



## BELMONT STAKES TEST OF CHAMPS

True or false? The Belmont Stakes will be run for the 101st time at Belmont Park on Saturday.

The answer is "both." It is true that Stage Door Johnny's victory last year was the Belmont's centennial running, but it had been contested 38 times at two other tracks before Belmont Park opened its gates in 1905 and more recently Aqueduct played host to the race while Belmont Park underwent what writer Dave Alexander termed "the Williamsburg restoration of the horse parks."

The fourth oldest stakes race in North America, The Belmont has been labeled the

"Test of the Champion" and not without reason. More often than not, the winner is subsequently hailed as the champ of the division.

Evidence that it really "separates the men from the boys" among three-year-olds is the fact that only 631 horses have competed in the race since the Bronx-bred filly, Ruthless, won the first running at Jerome Park (now a New York City reservoir site) in 1867.

The largest field ever seen in the Belmont was in 1875, when Calvin beat Aristides, the first Kentucky Derby winner, the 12 others, and only on seven other occasions have there been 10 or more horses in the race.

## Football Slate Released

Football is the next sport on tap for Long Beach City College athletes, but the Viking gridgers have to wait until Sept. 1 before they can begin practice.

Head coach Paul Chafe, beginning his fourth term at the Viking helm, has a monumental job before him in replacing some of the talent he's had the past two years.

Gone is all-American quarterback Dennis Dummit, who set records in every passing department at LBCC last year. Also missing are three receivers who caught 108 passes between them in 1968 — flanker Rick Wilkes (38), Dale Didur (38), and tight end Denny Mayfield (32).

Also missing is the Metropolitan Conference's leading scorer of 1968, John Merino, who was the top Viking rusher for two seasons.

"We have a good nucleus," Chafe said, "but it looks like it might be the year of the line-man."

The Viking schedule is one of the toughest in recent seasons. The Metropolitan Conference has been reduced to seven teams as Cerritos moves to the newly formed South Coast Conference. That leaves the Vikings with three non-league games instead of the usual two on their nine-game slate.

LBCC opens at Harbor College, a former member of the Metro before moving to the Western State Conference, and a traditional rival in pre-season scrimmages for the Vikings.

Then the Vikings take on Cerritos. The rivalry between the two schools has been so great and invariably produces such interesting contests that school officials decided that the pre-season game would be a must now that Cerritos is no longer in the Metro.

The six-game Metro grind game will be Mt. San Antonio College. Last season, the Mounties battled LBCC to a 21-21 tie.

The six-game Metro grind begins then with LBCC traveling to challenge defending champion El Camino on Oct. 11.

The schedule:  
Sat., Sept. 29 — at L.A. Harbor.  
Sat., Sept. 27 — at Cerritos.  
Sat., Oct. 4 — at Mt. San Antonio.  
Sat., Oct. 11 — at El Camino.  
Fri., Oct. 12 — L.A. Valley.  
Sat., Oct. 13 — Bakersfield.  
Fri., Oct. 31 — at Pierce.  
Sat., Nov. 8 — at Santa Monica.  
Fri., Nov. 14 — Pasadena.

### Torrance Central Little League

MAJOR LEAGUE (Final First Half)			
W	L	Pct.	GB
Cards	10	.667	—
Dodgers	8	.667	—
Giants	8	.553	1 1/2
Braves	6	.400	4
Cubs	6	.400	4
Yanks	10	.333	5

Results			
Cards 11, Braves 9			
Dodgers 6, Cards 5			

MAJOR LEAGUE (Second Half)			
W	L	Pct.	GB
Cards	10	.667	—
Cubs	8	.667	—
Giants	8	.553	1 1/2
Dodgers	6	.500	1 1/2
Yanks	6	.333	1 1/2
Braves	10	.000	1 1/2

Results			
Cards 6, Braves 1			
Yanks 8, Braves 1			
Cards 6, Cubs 3			
Dodgers 6, Giants 3			
Cards 12, Yanks 8			
Cards 11, Dodgers 0			
Cubs 2, Yanks 1			
Giants 3, Cards 2			

MINOR LEAGUE			
W	L	Pct.	GB
Braves	0	1.000	—
Pirates	2	.667	—
Yanks	2	.667	—
Cards	2	.667	—
Dodgers	3	.333	1 1/2
Cubs	3	.000	1 1/2

Results			
Yanks 21, Cubs 5			
Pirates 19, Cards 8			
Braves 21, Dodgers 8			
Pirates 21, Cubs 8			
Braves 5, Cards 4			
Yanks 12, Pirates 4			
Braves 16, Cubs 12			
Cards 15, Dodgers 0			
Dodgers 15, Yanks 12			

TRAINING LEAGUE			
W	L	Pct.	GB
Angels	2	.667	—
Colts	2	.500	1/2
Stars	0	.000	1 1/2

Results			
Stars 16, Colts 6			
Angels 20, Stars 19			
Angels 23, Stars 22			
Colts 20, Angels 22			
Colts 34, Stars 23			

### Torrance West Little League

MAJOR "A" DIVISION			
W	L	Pct.	GB
Tigers	5	.625	—
Orioles	5	.625	—
Angels	5	.625	—
Indians	4	.500	1 1/2

MAJOR "B" DIVISION			
W	L	Pct.	GB
Twins	11	.846	—
Yankees	8	.615	1 1/2
Red Sox	3	.231	4 1/2
White Sox	3	.231	4 1/2

MINORS			
W	L	Pct.	GB
Orioles	11	.846	—
Twins	8	.615	1 1/2
Tigers	7	.538	2 1/2
Indians	7	.538	2 1/2
Red Sox	5	.385	3 1/2
Yankees	5	.385	3 1/2
Angels	5	.385	3 1/2

FARM			
W	L	Pct.	GB
Indians	7	.700	—
Twins	7	.700	—
Tigers	6	.667	1/2
Orioles	6	.667	1/2
Red Sox	1	.111	6 1/2

### West Torrance Pony League

W	L	Pct.	GB
Refugees	7	.875	—
Phillies	3	.250	—
Braves	4	.429	3 1/2
Giants	3	.375	4
Cubs	3	.375	4
Dodgers	3	.286	4 1/2



**LIFE-TIME BEST . . .** Ron Pettigrew, former West High athlete, holds the Pepperdine College mile record with a 4:07.8 time at Occidental College last week. He will compete in the Compton-Coliseum Relays this weekend.

## Ron Pettigrew Erased Record At Pepperdine

Ron Pettigrew, Pepperdine College's four-time college division track All-American, is now the fastest miler in Pepperdine track history.

The slender 6-footer from Torrance (West High), lowered his own school record by four seconds in running a life-time best of 4:07.8 at the SPAAU Track and Field Championships at Occidental College last week.

The senior biology major will next take aim on the 3,000-meter steeplechase at the spectacular Compton-Coliseum Invitational Saturday, at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

It was only two weeks ago that Pettigrew erased Jerry Reich's 1962 mile record of 4:12.0 in clocking a 4:11.1 at Glendale College in a meet with the Striders, U.S. Army, and Pacific Coast Club.

"I'm real satisfied with the 4:07.8," Ron said. "I would have liked to run a faster third

lap, but the whole pack seemed to slow down. It still feels good to have the record, though."

Pettigrew, even though finishing fourth in the race behind USC's Ole Oleson (the winner in 4:03.0) had splits of 61.9 for his first quarter, 2:04.6 at the halfway mark and 3:06.3 after three laps. He timed 61.5 on his final lap.

After taking a 20-minute breather, Pettigrew was ready to run again — this time in the 3,000-meter steeplechase.

He ran 9:01.8, his best in the event this year to finish second in the race. He'll take this effort plus his best of last year (8:59.2) into this weekend's Compton-Coliseum meet.

On Wednesday, June 11, Pettigrew and Coach Bert Brewer will fly to Kentucky in preparation for the STFF Championships on June 13-14, then stay over for the NCAA Championships the following week June 19-21 at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

## Fre-Way League To Move Fields

Fre-Way Little League will celebrate its ninth anniversary at Harvey Field on Sunday. Since the property has been sold for commercial development, this will be the last big event at 18th Street and Western Avenue. Past officers, members, and supporters of the league are invited to make this a special "homecoming" day, according to league president Ed Corley.

In addition to regularly scheduled Little League ball games, there will be fund raising and a softball game played by Little League mothers.

Fre-Way Little League was started nine years ago by a small group of parents anxious for the boys in this area to have a place to play baseball. They formed a committee, collected \$35, applied for a charter from Little League Headquarters in Williamsport, Pa., and called themselves Fre-Way Little League.

There are now more than 300 boys and numerous adult leaders actively engaged in a program designed to implant firmly in the boys of the community the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, and respect for authority.

Parents in the league are now beginning a vigorous campaign to solicit contributions from various clubs, businesses, and anyone interested in helping to see this worthwhile program continue. These contributions will help defray the expenses of the massive task of moving to another location provided by Harvey Aluminum. The league hopes to raise funds and obtain enough donations of materials and labor to have these new fields ready for play by next spring.

Activities on anniversary day will begin at 1 p.m. All past members, officers, and boys who have played at Fre-Way Little League are invited to join in the anniversary celebration.

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## CIF Participants Chosen for Track

All the top graduating seniors in CIF, Southern Section, high schools, including defending state champions Reynaldo Brown, Steve Smith, and Ruben Chappins, have been invited to participate in the first annual Southern California Invitational All-Star Track Meet Saturday evening, June 21, at Cerritos College Stadium in Norwalk.

Meet director Richard N. Irmas announced an entry list formulated by co-coaches Leon Forman of Long Beach Poly and Willie Williams of Compton who will direct the cream of CIF-SS spike talent against their Los Angeles City counterparts in a long-awaited dual meet clash.

Proceeds of the meet will be turned over to the Sunair Home for Asthmatic Children in Tujunga.

Smith, South Torrance pole vaulter, Brown, Olympic high jumper from Compton, and Chappins, exciting two-miler from Excelsior, were among the first selections named by Forman and Williams, following the Southern Section finals.

Brown is a three-time CIF-SS champion, while Chappins and Santa Barbara shot putter Sam Cunningham each won two years in a row.

Smith reached a season high of 16-4 1/2 in the CIF-SS prelims, while Brown (who did 7-3 last year in the pre-Olympic trials) has so far managed 6-10 1/2 and Cunningham got out to 64-9 last week.

Among the other "name" athletes invited to represent the Southern Section are Bill Sims, Whittier sprinter-quartermiler (21.7-48.1); Bob Langston, Millikan (L.B.) middle distance ace (48.8-1:53.9); Serra shot putter Kerry Eskeli (64-8 1/4); and Salesian (L.A.) two-miler Fred Ritcherson (9:04.0), who lost to Chappins (9:00.8) in the finals.

Other CIF-SS champions included are Willie Robinson of El Centro, who won the 100 in 9.7 and has run 9.6 six times; Zack Donaldson, Compton hurdler who won the highs in 14.1; Bob Stockton, Long Beach Poly hurdler who captured the lows in 19.1 and has a best of 18.6; and Troy Lyons, Cathedral long jumper whose top leap is 23-6 1/2.

Athletes were considered on the basis of season-long performance through the section finals, Forman and Williams stressed. Accordingly, Lakewood sprinter Steve Gibson (9.6), Santa Ana hurdler-long jumper Isaac Curtis, and Edgewood long jumper Mike Hill, all of whom were sidelined by injuries, etc., have been invited.

Complete list of Southern Section invitees; four in each event:

100 — Willie Robinson, El Centro; Patrick Miles, La Puente; Clyde Emery, Santa Ana Valley; Ben Rico, Workman; Steve Gibson, Lakewood.

## Baseball Playoffs Set Today

Moore League champion Millikan and San Gabriel Valley League runner-up Santa Fe baseball title in a doubleheader at Dodger Stadium tonight.

The Millikan-Santa Fe encounter will cap a two-night twinnbill at Dodger Stadium with the Los Angeles City Championship kicking things off at 6 p.m. The doubleheader marks the first time in Southern California history that the high school baseball championship will be decided at a major league ball park.

The Rams (20-6) will take their top-seeded berth into the title game against the unheralded Santa Fe Chiefs, who extended their season record to 17-8 with a 3-1 semi-final victory over Lakewood last Tuesday.

220 — Bill Sims, Whittier; Vincent Buford, Centennial; Miles, Robinson, Gibson.

440 — Sims, Bob Langston, Millikan; Rico, Jimmy Love, Compton.

880 — Langston, Mark Frank, Buena; Hank Merrill, Bishop Montgomery; Victor Moore, Compton.

Mile — Bob Somesan, Lakewood; Decker Underwood, South Torrance; Steve Hungerford, Channel Islands; Art Manjarrez, Redondo.

Two-Mile — Ruben Chappins, Excelsior; Fred Ritcherson, Salesian; Ruben Mejia, La Habra; John Mendez, Artesia.

High Hurdles — Zack Donaldson, Compton; Mark Low, Pomona; Rod McNeill, Baldwin Park; Duane Johnson, Santa Monica.

Low Hurdles — Bob Stockton, Long Beach; Low, McNeill, Johnson.

High Jump — Reynaldo Brown, Compton; Wayne Bradley, Muir; Victor Austin, Long Beach Poly; Joe Bradley, Compton.

Pole Vault — Steve Smith, South Torrance; Dennis Gingrich, Rosemead; Daven Gray, Claremont; Mike Sampson, La Habra.

Long Jump — Troy Lyons, Cathedral; George Trunnell, Centennial; Benson Reed, Muir; Wesley Jackson, Kennedy (Barstow); Mike Hill, Edgewood.

Shot Put — Sam Cunningham, Santa Barbara; Kerry Eskeli, Serra; Steve Lauriano, Lakewood; Pat Murray, Lowell.



**HALF MILER . . .** Hank Merrill, a graduating senior from Bishop Montgomery High School, has been invited to run in the CIF-L.A. City allstar track and field meet June 21 at Cerritos College. He will compete in the 880 yard run.

## Steeplechase Set For Ascot Track

The American Motorcycle Association racing circuit will be in action at Ascot Park both Friday and Saturday evenings with flat-track action on Friday and the steeplechasers on Saturday. Post time for the first race at both sessions is 8:15 p.m.

Skip Van Leeuwen, perhaps the nation's top steeplechaser, will head the field for the Saturday card. Skip has been almost unbeatable over the five-eighths-mile layout at Ascot.

Among the contenders are Dusty Coppage, Burbank; Jack Simmons, Compton; Dallas Baker, Santa Ana; Eddie Mulder, Burbank; Jim Berry, Santa Ana; and Tom Rockwood, Gardena.

The steeplechase races, which are held the first Saturday evening of each month, always turn out a large share of the top riders in the T-T world.

Sammy Tanner, the little Long Beach rider, has moved back into his familiar role atop the standings in the Friday night doings. Tanner is the winningest rider in Ascot history and is nearing his 400th triumph at the course.

Shorty Seabourne, Law-

ndale; Paul Conserriere, Culver City; Ron Kruseman, Ventura; Lloyd Houchins, Arcadia; Mel Harris, Van Nuys; and Mel Lacher, San Diego, will be out to flag down Tanner.

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