

# 50-Year-Old Jim Layton Making Strong Comeback as Jockey

In California there's a 50-year-old jockey named Johnny Longden who is seriously thinking about hanging up his boots and saddle for good. Over in New Jersey, at Monmouth Park, there's another 50-year-old rider by the name of James Raymond Layton who is making a comeback.

At the age of 32, when most athletes are looking for the carpet slippers and rocking chair, Layton began his career of horsebacking and now, after a layoff of a year-and-a-half, is back for another try and doing very well for himself.

The other day he rode a two-year-old filly named Arctic Queen to a half-length victory. Ever since Layton has been around the track he has been known as the jockey who could handle youngsters well. As a matter of fact he became a specialist in this field and a number of trainers sought him out when they had a youngster ready for a race.

**THE LAYTON STORY** starts in Dublin, Ireland, on Nov. 25, 1910, the date of his birth. He was brought to this country as a boy but did not go in for riding at that time. His chief interest in sports as a young man was in greyhound racing and he had better than average success in this field, winning four derbies with a dog named Blue Cyclone.

When dog racing dimmed in popularity in some sectors Layton made the jump to the horse tracks and since he weighed just 106 pounds it wasn't too difficult for him to make a connection with a stable.

It was not until 1942 that he rode his first horse and on July 11 of that year got his initial winner. The event took place at Pascoag, now known as Lincoln Downs, and the horse was High Martin.

In his second season, in 1943, Layton went to Detroit and was runnerup to Johnny Adams in the jockey standings. The next year he was his best in both number of winners and purses earned, scoring 113 times for \$224,575. But, again injuries shelved him, this time a bad spill at ThistleDown.

**LAYTON DECIDED** to quit the game in May, 1958 and become a trainer but had little success. He sat out all of 1959 and last winter, in Florida, he decided to make his comeback as a rider.

There were still many trainers around who remembered his touch with two-year-olds and he was given a few chances to prove his skill. On January 23, at Hialeah, he was a winner with Sinner's Quest for a \$44.20 mutuel. Later on in the meeting he won with Carry Back and at Gulfstream scored with Chalrullah.

His victory aboard Arctic Queen at Monmouth was his fourth for the year, all on two-year-olds.

Among the well-known horses he has ridden are Occupy, Director J. E., Seven Hearts and Canina. He has a special fondness for Canina as she turned out to be the dam of Royal Coinage, who in turn was the sire of Venetian Way, the Kentucky Derby winner.

Whether Layton will persevere in his comeback is a moot question. He has proven that age is no deterrent and as long as he's winning he'll stick.

# Tigers Win 2-1 Playoff for Lomita Little League Title

The Tropical Tigers defeated the Seven-Up Indians by a score of 2 to 1 to win the championship for the 1960 season in Lomita Little League. Mike Peace, winning pitcher, hurled a one-hit ball game while striking out 14 batters.

Joe DeMassa, losing pitcher, gave up only 3 hits in one contest.

The all-stars for the 1960 season are:

Tropical Tigers — Ronnie Donigan, 12; Mike Peace, 12; Truman Coggins, 12; Chucky Witty, 11.

Chandler Yankees — Jim

Bunch, 12; Bob Riggs, 12; Steve Warren, 12; Barry Hyde, 11.

Seven Up Indians — Joe Di-Massa, 12; Pete Giacomo, 12; Phillip Hines, 12; Gregory Means, 12.

Cal Bank Stars — Harvey Shelby, 12; Terry Hicks, 12.

The alternates are Jim Wicklund, 12, and Steve MacArthur, 11. Both boys are from the Cal Bank Stars.

Cliff Shannon, manager of the Seven Up Indians is manager of the All-Stars and Paul Gazeley, manager of the Cal Bank Stars, is coach.

# North Torrance Names Pony All-Star Team

The North Torrance Pony League All-Star Baseball team has just been selected president Ron Hiner has announced.

All-Star play-offs start Sunday, July 24 at West Torrance Field located near Ryan Aeronautical, 223 and Crenshaw.

Manager will be Russ Pausch of the Cubs and the coach, John Robinson of the Pirates.

All Stars are: Ronnie Bauer, Braves; Bob Brewer, Dodgers; Chuck Crompton, Dodgers; Mike Dominguez, Giants; Mike Fitzgerald, Braves; Ronnie Fleetwood, Cubs; Steve Giacomo, Cubs; Steve Goodwin, Cubs; Mike Gratzke, Pirates; Kent Hiner, Braves; Doug Jackson, Cubs; John Rance, Giants; Russ Moore, Pirates; Dave Nance, Pirates; Terry Tierney, Cardinals. Three alternates are: Bill Minard, Cubs; James Tsoko, Braves and Don Gaw, Giants.

### Heavy Run of Large Albacore Hits Point Loma Over Weekend

SAN DIEGO, July 13—With the curtain scheduled to drop on qualifying in the second of three periods of the \$25,000 San Diego Yellowtail Derby Saturday night, anglers this week were making almost fanatical efforts to get on the fishoff list with a hefty yellow, albacore or tuna before the deadline.

AS THE final week of the second period began, anglers already had done a thorough job of reshuffling the standings of the leaders, thanks to the heavy run of large albacore around the Sixty Mile bank southwest of Point Loma.

Aside from the albacore run, which still was going strong down the line, yellows were beginning to make a comeback at the Coronado Islands last weekend after several days of inactivity caused by dirty water.

### FISHOFF DAY for a host of major prizes, No. 1 of which will be a 1960 station wagon, is July 22. The anglers with the top 100 yellows and those with the 50 largest albacore or tuna will be eligible.

### Ryan Bowling Team Wins Industrial Tourney at 'Drome

The 'Chicken Scratchers,' a bowling team from the Ryan Aeronautical Plant in Torrance rolled a combined 2871 to defeat 220 teams at the Bowl-O-Drome in an annual Western Industrial Assn. tourney recently.

Members of the team were Bud Hemmerly, Bill Kavanaugh, Tony Bruno, Lou Bruno and Eddie Swor.

The 2871 (including 6 pins handicap) was reported to be the second highest in the 13 years of the tournament.

Lou Bruno's 595 for three games was the team's top score.

### Nation's Top Sports Events of Week to Be TV'd Saturday

The national sporting events of the week will be highlighted Saturday on KTTV with host Tom Harmon reviewing major track & field events, thoroughbred racing, boxing, baseball and wrestling at approximately 4:00 p.m. (following Dodger-Giants game from San Francisco) on Channel Eleven.

### Veteran Ram Tackle George Struyar Inks Two-Year Pact

George Struyar, three year, veteran defensive tackle, has returned signed contracts to the Ram office covering the 1960 and 1961 seasons, general manager Elroy Hirsch revealed today.

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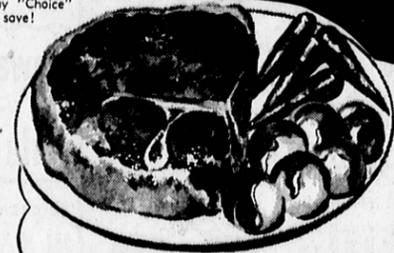
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