Little League Signups Are Slated for Pacific Coast

When the Little League Baseball season ended last August, a few members of the Pacific Coast Little League immediately went to work building two new ball parks on the Edison property between 235th St. and Lomita Boulevard.

With the start of the New Year, Guy Lee, president of the league, announced that a vigorous campaign is under way to assure a successful season. The league will begin tomorrow with signups of players from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Walteria Park.

Lee said the league is requesting a donation to defray the cost of building supplies and equipment. Volunteers are also needed to complete the field.

"The league is paying for this field from money saved over the years and from donations received during the signups," said Lee. He said, "The new fields will be the finest in the area."

Signups tomorrow will be for Little League and Senior Division which takes in boys ages 8 to 15.

Further registrations will be Feb. 1 and 8 with tryouts on Feb. 15 and 22.

Team announcements will be March 6 at South High and opening day is April 19.

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Buckeye Recovery

Why is the Rose Bowl Game No. 1?

No matter what kind of a football career a coach or player has, he is always best remembered by his performance in the Rose Bowl.

O. J. Simpson, for example, has had a fabulous career at USC. But he will always be remembered for that spectacular 80-yard run and all those fumbles in Pasadena on Jan. 1, 1969.

Woody Hayes can stay at Ohio State another 10 years. He won again in the Rose Bowl.

No matter what a player says after winning a Rose Bowl game, he becomes an authority. He can make team spirit sound so one-sided.

There are so many ways to express how much victory means to a team, but winning 27-16 against USC was particularly satisfying to Ohio State since famous O. J. was one of the victims.

Defensive tackle Paul Schmidlin of Ohio State made this point quite clear when he commented on the game.

"There was O. J. Simpson cutting across the football field, some 20 yards into a run that was to cover 80 yards of Rose Bowl turf and give USC a 10-O second period lead."

"It was beautiful," said Schmidlin. "That run was the most beautiful thing I have ever seen. I was pursuing O. J. all the way so I had a clear view of it. The run was simply great."

Schmidlin was quick to point out, though, that Ohio State was suddenly keyed by the jolt of Simpson's run and that was all the Buckeyes needed. In the next four minutes they rallied twice for the 10 tying points and got "up" for the whole second half.

Schmidlin can be pretty proud of the Buckeyes ability to recover and win the game, but the fans will pour into grandstands for years to come to watch the most disappointed man in Wednesday's game. O. J. Simpson was not satisfied with making one of the greatest runs in Rose Bowl history. His team lost.

All-Star Basketball

The veteran playing Coach Bill Russell of the Boston Celtics and the second year Baltimore Bullets phenom Earl Monroe head the writers and sportscasters' East All-Star squad for the 19th Annual All-Star game in Baltimore Jan. 14.

Commissioner Walter Kennedy, in releasing the selections, indicated that two additional forwards and two more guards would be selected by coaches.

Gene Shue, coach of the Eastern Division Baltimore Bullets, will pilot the East.

Russell, who received the highest rating on the equated ballot used by the NBA giving each city one complete vote in the balloting, will be backed up at the pivot post by Baltimore's flashy rookie Wes Unseld. Top vote getter among the forwards is Jerry Lucas of Cincinnati, who is joined up front by John Havlicek of the Boston Celtics and Bill Cunningham of the Philadelphia 76ers.

The Eastern backcourt, in addition to Monroe, will field Oscar Robertson of the Cincinnati Royals and Dave Bing of the Detroit Pistons.

Cunningham, Unseld and Monroe will be playing in their first All-Star contest.

Since the squad selection did not include players from New York and Milwaukee, it is mandatory for the NBA coaches to pick at least one New York player and one Milwaukee performer when they complete the 12-man squad.

NBA All-Star game regulations require that each Association team be represented with at lease one player and no more than three.

The West starting line-up has Elgin Baylor of Los Angeles and Don Kojis of San Diego at the forwards, Elvin Hayes of San Diego at Center and the guards are Jerry West of Los Angeles and Len Wilkens of Seattle.

Voted to the Eastern squad and their voting score are: Jerry Lucas, Cincinnati, 10.612; John Havlicek, Boston, 10.156; Bill Cunningham, Philadelphia, 8.144; Bill Russell, Boston, 13.355; Wes Unseld, Baltimore, 8.838; Earl Monroe, Baltimore, 13.346; Oscar Robertson, Cincinnati, 13.148, and Dave Bing, Detroit, 10.879.

U.S. CHAMPION . . . Chuck Stearns shows his water skiing versatility by going through slalom couse as warmup for his world speed skiing record attempt at Long Beach Marine Stadium Jan. 11. The Bellflower daredevil will be trying for 125 m.p.h, which would break his present mark of 119.52 m.p.h, also set at Marine Stadium.

Motor Event Slated

A million dollar stock car racing team of eight drivers is entered in the upcoming Motor Trend-Riverside "500," the world's richest stock car road race.

Expected to be worth more than $100,000 in prize money by race time, Jan. 19, the event marks the racing debut of 1969 American-manufactured automobiles.

Ford Motor Company and its Mercury Division made apparent the corporate determination to extend a six-year in streak in the event by naming the following drivers:

Dan Gurney, five-time winner of th classic.

David Pearson, NASCAR Grand National champion.

A. J. Foyt, USAC stock car champ and three-time Indianapolis 500 winner.

Richard Petty, all-time NASCAR Grand National winner (92 races).

Cale Yarborough, all-time NASCAR single-season money winner ($136,538).

Parnelli Jones, '67 Riverside "500" winner and '63 Indianapolis winner.

Mario Andretti, two-time USAC national driving champ.

Lee Roy Yarborough, NASCAR Super Speedway star.

Gurney and Cale Yarborough are expected to be in Mercurys prepared by the fabled Wood Brothers pit crew during the race and the others are slated for Ford Torinos, the model which took first through fifth place in '68.

Ford and Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company recently completed a series of tests at the raceway, preparatory for the 500-miler on the 2.7-mile road course.

Annually, the Motor Trend "500" leads off the new year for National Association of Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR) Grand National competition, which includes stops throughout the year at such places as Daytona, Michigan International Speedway, Charlotte, Darlington, Atlanta and the new Alabama fascility, Talladega International Speedway.

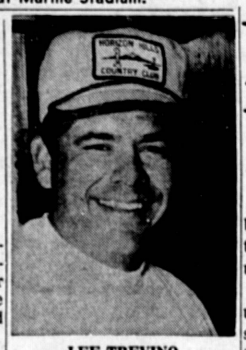
Billy Casper Competes at Los Coyotes

Billy Casper, golfdom's leading money winner last year, is on the firing line at the Southern California Open at Buena Park's Los Coyotes Country Club.

Defending champion of the 67-year-old tourney, the veteran pro star from the San Diego area will be going after the $6,000 first prize.

The event includes an 18 hole pro-am and a 36 hole open and ends Sunday.

Some 350 pros and amateurs are competing for the 50 money places. KTTV will cover the final two days of play.



LEE TREVINO

L.A. Open Back at Rancho

George Archer and Bob Lunn, two more members of the top 10 money winners of 1968, are entered in the 43rd annual $100,000 Los Angeles Open golf tournament.

The Los Angeles Open is back to its accustomed position of first on the tour starting Wednesday at Rancho. It also is back in its old home at Rancho on West Pico Boulevard, after a one-year stand at Brookside Park in Pasadena.

Archer and Lunn join such other standouts as Defending Champion Bill Casper, Open king Lee Trevino, Masters champion Bob Goalby, Bob Murphy, Dave Stockton, Bruck Crampton, Gardner Dickinson, Chi-Chi Rodriguez, Doug Sanders, Charlie Sifford, Paul Harney and Phil Rodgers.

President Jim Gilleran of the Los Angeles Junior Chamber expects more than 40 of the top 50 money winners of 1968 by the time entries close.

The 6'6" Archer was the fifth leading money winner of 1968 with earnings of nearly $125,000. He captured the New Orleans and Pensacola Opens.

Lunn is one of the new "tigers" on the trail, winning the Memphis and Atlanta Opens back-to-back and earning over $100,000 for the year.

Ed Williams Wins Race At Ascot

Ed Williams of Redondo Beach and Bob Stone of Huntington Beach are favored over a 75-car field in Sunday afternoon's Figure 8 stock car racing at Ascot Park in Gardena.

Racing starts at 2 p.m. with time trails at 1 p.m.

It was the first feature win of the new season for Williams. Stone returned to the front line after several weeks lay-off.

Sunday's doubleheader program will feature a pair of 20-lap main events. Other racing includes a 15-lap semi-final, five 10-lap heat races, and a pair of 6-lap trophy dashes.

Other top drivers entered include Nick Thomas and Jerry Jones of Hawthorne; Ed Ferro and Butch Farrell of Wilmington; Ron Schuessler of Redondo Beach; Dorsey Steele of Huntington Beach; Dorsey Steele of Huntington Park; Jon Cox of Culver City; Don Crager and Troy Still of Gardena; Earl Cox, Kevin Terris and Ed Hand of Torrance.

Fast Speeds Seen For Water Skiing

If a man is strong enough and brave enough, he may be able to water ski some day at speeds up to and even beyond 200 m.p.h.

That was the prediction Saturday of Chuck Stearns, most successful athlete in water skiing history as he prepared for his attempt at a new world record next Saturday morning at Long Beach Marine Satdium. Activity will start between 9 and 10 a.m., and there will be no admission charge to the public.

"They've got the big supercharged hydros dragging at close to 200 now, said the muscular four-time captain of U.S. world championship tournament teams.

"The limiting factor is the man."

Tremendous counter-pressures are exerted as a skier maneuvers behind a high-performance drag boat over the measured quarter-mile course, Stearns explained.

"The boat pulls you forward and the water resistance keeps pulling you backward," explained the 29-year-old daredevil from Bellflower who set the recognized world record of 119.25 m.p.h. two years ago at Marine Stadium.

Stearns, seven-time U.S. overall champion and winner of virtually every award water skiing offers, hopes to negotiate 125 m.p.h. Saturday behind Panic Mouse, world record-holding supercharged fuel-burning flatbottom drag boat to be driven by North Hollywood's Ray Caselli.

Panic Mouse has surpassed 150 m.p.h. in competition, and has actually been de-tuned—by famed mechanic Dave Zeuschel at Nordskog Marine in Van Nuys — for Saturday's record run.

While Stearns sets out to extend his own speed mark, precociously curvaceous Sally Younger, 15-year-old Pacific Coast champion from Hacienda Heights, will be bidding for a women's record.

"I hope to become the fastest bikini on the water," proclaims the Los Altos High sophomore. Miss Younger, a lithesome 35-23-35 blonde, will be attempting 90 m.p.h., or four miles per hour better than the mark set several years ago by Jane Mobley Welch of Long Beach.

Miss Younger will be aided in her record run by Bob Nordskog, champion closed course and offshore boat racer and industrialist, who will be driving his own Sizzling Viking. The flat-bottom-type boat has had a new, hot engine installed by Zeuschel this week especially for Saturday's event.

Simpson Known In Samoa

O. J. Simpson's fame has spread even to American Samoa.

The associate dean of the University of Southern California School of Education, Dr. Wallace R. Muedler of Ojai, is the authority for the statement.

Just back from Pago Pago where he went with Dr. Donald E. Wilson of Torrance, USC's director of teacher education; and Dr. Robert Shanks, Burbank superintendent of schools; to survey American Samoa's educational needs, Dr. Muelder told of Simpson's fans there.

Addressing a special joint session of the legislature, Dr. Muelder told the lawmakers he brought greetings from USC President Norman Topping and Dean Irving Melbo and the faculty of the USC School of Education.

Suddenly cries of "Simpson? Simpson?" came from the back of the hall.

"Yes, and from O. J. Simpson, too," Dr. Muelder said.

A REAL BEAUTY . . . Torrance city councilman William Uerkwitz poses with his 9'4" sailfish captured recently off the coast of Acapulco. It took him an hour and twenty minutes to land the 136 pounder, the first sailfish he's ever caught.

El Monte Bouts Set

Golden Gloves boxing begins tomorrow at the El Monte Legion Stadium.

This year there are 300 boys entered.

There will be 20 champions, 10 in the open class (experience fighters) and 10 in the novice class (inexperienced fighters).

The 10 winners in the open class will participate in the tournament of champions in Kansas City in March.

Los Angeles will be represented by a strong team of athletes from the heavyweight division down to the featherweight division.

Some of the stronger contenders are "Big" Jim Elder, Stoney Land, Walter Moore, Alan Boursee heavyweights. Mike Quarry, James Dick, Gino Chavez and Greg Lazano (light-heavyweight).

Preps Play Today

Torrance and North High are matched in a non-league basketball game tonight in the North gym. It isthe final tuneup for the two teams prior to league play.

North will open its Bay League season at West High on Wednesday. Hawthorne will invade South High for the league opener.

Torrance will make its bid in the Sky League against favored Morningside a week from Saturday at North High. Morningside is the league favorite.

South High became a strong contender for the Bay League title after beating North in the second annual Christmas Classic last week at North, 86-83.

Dennis Rector scored 27 points and Jack Peterson tallied 23 for the Spartans.

This was the first basketball tournament reportedly won by a South High team in its history.

In the third place game Fermin Lasuen beat West, 62-58, while Palos Verdes nudged Beverly Hills, 70-60, and Torrance downed Long Beach Wilson, 91-78, in consolation round games.

South had a monumental 72-55 lead against North in the third quarter.

In the Bay League South and North are expected to be 1-2 in the race for the championship. The darkhorse entry is Redondo.

West does not have the scoring power to be a serious threat for the title, but the Warriors have the experience to be a spoiler.

Santa Monica, Hawthorne, Mira Costa and Inglewood all have representative teams.

The Sky League will have another showdown with Morningside, Beverly Hills and Torrance contending the championship. Culver City, Leuzinger and Rolling Hills will be among the also rans.

Fermin Lasuen is the favorite in the Camino Real League with Mount Carmel and Bishop Montgomery close behind. Other CRL members are Serra, Crespi, St. Bernard's, St. Monica's and Daniel Murphy.

Bishop Montgomery won the Camino Real League title for the second straight year with a 10-0 record last spring. The Knights went on to win the CIF "AA" championship.

North won the Bay League championship with a 14-0 record.

Instructions For Golfers To Be Held

Adults interested in taking golf lessons may register now for classes for beginning and intermediate golfers.

Five beginning and five intermediate 6-week classes will be held by the recreation department. The first class for beginners will be next Tuesday at the Sea-aire Golf Course, 22730 Lupine Drive. Classes conclude Feb. 11.

Intermediate golfers will meet at Hacker's Haven, 2236 W. Sepulveda Blvd. next Thursday and classes end Feb. 13.

Both classes will be held at 9, 10 and 11 a.m. and at 6 and 7 p.m. Cost of the instruction will be $3.75 for the beginner's class and $5.50 for the advanced class. This fee includes the use of practice balls and clubs and two rounds of golf at the Sea-aire Golf Course.

Registration is at the Joslyn Center, 3335 Torrance Blvd.

Workouts in January Scheduled for Bums

Members of the Los Angeles Dodgers, living in the home club area or visiting California, will inaugurate Dodger Stadium workouts Jan. 20, vice-president Al Campanis announced.

There will be drills three times a week—Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, with Dodger coach Jim Gilliam in charge. He will be assisted by Spokane Manager Tom Lasorda.

All players who wish to start their loosening-up program for the 1969 season have been invited to attend on a regular basis. The workouts will also give the batters a chance to take some shots at the fences from the new home plate area, moved 10 feet toward centerfield. The new 10-inch mound also will be ready for the pitchers, having been lowered, when moved, from season's regulations height of 15 inches.

Campanis also announced that 13 players not on the regular Dodger roster have been queried as to their availability to accompany the Dodgers to Vero Beach for the get-away workouts there February 23. With exhibition baseball to start March 7, the Dodgers have only 12 days to get ready for game action.

With more pitchers and catchers available for live hitting drills at Dodgertown than at any time since the club came to Los Angeles, the Dodgers will concentrate on getting some extra punch into their batting order. Batting Coach Dixie Walker will be among the early arrivals in Florida, joining Alston and his staff there for the inaugural practices. Red Adams, the new Dodger pitching coach, and Roy Hartsfield, recently moved up from Spokane, are newcomers to the Dodger coaching staff which also includes Junior Gilliam, Danny Ozark and Carroll Beringer.