

Team Score Counts Most

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How do you get excited about a sprinter who runs 10.2 in the 100 or a pole vaulter who averages a 12-foot height?

Based upon the success of West High in track and field, record breaking performances across the board are not essential for a successful track program.



BOB HOLTEL

The emphasis in most high schools is to have a winning team. Individual achievement is manifested at the end of the season when regional and state championships are held.

Track coach Bob Holtel of West High is as conscientious about his work as possible. This year he claims to have the best track and field team in the school's brief history and to show for it his Class A, B and C teams have a combined 15-0 record.

But the Olympic committee has no reason to hurry over to West High to recruit anybody. The talent is not astonishing.

What Coach Holtel has been able to do, however, is to gather about 123 boys and make the task of winning the Pioneer League track championship important. The satisfaction is not much different than winning the football, basketball or baseball title.

The Warriors' 70½-47½ victory over Palos Verdes dethroned the Seakings as the perennial Pioneer League champion recently and earmarked West as a potential champion.

In track and field a boy who runs in the Class C division can receive as much attention in the press as a varsity man. He is usually a freshman or sophomore who has become outstanding in a particular event.

Jon Schafer, for example, is a fine sophomore prospect who runs 10.4 in the Class C 100-yard dash, but he is also listed as the varsity's No. 1 hurdler with a time of 13.6.

Schafer can be used from week to week with the team he can best help with a team meet. When the league meet and CIF meet come around, and unless the school has hopes for winning a team championship in this competition, somebody like Schafer will most likely compete in the class where he can do himself the most good.

A sophomore such as Ron Johnson will concentrate on the varsity division where he can specialize in the mile (4:28.4) or the 2-mile (9:45).

Holtel is a believer in quantities. He feels depth is a great asset to a track team.

The large number of men competing with the Warriors is one way to build keen competition and develop a winning attitude.

Before the P.V. meet a couple weeks ago, a school assembly was held to bolster the team and the student body filled the stadium to watch the team workout before the event.

Coach Holtel says the idea did a lot to stimulate the team's victory that day.

Football coach Fred Petersen handles the sprinters, Dennis Haryung has the field events, and Holtel concentrates on the middle distance men.

Holtel would like to change the rules to allow a distance man to run both the mile and 2-mile, the same as sprinters who run two dashes. He would also like to see a 330-yard intermediate race created in the hurdles.

The Torrance school district does not have an adequate physical education program in the elementary schools and it is a handicap when young prospects first go out for track in high school.

Track and field requires hard work and a boy must drive himself to succeed. It is not as glamorous as football or baseball, but it is a sport that Coach Holtel takes pretty seriously.

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West High Varsity Track & Field Team

Event	Entry	Best Time	Grade
100 yd. dash	Richard Brooks	10.1	Jr.
100 yd. dash	Tom Green	10.4	Sr.
220 yd. dash	Richard Brooks	21.9	Jr.
220 yd. dash	Tom Green	22.4	Sr.
440 yd. dash	Richard Brooks	53.0	Jr.
440 yd. dash	Ron Johnson	53.5	Soph.
440 yd. dash	Chuck Shorba	53.9	Sr.
880 yd. run	Steve Smith	2:02.0	Jr.
880 yd. run	Tom Reed	2:03.0	Sr.
Mile run	Ron Johnson	4:28.4	Soph.
Mile run	Dave Young	4:30.0	Sr.
Mile run	Tom Reed	4:31.0	Sr.
2-mile run	Ron Johnson	9:45.0	Soph.
2-mile run	Dave Young	9:49.0	Sr.
120 high hurdles	Jon Schafer	13.6	Soph.
120 high hurdles	Art Davis	15.7	Sr.
120 high hurdles	Joe Cassidy	16.2	Sr.
180 low hurdles	Art Davis	20.5	Sr.
180 low hurdles	Jon Schafer	21.2	Soph.
180 low hurdles	Joe Cassidy	21.2	Sr.
Long jump	Richard Brooks	21'5"	Jr.
High jump	Larry Deffebrio	5'11"	Soph.
Pole vault	Tom Alnes	13'1¼"	Jr.
Shot put	Dennis Hudson	54'¾"	Sr.

440 relay (Art Davis, Jon Schafer, Tom Green, Richard Brooks), 44.8
Mile relay (Tom Drilling, Tom Reed, Chuck Shorba, Ron Johnson), 3:36.0



DISTANCE MAN . . . Ron Johnson, a sophomore, is West High School's leading mile and 2-mile runner. He has run the mile in 4:28.4 and was second in CIF "AA" cross country competition last fall. (Press-Herald Photo)



SPEEDSTERS . . . Taking part in the 440 relay with the West High varsity are Art Davis, John Schafer, Tom Green and Richard Brooks. The foursome has a season best of 41.8 seconds in the event. (Press-Herald Photo)

HORSE RACING

Hollywood Park Opens Tuesday

The Southern California thoroughbred racing scene shifts to Hollywood Park next Tuesday when the beautiful "track of the lakes and flowers" embarks upon its 29th season, an expanded 75-day meeting that will be the longest in Hollywood history.

It is anticipated that the Inglewood track, which has paid the highest purses of any racing association for 15 consecutive years, will continue its leadership during the coming season with a stakes and purse schedule that is expected to exceed \$5.6 million. The lucrative distribution program will draw many of the world's leading horses and jockeys to the Hollywood meet.

Racing will be conducted five days a week — Tuesday through Saturday — with nine races a day starting at 1:45 p.m. on weekdays and 1:15 p.m. on Saturdays and holidays. Only exceptions will be Good Friday, April 12, when there will be no racing, and Monday, July 22, when there will be a special, closing-day program.

Helping the meet get off to a rapid start for the seventh straight year will be a gala "Preview Day" at the track on Sunday, April 7. Beginning at 8 a.m. and continuing all day, "Preview Day" offers something for every member of the family and its all free.

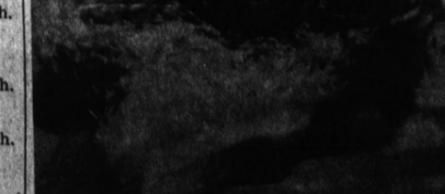
Highlighting the "Preview Day" activities will be a two-hour trackside show, featuring such diversified acts as square dancing on horseback by the Wagon Wheel Whirlers, tent pegging by the North American Flying Horsemen, a fox hunting demonstration by the West Hills Hunt and Rolling Hills Pony Clubs and a display of trick riding and roping by the famed Montie Montana family. This show will be presented twice during the day, at 10:45 a.m. and again at 2 p.m.

For the younger members of the family "Preview Day" will include a petting zoo, where youngsters can feed as well as pet the animals; pony-ride rides, a merry-go-round and several other kiddie rides.

The 1968 Hollywood Park stakes schedule includes five \$100,000 events and 18 added-money races over the Lake-side Turf Course, Hollywood Park's European-style infield grass track that drew praises from all quarters last year, its first in operation.

Headlining the opening-day program will be the \$25,000 added Premier Handicap and the six-furlong dash is expected to attract such veteran stakes performer as Kissin' George, voted at 8 a.m. and continuing all day, "Preview Day" offers something for every member of the family and its all free.

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CUTTING THROUGH WATER . . . Lance Borgstrom of El Camino College tunes up for Friday's final match against Cerritos. He is a freshman.

Techni-Tool Wins City Basketball

Techni-Tool Products, basketball winners of the Tuesday Open League, captured the final round in the Torrance City-Wide Basketball Playoffs Thursday, defeating a tough Local Union 458 team, 81-74, in the West High Gym. This final playoff match culminated a hard fought tournament sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department.

The winners of five Torrance leagues battled for the coveted title.

Jeff Sims and Paul Howard led Techni-Tool to victory with shooting performances of 24 and 20 points.

Earlier in the same evening, House of Yardage, victors in the Thursday 6 Foot and Under League, defeated Harbor Hornets, first place finishers in the Thursday Industrial League, by a score of 62-50 for third place in the playoffs. Tim Harrick was the high scorer for the House of Yardage with 19 points.

Walteria Assembly of God, winner of the Monday Church League, defeated the first round by House of Yardage, 70-53.

Trophies were presented to the winners of each league at the conclusion of the game Thursday night. In addition, Techni-Tool was presented with the Torrance perpetual trophy for their playoff victory.

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Monroe Is Top Rookie

Earl Monroe, the first draft choice of the Baltimore Bullets, has been named Rookie of the Year in the National Basketball Association.

Monroe polled 78 out of 79 ballots cast. One vote was cast for Bill Bradley of the New York Knickerbockers.

Monroe finished the 1967-68 season as the fourth highest scorer in the NBA with 1,991 points for a 24.3 per game average, tying with his illustrious Philadelphia neighbor, Wilt Chamberlain, in that department. Earl the Pearl became the fifth rookie in association history to score more than 1,900 points in his first try. Wilt Chamberlain of Philadelphia (2,702), Walt Bellamy of New York (2,495), Oscar Robertson of Cincinnati (2,165), and Rick Barry of San Francisco (2,059), also accomplished this feat.

Monroe will receive \$500 for being voted Rookie of the Year.

Earl's rise in NBA circles hit the summit after the All-Star Game. He joined the top 10 scorers in the association with consistent performances of 30 or more points a game. He broke all Bullets' scoring records with 56 points against the Los Angeles Lakers on February 13 in Baltimore. In the game Jerry West got 47 and Elgin Baylor 32, for the Lakers.

Last year Monroe was a unanimous small college All-American choice at Winston-Salem College where he set an all-time record for scoring in a college season with 1,329 points and a 41.5 per game average. He had a .60 field goal percentage and in one game against Fayetteville College he scored 68 points. Against North Carolina College he hit on 22 out of 24 field goal attempts and ended the night with 58 points.

Earl's college coach, Clarence Gaines, paid him a great tribute echoed by Baltimore's mentor, Gene Shue, when they said "whenever we needed a big basket at the end of a close game, we got that ball to our 'money shooter,' Earl Monroe, and he never let us us down."

Ramirez Blanks Murphy

Mike Ramirez pitched a no-hitter, striking out 15 batters, as Bishop Montgomery won a 4-0 ball game from Murphy yesterday. The game was on the winner's field.

Montgomery won its fourth game in six outings.

The Knights scored four runs in the third inning when Paul Pettit walked, stole second, and scored on Skip Jarvis' two-bagger. Jarvis stole third and Rick Kubota singled. Greg Collins doubled and both scored on Ramirez' single.

Ramirez did not allow a runner past second base.

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*Ford and Uhrick; Ramirez and Pettit.

Gary Nixon To Race At Ascot

Gary Nixon, the Grand National motorcycle racing champion, is coming out from Baltimore to headline the 1968 cycle racing inaugural at Ascot Park in Gardena Friday night.

Nixon will stay over for the steeplechase opener on Saturday evening.

The little Baltimore rider adds much class to a field that also will include San Diego's Cal Rayborn, winner of the recent Daytona 200-mile. The Daytona "200" is to motorcycle racing what Indianapolis is to car racing.

Despite their glossy reputations, invading riders usually have trouble against the regulars at the 183rd and Vermont Avenue course. So Nixon's performance will be closely watched by the two-wheeled racing buffs.

Gary will have to deal with the likes of Dan Haaby of Lawndale, the 1967 Pacific Coast flat-track champion; Dick Hammer, Lakewood; Gene Romero, San Luis Obispo; and Bob Bailey, Anaheim, on the half-mile course.

On Saturday, such standouts as Skip Van Leeuwen, the winner of the 1967 National steeplechase meet at Ascot, and Romero loom large in the patch.

Southwood LL Plans Busy Calendar

Southwood Little League has announced that a work party will take place at the field Saturday and Sunday beginning at 9 a.m. to prepare for the opening of the 1968 baseball season.

League president Dave Yeley said managers and coaches in the league will attend adult leadership baseball clinics next Monday and Tuesday at Grant Community Hall in Redondo Beach. The clinics are sponsored by the Redondo Beach Baseball Council.



J.C. AGAJANIAN THROWS HIS FAMILIAR STITCHES INTO THE RING OF ASCOT PARK ON APRIL 5th OF THE 1968 MOTORCYCLE FLAT TRACK RACE. THEY SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 6th WILL BE THE FIRST OF THE ONE MONTH '68 STEEPLCHASE RACING SEASON