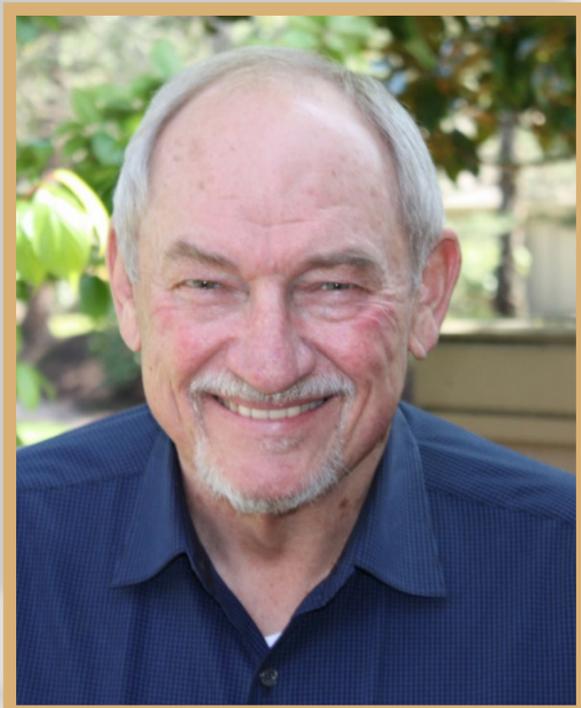




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Here is the text of the All-CIF basketball press release in 1969:

Douglas Little, high-scoring San Marcos High School forward (6'3") who was a first-team "AA" selection last season and a hardwood performer who set 18 school records in scoring and rebounding this past year, was named Player of the Year in "AAA" Division CIF basketball for 1969 by members of the Helms Hall Board at their annual meeting at Helms Hall.

Little, who distinguished himself in every quarter of Southern California this past season, gathered rave notices wherever he played and was a unanimous choice for top player honors.

"Little is not only the best player in the AAA, and the best we have seen all season, but for my money he is the best in Southern California." This statement came from Chuck Riley, coach of the triple-A division champion Beverly High Normans following their 69-65 win over the Royals in the 2nd round of the playoffs.

All Little did was score 36 of his team's points against Beverly Hills and notch 21 rebounds....all of this while being guarded, often times, by three players. Over a two-year span at San Marcos (he led his team to the Las Vegas City title as a sophomore), Doug scored 1,125 points in 49 games for a 22.9 average. Although San Marcos had a fine team, the Royals suffered a losing (11-13) season in 1969. It is among the very few occasions where a divisional Player of the Year has been selected off a losing team.

At Oregon, Doug "Cowboy" Little was a three-year letter winner (1971-72-73) and one of the original "Kamakaze Kids." Here is an excerpt from a Eugene Weekly story:

A versatile athlete who played every position from guard to center, Little characterizes the Kamikaze Kid style of play as "extremely aggressive," noting that players were in continuous action, diving on loose balls and otherwise throwing their bodies around with little regard for self-preservation.

The Buffalo Braves selected Doug Little in Round 4 with Pick 2 in the 1973 NBA Draft.

Doug now resides in Eugene, Oregon.