

PRESS Sports

Pomona Set for Banner Race Meeting at County Fair

POMONA, Sept. 17—Fortified by the strongest contingent of stables in its long history, the Los Angeles County Fair opens its 21st season of racing here tomorrow, with the \$5000 added Inaugural Handicap over the short Pomona Course featuring first day festivities, and leading off a brilliant stakes program to be present during the 14 days of racing.

Most of the top names of the Western thoroughbred racing world are on hand here for racing at the exciting half-mile, including several representatives of Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney, who has the country's leading stable this year, Whitney, whose colors are carried by such stalwarts as the 3-year-old filly champion, Silver Spoon, the older mare, Bug Brush, and the probable 2-year-old king of 1959, Tompon, is patronizing Pomona for the first time, and to assure a successful operation, is sending his regular trainer, Bob Wheeler, to condition the string.

There will be eight stakes decided during the meeting, with a combined value of \$75,000. Additionally, there will be more than a quarter of a million dollars in purses for overnight races, thus making it possible for

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Jockey Fred Miller, who won his first riding championship here a long 10 years ago, will be back to attempt to defend the laurels he annexed yet again in 1958. All told, Miller has won half a dozen saddle titles here since his first championship season.

Post time for the week-day programs will be 12:30 p.m., with that time advanced one half hour to 12 noon on Saturdays. The final week of the meeting, starting Sept. 28, will have a noon post each day due to the end of daylight saving time.

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OUTDOORS with MEL

By MEL SALTZMAN
The Dove hunting has held up better than any of us had hoped. Blyth has been good with many limits taken, including the hard to find whitewings. The weather has been hot and many of the hunters are hunting late in the afternoon from 5:30 to sunset. Many people are fishing for cats while they are in the Blyth area and cat fishing has been good.

The fortunate fishermen who can get away to the High Sierras now will find some of the best fishing for native trout. The crowds have gone and the fish are busy putting on weight for the winter. The Sierras are really beautiful now and accommodations are available. Fishermen have a ball now.

Lake San Vicente opened Sept. 10 after being closed for a few years. It is located 25 miles northeast of San Diego off State Highway 67. One hundred fifty rowboats are available and reservations can be made at Ramona or by mail at 4778 Winona St., San Diego. Should be good on bass and crappie.

The early coastal season closed Sept. 10 with deer kills down over previous years. The extreme hot weather cut down both hunters and the normal movement of deer. The inland season opens Sept. 26 to Nov. 1.

The salt water fishing remains good and the crowds have been cut back to school. The afternoon boat out of Norm's Landing had 23 yellows and 81 big bonita with under 20 passengers one day last week. For the many anglers who will hang up their tackle now I recommend that you check the condition of rods and reels. Make sure that the reels show no sign of rust. It's a good idea to remove the mono line from your reel and rewind it so that the pressure that mono puts on the reel will not warp the spools. If you leave your rod together make sure that all ferrets are well lubricated or you won't be able to get them apart next year. Have all repairs done now. It's very inexpensive and the repairs can now service them quickly. I'm not putting my outfit away and hope you won't either. The fishing is at its best now and the passenger loads are very light, especially during the week.

For more information call Mel at FA 8-2173.

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MOTORCYCLE RACES
Sammy (The Flying Flea) Tanner attempts to close the margin on seasonal leader Troy Lee when the motorcycles roll in a 12-event program at Ascot Stadium tomorrow at 8:30 p.m.

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BASIC INSTRUCTION in the handling of the football is given by Coach Norm Verry of the El Camino College Warriors to four Gardenans currently sporting the blue and gray. They are, left to right, Gary Bandhauer, Dick Davies, Al Ainsworth and Dick Hagenbarth.

Goldman's 252 Wins 20 Pin Handicap

A medal for running the highest score, 252, in the Commercial League was awarded to Sid Goldman, co-owner of Try-It Furniture Co., 23033 S. Avalon Blvd., Wilmington, by the Bowl-O-Drome, 21915 S. Western Ave., Torrance.

Goldman's score came during competition in "20 Pin Handicap" play. The popular owner of Try-It resides in Lynwood.

Fast Backfield Sparks Hope for Warrior Grid Machine

Returning backfield lettermen provide the key to hopes of El Camino College for the 1959 Metropolitan grid race.

Confronted by a large numerical turnout, a promising backfield and a small line, Coach Norm Verry and his coaching assistants are going full-steam ahead for the traditional Varsity-Alum scrimmage on Murdock Field at 8 p.m. Saturday.

Returnees Dave Long, Glenn Kezar, Ron Goodrich, and Gene Williams promise to spark the Warrior offensive for the coming season. Reinforced by such incoming talent as that of Ron Veres of Torrance and Jimmer Lindsey, who returns following a three-year absence, the squad anticipates that backfield problems are under control.

The Warrior line presents a different picture, however. Returning from the '58 squad are Ends Charlie Valencia and Brian Hoose, Center George Hahlbeck, Guard Bill Montgomery and Tackles Don Brizzolara and Bob Van Calcar. Newcomers to the blue and gray make no great impression on the scales; coaches hope that strategy, speed and impact will compensate for lack of beef, however.

The return of Bill Reames, following a season's loss with a broken ankle, is being hailed with enthusiasm in the Warrior camp. Reames will be counted upon heavily to fill the spot held last season by ECC's one All-Metro player, Tackle Wayne Atkins.

Expected to bolster the tribal front are newcomers Ed Jaurequi from North High in Torrance; Don Bishop and Sam Hard from Inglewood and Mike Garrula, Serra High via San Diego State.

On one factor the ECC Coaching staff of Verry, Alums Ken Swearingin and Don Jurk and Doug Essick agree. The '59 grid machine should be an improvement over that which took to the field in the Alum scrimmage a year ago.

In the opponent's camp, there are no worries regarding experience. The talented flipper of Paul Held continues to thrill opening scrimmage audiences each year. Among other top-notchers who will return to the field of their endeavors will be Billy Crawford, Dick Dangelo, Don Cornell, Preston Dills, Jim Reynolds, Vince Benstead, Gee Gee Johnson, Dick DeArmitt, Larry Oien, Bill Autrey, Paul Pedigo and Wayne Atkins.

Faded fragrance of roses will cling to the air in the scrimmage as Alum Coach Socko Torres supplements this formidable line-up with former JC greats who stormed Pasadena in the Junior Rose Bowl game of 1954. Among these standouts will be Stan Becker, Don Greco, Gerie Wight, Pat Reagan, Fabian Abram, Roy Benstead, Larry Roy and Warren Wardlow.

DESTRUCTION DERBY
The sensation of the Southern California area, the now famous Destruction Derby, will again be in force Sunday, when a big double header is set at the 130th and Western Ave. plant.



LINK MASTERS—Linda Gunn, 12, and Lloyd Lessor, 14, are the winners of a golf contest for boys and girls at the Sea Aire Golf Course, with their trophies donated by the Alondra Park Optimist Club. The contest was under auspices of the Recreation Department.

STOCK CAR RACES
Late model stock cars return to the new Ascot Stadium Saturday night with a 50-lap main event topping the seven-event program of races over the speedy half-mile clay oval.

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VIA THE FOUR CENT ROUTE
With the National League pennant race coming to a head in the next week or so, this column has been so emotionally wrapped up in its outcome that letters to this department have been overlooked. With apologies we herewith submit the following:

MR. CALLAS: It appears that you, like most of the other knothole reporters in this area, want the Dodgers to have Chavez Ravine. That's all fine for you Torrance residents, but for us who live in Los Angeles, it is one huge giveaway.

How dare they give away the land that should be used for our zoo? How dare they? I like baseball, but how can they justify selling public land to a private business for such peanuts? I think all members of the L. A. Council should be recalled.

It costs enough money to get into the games so that O'Malley should have plenty. Why not let him pay the going rate. I don't see the city offering you and me any cut-rate on our taxes—Signed **OUTRAGED.**

Apparently you have misunderstood the comments we have made regarding Chavez Ravine and its sale to the Dodgers. We have not endorsed the Council's wish nor have we slammed them. Frankly, we are still undecided. Please send your name and address and I will be most happy to forward your letter to the City of Los Angeles along with others we have gotten on the same subject. After all, **OUTRAGED**, if you feel this way, and most certainly it sounds as if you do, have the guts to let everyone know who you are.

Dear Mike: I have been pleased to notice that local sports have been receiving more coverage in the Torrance Press lately. With our growing town, I have often wondered in the past why more attention was not given to sports. With all this talk of juvenile delinquency in other parts of the country, I think it is very commendable that you are giving recognition to the achievements of our Torrance youth on the athletic fields. I have become a regular reader of your column. Keep it up—**J. C. MANGO.**

As your probably know, the city of Torrance has grown so rapidly these past few years. Like anything else it takes time to produce a product worth its population. This newspaper, as with other civic enterprises, realizes its responsibilities and will continue to add to its pages features of local interest.

ENJOYS CARTOON

Der Sir: Your cartoon entitled "Where's the Grub?" in last Sunday's column (Important Decision Postponed, Sept. 6) fit the subject matter perfectly. More, please—**H. GOODMAN.**

The decision to use the cartoon, unfortunately, was not my own. Originally I had scheduled a shot of O'Malley to accompany the story, which related the Dodger president's wish to retain concession rights to the Coliseum next year. However, one of our printers decided to humor me. His attempt was most gratifying. Thank you.

PRaises NORTH HIGH

Dr. Mr. Callas: I'm happy to see that you have recognized the fine work done by Coach Shoup (and his name is pronounced "shop" not "shout"), his assistants and squad members at North High.

Not enough praise can be given to this squad, and, in my opinion, not enough praise was given them for their fine performance last year. We like to read about our local boys.

I like to read your column about Torrance people. We've long looked for such a column instead of the half-baked snide comments we've gotten from a newspaper in a nearby town—**ELTON McCLASKEY.**

Our most sincere pardons to Coach Shoup and the misinterpretation of his name. Bob Shoup is such a credit to the school he represents that we are sorry that we had not said enough about him—space limitations what they are. Like I said earlier, give us enough time and you won't be needing to read another newspaper for activities in Torrance.

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