

Verbum Dei's Lewis Voted Best in AAA

Junior guard Raymond Lewis, a 6-0 sharpshooter who led Verbum Dei to the CIF AAA basketball championship, was named Player of the Year in the AAA division by the Helms Board Tuesday.

Lewis, the MVP in the Santa Fe League, averaged 21.3 points for the season. He scored 30 points in the Eagles' 77-69 championship-game victory over Lasuen.

Verbum Dei, which successfully moved up into the AAA division after winning the AA crown last year, also had two other players honored. Bobby Walters, a 6-1 senior guard who teams with Lewis to form probably the CIF's top offensive backcourt combination, was a first team choice while 6-5 senior Mike Blackshire was voted to the third team.

Two other schools, Lasuen and Righetti, also gained a pair of first-team representatives. The Gross brothers, junior forward Bob and senior guard Dick, were the Lasuen players honored while 6-8 center Guy Harding and 6-0 guard Lance Armstrong were named from Righetti.

Rick Bales, Moreno Valley's high-scoring forward (29.4 average) was the only first-team repeater.

The teams:

FIRST TEAM

Forwards—Bob Gross (Lasuen), 6-6, 17.2, Jr.; Mike Lambert (Pomona), 6-4, 23.2, Sr.; Rick Bales (Moreno Valley), 6-2, 29.4, Sr.; Jim Anderson (Rancho Alamitos), 6-5, 21.5, Sr. Centers—Mark Dakker (Santiago), 6-9, 18.3, Sr.; Guy Harding (Righetti), 6-8, 15.3, Sr. Guards—Raymond Lewis (Verbum Dei), 6-0, 21.3, Jr.; Bobby Walters (Verbum Dei), 6-1, 18.4, Sr.; Richard Gross (Lasuen), 6-3, 16.6, Sr.; Lance Armstrong (Righetti), 6-0, 17.7, Sr.

SECOND TEAM

Forwards—Elton Ross (Kennedy, Barstow), 6-2, 25.0, Sr.; Brad Dean (La Mirada), 6-4, 22.0, Jr.; Fred Coker (Aviation), 6-5, 16.2, Jr.; Mark Olson (Villa Park), 6-0, 13.3, Sr. Centers—Bill Boyd (Foothill), 6-7, Jr., 25.0; Bart Lebon (Miraleste), 6-5, 12.8, Sr. Guards—James Montague (Aviation), 5-11, 15.6, Sr.; Rick Abernethy (Katella), 5-10, 27.5, Sr.; Dave Cumberland (Santa Maria), 6-0, 17.4, Sr.; Jim Tough (Beverly Hills), 6-1, 24.1, Sr.

THIRD TEAM

Forwards—John Zorotovich (Lasuen), 6-4, 16.6, Sr.; Tom Pokorski (Northview), 6-3, 9.2, Jr.; Gene Stewart (La Salle), 6-2, 23.8, Sr.; John Vibach (St. Monica), 6-4, 23.3, Sr. Centers—Mike Blackshire (Verbum Dei), 6-5, 16.9, Sr.; Jerry Maras (Pacific), 6-5, 22.0, Jr. Guards—Ken Hay (Chino), 6-2, 17.7, Sr.; Paul Hernandez (Victor Valley), 6-1, 16.2, Sr.; Tom Jackson (Bassett), 6-3, 25.7, Sr.; Jack Kelch (Santiago), 6-5, 19.1, Sr.