



Hot Lines

By Al Coast

News this week is going to be short on facts and long on imagination and predictions. The overcast weather we have had for the past two weeks has not helped the fishing picture.

Without any fish being caught and hunting season closed, an outdoor writer is like a light bulb with the electricity turned off. Strictly in the dark.

This just isn't my year. Made two trips to San Diego and drew a blank both times. And to add salt to a wound, after fishing at Piru last week with Hal Mael and not landing a keeper, I found out he invited my daughter, Joyce, to take my place.

Our better yellowtail fisherman, Forrest Bartlett, winner of last year's yellowtail derby and a new car, also ran last Friday in the first of two fishoffs at San Diego. I understand there were eight fish caught on his boat. The excuse was, "I don't like fishing with a sinker." The moral of the story is, "Join 'em, don't fight 'em!"

All the hunting is not out of the picture. Cliff Witherspoon and company toured Monterey County and finally brought down a coyote near Lompoc. Weighed in at 27 pounds. Button size.

Vail Lake, which was scheduled to be closed to the public June 1, has had a change of heart, and is open to the public seven days a week. All they require is that you reserve a spot or boat. If you can't land a piscatorial specimen anywhere else, it can be done at Vail. Certainly would be a good spot for a Sunday derby.

Corvina at the Salton Sea are short in numbers but large in size. Twenty to 25 pounders are showing up pretty regularly. Mudsuckers and small live croakers seem to be the best bait for these lunkers.

Harvey Guttenfelder, fishing with the Kiwanis Club, as a guest, captured the jackpot with a yellowtail weighing 20 pounds, 9 ounces. Another old pro acting up.

Bass at the breakwater are there for the taking. Anyone with experience and a boat can bag a limit. Very sporty and excellent eating.

"ALBACORE." This is no doubt the biggest noise in fishing. Along about the middle and/or last of June, a boat ventures out some 500 to 600 miles and lands an Albacore. This starts speculation on when and where they will show up. About the first week of July, a boat docks with a dozen or more Chicken of the Sea and then the madhouse starts.

As is normal, a commercial boat gaffed some 20 fish and radioed in from 400 miles out. This will stir up the action at San Diego and from now on anything can happen. Watch this column next week and we will bring you the ins and outs of landing an albacore.

Next meeting is July 1. Don't forget our dance coming up. Watch for the date of our steak dinner coming up and call Harry Seeman.

Pettigrew Runs Fifth in Meet

Ron Pettigrew can make the statement that he's the best steeplechase man in Southern California.

The 6-foot and 150-pound senior from Torrance lowered his own school record in the 3,000-meter steeplechase to 8:49.7 at the 48th annual NCAA Track and Field Championships last week at the University of Tennessee.

Pettigrew took a commanding early lead in the race which he held until the final lap. Oregon State sophomore Jim Barkley out-sprinted the field to win in 8:44.4. The existing mark is 8:42.0 set by Villanova's Vic Zwolok in 1964.

Despite his fifth place finish, Pettigrew was pleased with his 8:49.7. Two weeks ago he ran 8:51.6 in the Coliseum-Compton Invitational.

Second place in the race

Winners Named at Regatta

Ted May of Long Beach, American Power Boat Association outboard hydro national high point winner for the past three years, moved significantly toward a fourth consecutive title with a pair of class victories in the second annual Long Beach Police Officers Association Speedboat Regatta at Long Beach Marine Stadium.

The 48-year-old former Navy man swept both three-lap D stock hydro heats for a perfect 800 points score, then earned the B outboard class victory with finishes of first and sixth.

Best performer in inboard classes was Clem McCullah of Torrance, who drove Psychedelic to consecutive five-lap heat victories in the Super Stock Runabout class. McCullah, hottest man in the class in the nation this year, averaged 72.639 m.p.h. in nabbing the first heat and 71.743 m.p.h. in the second.

went to Steve Savage of Oregon in 8:45.0, third to Tom Donnelly of Villanova in 8:45.5, and fourth to Sid Sink of Bowling Green in 8:48.2.

Pettigrew, after his blistering opening pace, hung on to defeat Kerry Pearce, the defending NCAA champ, who clocked 8:53.9.

"I ran as hard as I could," Ron said.

"I thought the track was beautiful... it was real fast," referring to the nine-lane Tartan surface facility. "The only thing that really bothered me was the weather — pouring rain one minute, then smoldering 87-degree sunshine the next."

"My leg, which I injured slightly at the U.S. Federation meet in Lexington, didn't bother me at all."

It is undecided whether Pettigrew will compete in the National AAU Championships at Miami, Fla. But if he does, he'll be running as a member of the Southern California Striders.

John Kellar Is Victor At Ascot

A new face in the winner's circle at Gardena's Ascot Park, John Kellar of Yucaipa, will try for his second straight main event win in this Saturday night's sprint car racing program at the raceway.

Kellar notched his first CRA win in last Saturday night's 30-lap main event, driving his own Chevy V8-powered car to the victory.

In winning, he turned back the challenges of veteran drivers Dick Fries and San Diego and Bob Hogle of Buena Park, who finished second and third in the Indianapolis-type car feature.

Fries will be after his first CRA feature win of the year in his Chevy V8 powered car. Hogle goes after his fourth CRA victory of the season at Ascot where he won the 1963 and 68 driving championship.

Baseball Won by Arizona

The Arizona State College Sun Devils won the national collegiate baseball championship for the third time in the last five years.

One of the leading hitters on the team was Jeff Osborn, the outstanding first baseman from North High School.

Osborn, a sophomore at Arizona, posted a .284 batting average during the College World Series. During a 67-game schedule for Arizona, Jeff has a batting average of .284, accounting for 54 hits and 29 runs batted in. He scored 31 runs.

The Sun Devils became only the fourth team in the history of the World Series to lose the first game and come back to win the title.

The 56 games won by Arizona during the season is an NCAA record.

Vanity On Tap At Track

Gamely and Amerigo Lady, queens of the American turf for the past two years, will clash for the first time in 1969 Saturday when they will head an outstanding field of distaff runners in the \$75,000 added Vanity Handicap at Hollywood Park.

The mile and one-eighth Vanity traditionally settles the older filly and mare championship of the Hollywood meet and Saturday's 28th running will provide Gamely with an opportunity for a second straight triumph.

William Haggin Perry's equine amazon carried a California record 131 pounds to victory in the '68 Vanity, one of six stakes notched last year by the nation's top-ranked older mare. Saturday she will be spotting Amerigo Lady three pounds, 128-125.

Although she has won a pair of stakes already this year, Gamely's best effort undoubtedly was her runner-up finish to Nodouble in the \$145,000 Santa Anita Handicap.

Gamely, who bested Amerigo Lady in four of five meetings last year, first raced against the Rokeby Stable color bearer at the 1967 Hollywood meeting. Their series of five battles reached a climax in the title-deciding Hollywood Oaks and Amerigo Lady rallied from last place to upset Gamely by a half-length.

Seabourne Is Leading Cycle Rider

Gary Nixon of Baltimore, the reigning U.S. motorcycle champion, is the first rider to enter the annual 50-lap National Championship Steeplechase at Ascot Park in Gardena Saturday night, July 12.

Many of the Western entrants for the Nationals will use Friday evening's meet as one of the final preps for the prestigious Nationals.

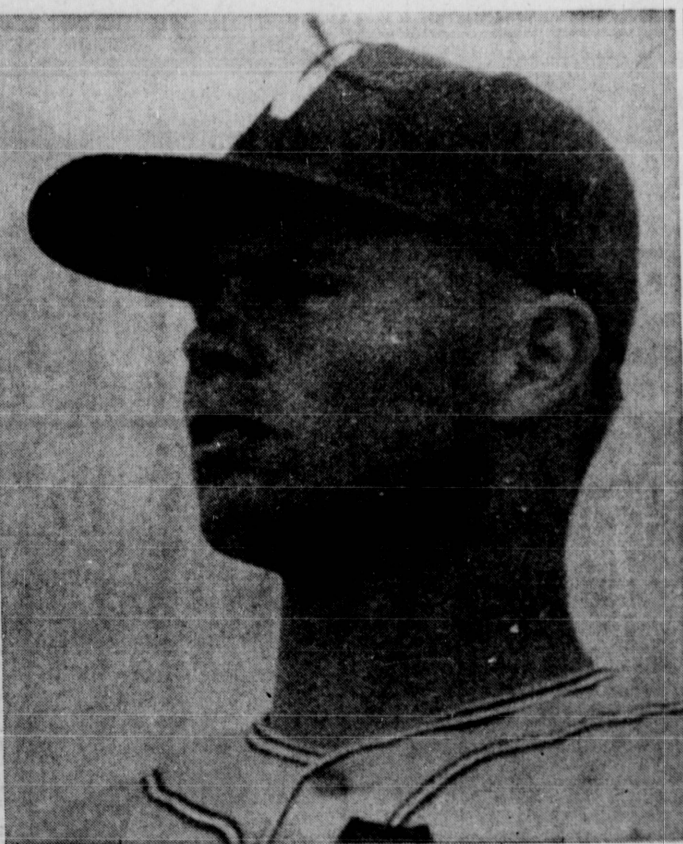
J. C. Agajanian has posted prize money of \$7,500 for the 50-lapper, making it one of the biggest events on the circuit.

Meanwhile, the local race on Friday evenings is shaping up as one of the most evenly contested in years. Sammy Tanner has lost his season-long lead to Shorty Seabourne in their point race.

And a string of new faces keep coming up to gain main event limelight. They include Dave Smith of Lakewood, Jim Odom of Fremont, Lloyd Houchins of Arcadia, Tim Harris of Van Nuys, Geeser Emmick of Downey, and Ron Kruseman of Ventura.

West Torrance Pony League

Results
Raiders 6, Phillies 3.
Giants 10, Dodgers 3.
Redlegs 7, Phillies 5.
Braves 8, Cubs 7.
Braves 13, Dodgers 7.
Giants 12, Cubs 9.



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Fre-Way Little League Primed for Next Year

Fre-Way Little League completed its regular season with a tie for the winners in each division. In the major division, the Cardinals, managed by Cal Fishman; and the Giants, managed by Pete Frigon.

In the minors, the Mustangs, managed by Ken Earley, won the White division. The Grey division finished in a tie between the Comets, managed by Tom Markos, and the Valiants, managed by Cam Machado.

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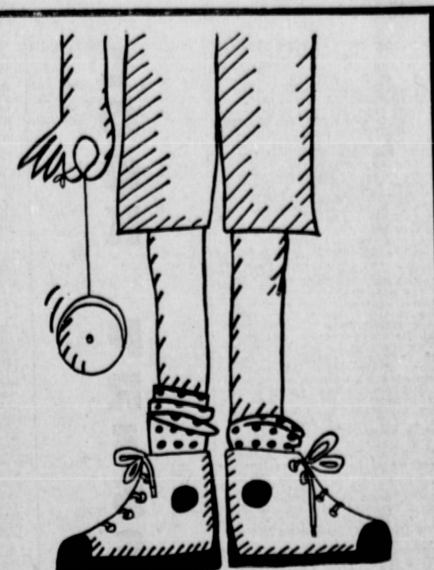
Newly elected officers for the 1969-70 board of directors are: President, Ed Corley; first Vice President, Norm Zuvich; Second Vice President, Ken Earley; Third Vice President, Harlan Baker; Player Agent, Toby Woldhuis; Treasurer, Cal Fishman; Secretary, Sue Kraft; Chief Umpire, Emmett Parr; Ways and Means, Frank Francavilla; Equipment Manager, Wayne Cushman; Publicity, Marilyn Corley; Field Maintenance, Jerry Hanson; Safety, Tom Markos.

Newly elected officers for the women's auxiliary are: President, Betty Zuvich; Vice President, Kathy Cushman; Secretary, Donna Earley; Treasurer, Dee Fishman; Ways and Means, Mary del Rio; Concession Stand Manager, Pat Dobosh; Team Mother Coordinator, Pat Eggleston.

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