

### ATHLETES RECEIVE AWARDS IN SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

Outstanding athletes of all sports were honored and presented with rewards for their service to the Athletic Department and the school on April 20, during a special assembly.

The Francis Kearny Award, a jewel wrist watch, was given to Roland Bourgeois. Vibert Griffith received the outstanding service award being a gold bracelet. David Ear, being the athlete with the best scholastic record was presented a gold bracelet. The Clewis McKing Medal was presented to Elton Candleri by Dick Clewis, prominent Tampa businessman. Charles Gill, was presented the Guy Toph trophy for the school.

Charles gets to keep a large trophy for being the outstanding football player of the year. The rotating trophy can be kept at a school if won three times. Guy Toph donated the trophy. Sam Yost was honored as being the most cooperative teacher in the athletic department and presented with a varsity letter.

Farrior Jr., a representative of the President's Round Table presented the city championship trophies for swimming, tennis golf, track. The large trophies are rotating but the smaller ones are permanent.

Football letterman presented by Frank Lorenzo are: Jay Gletary, Bobby Burke, Arnold Guder, Phil Thomas, Willie Gardner, Mike Pullara, Richard Austin, Harold Fagen, Nelson Candleri, Charles Gill, Bill Stine, Frank Medina, Nelson Romero, Denny Big, Burwell Jordan, Mike Edelman, Roland Bourgeois, Alan Lee, Bobby Davis, Mike Scionti, Korbly, Rod Fields and Ern-

est Moya. Their managers included: Jack Lively, Russell King, Daniel Goodson, and Tommy McAfee.

Basketball letterman coached by Gene Biittner were: Roland Bourgeois, Harry Roy, Jim Etheridge, Nelson Romero, Thomas Hogle, Tab Burnham, Ed Contreras, Bob Fields. Managers were: Fred Stewart, Jerry Kasriel, and Bruce Howe.

Cinder letterman coached by Angus Williams are: Burwell Jordan, Mike Edelstein, Pete Bramlett, Bobby Davis, Arnold Scudder, Phil Rotolo, Charles Gill, Rod Fields, Charles Ross, Tom Hogle, Floyd Gonder, Dave Weinberger, Phil Thomas, Bobby Burke, Dick Korbly, Richard Austin, and Dwight Plyler. Charles Medaglia was manager.

Boys receiving baseball letters from Coach Jack Marley are: Roland Bourgeois, Willie Gardner, Jerry Mills, Nelson Romero, Harry Roy, Gerald Hayman, Eddie Contreras, Jack DeFarges, Billy Knapp, Mike Scionti, Johnny Terrell, Denny Dennison, Terrell Hayman, Charles McPherson. They are managed by Ronnie Wainwright.

Swimming letters were given to Elston Candleri, Pete Sones, Scrappy Hunt, Steve Rinaldi, Bob Fields, Bruce Samson, Billy Bostain, Tommy Addison. They are coached by Tom and Mark Brown with Jack Romano as manager.

Tennis letters were awarded to Maril Jacobs, David Shear, Ed Prange, David Whitis, Billy Heyck, Elliot Marcus and Flake Chambliss.

Plant will have an all-letterman golf team for the next two years with sophomores Josh Forehand, George McGriff, Ralph Burt and Tommy Morgan returning.

### Seven Sports Stars Named Outstanding

Charles Gill, Plant football star, with a scholarship to Florida in his hip pocket, was chosen the outstanding player for the year in football in a recent poll of the entire coaching staff, Mr. Ruggles, and the Pep O' Plant sports department.

Gill, who won All-City, All-State, and honorable mention All-Southern, is a 220 pound lineman. He didn't letter in his sophomore or junior year which is more credit to this determined star. Coach Frank Lorenzo has often said that Gill is one of the hardest working players he has even seen. He compares with former Plant line coach, John Gilbert, who was a workhorse for Florida's fighting Gator grid-ders.

In the cage sport, Ed Contreras, gigantic center, took the top rung in a close race between him, Bob Fields, and Harry Roy.

Contreras won out in the close race by being one of the top three scorers in the city while leading his own team-mates at the basket. Big Ed is a six foot four, glasses-wearing star who is being tabbed for all-state honors during the next campaign.

Ace hurler Harry Roy, who led the Plant mound corps in total wins with four, was named the most outstanding player for the year in baseball. Roy stands about five feet, five inches tall, but when his fast breaking curve is in a hot streak, opposing batters imagine him to be about 6'-6". Roy throws a large variety of pitches. Probably his best is his curve, but he once told catcher Roland Bourgeois

that his fast ball was really humming. This was in the Hillsborough game. The Plant team took the measure of the Big Red on this night by 8-0. Bourgeois, whom Roy beat 4-3 in the poll, told this scribe that on that night Roy's fast ball looked like a small blur. The Terriers went on after that to be unbeaten in fifteen games.

Two great competitors fought it out in the pool for the star's position on the swimming front. Scrappy Bobby Fields took the measure of Mighty Mite Billy Bostain. Fields was chosen because of his versatility, while Bostain achieved great success from the springboard. Fields swam in the 150 yard individual medley and took the city championship. He was also on the 200 yard freestyle relay team and swam the 200 yard individual freestyle heat, which he also won. This made for quite a gruelling night for the slender Fields. With Bostain and Bobby leading the way next year, the Panthers could make quite a commotion in the tank circles.

Once beaten Rod Fields, Bob's brother, took first in the track poll. He was unanimous.

Fields, a 200 pound discus thrower, set records in the Hillsborough Relays and the West Coast Relays. He won the St. Pete Relays and took first in the City Meet. Rod

helped Charles Ross to learn how to throw the discus and in the state meet Fields' understudy came through to place in the big event. This was the only meet that Rod did not win.

The city high school individual tennis champ, Maril Jacobs, took all seven votes in the tennis poll. Maril defeated teammate Ed Prange in the finals of the city meet at the Davis Islands Tennis Courts.

Jacobs, who is captain of the tennis team, is undefeated in match play. The tennis team seemed destined for a discouraging season after the Panthers lost Allen Quay, last year's tennis ace, to St. Petersburg High School. But Jacobs did a fine job of filling Quay's shoes and the Plant netmen turned in an excellent seven wins-one loss record.

Ralph Burt, Plant's lanky golf ace, grabbed four of the seven hal-lots as he edged out Josh Forehand and Tommy Morgan to take the honors as 1954's outstanding golf performer. Ralph went to the finals of the City High School golf tourney.

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