



SOME POINTERS . . . Coach John Sarpolis gave his backfield some pointers during last week's tryout sessions for the Torrance Pop Warner Football Association. Talking with Sarpolis is quarterback Rick Petersen (with football), while Richard Constantine, Bruce Johnson, and Mitch Merrell listen. Constantine and Merrell are halfbacks, while Johnson is the team's fullback. The boys, all 12 years old, worked together last year and built one of the best records in the pee wee division of the Pop Warner Association. (Press-Herald Photo.)

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THIS MONTH

Long Beach Will Sponsor Olympic Sailboat Trials

The Olympic Trials for Finn class sailboats will be held Aug. 22-30 in Long Beach's Alamitos Bay. The winner will represent the United States in the Olympic Games at Sagami Bay, Japan, in October.

The Finn is a 19-foot, single-masted boat which is sailed by one person. It was introduced to the Olympics in 1952, and has just recently caught on as a major interest among American sailors.

Favored among the West Coast representatives will be Henry Sprague III of Newport Beach; Fred Miller Jr. of the South Shore Sailing Club; and Bob Andre of San Diego.

SPRAGUE HAS won the Zellerbach Series, indicative of the Men's Heavyweight Championship; the O'Day Cup, which is the singlehanded Championship; the Finn National, which he won in 1963; and the Finn North American championship, won in Montreal in 1963.

Miller won the Finn Olympic semifinals June 27-30 in Alamitos Bay by capturing a fantastic six out of seven races. Sprague placed second, and Andre third in the semifinals.

O. J. Young, from New Orleans, will also stand as a threat for the title of representing the United States at Tokyo.

Sprague, who journeyed to Holland in 1963 for the World Championship Gold Cup only to find his boat disqualified because of hull improprieties, was more than optimistic about America's chances in the Olympics.

After watching the Gold Cup races in 1963, I don't see why the U. S. could not win at Japan. The Scandinavians have more good sailors in the Finn class than we do, but our best are just as good as their best," he said. He added, "Of course luck will be a big factor."

Competitors in the Olympic Finals will race 24 identical boats. No one will use his own hull, although rules do permit a contestant to use his own mast, boom, rudder and tiller.

There will be 24 new North sails, exactly alike as to cut, seams and cloth which will be used in the finals.

Claimers to Run At Gardena Oval

Claimer stock car racing, the stepping stone for aspiring drivers, moves into the spotlight again this afternoon in California Auto Racing, Inc., action at Ascot Park.

The hectic claimer competition provides a thrilling show for the newcomers to racing as well as for the experienced. Claimer races are reminiscent of the popular jalopy derbies.

For the second straight week, CAR will feature the claimers on a seven-race program, highlighted by a 25-lap main event on the quarter-mile track.

Veteran drivers advocate the claiming division as a good place to start a racing career.

"If you want to be a successful race driver, start slowly and feel your way to the top," maintains Cliff Garner, defending stock car division champion and current point leader.

"Young drivers would be better off starting the way I did — slowly at first, driving a car with a smaller en-

gine and building up to faster cars and faster driving as they gain confidence in their machinery and their own ability," Garner added.

Among the current crop of promising claimer drivers looking toward better things in the racing future are Nestor Sylvara of Gardena, Bob Quener of Torrance, Frank Thompson from Gardena and Leon Garrett of Redondo Beach.

First race will be at 2 p.m. with qualifying at 1 p.m.

Gene Naylor grabbed all the attention last Sunday, winning the 30-lap main event as well as an 8-lap heat race and an 8-lap helmet dash.

Torrance Will Hold Tourney

More than 250 entries are expected for the fourth annual Torrance Novice Tennis Tournament to be held Aug. 25 through Aug. 28 at South High School.

Four years ago, when the tournament was inaugurated, 60 youngsters participated. Now, 250 are expected to compete for trophies in both championship and consolation brackets. Players losing in the first round of play will advance to the consolation tournament.

Competition will be in four divisions. Classifications will be for players 12 years old and under, 14 years old and under, 16 years old and under, and 18 years old and under. All divisions will include both boys and girls' classifications in singles and doubles events.

Earlier in the tournament, the Bullets handed Ventura a 4-3 licking, hung a 9-4 loss on Compton, and whipped Los Altos, 7-2. If the Bullets win today, they will compete for the Regional championship next week at Porterville against the championship teams from Nevada, Arizona, Northern California and Porterville.

Bullets Near Mack Crown

One more win and the Tordena Bullets will claim the Connie Mack baseball championship of Southern California.

Torrando will play a possible doubleheader today at 3 p.m. on the Blair Field, Long Beach, diamond with the Connie Mack crown at stake. Following four straight tournament wins, the Bullets need only one triumph in the doubleheader to cinch the title.

The Bullets waltzed into the final round with a 6-3 triumph over the Torrance Red Devils Wednesday night. It was the first time in four meetings this year that Tordena has knocked off the Devils.

Torrance won the South Bay Connie Mack League crown with a 3-1 playoff victory over the Bullets one week ago.

Jack Crist clobbered three safeties and Jay Baker and Rod Poteete combined on the hill to spark Tordena to its tourney win over the Devils.

CRIST WENT 3 for 4 at the plate to pace Tordena's 8-hit attack, Mike Brooks chalked up a pair of RBIs and Hoagy Wong and Baker drove over one run each for the winners.

Poteete, a pick up pitcher from Westchester, did not allow a walk and struck out two in taking the win. Baker gave up six walks and fanned five. Torrancia collected but five hits off the duo.

John Wojcik opened on the mound for Torrancia but made way for Don Coil in the third inning. Coil was saddled with the defeat.

Tordena came up with three runs with two out in the seventh inning to reach the final round. The Devils had tied the score at 3-3 in the sixth inning when the bullets committed two errors.

In the top of the seventh, Wong and Mike Engles opened with bunt singles. John Marsden then advanced both runners and Derry Deravin popped up for the second out.

STEVE SOGGE worked Coil for a walk to load the bases. With Mike Brooks at the plate, Coil uncorked a wild pitch to bring in Wong. Then, with a 2-2 count, Brooks singled up the middle to ram the other two runs around.

Other violations during July, by type and number of cases, included: resident small game, 88; angling with more than one rod, 66; loaded gun in car, 60; no inland fishing stamp, 48; trout, 15; ocean sportfish, 14; no Colorado River use stamp, 13; inland fish other than trout, 12; clams and shellfish, 9; litter, 7; doves, 6; commercial fish and protected birds, 3 each; pollution, 2; and deer, pheasant and commercial lobster, 1 each.

FLOYD RHEA

Harbor's Football Coach Spends Summer Worrying

What does a football coach do during the summer? He worries about the football team, just as he does during the rest of the year. Harbor College's head foot-

ball coach, Floyd "Scrappy" Rhea, getting ready to hang up the swimming trunks which represent one of his summer jobs as a lifeguard finds that he has some pretty

good material for worry. His first concern is the first game of the season on Friday, Sept. 18. In that one his Harbor gridders will meet last year's Junior Rose Bowl Champions, Orange Coast College — and on television too.

He also finds that practice schedules can cause a little concern too. Practice starts Aug. 31, with a scrimmage against Citrus College scheduled for Sept. 8 and another scrimmage against Long Beach City College on Sept. 15 before the big one with Orange Coast.

MEANWHILE the Orange Coasters will be getting the benefit of an extra week of practice denied to the Hawks. All State JC conferences, in a spring meeting in Fresno, approved an extra week of pre-season practice without pads and equipment. But the Eastern Conference, of which Orange Coast is a member, was the only group able to put this ruling into effect this year. Other conferences are waiting until next year to take advantage of the extra week allotted them.

Rhea, naturally, is hoping his gridders report in top condition and ready to go.

"We won't have time to perfect our offense and work on conditioning at the same time," says Rhea. "The sincere and dedicated ones will report in condition. I can't overemphasize the importance of conditioning. Diet, weights, running or calisthenics, what ever it is my men decide to do, I hope they are doing it now."

WHEN HIS men report on Aug. 31, Rhea will be looking for a replacement for Ray Jones, last year's star quarterback and All-American selection.

Calculated Delay May Catch Fish

Some fish are caught deliberately, others by accident. How else do you explain the unexpected strikes that occur after unsnaring a first-class backlash that interrupted casting for several minutes? Or the pause to light a smoke that results in an explosion of water and bass?

Such catches are not happenstance. They could have been planned that way . . . provided the angler was a bit more patient, and more tolerant of a fish's fundamental right to carefully consider and inspect its vittles.

AS A RULE, fishermen using topwater and bottom running plugs are overly anxious to produce action. They not only retrieve too fast, but the retrieve is started too soon. Granted, there are exceptions to this: those occasions when anything works as soon as it smacks the water. But during a long, dry spell a few intentional rest periods for the lure are in order.

After making a cast, wait! Wait for at least 60 seconds, perhaps longer. This period of inactivity is painful, but productive.

A CAREFULLY calculated delay, just like its accidental counterpart, calms down fish frightened by the lure's initial splash. The longer the plug lies motionless the more curious the fish gets.

A slight twitch gives life to the lure, resembling the feeble movements of a momentarily stunned insect or animal starting to revive. No self-respecting fish that has been paying close attention can resist taking a swipe.

And that is no accident.

Grunion Run Set Tonight In Southland

Members of that special beachcombing fraternity, the grunion hunters, will be out scanning the surf and sand again tonight when another four-night spawning run of the elusive little fish is scheduled to begin, according to the Department of Fish and Game.

Runs lasting about an hour each are expected on the sandy beaches of Southern California starting about 11 tonight, midnight tomorrow, 12:30 a.m. Tuesday, and 1:30 a.m. Wednesday.

There is no bag limit on grunion, but anyone 16 years of age or over must have a valid sportfishing license. Grunion may be taken by hand only.

City Sets 9th Annual Aquacade

The 9th annual Torrance Recreation Department Aquacade and Carnival will include only water acts this year, according to coordinator Jim Armstrong.

The carnival will be presented at 8:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 14, and Saturday, Aug. 15.

In previous years, land acts have been included in the aquacade. This year's program will include synchronized swimming, solo, dual and group swimming acts and a guest clown diving group. Raised bleachers will be installed for the event. There will be no charge for the program, Armstrong said.

At 6:30 p.m. during both nights of the aquacade, a "County Fair" carnival will be held adjacent to the Torrance Plunge.

Helping Armstrong organize the program are directors Tibbie Bova and Jean Gregory.

Kramer Tennis Club to Begin 18-Day Tour

Jack Kramer will see the second phase of his tennis program for West Coast youngsters become a reality today when 36 members of the Jack Kramer Tennis and Swim Club, Rolling Hills, start an 18-day-tour of five states and Canada.

Kramer and director Vic Braden will take boy and girl players from 9 to 18-years-old on a barnstorming tour against other club tennis players of the same ability at Los Gatos and Los Altos in the San Francisco area, Salt Lake City, Boise, Seattle, Tacoma, Vancouver, Portland and Eugene.

The team will be headed by five top-ranked players:

Erich Wise, 15, of 1371 Paseo del Mar, San Pedro; Miss Chris Skolli, 18, 30435 Miraleste Drive, San Pedro; Jeff Austin, 13, of 26406 Dunwood Road, Rolling Hills Estate; Richard Ley, 11, of 28419 S. Ashfork Place, Palos Verdes Peninsula and Bill Wright, 10, of Quito, Ecuador.

Wise is one-half of a doubles team which won the National Public Parks championship at Arcadia last month. In singles, Wise battled his way to second place in the 16-and-under division.

Ranked 14th in Southern California, Wise earlier

this season won the Ventura tourney and was runner-up at Santa Barbara. He qualified for the Southern California Junior Davis Cup tryouts and finished ninth in round-robin play among the top 22 players.

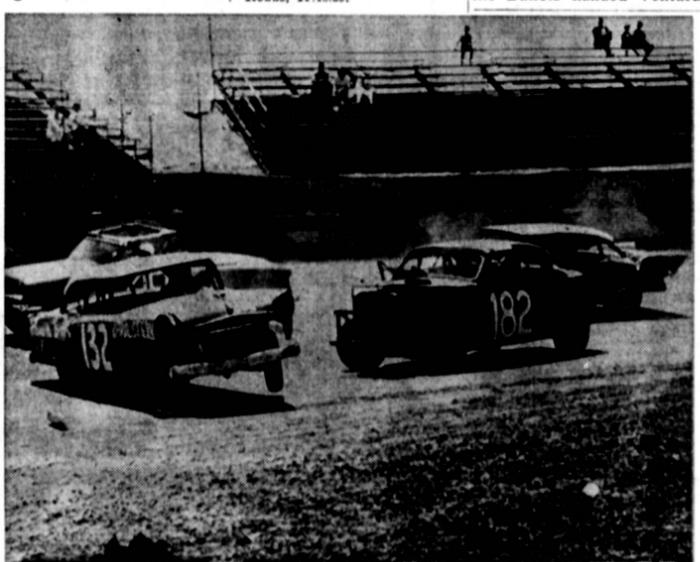
Miss Skolli, rated 11th in the girl's 18-and-under division, was runnerup in last week's Los Angeles Metropolitan championships and second in the Nationals at Arcadia.

Austin, seeded 7th in the 12-and-under division, was second to Kramer Club teammate Jack Drug in the L.A. Metro after winning the Santa Barbara and Ventura titles. He was eliminated in the first round of the nationals after giving the eventual champion his toughest match of the tournament.

Ley is the reigning king of the Ventura tourney and lost a chance for his second title of the year when he was defeated in the finals of the Metropolitan tourney.

Wright is the amazing youngster from Ecuador who has been sent to Kramer this summer to learn more tennis under the tutelage of Kramer, a former amateur and pro champion.

Born and raised in the same tennis circles that produced U.S. Davis Cup star and professional player Alex Olmedo, young Wright is the top-ranked player in his



Gene Naylor (182) in a recent claimer race at Ascot Park in Gardena. More of the same is expected this afternoon when California Auto Racing stages a seven-race program for the claimers on the quarter-mile oval.

country among the 13-and-under class. He is second rated among the 15-and-under players and is third seeded for 18-and-under. All of this and he is only 10-years-old.

Wright has been living at the home of Andy Hunt, 14, of 1 Vista Real, Rolling Hills, while he is staying in California. Hunt will also make the tour.

The group will leave this morning and travel by bus to Los Gatos Tennis and Swim Club for its first match tomorrow. Los Gatos was the only club among five played by the Kramer team last year to beat the local players.

Los Altos, which lost its match at the Rolling Hills courts earlier this summer, will be the host Tuesday.

The group will travel to Sacramento Wednesday and spend the day traveling behind the government scenes as guests of Atty. Gen. Stanley Mosk, leaving that night and traveling all day Thursday for a Friday match in Salt Lake City.

Saturday the team journeys to Boise and will play there next Sunday.

After a day of travel Monday, Aug. 17, the team will open a five-day stay in Washington. The team is entered in the Burien City Championships at the Evergreen Tennis Club, Seattle.

The final two days, players having lost in the Burien City tourney will play Tacoma and Seattle Tennis Clubs.

Vancouver will play host to the touring team Aug. 23, with Portland and Eugene concluding the schedule Aug. 24 and 25. The team will arrive home Aug. 26.

While on the road, the players will stay in the homes of the players from the hosting clubs as part of the "buddy plan."

Here is the roster of players who will make the tour:

Howard Wallace, 17, of 3 Vista Real, Rolling Hills Estates; Erich, 15, Peter, 12 and Alex, 10, of 1371 Paseo del Mar, San Pedro; Tom Bozarth, 15, of 4151 Goldring Place, Rolling Hills Estates; Randy, 15, and Robin, 13, of 516 Strand, Manhattan Beach; Teddy, 15, and Berry, 14, Owen, of 72 Dapplegray Lane, Rolling Hills Estates. Dusty Rhoads, 14, of 2403 Rockingham Road, Miraleste; Andy Hunt, 14, 1 Vista Real, Rolling Hills Estates; Chuck, 13, and Joan, 11, and Joan, 9, of 2402 Via Amador, Palos Verdes Estates; Hank Spight, 13, of 2801 Spinning Wheel Lane, Rolling Hills Estates. Peter Wall 12, of Rolling Hills; Sandy Owen, 12, of 72 Dapplegray Lane, Rolling Hills Estates; Peter Wise, 12, of 1371 Paseo del Mar, San Pedro; Joe MacHarg, 11, of 2100 Via Olivera, Palos Verdes Estates; Doug Austin, 10, of 26406 Dunwood Road, Rolling Hills Estates; Bill Wright, 10, of Ecuador; Jim Howe, 9, of 1259 Via Coronel, Palos Verdes Estates. Chris Skolli, 18, of 30435 Miraleste Drive, San Pedro; Gayle, 16, and Vicki, 14, of 3129 S. Rivera, Palos Verdes Estates; Mary, 17, and Kathy Gandyey, 15, of 71 Buckskin Lane, Rolling Hills Estates.