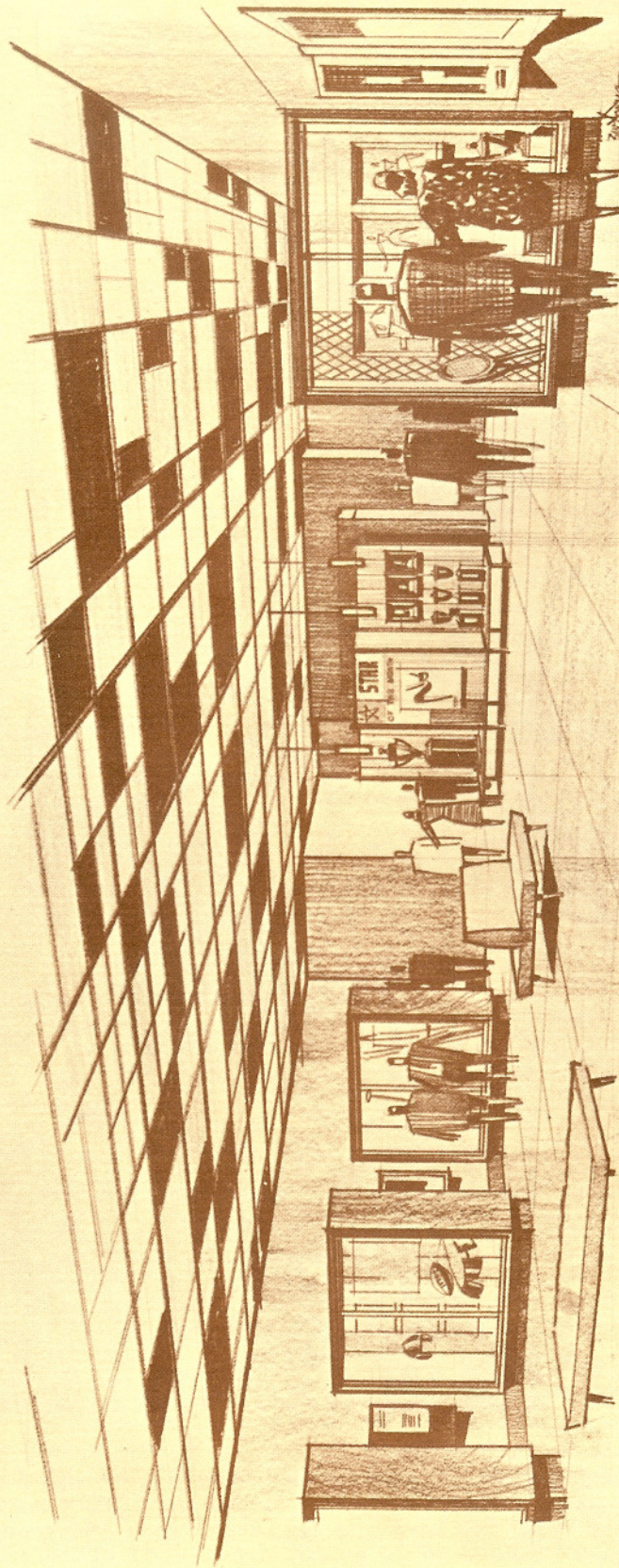
Training for the two football teams is conducted at camps at the Naval Training Center and at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot. While the Foundation reimburses the service activities for actual costs, it would not be possible to stage this important annual charity event without the splendid cooperation from the Commands of these two bases and the Commandant of the Eleventh Naval District.



Larry Campbell of Los Angeles City All-Stars takes the high way for 11-yard gain in 11th annual (1959) College Prep football game before a record crowd of 13,200 in Aztec Bowl. Bob Bradley of San Diego County All-Stars is in process of pulling 220-pound halfback to the ground. L.A. won 9-6 in final minute.

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HALL OF CHAMPIONS FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

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San Diego's Hall of Champions

When your home area year after year develops such spectacular athletes as Maureen Connolly Brinker, Archie Moore, Gene Littler, Ted Williams, Billy Casper, Mickey Wright, Don Larsen and Bob Gutowski, sooner or later the idea of a San Diego Hall of Champions becomes inevitable.

Hence, it is not surprising that the Breitbard Athletic Foundation, conceived to honor hometown sports stars, got the idea first and did something about it.

To begin with, the Foundation was able to convince city and county officials that here was an idea worthy of their backing and that here was an idea which, when given life, would be a real attraction to both home folks and visitors.

As a result, the Hall of Champions is becoming a reality in the House of Charm in Balboa Park, and the remodeling is being done with money allocated by the City Council and the Board of Supervisors, and by money from civic-minded individuals and firms.

The Hall itself will be a thing of beauty when completed. It will have nine major displays of trophies, equipment and clothing from our greatest athletes, it will have many large and small photos of historic moments in the lives of these modern-day gladiators, and it will have a San Diego Hall of Fame, especially honoring this most select corps.

As you will read in Jack Murphy's "City

of Champions" that follows immediately, there are few metropolitan areas that have been the home of so many truly magnificent combatants of the sports arena.

Where else would you find the likes of the non-pareil Archie Moore, holder of the light-heavyweight crown at the advanced age of 42 (give or take a few years); where else would you find such greatness as that which flamed from the mercurial racket of "Little Mo" Connolly, beaten only by injury; and where else but in San Diego would you find a batsman like the mighty Ted Williams, the last .400 hitter in either major league, and certainly one of baseball's all-time greats.

But enough of that. Jack Murphy says it more completely and more eloquently, as you will perceive.

The Hall will permanently enshrine these superstars of our town, and it is the hope that you will vicariously find there the same thrill experienced by those who witnessed first-hand their matchless exploits.

And, of course, as the years roll by, new heroes of the gridiron, track, court, ring and diamond will rise to put their name on the same level as those whose names are already legend.

The Hall then is more than a "sports museum", but a living monument to the American way of life as exemplified by our sweat-shirted heroes. And, in San Diego, we have had so many.



Jack Murphy

THE SAN DIEGO UNION'S
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In the "City of Champions," an unofficial title claimed by San Diego, California, and supported by impressive credentials, it's probably a good thing for the orthodox politicians that Robert Irving Elliott didn't aspire to the mayor's office.

Because Elliott, after his heroics at the tag-end of the 1954 baseball season, would have been a shoo-in. A big leaguer for 15 terms and the National League's "Most Valuable" player in 1947, Elliott probably would have frightened all opposition off the ballot in sports-happy San Diego after crashing 10 home runs in the last nine days of the Pacific Coast League season, including two in a "sudden death" showdown with Hollywood on the campaign's last, dramatic night.

Instead, however, Elliott, a San Diego taxpayer for the past 15 years, permitted himself to be "drafted" for an even higher honor. It's axiomatic that any ballplayer would rather be manager of his home town nine than mayor and Elliott offered only the feeblest kind of resistance when an admiring citizenry "elected" him field leader of the San Diego club.

His opportunity came when Frank (Lefty) O'Doul, borrowing a page from the book of Charlie Dressen, unexpectedly resigned after guiding San Diego to its first authentic penant in two decades. Immediately there arose a clamor which carried the favorite son into office on what the politicians like to describe as a tidal wave of public opinion.

In an "election" probably without precedent in the long history of the national pastime, Elliott took office after petitions bearing thousands of signatures had circulated throughout the city, deluging San Diego sports editors and the owner of the ball club, a wise old head named Bill Starr.

Faced with the choice of hiring Elliott or risking an implied boycott at the turnstiles, Starr cheerfully knuckled to the public will.

In the "City of Champions," the election

of Elliott to a non-political office was entirely in character. San Diego, you see, takes its athletics and its athletes seriously. And well it might.

The city's gallery of sports notables include such champions as Ted Williams (baseball), Billy Casper, Mickey Wright, Gene Littler (golf), Archie Moore (boxing), Florence Chadwick (channel crossing), Ray York (horse racing) and, until her recent retirement, Maureen Connolly (tennis).

This is a sprawling, melting pot of a city, teeming with aircraft workers and sailors on leave, and—in the absence of a big league baseball or football team—its proudest boast is the individual deeds of its athletic sons and daughters.

San Diego's latest opportunity for chest-thumping came when United States athletes gathered in Mexico City for the Pan-American Games. Included in the U.S. delegation were ten San Diegans, including seven members of the 14-man basketball squad; pole vaulter Bobby Smith, cyclist Harry Backer and Dennis Bradshaw, a promising, young (16) feminine tennis player.

And the Pan-American sports festival was barely under way when the news wires carried the announcement that Bradley Andres, 19-year-old freshman from San Diego Junior College, had won the American Motorcycle Association's 200-mile national championships for experts at Daytona, Beach, Fla.

In San Diego, the banquet circuit hums with activity on a year-round basis as the city honors its own and it was appropriate that the mayor's office, until the recent spring elections, was occupied by a former Little All-America football player.

The retiring mayor, 39-year-old Johnny Butler, had won national acclaim as a small college player with San Diego State College in 1936 and was superbly equipped to cope with such gastronomical delights as wrinkled peas and rubber chicken. But even Butler, with his talent for the well-turned banquet phrase, was pressed to explain the fancy figure cut by San Diego in the realm of athletics.

Because this is a subject, like the flight of the curve ball, which invites argument and resists easy explanation.

The obvious answers, of course, are the

ones issued in booklet form by the San Diego Chamber of Commerce. At the Chamber, they'll tell you it's climate; mild, sub-tropical climate which nourishes budding poinsettias and athletes in wondrous abundance.

The weather charts say San Diego is blessed with the most even climate to be found in the United States. In July and August, while the east and midwest swelter, San Diego sleeps comfortably under a blanket. And in January and February San Diego goes about in a sports shirt, serenely indifferent to winter's icy and distant breath.

But climate, however splendid, isn't a San Diego copyright and the impersonal statistics of the weather bureau only partly explain Maureen Connolly, Ted Williams and other headliners developed by the picturesque port city through the years.

Like other municipalities, the "City of Champions" is an intensely human place, populated by mortals of every size and description, and the story of San Diego is related in terms of people.

Behind every champion there is a tale of personal sacrifice and determination, and of many helping hands which pushed and strained mightily when an embryo athlete needed encouragement.

One of those given such a boost was Theodore Samuel Williams, a young man who rose above humble beginnings to win a lasting place in baseball as one of the game's few .400 hitters. It was Rodney Luscomb, a tall, spare and infinitely patient playground director, who first perceived Williams' enormous potential and prodded the gawky stringbean of a youngster into a spectacular career with the Boston Red Sox.

"I owe a lot to Rodney Luscomb," Williams acknowledges. "He gave me encouragement when I need it badly and I'll always be grateful for his help."

A similar debt is owed the grand dame of tennis, indefatigable Eleanor (Teach) Tennant, by Miss Connolly. Recognized as one of the game's most expert tutors (another famous pupil: Alice Marble), Miss Tennant first encountered "Little Mo" when she was little more than precocious child.

Under Teach Tennant's steady influence, Miss Connolly learned discipline and acquired the refinements which distinguish

a champion. And, before the combination of an injury and marriage forced her into retirement, "Little Mo" had become the dominant figure in the world of women's tennis.

Though the world at large knows little or nothing of a venerable swimming coach named Henry Gunther, he holds a special place in the affections of Florence Chadwick. Gunther is the man Miss Chadwick honors as "my first real coach" and her esteem for the old gentleman was vividly demonstrated when she made a special crossing of San Diego Bay last year on the occasion of his 76th birthday.

Gunther was a misty-eyed portrait of happiness that day as he sat in a rowboat, beaming upon the splashing form of his celebrated pupil.

Another of Miss Chadwick's sources of inspiration was her late father, Richard Chadwick, a San Diego detective whose faith in Florence was matched only by her boundless ambition. Though in failing health, the senior Chadwick lost no time packing and flying to his daughter's side when word reached him that she was preparing to negotiate the treacherous waters of the English Channel.

These and other dedicated individuals have given themselves unstintingly to developing talented youngsters, infecting them with a contagious enthusiasm, inspiring them to lofty goals. Notable among those who labor in the vineyard of youth is a San Diego laundry proprietor named Bob Breitbard, a former athlete and coach who has assigned himself the tedious role of honoring the city's athletes at ceremonial functions.

In co-operation with his three brothers, Bob Breitbard nine years ago founded a non-profit organization known as the Breitbard Athletic Foundation which is dedicated to recognizing and encouraging amateur champions in San Diego and surrounding territory.

Few hobbies are more rewarding than Breitbard's and San Diego coaches say he has stimulated interest in athletics almost beyond measure. In distributing thousands of trophies, plaques and certificates among the city's youth, the Breitbard Foundation performs a rare, if not unique, civic duty.

Chairman of the Foundation's board is

Superior Court Judge Joseph Shell and surrounding him during its solemn deliberations are people of such diversified backgrounds as Wade Ambrose, wealthy tuna fleet owner; Ed (Hard-top) Scott, automobile agency executive; O. W. Todd, Jr., sporting goods executive; Cletus (Biff) Gardner, National Football League official, and the sports editors of San Diego's two metropolitan dailies.

While the rest of the world occupies itself with Formosa, Willie Mays, Senator McCarthy and Grace Kelly, these men gather for spirited debates which determine who among San Diego's bountiful crop of athletes shall receive the Foundation's handsome plaques.

If this sounds pleasant and uncomplicated, you should listen in while the board is attempting to choose among Miss Connolly or golf champion Littler for its "Star of the Year" award. This, indeed, was the situation in 1953 when young Littler returned from Oklahoma City with the National Amateur championship in tow, not long after "Little Mo" had triumphed at both Wimbledon and Forest Hills.

Harmony was obtained only when one of the board's more diplomatic members, in a burst of inspiration, submitted a proposal to honor "co-stars" of the year.

These are problems, of course, which other cities would be delighted to share. The "City of Champions" even has its own Hall of Fame, with the first three members being Ted Williams, Dr. Harold (Brick) Muller and late Milton (Milky) Phelps.

Muller, now a San Francisco surgeon, was the first football player in the far west named to the late Walter Camp's All-America teams, and Phelps was an All-America basketball player at San Diego State College, vintage 1941.

San Diego runs a fever over its other champions, too. Last May, for example, there was considerable commotion among the townsfolk when little Ray York leaped from the back of a charcoal colt named Determine and roundly bussed the animal on the snout in the winner's circle at Louisville, Ky.

York had just won the Kentucky Derby, the most glamorous of American horse

races, defying the long-standing precedent that California horses can't cross "the mountain" and capture the Run for the Roses.

Baseball? The city's major league baseball colony is annually displayed at a Hot Stove League soiree which attracts a turn-away crowd of 1,300, and at the head table you'll find such homegrown talent as Jim Wilson (Milwaukee Braves); Ray Boone (Detroit Tigers); Jack Harshman (Chicago White Sox); Don Larsen (New York Yankees), and Bobby Thorpe (Chicago Cubs).

Wilson was the majors' only no-hit pitcher in 1954; Harshman struck out 16 Boston Red Sox for a new White Sox record, and Thorpe has been promoted to the Cubs after winning 28 games as a sensational first-year rookie in the lower minors.

A complete recital of San Diego's roster of champions would consume a deplorable amount of ink, but some of the more distinguished names include:

Mickey Wright, twice champion in the U. S. Women's National Open Golf championships; Dr. Dave Freeman, the "Babe Ruth" of badminton for the past 15 years; Reuben Powell, holder of every major archery title since 1951; Willie Steele, 1948 Olympic broad jump kingpin; Bob Gutowski, world record holder in the pole vault; Bob Smith, former intercollegiate vaulting champion and Olympic aspirant; Mary Ann Eilenberger, 1953 girls' national tennis champion; Art Luppino, national collegiate football scoring champion as a University of Arizona sophomore, and Karen Hantze, national junior girls' tennis champion.

A considerable achievement, you may agree, for a city which, as recently as 1940, was disposed to look upon itself as a Navy and resort town, a haven for the retired and a refuge from the aggressiveness of the hydrogen age.

San Diego swims, golfs, fishes, plays tennis, skis (in the Laguna mountains, 60 miles distant) and, in general, has itself a whale of a good time in the outdoors. In the wonderful world of sport there's a bromide, designed to comfort losers, that "not everybody can be a champion."

But San Diego, the "City of Champions," is doing its best to prove otherwise.

Star of the Month Award Winners

1946 Through 1959

1946

Month	Star	Sport
September	Eddie Myers	Softball
October	Jesse Thompson	Football
November	Alfred Sawaya	Football
December	No selection	

1947

January	Don Larsen	Basketball
February	Bill McColl	Basketball
March	James Kittridge	Wrestling
April	Paul Kaneyuki	Baseball
May	Willie Steele	Broadjump
June	Tommy Johnson	Golf
July	Mrs. Patricia Canning Todd	Tennis
August	Andy Stagnaro	Baseball
September	Bob Michael	Softball
October	Glen Crawford	Football
November	Bill McColl	Football
December	Robert C. Dent	Bowling

1948

January	Charles Cannon	Basketball
February	Ivan Robinson	Basketball
March	George Gentry	Tennis-Basketball
April	Horace "Hank" Herring	Boxing
May	Art Preston	Baseball
June	Gene Littler	Golf
July	Willie Steele	Broadjump
August	Miss Maureen Connolly	Tennis
September	No selection	
October	Volney "Skeet" Quinlan	Football
November	Charles Davis	Football
December	Dr. David G. Freeman	Badminton

1949

January	Don Smith	Basketball
February	Tom Brown	Basketball
March	David Kikuchi	Wrestling
April	Marten Mendez	Badminton
May	Harold Norris	Shotput
June	Bob Smith	Pole Vault
July	No selection	
August	Miss Maureen Connolly	Tennis
September	Linda Lee Mitchell	Tennis
October	George Coleman	Football
November	Tom Dahms	Football
December	Cosimo Cutri	Football

1950

Month	Star	Sport
January	Graham Grande	Basketball
February	Dick Barnes	Basketball
March	Jack Razzeto	High Jump
April	Marten Mendez	Badminton
May	Harold Norris	Shotput
June	Bob Smith	Pole Vault
July	Billy Casper	Golf
August	Harry Backer	Bicycling
September	Diane Kostial	Tennis
October	Arthur Preston	Football
November	Marshall Malcolm	Football
December	No selection	

1951

January	Kenneth Davis	Boxing
February	Bob Brady	Basketball
March	Joe Alston	Badminton
April	Ray Preston	Baseball
May	Clyde Wetter	Shotput
June	No selection	
July	No selection	
August	Mary Ann Eilenberger	Tennis
September	Maureen Connolly	Tennis
October	Harry Sykes	Football
November	George Stephenson	Football
December	Wm. F. McColl, Jr.	Football

1952

January	Gene Littler	Golf
February	Percy Gilbert	Basketball
March	Kenneth Davis	Boxing
April	Robert Thorpe	Baseball
May	No selection	
June	Ed Sanders	Boxing
July	Maureen Connolly	Tennis
August	Miss Mickey Wright	Golf
September	Jim Waddell	Football
October	Cornelius R. Roberts	Football
November	Paul Held	Football
December	Bob Brady	Basketball

1953

January	Robert "Bob" Van Doren	Football
February	Ronnie Robertson	Basketball
March	Alex Trompas	Handball
April	Richard "Dick" Delgado	Wrestling
May	Arthur "Art" Weber	Baseball
June	Eddie Simpson	Baseball
July	Maureen Connolly	Tennis
August	Mary Ann Eilenberger	Tennis
September	Gene Littler	Golf
October	Norman Nygaard	Football
November	Fred McLean	Football
December	James "Jim" Giyer	Track & Cross Country

1954

Month	Star	Sport
January	Gene Littler	Golf
February	Robert "Bob" Brady	Basketball
March	James "Jim" Hoverder	Basketball
April	Richard "Dick" Bronson	Track & Field
May	Wm. "Bill" P. Miller	Track & Field
June	Robert "Bobby" L. Smith	Track & Field
July	Maureen Connolly	Tennis
	Reuben Powell	Archery
August	Ronnie Wilkins	Baseball
September	Miss Mickey Wright	Golf
October	John Adams	Football
November	Robert "Bob" Rippel	Football
December	Arthur "Art" Luppino	Football

1955

January	John Cunningham	Basketball
February	Hugh Faulkner	Basketball
March	Rene Rogers	Track
April	James "Jim" Hunt	Track
	Wm. "Bill" Gookin	Track
May	Franklin W. "Bud" Held	Track—Javelin
June	No selection	
July	Reuben Powell	Archery
August	Miss Karen Hantze	Tennis
September	Tom Tomaiko	Football
October	Jay Gutowski	Football
November	Pete Gumina	Football
December	Deron Johnson	Football

1956

January	Tony Pinkins	Basketball
February	Jon Crawford	Basketball
March	Don Hegerle	Basketball
April	Jack Davis	Track
May	Roscoe Cook	Track
June	Robert "Bob" Gutowski	Track & Field Pole Vault
July	Reuben Powell	Archery
	Phil Rodgers	Golf
August	Miss Karen Hantze	Tennis
September	Franklin W. "Bud" Held	Track
October	Jay Gutowski	Football
November	Gary Dunn	Football
December	Milton Campbell	Track & Field Decathlon—Olympics

1957

Month	Star	Sport
January	Thomas "Tom" Shaules	Basketball
February	Tony Pinkins	Basketball
March	Joe R. (Joe) Alkire	Swimming
April	Bob Gutowski	Pole Vault
May	Jim Cerveny	Track
June	Luther Hayes	Broad Jump
July	Lt. Wm. W. McMillan, Jr.	Pistol Shot
August	Billy Bond	Tennis
September	Karen Hantze	Tennis
October	Hal Tobin	Football
November	Lowell North	Sailing
December	Buddy Lewis	Football

1958

January	Archie Rambeau	Basketball
February	Tom Shaules	Basketball
March	Geraldine (Jerry) Gorsky	Basketball
April	Jim Poole	Badminton
May	Bob Staten	Track & Field
June	Phil Rodgers	Golf
July	Earl Wilson	Baseball
August	Capt. Wm. W. McMillan, Jr.	Pistol Shot
September	T SGT Michael Pietroforte	Rifle
October	Cleveland Jones	Football
November	Ezell Singleton	Football
December	Gary Mayer	Football
	Mike Foglesong	Football

1959

January	Arthur "Hambone" Williams	Basketball
February	Frank Allen	Basketball
March	Phil Kinyon	Wrestling
April	Arnold Tripp	Track
May	Roscoe Cook	Track
June	Billy Bond	Tennis
July	No selection	
August	Miss Karen Hantze	Tennis
	Lowell North	Sailing
September	No selection	
October	Verne Valdez	Football
November	Billy Casper (Professional)	Golf
	Willie West	Football
December	H. D. Murphy	Football

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