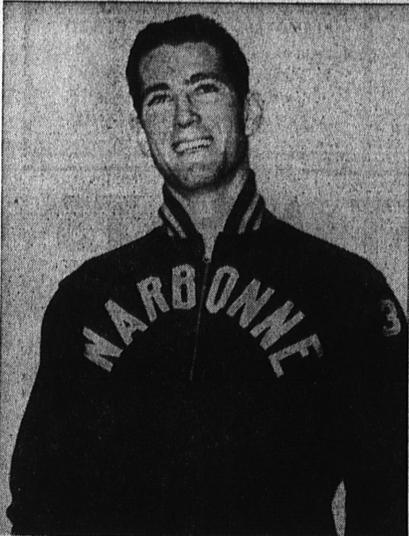


# Bill Knocke Named to All-City Track Team

Bill Knocke, Narbonne High School 880-yard dash whiz, was named by the Helms Athletic Foundation to the 1957 All-Los Angeles City Track and Field Team. Selection by the Helms Board were announced last Saturday when top field and track stars met to receive their awards and medals. Knocke received his scroll award at helms Hall. Four City Meet records fell at the Coliseum May 25, with Narbonne's ace half-miler turning in a 1:54.4 clocking. The local youth also placed second in the State Meet.



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BILL KNOCKE  
... Narbonne Half-miler

## Bluebirds Score 8-7 Win Over Normandale

It was touch and go, but the Torrance Bluebirds battled it out for a 8-7 win over the Normandale nine last Sunday.

Star player for the locals was left fielder, Jim Murphy, who garnered four hits in five times at bat and was walked once to make it a perfect day at the plate.

Murphy and Harry Smith scored in the second inning to put the locals in front 2-0. The visitors sent two players across the plate in the fourth but Murphy came through with another run, adding a valuable digit to the Bluebirds' score.

A walk, an error and a single started the Normandale rally in the sixth to put the team ahead 5-3. Two more runs in the closing inning failed to aid the team, as the Bluebirds put the game on ice with two runs in the seventh and three more in the eighth.

Winning pitcher was Frank Lucking, letting Normandale have 10 hits.

## Toronto Auxiliary Stages Bake Sale

Toronto Women's Auxiliary will hold a bake sale Friday and Saturday at two locations with proceeds going to purchase Little League equipment.

Baked foods will be sold at Baker's Food Mart, 2621 W. 190th St., Redondo Beach and at Sproule-Reitz Co., Pacific Coast Hwy. in Redondo Beach.

## Motorcycles to Race At New L.A. Speedway

Al Gunter is tabbed as the rider to beat when more than 100 leading cycle stars gather tomorrow under the American Motorcycle Ass'n. banner.

The racing program is scheduled at the new \$200,000 Los Angeles Speedway, 182nd and Vermont Aves.

Look for **CF** in **SP** next week!

## Playgrounds Open Season

Local playgrounds operated by the Los Angeles City School System will open for the summer season next Monday.

Each playground will be under supervision of a qualified director, with the assistance of a playleader, and in many cases, parent volunteer help.

Taking part in program will be the following local parks: Carson Street, 185 E. Carson St.; Harbor City, 1508 W. 254th St.; Lomita, 2211 W. 247th St., and 259th Place, 1965 W. 259th Pl.

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# ROD & GUN Chatter

By DONNA BARKDULL



Minus the usual fan-fair, albacore have been moving steadily towards local fishing grounds. For the past week fishing boats of the San Diego fleet have been connecting about 30 miles below the Coronados. A good four hour run from the landing so naturally only a couple of crafts make the albacore run. Rest continue working the Coronado Islands for the never ceasing schools of yellowtail. Longfins checked-in to the Point Loma Dock account for the high qualifying weight in the second period of the annual San Diego Yellowtail Derby considering the new period, is roughly, three weeks old. Albacore are hitting 20, 30 and even up to 37 pounds. Qualifying weight as of Monday, is 22 pounds 7 ounces. Just about one pound shy of the final qualifying weight for the first period.

Deep sea anglers venturing out of local landings getting all the action they could possibly want, even with the elusive albacore not expected off the east end of Catalina until the first part of July. Actually Catalina and San Clemente Island are being ignored, for the time being anyway. Most are fish taken off Dana Point and beyond. Pacific Sportfishing reported 3015 log barracuda, 1097 yellowtail, 16 white sea bass and 28 halibut checked-in for last week besides the numerous calico bass and miss-rinky-dinks.

For the first time in three years, the Horseshoe Kelp came to life. Barracuda going like crazy besides nice takes of yellowtail. Small boat owners are having a ball. Don't have far to go to get to where the fish are.

Speaking of not going far for good fishing no days, Sundays, Torrance Rod and Gun Charter started out to prove just how crazy fishermen are. Game fish all over the ocean, so about 17 members drove to Santa Barbara to board a boat to fish calicos off Santa Cruz

Island. Had a method in their madness though... several took their youngsters, a first for most of the young fry. Parents thought it would be better to start them out on a Calico than the other end of a yellowtail. Kids had a ball filling their sacks with rinky-dinks as did the others until a casual remark was made about the big halibut sometimes taken in the area. Several went to the bottom and before his sinker settled, Ray Hawkes latched on to a barn door. All thought it was probably a big one, but nothing like what was brought to gaff. Sunk the scales to 43 pounds. Went right back down and hauled in another hitting 47 pounds. Lowell Lyle was a nervous wreck, he was the next to connect and after seeing the first two hauled aboard, who could blame him. Lowells' hit 52 pounds. That's really a barn door! Ties the Button Award Association record set in 1949. Fred Bickar latched on to one — brought to gaff a 40 pounder. Makes a 25 pounder lunk pony.

Clyde Bottrell also had kind of a funny day. Been after the black sea bass at Anacapa Island for some time now. Seems they are schooling up at a different location this year. Clyde knows the spot now so nothing can hold him back. Landed a whopper Sunday, hitting 275 pounds. Had another hook-up and was surprised to bring to gaff a 50 halibut. Only catch to his is that he caught it on new fish equipment — not cricket in rod and gun circles. Rod and gunners believe in giving the fish the edge in the battle, besides more fun on light tackle. Regardless, that's a nice fish in any book and you can be sure the next time he ventures, he'll be using at least one rig with 30 lb. test or less.

### GREATEST DEPTH

Maximum depth of the Atlantic ocean is estimated to be 30,296 feet at a point to the north of Puerto Rico.



PRIZE CATCH... Lowell Lyle proudly displays this beauty he hooked recently. More fishing news and prize catches are reported in the Rod and Gun column on this page.

## Midget Autos Race Friday

Rated the fastest sport now being staged in Southern California, the URA midget autos are reviving old Gilmore Stadium days every Friday night at Gardena Stadium, Western Ave., at 139th St., where the 1957 season continues tomorrow night.

Time trials begin at 7, first race 8:15.

Such former Gilmore Stadium aces as one-handed Allen Heath, Billy Cantrell and Don Cameron are among URA lead-foots packing in huge crowds weekly. A 30-lap feature tops the 8-event program on the fast quarter-mile clay oval. Butch

Dale, who presided as Gilmore's track superintendent, is doing a superb job.

Records fell again only last week when Lowell Sachs of San Diego clocked :14.40 seconds for one-lap. Two weeks before that, Cameron had sliced the old Offy mark of :14.50 to :15.47 with a V8-60. Jalopies race as usual Sunday at 2 p.m.

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