

# "LOOKING 'EM OVER"

With Mike Callas Jr.

## Leahy No Fool

When Los Angeles Chargers' General Manager Frank Leahy signed Ron Mix and Garry Finnernan to American League football contracts the other day he proved that he was no fool in matters concerning business. The ole coach has now got his eyes focused on that green and not the Notre Dame variety.

By signing the two ex-Trojan stars he assured his club the financial support of Southern California fans and alumni for the 1960 football campaign.

As you recall Mix was number one draft choice of the Baltimore Colts and his switch to the new Los Angeles club has all National League owners scurrying to their draft nominees in hopes of getting their contracts signed.

Actually two football outfits in Los Angeles is good for the fans as well as the players. No longer will we have to be content with what one pro team gives us in the way of football entertainment. Yes sir! We can now select our game.

Before the start of the '60 season I'm willing to wager that at least one-fourth of present National League players will be donning American League rosters.

The players that make this change need not worry. For if they are any good the old club will accept them back. It was done after the All-American Conference went bankrupt. A pro should get the most dough for his services while the getting is good for the life expectancy of a play-for-pay player is no more than five years on the average.

Before the war of pro-loops is over many will think that the Civil War was only a warm-up.

## Union Will Never Come

Not able to make the headlines in the way he should, former middleweight boxing champion Sugar Ray Robinson decided to work towards organizing a union for all professional athletes.

Himself a maker of many dollar bills during his brilliant career Robinson hopes to get George Meany of the AFL-CIO to help him get the union started. How New York businessman Bernard Gimbel, mentioned by Sugar Ray is an AP story earlier in the week, figures in this venture is hard to ascertain. However, Sugar wants to have a national charter with every sport included.

Besides the obvious reason its hard to determine any others Sugar Ray may have for starting the union. Most players of all sports are paid well, a contradiction to Sugar's statement that athletes deserve more of the money than they get. And, according to Robinson, "if they organize, they can get it, too."

Were Sugar Ray content to stay within the boundaries of his own field of endeavor we'd say the venture is a noteworthy one with a possibility for success. In boxing just a few make it to the big money and the rest of them need part-time jobs to help feed themselves.

However, the other type of union suggested by Sugar will not come off as athletes in other sports usually have negotiated fairly well and are not in need of a union to assist them in securing more money from already frustrated owners and promoters.

# NBC GRID TV CALENDAR SET

The NBC-TV Network's lineup of eight post-season football telecasts is completely sold out. It was announced today by Don Durgin, vice president, NBC Television Network Sales.

The Gillette Safety Razor Company will sponsor two of the telecasts and will co-sponsor a third, and Phillips Cigars will also sponsor two of the gridcasts.

The list of telecasts and sponsors are as follows:

Saturday, Dec. 19 (9:45 a.m. PST; 11:45 a.m. CST) — First Liberty Bowl Game at Philadelphia Stadium, co-sponsored by Gillette through Maxon Inc., and Stephen F. Whitman & Son Inc., through N. W. Ayer & Son, Inc.

Saturday, Dec. 26 (colorcast, 10:45 a.m. PST; 12:45 p.m. CST) — 22nd annual Blue-Gray All-star Game at Cramton Bowl, Montgomery, Ala., sponsored by Gillette through Maxon.

Sunday, Dec. 27 (10:45 a.m. PST; 12:45 p.m. CST) — National Football League Championship Game at Baltimore Memorial Stadium, with these sponsors: one-half by Philip Morris Inc. through Leo Burnett Com-

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Friday, Jan. 1 (colorcast, 10:45 a.m. PST; 12:45 p.m. CST) — 26th annual Sugar Bowl Game at New Orleans, La., sponsored by Phillips Cigars through Wermer & Schorr, Inc.

Friday, Jan. 1 (1:45 p.m. PST; 3:45 p.m. CST) — 46th annual Rose Bowl Game at Pasadena, Calif., sponsored by Gillette through Maxon.

Saturday, Jan. 2 (1:45 p.m. PST; 3:45 p.m. CST) — 36th annual East-West Shrine Game at Kezar Stadium, San Francisco, Calif., one-half sponsored by the Savings & Loan Foundation through McCann-Erickson Inc., one-fourth by R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company through William Esty Company, and one-fourth by Carter Products Inc. through Sullivan, Stauffer, Colwell & Bayles Inc.

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# 55-Day Racing Meet to Open Dec. 26 at Santa Anita Track

Santa Anita Park in Arcadia, which opened its inaugural meeting on Christmas Day of 1934 to revive Thoroughbred racing in Southern California, reached the quarter-century milestone when it presents its 55-day "Silver Jubilee" winter season, starting Saturday, Dec. 26, 1959, and continuing through Thursday, March 10, 1960.

The richest stakes and purse program in Santa Anita's colorful history for an estimated \$3,460,000 and some \$650,000 new major improvements installed to provide more comfortable room, facilities and services for patrons will be outstanding features for the celebration.

Six of the 31 stakes, including seven on the distinctive, spectacular hillside-and-infield turf course, are on the holiday schedule for the first six days. Spot-lighted are the double attractions of the \$20,000 Palo Verde Handicap with the \$25,000 California Breeders Trial Stakes on opening day, and the \$25,000 San Gabriel 'Cap on the turf with the \$20,000 Las Flores Handicap on New Year's Day. The \$15,000 Los Felix Stakes comes on Dec. 31 and the \$25,000 Malibu Stakes on the second Saturday, Jan. 2. Gates open 11 a.m. with the first race, 1 p.m.

Drawing national and international racing interest will be the renewal of these established classics:

Saturday, Jan. 30 — Estimated \$170,000 SANTA ANITA MATURITY.

Saturday, Feb. 27 — Guaranteed \$146,000 SANTA ANITA HANDICAP.

Saturday, March 5 — \$100,000-added SANTA ANITA DERBY.

Thursday, March 10 — \$100,000-added SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO 'CAP on the turf.

In support will be seven \$50,000 major fixtures in the San Carlos Handicap (Jan. 9), San Fernando Stakes (Jan. 16), Santa Margarita Handicap (Feb. 6), Breeders' Champion (Feb. 12), San Antonio Handicap (Feb. 13), San Felipe Handicap (Feb. 20), and Washington's Birthday 'Cap on turf (Feb. 22).

A new 190 x 40 foot projection of the Central Grandstand into the paddock has covered patio garden with tables and benches on ground floor, enlarged coffee shop and dining terrace on sub-mezzanine and more room and facilities on main and mezzanine floors. A new room and balcony has been constructed in the upper level of the clubhouse with another escalator in the

## 300 Feted at City Recreation Dinner

Some 300 boys who participated in touch football leagues sponsored by the Torrance Recreation department were honored at an awards banquet last night at the social hall of St. Catherine Labourer Church.

Principal speaker at the banquet was Bob Shoup, varsity football coach at North High school.

Also feted were 30 fathers who volunteered to serve as coaches and officials for the more than 20 teams. They coached youngsters varying in age from 7 years through high school.

Films of the USC-UCLA grid tilt were shown to the huge turnout.

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## \$1 a Day Levelled at Golf Fans

Officials of the San Diego Open golf tournament, Jan. 29-31 at Mission Valley Country Club, have announced a bargain deal for golf fans who will be attending the \$27,000 event.

"We are going to charge just \$1 a day," said tournament director LeRoy Fitzgerald, "to bring our tournament in line with the admission plan now in vogue at many United States tournaments."

"The \$1-a-day charge proved successful at Hesperia and at many tournaments back east, as well as the Tijuana Country Club last January," Fitzgerald added. "We expect attendance at the San Diego Open will go up considerably from previous tournaments."

The \$1 admission fee also was recommended by Tom Lanphier Jr., head of the sponsors' committee which underwrites a major share of the PGA event.

There will be no season tickets on sale but the daily duets, also good for the \$5,000 pro-amateur tournament Wednesday, Jan. 27, are available at county pro shops and with industrial recreation centers.

Playing in the rich pro-am, will be about 40 of the country's leading professionals as well as tournament sponsors (\$100 each, as sponsors, and \$50 for the pro-am) or their representatives.

The sponsor list already is over 200. The sponsors' benefits also include daily tournament tickets, preferred parking and use of clubhouse facilities during the 72-hole tournament and the pro-am, programs and other benefits.

Marty Furgol will be defending champion in the San Diego Open—he won with 274, or 14 under par at Mission Valley last January—and other leading contenders will be National Open Champion Billy Casper of Chula Vista, who has been burning up the PGA circuit lately; Gene Littler of La Jolla who represents Singing Hills on tour (he has won five PGA events this year); Art Wall, 1959 golfer of the year by vote of his colleagues; Arnold Palmer, Tommy Bolt and Bob Rosburg, all former S. D. Open champions; consistent Doug Ford, Paul Harney, Don Whitt (the latter pair winter in San Diego); George Bayer, longest hitter of them all; popular Mike Souchak, Dow Finsterwald, and many, many more stars of the pro golfing world.

## Hawkins Matches Whitt at Tourney

Fred Hawkins of El Paso, Tex., opposes Don Whitt of Alameda, in a first-round match at the "World Championship Golf" tournament today, with the winner advancing to a second-round contest against Dave Ragan of Daytona Beach, Fla. Both golfers have earned more than \$15,000 on the professional golf circuit this year. Whitt's record includes victories in the Memphis Open and the Kentucky Derby

# Smash-ups Set for Today

## PRESS Sports



REPRESENTATIVES of Torrance and Gardena on the 1959 El Camino College cage squad are Barry Flanary (54) and Stan Rubin (78). The latter lettered at Gardena High for two years in basketball and baseball. Flanary lettered in baseball, basketball, football and track in Oklahoma prior to moving to Torrance.

A four ring circus of events is on the card for Sunday's racing at the Gardena Stadium. On the card for the afternoon racing program are Claiming Stock Car races, Camel races, and Santa Claus will be on hand for the kids. Sunday evening the Grand Finale of Destruction Derby, featuring the wrecking of 100 cars will take place.

A special treat for fans on hand for the day show will be the arrival of Santa Claus, via a helicopter. Santa will be a drop presents to the kids. Another extra attraction will be a race for camels. The camels which were used in the movie Solomon and Shiba, are being presented to highlight the days races, which will be the Solomon and Shiba Sweepstakes.

Heading the field of drivers for the days eleven event program or races, which begins at 2:30 p.m. will be such stars as: Bruce Worrell, Lakewood; Jim Preston, Norwalk; Howard Walton, Gardena; Al Gileck, Inglewood; Norm Stevenson, Santa Ana; Johnny Jones, Hawthorne; Lamar Anderson, Manhattan Beach; Jim Blomgren, La Mirada; Arley Scranton, Compton; Dallas Harrison, Gardena; and Clyde Smith, Compton.

The evening program of Destruction Derby, will be the last such program of the year. Over 100 cars have been gathered to be wrecked in an eight event show. A special race for women drivers will be held during both the day and evening races. This will all get underway at 7 p.m. Admission for the night show is \$1.75 for adults, with children under eight free. Howard Walton, Gardena; leading driver, will have his work cut out for him against his two top competitors, Roger Hazher, Torrance and Dite Wall, Los Angeles.

## Ducats Go on Sale for Olympics

SQUAW VALLEY, Calif. — Tickets for the VIII Olympic Winter Games, to be held here Feb. 18-28, are now on sale at 5000 outlets in the United States (including Hawaii), Canada, Mexico, Cuba and all over South America, the Olympic Organizing Committee announced today.

Separately or in package deals including transportation, and in some cases housing, the ticket sales are being handled by leading air lines, bus lines, railroad companies and travel agencies.

As attendance is being limited to 35,000 persons daily, the Olympic officials are urging early reservations for the entire program of 11 days or for specific days prospective spectators prefer.

For the \$7.50 daily admission fee, a spectator may see at least five major events per day, including all skiing competitions, both Alpine and Nordic, the Biathlon, speed skating, and those figure skating and ice hockey events not staged in the Olympic arena. In addition, he will see numerous exhibitions and practice sessions, plus the colorful daily victory ceremonies.

Two first-time events at the Winter Games are the Biathlon and speed skating for women. Biathlon is an adaptation of a northern European army sport, in which rifle-bearing competitors run over a prescribed course, pausing at designated points to fire at targets. Scoring is based on skiing speed and accuracy of fire.

## Bike Steeplechase Race at Ascot

The AMA steeplechase motorcycle meet, postponed by fierce winds last Sunday, will be held this afternoon at Ascot Stadium. Post time for the first race is 2:30, with time trials getting underway at 12.

Managing Director J. C. Aganjan expects all of the stars who signed up to initiate the new steeplechase layout at Ascot to participate.

Topping the lineup is Joe Leonard, three-time U.S. cycle racing king. Leonard has won four straight steeplechase meets at Riverside.

Among the other favorites are Don Hawley, Brad Andres, Johnny Muckenthaler, Johnny Gibson, Jim Goldsmith, Dick Hammer, Gary Sowell and Ed Kretz Jr.

In carrying out the spirit of the Commission's approval, arrangements have been made for the public to park free of charge on the parking lot immediately south of the Sports Arena on Santa Barbara Avenue.

## Rose Parade First In 1890

The first Tournament of Roses Parade was held in Pasadena, in 1890.

Originally, the New Year's Day event was a small village celebration in which members of the Pasadena Valley Hunt Club decorated their buggies and surreys with flowers from their own gardens.

The parade idea was conceived by Dr. Charles F. Holder, a famed early-day writer and Pasadena resident.

After the parade in those early days, participants gathered at the ball park where the afternoon was spent in games and feats of horsemanship.

One New Year's Day, a visiting newspaperman from the East saw the parade in the midst of winter and was so impressed that he wrote a story which was picked up by newspapers in Chicago, Washington, D.C., and New York. In a few years, the parade had become so famous and the problems so numerous that the Valley Hunt Club relinquished its sponsorship to a committee of community leaders who formed the Tournament of Roses Association.

Ragan gained the second round by defeating Jerry Barber, 1 up, Dec. 13. The long-hitting Floridian took the lead for the first time on the 17th hole and closed out the match by rolling in a birdie on top of Barber's birdie.



NEWLY ELECTED president of Southwood National Little League Walter C. Virgil, of 21309 Grant Ave., has been active the past two years in the league as purchasing agent. Virgil is a systems engineer at AirResearch Mfg. Co.

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All seats \$1.30 including taxes (regular admission charge to be paid at gate). Grandstand Reserved — every racing day. Clubhouse Reserved — all days except Saturdays & Holidays.

Write: DAILY RESERVATIONS, enclosing check or money order stating number of tickets desired, Santa Anita Park, Arcadia, California. Make check or money order payable to Los Angeles Turf Club. No reservations by phone. TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE DIRECT TO THE TRACK! It's easy to get to Santa Anita — even if you're not driving. Special buses leave frequently for Santa Anita from many locations in the Greater Los Angeles area.

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