

SLATED FOR USF, HADNOT BRUSHES OFF RECRUITERS

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Jim Hadnot is a very much sought after high school basketball star—a real blue chip athlete, as they say in the recruiting trade.

Yet the 6-foot-10 McClymonds High School senior is not under the pressure exerted on many cagers of similar size.

His mother sees to that.

Hadnot and his mother have made it plain Jim will enroll at the University of San Francisco in August.

Despite this declaration, many representatives of other western schools continue to pursue him. By mail and personal visits at his 30th St. home.

"My mother," explains Hadnot, "doesn't answer the letters. When the men come to the house she sets them straight that I'm going to USF. We've made up our minds. That's it."

As the 18-year-old youth puts it, he wouldn't change his mind even if someone came along and offered him a gold-plated Cadillac, a spot in the movies or the fanciest wardrobe in town.

Why has the boy picked USF? There are any number of reasons. The Dons first got on his bandwagon after he graduated from junior high school. He feels USF offers him the best chance, not only as a cager, but as a person.

His father, before passing away in 1956, told Jim he wanted him to go to the San Francisco hilltop university.

Bill Russell is another big reason. Hadnot would like to follow in the footsteps of the former McClymonds boy who went to USF, became an All-American and a star in pro basketball.

Russell has shown considerable interest in Hadnot. Bill talked with Jim's father about the possibilities of his son at USF. When at home between seasons, Russell plays basketball with Hadnot at Poplar Playground, showing him tricks of the game.