



Hot Lines

By Al Coast

All is quiet except for the water washing upon the breakwater rocks and an occasional sea gull telling the world it's time for breakfast.

The sea is flat and the sun is still below the Eastern horizon. Your boat is anchored some 50 or 60 feet from the rocks, using a cotton rope with a builders brick for an anchor. A red and white float setting on the water about 10 feet out from the breakwater, bounces a couple of times and then disappears. You set back on your light rod and 15-pound test monofil line, your rod tip is surging and bouncing as you hold on.

Finally, if all goes well, you get your net out and dip up a girilla migricana. In local lingo, you have just landed an opaleye. Often mistakenly referred to as a perch, it is a family all its own.

This species of rock fish is very adept at breaking your line or getting your hook lodged in the rocks. A very fine, thick bodied fish and a fighter from the word go. In some areas, it is necessary to use a line that will test 20 to 25 pounds. These fish are found around breakwaters, rock piles, along the rocky beaches, and in kelp beds. When hooked, they have a nasty habit of heading for a hole, which makes it necessary for the heavier line. The average size is between one-half and two pounds. The largest ever reported was a 14-pounder, taken by a skindiver off Oceanside.

In many years of actual experience in catching these gamesters, a six pounder is the largest I've seen. If you are in the right place, three and four pounders are available. A Rod and Gun Club button size fish must weigh three and a half pounds.

If a boat is not available, these fish are in abundance off the rocks around Palos Verdes Hills and the breakwater at Redondo Beach. With a boat, the Long Beach and Federal Breakwaters offer good fishing. However, the ultimate in big Opaleye fishing is around the broken down breakwater at Santa Monica. I have hooked, and seen fish hooked at this pile of rocks that have broken 20-pound line like it was thread. Keep in mind they have the sharp edges of rocks to help them.

The amazing thing is the variety of bait necessary in different areas. Fishing the Redondo Breakwater, red shrimp seems to be the best producer. Along the rocks around Palos Verdes, a variety of bait, including muscle, shrimp, sand crabs, and green peas and bit of lettuce leaves are good inticers.

Fishing the breakwater at Long Beach or Santa Monica, moss proves to be the real fish getter. This moss is available in most back waters where there is mud. It also grows on docks and old pilings. It can be found in the canals at Playa del Rey, the mud flats at Bolsa Chica, and in the Colorado Lagoon in Long Beach.

Using a number one hook, wrap a chunk of moss into a ball about the size of a quarter around your hook. This type of bait is very inexpensive, so be generous. Use a split shot about a foot above your hook. Sometimes it is necessary to fish 10 or 12 feet deep, so rig up your line with a sliding float. If you want to fish 10 feet deep, put a small barrel knot in your line at 10 feet and then put a small bead between the knot and the float. This will allow you to reel your line all the way in so you can cast. The line will slide through the float until it reaches the knot and you are in business.

It sometimes becomes necessary to look for these fish as they run in schools. Once you have located a school, you should have no trouble getting your limit and a button.

Forrest Bartlett of Torrance Hardware forayed to San Diego and returned with a fine catch of five yellowtail. He seems to be becoming quite adept at this. Not to be outdone, Beryle Coast, journeyed to Long Beach and hence to San Clemente Island by way of the Pacific Queen and landed three yellowtails out of seven hookups. The three were between 26 and 32 pounds. I understand he hooked a couple he couldn't handle.

Your writer and fireman Ray Hawkes put in at Second Street, Seal Beach and after a voyage completely around both breakwaters, returned with three bass. Again I came in second best.

Don't forget the fish fry, Friday, June 13, at 6 p.m. at Torrance Rod and Gun Club.

Next meeting June 3.

Last minute news — There will be a bass derby at the breakwater, Sunday, May 26 at 4 a.m. Weigh-in time is 9 a.m. at Second Street in Seal Beach.

Huge Clinic Planned At Pepperdine College

Pepperdine College is making plans to host one of the nation's top coaching clinics. Billed as "The Big One," Pepperdine will host its ninth annual clinic on the school's campus on June 23 through 28.

Heading the organization and administration is Walter Glass, Pepperdine's athletic director and physical education department chairman.

Heading the program will be UCLA's John Wooden, the only coach in intercollegiate basketball history to win five NCAA championships, including the last three straight.

Joining Wooden on the star-studded basketball program will be North Carolina's youthful head basketball coach Dean Smith.

In eight years in directing the Tar Heels, Smith recorded a 146-59 mark. During the last three years, Smith has guided

his team to three straight Atlantic Coast Conference championships and into the NCAA playoffs, as well as being named ACC "Coach of the Year" at the same time.

"The Big One" will also see "Big 10" football, in the form of this State head coach Woody Hayes, who piloted his Buckeyes past the University of Southern California and O. J. Simpson in last season's Rose Bowl game.

In his spectacular 18-year career at Ohio State, Hayes has compiled a record of 117-wins, 41-losses, and seven ties for a winning percentage of .740. His 1968 Buckeyes also finished the season ranked No. 1 in the country on all major polls.

The coaching staff of the California Angels will be on hand for the baseball segment. Rocky Bridges, Jack Paepke plus several players will handle the proceedings.



ANOTHER SLUGGER . . . One of the four South High seniors contributing to the school's third straight baseball championship this season was Robbie Andrews,

hard hitting outfielder and brother of Boston Red Sox infielder Mike Andrews.

Amateurs Command Attention

The experts command most of the attention in the Friday evening motorcycle racing wars at Ascot Park. But this year there are four amateurs who show tremendous promise and have a big following.

Terry Donaher of Gardena is the hottest amateur at the moment and he also boasts the largest and most enthusiastic rooting section of the group.

Dave Aldana of Santa Ana led most of the early season. But he has been dividing his time between Ascot and the national championship circuit.

Keith Mashburn of Santa Susana, the nation's premier novice in 1968, and Don Dudek of Torrance are the other amateurs who figure in the title chase.

Sammy Tanner is the expert leader astride his 500cc. Royal Enfield. Most of the competition has gone to the bigger engine cycles, but Sammy remains more than competitive on the smaller equipment.

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Umpiring Tried By Pat Paulsen

It's not every day a former presidential candidate agrees to umpire a game in a major league baseball park.

However, Patrick L. Paulsen, the unglamorous double-talker who campaigned in 1968 as the unchallenged favorite of the Straight Talking American Government (STAG) Party, will arbitrate the forthcoming softball game between the KMPC Radio "No-Stars" and the Bunnies from the Hollywood Playboy Club.

Paulsen will be flown into the Anaheim Stadium outfield on Wednesday by KMPC's ace helicopter pilot-reporter Jim Hicklin. Paulsen will then trek to his appointed place behind the plate and mumble those hollowed words—"Play Ball!"

Rumor has it that Paulsen has already told the KMPC Personalities if they do not perform well during the first inning he will don a player's uniform and show them how to play ball with the gals from the Playboy Club. In the past four outings the radio boys have gone down to defeat at the hands of the Bunnies.

The disc jockeys are helping Paulsen launch his campaign to lead America on to an increased awareness of physical fitness.

While the other radio personalities are doing push-ups and jogging, Roger Carroll is exercising his arm by spinning Paulsen's new physical fitness album entitled "Shape Up, You Hamburgers."

85 Redondo Girls Pass Fitness Test

Eighty-five Redondo Union High School girls qualified for the Presidential Physical Fitness Team this year, according to student publication, High Tide.

Each girl qualified or surpassed the following marks in a series of seven tests.

As a freshman, at age 14, the requirements are 50 situps, flexed arm hang for 19 seconds, broad jump at 6'0" and the 50 yard dash in 7.4 seconds.

More requirements for the 15 year olds are two minute 23 seconds in the 600 yard run, 105 yards in the softball throw and 10.5 seconds in the shuttle run.

Sophomore requirements are 50 situps, 18 seconds in the flexed arm hang, 6'1" in the broad jump and 7.5 seconds in the 50 yard dash.

Father-Son Night Set In Torrance

The annual Father-Son Sports Night at the Torrance Recreation Center will be tonight at 7:30 p.m. The event, co-sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department and the Torrance Jaycees, will have an appearance by Ron Taylor, former USC star now with the Oakland Oaks.

Exhibitions planned for the evening include Akido, fencing, gymnastics, and physical fitness. Admission is free and tickets may be obtained at the Torrance Recreation Department and YMCA.

Refreshments will be served by the Torrance Jaycees.

East Team Announced

Sixteen Marine League football players have been named to the 30-man East Squad for the Lions All-Star Game on August 1, Chairman Don Banker said. The 16 from the powerful L.A. City conference included four from Champion Gardena High and five from San Pedro High.

"This team will have depth, running strength, and great defensive potential," said Mel Mothershead, who will coach the East Squad. Mothershead is head coach at San Pedro High.

The East will be seeking its second consecutive win in the fifth annual game at El Camino College. The West won the first three matches.

"This fine East Squad matches the selection of players for the West and promises one of the closest games in the history of the series," Banker said.

In addition to the Gardena and San Pedro players, other Marine League teams fared well in the selections. Carson placed three on the team, while Narbonne landed two berths and Banning one.

The game is held each summer, featuring graduated seniors most of who are on the threshold of college grid careers. Proceeds from the contest are donated to various charities by the sponsoring West Torrance Lions Club.

The East Squad player selections include:

Gardena: Steve Holden (line), Ken Jackson (back), Ray Jung (line), Clarence Duran (line).

Carson: Ric Baska (line), Fautua Leometi (line), Mike Preston (line).

San Pedro: Daryl Grippando (back), Ed Roxeski (line), Jim Stafford (back) Jeff Zimmerman (kicker), Don Gray (line).

Serra: Leon Beauchman (line), Larry Lopez (back), Vic Trimblay (back).

North Torrance: Bruce Fahri (line).

Leuzinger: Charles Abraham (line).

Morningside: Tony Marshall (back).

Rolling Hills: Butler (line), Jeff Jackson (line), Larry Sander (line), Barry Sullivan (line).

Torrance: Kim Brooks (back), Mike McGuire (back), Terry Waters (line).

Banning: Mike Petlowany (line).

Narbonne: Steve Mitchell (back), Bob Thornton (back).

Ferris: Lasuen: Anthony Bendetti (line).

Figure 8's Lead Trio Of Events

Ascot Park in Gardena will be a three-ring circus of motor racing events Sunday night when a tripleheader program of ARC Figure 8 stock car racing will be held on the criss-cross course at 7:30 p.m.

A full 12-event figure 8 racing program is on top, featuring the Unlimited Modifieds, Modified Stocks, and Claiming Stock Cars, plus a slam-bang no-holds barred Destruction Derby.

Heading the field of 80 entries will be point leaders Larry Peters of Covina, Dusty Hallett of Wilmington, and Jim Powell of Downey.

Three 20-lap main events will highlight the night racing. Other action includes 12-lap semi-final, six 10 round heat races, and a series of three 6-lap trophy dashes.

Young Men's Slo-Pitch Organized

Young men's slo-pitch leagues, sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department, will be offered this year to men 21 years of age and under each Wednesday evening beginning June 4. The program is designed for high school and college age students.

Openings are available for teams in the McMaster and Walteria Park Leagues. If demand is sufficient leagues will be offered at La Romeria or Guenser Park beginning Wednesday, June 11.

An entry fee of \$10 per team will be charged to help defray the cost of the program.

Playoffs will be at the end of the regular season between the winners from all the leagues in this program to determine the city championship Aug. 14, 15, and 16.

In addition, all teams participating in these leagues are eligible to participate in Torrance Youth Slo-Pitch Tournament later in the summer. Bob Cook of the recreation department, is in charge of the program.

Track Finals Set

The 57th running of the CIF track and field meet will be held tonight at Cerritos College in Norwalk.

A number of records are in jeopardy, including the 2-mile, mile, 880, and pole vault in the field events.

Coach Bob Holtel of West High expects his junior 2-miler Ron Johnson to be involved in one of the great prep 2-mile races in history. At least five contestants have been closing in on the 9-minute milestone.

Representing South High in the mile is Decker Underwood. Making another attempt at the pole vault record is Steve Smith of South High.

Two sets of CIF preliminaries and league meets have reduced the field to the best performers in the southern section.

The state meet will be June 6 at UCLA and a southern California invitational meet will be June 13 at Cerritos.

Milady Handicap Lures Morgaise, Desert Law

Owner William Haggin Perry and trainer Jim Maloney will bid for a second straight Milady Handicap triumph tomorrow at Hollywood Park when they start Morgaise and Desert Law in the \$30,000 added feature for fillies and mares.

The mile and one-sixteenth Milady is the final major test on the dirt for older distaffers prior to the championship-deciding, \$75,000 added Vanity Handicap on June 28.

Perry's entry of Princess-nian, Desert Law, and Romanticism was heavily favored in last summer's Milady and the first two named finished one-two, with Romanticism taking fourth.

Morgaise and Desert Law are expected to be the choices Saturday, but their competition, headed by stakes-winning Miss Ribot and Hooplal, will be extremely rugged.

Desert Law also has been out twice this season, each time on

the grass. She won an overnight event in her local debut and most recently was third behind Foggy Note and Miss Ribot in the Long Beach Handicap.

Miss Ribot, the Michigan-bred four-year-old owned by P. L. and C. T. Grissom, won three straight races at Santa Anita this winter, before going unplaced in the Wilshire Cap.

Miss Ribot demonstrated she was back in top form when she closed strongly to be second in the Long Beach. Miss Ribot

won a pair of stakes at the Milady distance at Hollywood Park in 1968.

Hooplal, a Washington-bred daughter of Hillary, carried the Swiftsure Stable colors to victory last season in the \$35,250 Hollywood Oaks, earning the meet's three-year-old filly championship as she defeated Morgaise by nearly a length.

Other probable entrants in the Milady include Pacific Cross and Third Market, both winners this season, Luz Del Sol and Peggy's World.



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