

Open House Sunday At Hollywood Park

Hollywood Park's eighth annual "Open House," a day-long program of fun for the entire family, will be presented Sunday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. James D. Stewart, executive vice-president and general manager, announced the free schedule of events which include something for every member of the family.

The Inglewood track opens its thoroughbred meeting today.

"Last year we were forced to make a change from our 'preview' format of previous years and we found that having an 'open house' once our season started proved to be much more successful," Stewart explained. "We are grateful for the warm support this event has received in the past and we are planning for a crowd of more than 40,000 on Sunday."

Highlight of the day will be a two-hour trackside show, featuring many unusual and entertaining acts, involving horses and other members of the animal world, some of which have never been seen on the race track. The first show will be presented at 10:45 a.m. and the performance will be repeated at 2 p.m.

The Flying Horsemen of North American Aviation will give a dramatic demonstration of tent pegging and the West Hills Hunt and Palos Verdes Peninsula Pony Clubs will combine for an entertaining exhibition of fox hunting.

One of the wildest races ever staged will be featured. A field of camels, elephants, zebras, llamas and other members of the animal kingdom will match strides in a stretch-long duel. A pair of ostrich races, one with the

birds pulling sulkies and another featuring jockeys and exercise riders, also will be staged.

The 10th Cavalry will perform a precision drill on horseback and the Montie Montana family will climax the show with a demonstration of trick riding and roping.

For the younger set, an "Open House" visit will be a memorable experience. Available to them will be pony-cart rides, a petting zoo, where they can feed as well as pet the animals, and a number of different kiddies rides.

Many of the leading thoroughbreds on the grounds will battle it out in a series of five-furlong training races starting at 10 a.m. and the regular morning workout program, including bus tours of the stable area and exciting racing movies in color in a special clubhouse theatre also will be offered. Many areas of the track, such as the jockey and color rooms, race review room and the calculating room, also will be available for inspection.

Visitors also will see the beautiful monument erected in the memory of the California-bred champion, Native Diver, unveiled at a special ceremony at 12:30 p.m. today.

Torrance Rod and Gun Club



Hot Lines

By Al Coast

So you don't have a fishing license, and you don't have a lot of fancy fishing tackle, and you don't have a boat, but you do have a couple of youngsters who would enjoy a fishing trip. So what do you do? You pack a lunch and gather up what tackle you have, put the young'uns in the car, and visit the pier at Redondo Beach or any of the other piers that jut into the open sea.

This to me is the best way to introduce a future angler to fishing. They get acquainted with the big water of the ocean, they meet a very big variety of people, and they also are introduced to the many kinds of fish that are sold at the fish markets which line the pier.

If you are in need of additional tackle, it can be rented, at a very nominal fee, from one of the stands that also sell bait for your fishing trip. Lure bait is available most of the time.

A package of shrimp will usually suffice for the many variety of perch that abound the area around the pilings that support the pier. Along with shrimp, you will find fresh clam, cut anchovies and mussels will suffice for the other fish that can be caught, which include Sculpin and Opaleye. The pilings are usually encrusted with shell fish, which is why these fish hang around, so fish as close to them as possible.

If fishing is on the slow side, there are many stands and small shops that provide hot dogs, hamburgers, cotton candy, caramel apples, and such. There are Curio shops to browse in and it is very interesting to watch people from all parts of the world.

There are piers up and down the beach from San Diego to San Francisco. The fishing varies as you go North or South. A fishing license is not required on any public pier in the open ocean or bays.

Belated Reports—It was brought to my attention that on our recent Rock Cod charter, one of our newer members, Robert Burtison, landed the largest fish and won the jackpot! This should make him a steady customer on our fishing trips.

Our clubhouse is for rent most nights of the week. As you know we have all the facilities to accommodate a party of 135 persons. The rental fee is very nominal. For information call FA 8-6912. We also rent to organizations for a weekly or monthly meetings.

Late flashes—Bass fishing at Lower Otay and El Capitan lakes has been on the slow side. Both lakes are up 50 feet over last year. San Diego is slow. Yellowtail put in their appearance at Catalina. Barred Perch, in the king size class, are close in from Redondo to Oxnard. Soft shell crabs seem to be the most popular bait.

Next meeting is April 15 at 8 p.m. Don't forget our steak dinner, April 22. Call FA 8-6912 or FA 8-1576 for reservations. Remember, these steak dinners are for members only, so you non-members are missing out on a real good steak dinner by not joining our club.

Next Event—We have a shoot with Redondo Rod and Gun Club at Aqua Sierra, Sunday, April 20, 9:30 a.m. Don't miss next week's edition. Something different.

Four Make NBA Team First Time

Four new faces were selected in the annual balloting for the 1968-69 National Basketball Association all-star team announced by Commissioner Walter Kennedy.

Newcomers to the squad include the NBA Most Valuable Player, Wes Unseld of Baltimore, Bill Cunningham of Philadelphia and Earl Monroe of Baltimore on the first team while Dave DeBusschere of New York was voted to the second unit.

The veterans Wilt Chamberlain, Bill Russell and Jerry Lucas failed to make the squad for the first time since joining the NBA.

Other members of the first team include Elgin Baylor of Los Angeles, who is on the first club for the 10th time in 11 years and Oscar Robertson of the Cincinnati Royals who was voted to the first team for the 10th successive year.

The second team, in addition to DeBusschere, is comprised of repeaters John Havlicek of the Boston Celtics, Willis Reed of the New York Knicks, Hal Greer of Philadelphia, and Jerry West of the Los Angeles Lakers.

Players chosen on the first All-Star Team receive \$500 and the second team players receive \$250 each.

Bowling Event Scheduled For Youths

Southern California and national bowling championships, an expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., and \$1,000 scholarships are the goals of boys and girls who will participate during April in the house qualifying round of the 1969 junior match game championship.

Competition will be in the boys' scratch, boys' handicap, and girls' handicap divisions. The trip to Washington, D.C., is August 1-4 for the national youth bowling championships.

Last year Mark Pearson of Thousand Oaks won the National Boys' Division title. Ron Hauck of Santa Ana, despite a 6th place finish in the boys' handicap division, pocketed another \$1,000 scholarship.

Bay League Battle Is On



POWER SWINGER . . . Third baseman Art Frasquillo is in his third year of varsity baseball at North High School. Art collected two of North's three hits against Mira Costa Tuesday, but the Saxons lost, 4-1. North plays at Inglewood today in a Bay League game. (Press-Herald Photo)

South Plays Samohi

By HENRY BURKE
Press-Herald Sports Editor

Although Santa Monica High won its first three Bay League baseball games, it is anticipated at least four teams will be near the throne when the championship is decided next month.

A key game for two contenders today is the Santa Monica-South High outing at South.

Samohi faces South's No. 2 pitcher Dan Creek this afternoon. The Spartans' first line hurler Dennis Rector beat Redondo on Tuesday, 4-1. It was the team's second win in three outings.

North High, with its overwhelming experience, was expected to make a sweep of the pennant race, but the Saxons have dropped two of three games and are finding the opposition rough.

During the entire decade the Bay League championship race has been a series of cliffhangers. South beat out North for the title a year ago on the final day. South had all the senior greats and North was loaded with young talent.

Injuries have bothered North somewhat, but contrary to prior seasons the Saxons are not getting men on base. In the past they have been notorious for running bases.

What makes the Bay League particularly interesting this season is the even distribution of pitching. Each of the eight teams has one good pitcher.

South, the defending champ, has senior Dennis Rector who pitched only 14 innings last spring, but he carried the load with the American Legion team during the summer.

Rector scattered six hits against Redondo. His teammates kayaked Paul Kargl in the fifth inning with three runs. Paul was tagged with seven hits, two by veteran first baseman Brent Barron.

Barron and centerfield Mike Hrehor are the only returning lettermen for South. The other starting seniors this season are second sacker Brad Brader and third baseman Ron McDaniel who played with the junior varsity a year ago.

Juniors who have cracked into the starting lineup are shortstop Vince Agapito, catcher John Anderson, and outfielders Jeff McDevitt and Robbie Andrews. Robbie is a brother of Boston Red Sox infielder Mike Andrews, a South grad.

Coach Jerry McIlvaine of South believes the winning team in the league probably will need a lot of "luck" squeaking by clutch games. He believes his own team has lots of potential, but he is aware the loss of one or two early season games can cause a team to fold.

McIlvaine believes the league has set a precedent for low scoring games that will continue. He points to lack of base hits, fewer walks, and strong defense as reasons for tightly played games.

The Bay League, with eight teams, is playing a double round robin schedule of 14 games instead of the 19 games when the league had seven schools.

At the moment, according to McIlvaine, Mira Costa appears to be the strongest team. But even the Mustangs lost one of their three games to South, 2-0. McIlvaine said it took a very fine pitching and defensive game to beat Costa. "It was our finest game," he said.

Mira Costa won a 4-1 game from North Tuesday and Johnny Sain won a three-hitter. Art Frasquillo got two of North's three hits.

West High won its first game in three tries Tuesday as Jim Mullens whitewashed Inglewood, 1-0. Mullens gave up five hits.

The only run in the bottom of the seventh came on Gary Blair's squeeze bunt hit.

Dodgers To Rely On Youth

The Los Angeles Dodgers are starting the National League season with an emphasis on youth.

"I don't think we've ever counted on so many youngsters," said veteran manager Walt Alston.

"These kids we have believe in themselves, and we believe in them," Alston said. "I don't think they will frighten. It's simply a case of what they will do against a steady diet of big league pitching."

The "kids" Alston was referring to are shortstop Ted Sizemore (22), third baseman Bill Sudakis (23) and outfielders Willie Crawford (22) and Bill Russell (20).

Sizemore is the only member of the Dodgers' young foursome making his major league debut as a starter.

Crawford, although only 22, has played in 103 major league games over five seasons. Sudakis arrived on the Dodger scene early last September and supplied the spark for the club's solid finish.

Russell doesn't figure to crack the starting lineup until the opposition offers a left-hander.

The Sizemore story was the most unusual of the spring. He has spent three seasons in professional baseball as a catcher, although he went to the outfield late last season after suffering a broken right hand.

During the winter the Dodgers converted Sizemore into a second baseman and then, in spring training, he was switched to shortstop.

"His spring training average (.235) fell off, but we expected that," said Alston. "The impressive thing has been his play at shortstop."

60 Drivers Take Part In Race

Jim Insolo of Granada Hills, Oren Prosser of Tarzana, and Ray Johnstone of San Bernardino head a field of 60 drivers in Saturday night's 100-lap California championship superstock car races at Ascot Park in Gardena. Racing starts at 8:15 p.m.

It will be the first appearance of the speedy superstocks on Ascot half-mile clay oval this season. A program of seven events is slated.

Evel Knievel Rides Again

Evel Knievel, the famed motorcycle stunt rider who still intends to ride a jet-powered cycle across the Grand Canyon, will headline the ninth annual Custom Car, Motorcycle and Dune Buggy Show.

The event is set for April 24-27 at the Los Angeles Sports Arena under the sponsorship of the Tridents Car Club and Cycle World Magazine.

The show has grown to be the largest of its kind in the West. This year there will be 160,000 square feet of exhibits devoted to exotic machinery in the custom car, cycle and dune buggy realm.

Knievel was turned down by authorities last year on his request to ride his jet-powered motorcycle across the Grand Canyon, a distance of some three miles. But Evel changed his voter registration to Republican and claims the new administration is likely to give him permission for the incredible jump.

Evel will perform at 9 p.m. on Thursday and Friday evenings, and at 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday afternoons during the show. He will jump a huge string of cycles and trucks on a specially constructed ramp just outside the west entrance of the Figueroa-Santa Barbara sports palace.

Knievel's detractors suggest the show fans better be on hand Thursday evening if they want to be absolutely sure to catch his act. He was hospitalized for several months after a spectacular stunt of flying a cycle over the fountains in front of Caesar's Palace in Vegas only to land wrong and crash horribly.

But Evel recovered, crashed again, and now claims he is healthy enough to resume his demanding career at the Sports Arena.

Ceremonies to Mark Opening for Dodgers

The Los Angeles Dodgers, with new faces at several key positions, open their home season Tuesday evening against the San Diego Padres—the first game in a new Southern California rivalry. Game time is 8 p.m.

Celebrating the Centennial Year of Professional Baseball, the Dodgers have invited one of the old favorites of Dodger history—Fred (Dixie) Walker—to throw out the first ball. Dixie, known in the Dodgers' days in Brooklyn as "The Peepul's Cherche" is currently the hitting instructor for the entire Dodger organization. The results of his efforts have been clearly shown by his Dodger pupils this Spring.

The National Anthem will be sung by George Alexander, America's Ambassador of Song, manager of the Borrego Springs Roadrunner Club. He recently returned from a command performance at a gathering entertaining President Richard M. Nixon in Washington.

It will be a day to remember for Ted Sizemore, the rookie Dodger shortstop. In addition to celebrating his 23rd birthday, Ted will receive, in a home plate ceremony, the "Dearie Vuley Memorial Trophy," voted to him as the outstanding rookie of the year during Spring training.

Wes Parker, who made only one error as a first baseman last year, will receive the Rawlings Golden Glove Award for the second time.

Andy Kosco, obtained from the Yankees in a winter deal, will be the recipient of the Fresno Thompson Memorial Award as the top player in the Dodgers-Angels Freeway Feud series. Andy, who got four hits in eight times at bat against the Angels, including a two-run single and a home run, will be the first man to have his name inscribed on the perpetual trophy. He also will receive a suitably inscribed watch as a memento of his selection by the baseball writers for this coveted award.

Is Reeves Ready to Sell Rams?

Daniel F. Reeves, president of the Rams, said control of his team is up for sale.

The prospective buyer of 51 per cent controlling interest owned by Reeves is Charles Luckman, head of Charles Luckman & Associates, a multi-million-dollar architecture firm.

The Rams franchise has been valued at about \$20 million and Reeves' 51 percent would represent something more than \$10 million.

Reeves brought the club to Los Angeles from Cleveland in 1946, where the year before it won the NFL title. At the time, there were no major professional teams on the West Coast—no Los Angeles Dodgers, no San Francisco Giants, no Los Angeles Lakers.

There may be underlying reasons why Reeves might want to relinquish his ownership in the club now.

Foremost was the celebrated firing—and rehiring—of Coach George Allen in the Christmas holiday season, when players and fans sided with Allen in a "personality conflict." Reeves did not relent but several days later rehired Allen.

Then there was the decision of Elroy "Crazy Legs" Hirsch to return to his alma mater as athletic director at the University of Wisconsin after several years as Reeves' executive assistant. It was no secret there was friction between Hirsch and Allen.

Reeves, 57, was not prominent in the recent meeting of the National and American league meetings in Palm Springs, which led to further conjecture at the time that he might be considering selling the club.

Luckman, 59, lives near Reeves in Bel Air. He is considered one of the most successful architects in the west.

Olymps Lose To Torrance

After defeating Leuzinger, 6-1, at home Tuesday, the Torrance Tartans met the Olymps in a repeat game yesterday at Lawndale.

Torrance went into the game with a 3-3 record, trailing Palos Verdes (6-1) and Morning-side (4-1).

Palos Verdes knocked Rolling Hills completely out of the pennant race Tuesday, 5-2. Morningside went nine innings to beat Culver City, 9-8.