

Seattle Preparing Bowler Wins 1st Tourney For Big Leagues

It's too early to say what kind of ball club the Seattle Pilots will field in their first year in the American League next season, but the Pilots management is agreed on one point—they'll have the best spring training facilities in the West!

Dewey Soriano, president of the Pilots; Max Soriano, vice president of the Seattle franchise; and Marvin Milkes, general manager of the new A.L. team, visited the Pilots training quarters in Tempe, Arizona, recently and came home from the desert vacation area with enthusiastic reports of plans and progress.

After viewing the early work on the spacious complex, Dewey Soriano told Tempe newspaper men that: "This is the finest looking

site in all of baseball. We're very happy to be here." Max Soriano echoed his brother's comments and remarked: "We're thrilled with the progress of construction so far. We visualize this as being the finest spring training site in America."

What is it that has the Pilots brass so pleased over the spring training quarters? Milkes gave this answer: "Aside from the weather, which is ideal, we have in Tempe a complex that will enable us to watch our entire organization work under our immediate supervision. If we wish to move players from the major league operation to our minor league program, it will only involve changing to an adjacent diamond. This has great psychological value to the player, who (in the case of most other clubs) ordinarily would be shunted to another location in an area miles away from the focal point of activity."

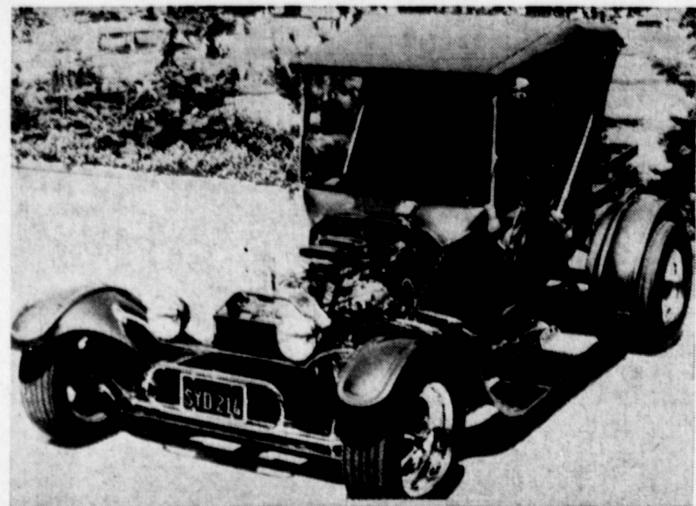
In addition to three playing fields and the stadium, the Pilots will have a dormitory capable of housing several hundred players, a lavish motel and restaurant, and possibly, if present plans materialize, a health center, golf course and private lake.

A comparative unknown bowler captured the Professional Woman Bowlers Association's Southern California Open from a field of 80 of the nation's leading pro bowlers.

She is Mrs. Eleanor Timbrook, 34-year-old mother of two teen-age daughters, who rolled a 24-game total of 4,758 pins to win the \$1,100

first prize in the \$6,200 tournament at Norwalk. Mrs. Timbrook rolled games of 207, 225 and 205 in the final round to easily win by 171 pins over runnerup Robbie Frey of Torrance. It is the same average Eleanor has had for three winter leagues in Northern California.

This is her first PWBA championship, her highest previous finish in five pro tournaments was 17th place. It's her first year on pro play. She competed in six Western Women Bowlers' tournaments the past year. She has been bowling in WIBC-sactioned play for 11 years.



ENTERED IN REVUE... This Chevrolet-powered pickup owned by Ron Power of Torrance will be featured Sunday in the Movieland Motor Revue to be held at Universal Studios. More than 200 antique, classic, custom, and sports cars will be displayed, along with a number of motorcycles. The Revue will benefit the Hesperians of Southern California, an organization dedicated to aid persons afflicted with Cerebral Palsy.

100 Set For Auto Racing

More than 100 drivers, led driving champions, are set for action in Sunday night's doubleheader PRA figure 8 modified and stock car program at Gardena's Ascot Park. Racting starts at 7:30 p.m. on the criss-cross course.

Heading the championship field will be former title holders Eddie Sauer of Torrance, Nick Thomas and Jerry Jones of Hawthorne, Ben Steel of Gardena, and Ed Ferro of Wilmington.

Sauer is the top former title holder, with two championships to his credit. He has won in both the speedy modifieds and the slam-bang stock cars. Sunday night he'll compete in both divisions at the 183rd Street and S. Vermont Avenue raceway, home of figure 8 racing in Southern California for the past six years.

Thomas and Ferro are former modified division titleholders, as is Steele the first figure 8 champion at Ascot. Jones is the defending PRA stock car title holder.

Two 20-lap feature races will highlight the night's action. Also on the card will be a pair of 12-lap semifinals, six 10-round heat races, and a pair of 6-lap trophy dashes.

An extra added attraction on the night's speed menu, will be a 10-lap race for women drivers only. Miki Ross of Venice, Charlene Ferro of Wilmington, and Betty Steele of Huntington Park will head the cast of speed queens.

Besides the five former champions, other top drivers entered include Don Crager and Troy Still of Gardena, and Hutch Brandau and Snuffy Smith of Lynwood. Others are Rick Highley of Santa Ana, Don Dinger and Dick Geyer of Inglewood, Kevin Terris, Earl Cox and Bob Marshall of Torrance, Dave Grady of Manhattan Beach, John Cox of Culver City, John Yost of Norwalk, Ron Schuessler and Dennis Meisenzahl of Redondo Beach, Bob Chismar of Burbank, Bob Stone of Huntington Beach, Larry Peters of Hacienda Heights, Ray Preston of South Gate, and Negro drivers Willie Kimbrough and Sherman Jones, both of Los Angeles.

Figure 8 racing is also held every Wednesday night at Ascot, with a complete program of PRA stock car racing starting at 8:30 p.m.

Natural Causes Listed in Death Of Area Man

A 46-year-old Torrance man died of apparent natural causes Saturday while seated in a car parked at 1028 Portola Ave.

The victim, Thomas William Kenney, 3030 Merrill Drive, Apt. 7, was pronounced dead on arrival at Little Company of Mary Hospital at 12:10 p.m.

Kenney's mother, Mrs. Estelle Kenney, told police her son had had no apparent heart condition previously.

Vandalism Costly At Resorts

The costs and extent of damage done to the forests by vandals in California is of interest to all sportsmen, since hunters and anglers soon would have no place to follow their hobbies if the vandalism were permitted to run wild for any length of time.

Figures provided by the U.S. Forest Service indicates that the 1967 fire suppression bill alone ran close to \$12 million with about 95 per cent of the fires man-caused, mostly as a result of carelessness.

Vandalism to recreation facilities and engineering works in the forests ran to more than \$100,000, with both these figures representing California costs alone.

Not given a specific value were other costs, such as the loss of forests and watersheds damaged by fire, the loss of wildlife, and the cost of litter cleanup.

Many a sportsman has come on to a familiar scene where someone has left a littered camp, tossed beer cans about or deliberately defaced some attraction.

A recent study by the forest service and two Brigham Young University professors might be of interest.

The worst possible visitor to our forests is considered a hostile, young, divorced person, who is more or less a transient, who knows little or nothing about forest fire dangers.

Most responsible visitors would be the older, urban dwelling, authority tolerant person who either has experience or understands the dangers of fire.

Pros Participate at Clinic

Professional athletes will conduct a special "Athletes for a Better America" sports clinic for youngsters at Harbor Recreation Center, 24901 Frampton Ave., Harbor City, Thursday.

Such sports luminaries as Jerry West, Lakers guard; Darryl Imhoff, Philadelphia 76ers center; Mel Counts, also of the Lakers; Dwight Hawkins, pro boxer; and

Hank Finkel, San Diego Rockets, will give tips on techniques in their respective sports, according to sports director of the Municipal Sports Division Office.

The clinic will begin at 1 p.m. There will be no charge for the program, co-sponsored by the Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks Dept. and the ABA.

... Baseball Finances

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liability and adult participation insurance, this item tops \$200 for the average league. Also, based on an average of five major teams per league, the Little League franchise fee comes to \$35 annually.

Leagues which are unable to build an adequate volunteer umpiring force are required to pay more than \$1 per inning for professionals. A league which uses one paid umpire for calling balls and strikes in major and minor games can figure on an annual expense of \$1,200.

Trophies, pins and graduation certificates can represent a \$1.50 output per youngster at season's end.

Such functions as league dances, luaus, banquets, team pictures, raffles and pot luck dinners necessitate detailed ticket distribution and book work. At least 80 per cent of a league's income is accumulated by the mothers auxiliary, mostly through the snack stand.

Bookkeeping is simplified by commercial checking accounts, a service offered by commercial banks in the community.

Many leagues provide souvenir year booklets and distribute weekly newsletters with up-to-date batting and pitching records.

A building contractor, if he were to bid a job of building a first class Little League facility, including grading the land, planting a lawn, erecting dugouts, backstops, chain link sideline and out-fences, bleachers, restrooms, storage room, scoring and announcing booths and a concession stand, would probably estimate the costs in excess of \$25,000. Volunteer help can trim that last digit without too much sweat.

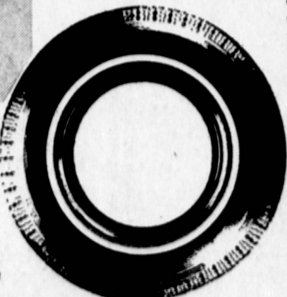


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