

Track & Field Meet Scheduled

Track and field enthusiasts in the South Bay Area from ages 8 to 18 will have the opportunity to participate in "Neighborhood Olympics," a statewide track meet on Aug. 16.

The event is part of a summer project proposed by Gov. Reagan as a salute to the 1968 Olympics to be held in Mexico City.

Two Derby Hopefuls Compete

Truly Night and Barleo Rocket, winners of the two divisions of the Derby Trials Saturday night, battle it out for a \$61,215 first place prize in the \$111,300 Los Alamitos Derby this weekend.

The Derby to be run Saturday evening will be the first of three \$100,000 races which Los Alamitos will stage during the meeting that ends Nov. 11. The other two are the Kindergarten on Labor Day, Sept. 2, and the Los Alamitos Championship closing day.

Truly Night captured the second division of the Trials at 22.1 seconds, slightly faster than the 22.2 clocked up by Barleo Rocket in taking the first heat.

Truly Night was an easy one and one-half length winner over Top Rockette and Winning Streak, while Barleo Rocket had to overtake Robin Ann Donlan before posting a half-length victory. Others slated to race in the Derby are Blobby Charger, Go A Mite, Truly's Best, Bar None and Mark T. Bars.

Also on the agenda for Saturday is the \$8,000 Miss Princess at 400 yards for three-year and older allowance horses.

Co-sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department, the Bay Area Municipal Athletic Association and the Area 20, California District Exchange Clubs, the meet will be held on the South High School track beginning at 6:30 p.m. The area coordinator is Chuck Eischen.

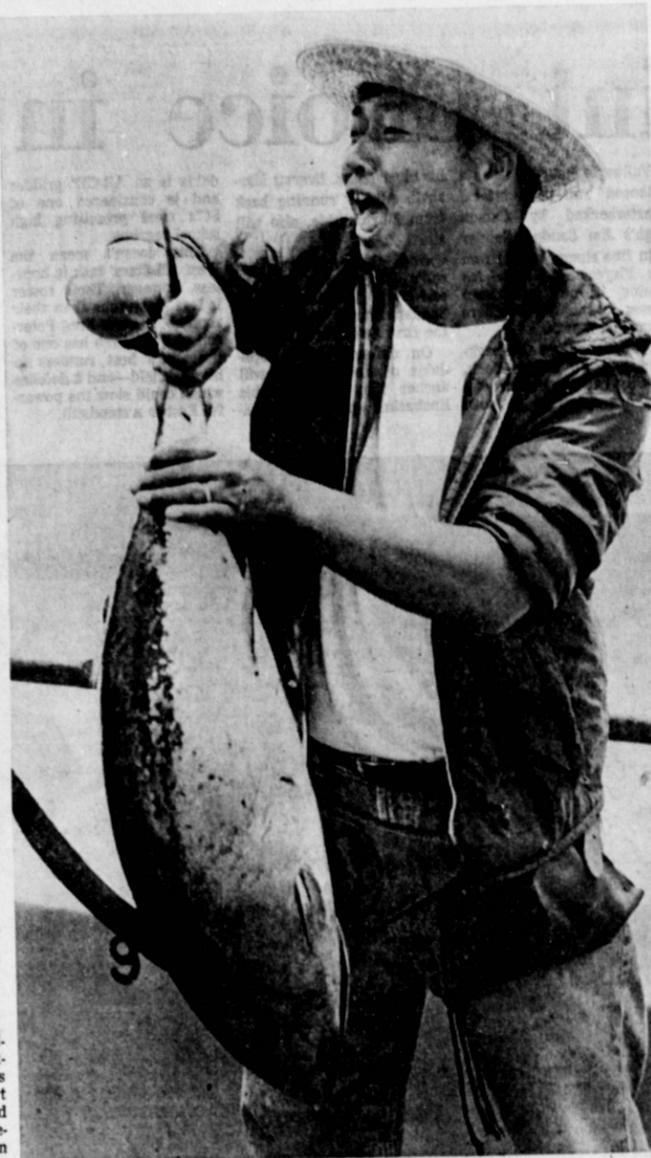
Winners of the local meet will be sent to the regional finals held by the Los Angeles County Recreation Department on August 23 and 24. Participants who place first at the regional finals will attend the State Championship competition held September 7 at the U.S. Olympic Team Training Site near the City of South Lake Tahoe.

Entry blanks are available at the Torrance Recreation Department, 3031 Torrance Blvd. The last day for registration is August 14.

60 Drivers Involved in Ascot Races

More than 60 drivers headed by Dee Grady of Manhattan Beach and Nick Thomas of Hawthorne, will take part in tonight's Figure 8 and foreign stock car double-header card at Ascot Park in Gardena at 8:15 p.m.

Grady and Thomas finished one-two in last Wednesday night's 30-lap feature at the 183rd Street and S. Vermont Avenue raceway.



JACKPOT . . . Donald M. Higuchi of Torrance caught the albacore that won "jackpot" Tuesday of the Pursuit, one of the Redondo Sportfishing fleet. The winning fish weighed 24 pounds. The fishing voyage lasted 23 hours and most fish were caught 30 miles off the coast. Higuchi and his family live at 18013 St. Andrews Place. He is an engineer with the State Highway Department.

Motocycle Riders Gun For Lacher

Mel Lacher of San Diego is on one of the hottest winning streaks in Ascot Park history as motorcycle riders prepare for Friday evening's chase at Ascot Park. First post is 8:15.

Lacher has been virtually invincible at the 183rd and Vermont Avenue course over the past two months. The Harley-Davidson ace really isn't supposed to be that good.

In other words, the fans were ready for a Sammy Tanner or a Dan Haaby to spread eagle the field. But Lacher sort of snuck up on them.

But even the devotees of other aces such as Haaby, DeWayne Keeter, Shorty Seabourne, Chuck Jones, Gene Romero, and Phil Todd, are ready to concede the point on Lacher's greatness.

Mel has a tremendous knack of getting off the starting line like a speedy quarter horse. And when he goes into that first turn on top, he is a tough animal to catch.

Tom Rockwood of Gardena is back from tour and rates the amateur rider to beat tag, while Keith Mashburn is one of the brightest novices to come along in years.

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Volleyball Participants To Train at San Fernando

A group of 18 of the finest men's volleyball players in the nation will assemble at San Fernando Valley State College Aug. 23 to start training for the Olympic finals, scheduled Aug. 31 at Santa Monica City College.

Coach Jim Coleman and a group of Olympic officials face the task of cutting down the squad to 12 men and two alternates. Players making the squad, going to Mexico City for the Olympic Games, will be chosen the night of the finals. At least three teams will compete in round robin competition Aug. 31, starting at 8 p.m.

Two-a-day workouts are planned for the squad, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 7 to 10 p.m., Aug. 24 through 30. Workouts will be open to the public free. Tickets for the finals at Santa Monica are \$2, student tickets \$1.

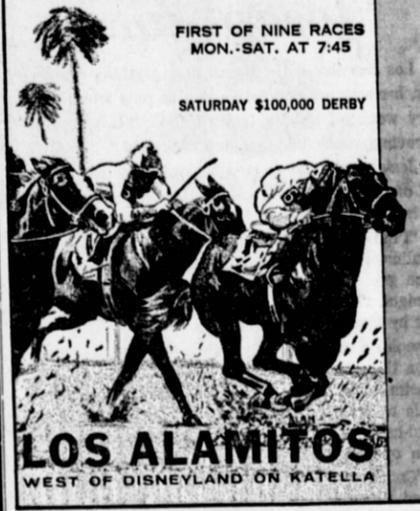
Ticket sale money goes to the Olympic fund to help defray expenses of sending teams to Mexico.

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