

All-Star Coach

Mel Mothershead, the coach who turned the San Pedro High football team into a Marine League title contender, has been named coach of the East Team in the Lions All-Star Football Game.

The announcement of the coaching assignment for the game Aug. 1 was made by Don Banker, game chairman.

"We are fortunate to obtain the services of Mothershead to handle the East squad in its bid for its second consecutive All-Star Game win," Banker said. "He has a fine background and has brought the San Pedro football program to life."

In his first year as varsity coach at San Pedro, Mothershead led the squad to a 6 win-2 loss record and a tie for second place in the tough Marine League behind Gardena.

Seven boys from his team were All-League, and three were named to the All-Los Angeles City squad.

Mel's over-all coaching record in the last six years — including Bee football competition—stands at 44 wins and four losses.

"It will be a pleasure to coach the East in the annual midsummer Classic at El Camino College," Mothershead said. "I'm honored at being selected and will guarantee a fine effort by the East Squad."

Mothershead is a graduate of Fremont High in Los Angeles. He attended El Camino College for two years, lettering each year in football as an offensive and defensive halfback.

He was graduated from Pepperdine in 1955 and earned an education degree at Long Beach State College. He received a master's degree in Health Education from Los Angeles State.

The San Pedro Coach taught for five years at Wilmington Junior High and was head Bee Football Coach at Banning High for another five years.

During his tenure as Bee Coach, he compiled a record of 38-2, winning three Marine League Championships.

The Lions All-Star Game, sponsored by the West Torrance Lions Club, annually pits the top 60 graduated seniors in the South Bay in an East-West clash. Proceeds go to charity.



BILL KOLODZIEJCZAK

Cycle Rider Join Mint 400 Field

The motorcycle teams of Larry Berquist and Gary Preston and J. N. Roberts and Doyle Fields have entered the Mint "400."

The Roberts-Fields team defends the Mint "400" championship of a year ago. Berquist and Preston are winners of the Baja 1000 and Stardust 7-11.

The list of luminaries participating in the Mint "400" include Cale Yarborough, Bobby Unser, Parnelli Jones, Al Unser, Steve McQueen, Marty Robbins, James Garner, Bob Bonduant, Sam Hanks, Mickey Thompson and others are among the "name" participants.



NEW PIER . . . Gordon McRae, president of Redondo Sportfishing, right, looks over plans for new pier buildings with the builder, Lorentz Voien of Torrance (center), and Capt. Jack Baker, fleet manager, left. Cost of pier and building will run \$200,000.

CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON NEW FISHING PIER

Construction began Monday on new buildings for the Redondo Sportfishing Pier. The building area is 15 feet by 220 feet, and will house a ticket office, coffee shop, bait, and tackle store and storage and locker space. The cost is \$200,000 for the pier and buildings.

The new facilities will serve as a landing for day and half-day fishing boats, charter boats, harbor tour boats, and boats going to and from offshore barges.

Construction of new buildings will be done by Lorentz Voien of Torrance. Architect is the Shel-

Dan Anderson Is Best

Selected as the Press-Herald Prep Basketball Player of the Year is Dan Anderson, the 6-foot, 2-inch recognized playmaker from North High School.

The senior guard has been with the North High first string varsity for three championship seasons. During an undefeated Bay League campaign this fall

he scored 251 points. Dan's 229-game total was 568 points.

Not very far away from Dan in handling himself on the basketball court is teammate Jim Thomas, another guard with a 16-point league average. Thomas and Anderson both were named to the All-Bay League first unit. Jim was first

line reserve as a sophomore. He is 5-11 and a senior.

Rebounding contributed to the selection of Dennis Rector of South and Bill Kolodziejczak of West to the All-Torrance team. Rector averaged 19 points in South's climb to second place in the Bay League. Dennis is 6-5 and All-Bay League.

Kolodziejczak, a sophomore, averaged 22 points. He also was named to the All-Bay League squad.

One of the outstanding players in the Camino Real League is Greg Collins. The Bishop Montgomery senior had almost a 20-point average for the Knights.



DENNIS RECTOR



DAN ANDERSON
Play of the Year



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JIM THOMAS



GREG COLLINS

Topic of Upset

Coach Bob Boyd of USC said he was three points away from junking the stall tactics eventually credited with upsetting UCLA Saturday at Pauley Pavilion, 46-44.

"We were down seven points early in the game (11-4) and if the Bruins had gotten ahead by 10 we'd have gone to our normal game," Boyd said.

"There would have been no percentage in us holding the ball if we'd gotten down by 10. 'We were not playing to hold down the score. 'It would have been embarrassing to our players to stall under those circumstances."

Although the happiness of victory still was apparent, the USC coach rapped Bruin fans for their post-game conduct.

"I want to thank John Wooden (UCLA coach) for congratulating us on our win, but I can't pay the same compliment to that segment of the UCLA followers who threw apples, oranges and hot pennies at Ernie Powell when he was being interviewed on radio," said Boyd.

Trojan star Don Crenshaw said he doesn't foresee any difficulties for the Bruins in the NCAA playoffs which begin Thursday night at Pauley Pavilion.

"When Lew Alcindor decides to play, you can't match up to them," he said.

Crenshaw was asked if he meant Alcindor wasn't ready for the Saturday game.

"I'm saying he might not have realized how good we were or how good we were going to play," Crenshaw replied.

State Champions

The Metropolitan Conference is the possessor of two major California junior college athletic titles in the wake of Pasadena City College's victory in the basketball tournament at Fresno and Bakersfield's triumph in the wrestling tournament at San Bernardino Saturday night.

The Lancer's tripped Imperial Valley, 59-52, to take the basketball title for the second time in three years. The win also marked the second year in a row that the Metropolitan Conference has provided the winner of the championship. Last year Cerritos copped the crown—beating Pasadena (then a member of the Western State Conference.)

On the way to the winner's circle, Pasadena whipped Merced, 82-56, on Thursday and Fullerton, 67-59, on Friday.

At San Bernardino, Bakersfield piled up 83 points to run away with the mat crown. Another Metropolitan Conference team, El Camino, tied San Bernardino for second place with 67 points. Cerritos finished fourth with 62 points.

Valley Christian Wins Soccer Against South

Valley Christian, heralded for its defense, finally conquered high scoring South High to win the CIF soccer championship Saturday.

South beat the Crusaders in two prior games during the year, but they came back to score two goals in the second half to beat the Spartans for the

CIF championship. South's victories over Christian Valley earlier in the season were 4-2 and 2-1.

Mike Brennan scored South's only goal Saturday with a corner-kick play midway through the first half.

Valley's two goals were by Bill Fekkes and Frank Dykstra.

West High Triumphs In Track

Ron Johnson ran the half mile in 1:58.6 as West High defeated Redondo, 60-58, in a Bay League track and field meet Friday. Johnson's new school record bettered Ron Pettigrew's time of 2:01.

Results of the meet were:
120 YH—Handy (W), 15.5.
440 Relay—West (Heite, Handy, Smith, Shafer), 45.4.
880—Johnson (W), 1:58.6 (new record, old record 2:01.1).
100—Smith (W), 10.2.
200—Morrow (R), 21.9.
400—Anderson (R), 52.3.
800—Alpine (W), 1:27.6.
1,600—Wifin (R), 3:07.3.
3,200—Bernard (R), 5:19.8.
6,400—Handy (W), 11:19.8.
12,800—Smith (W), 23.5.
2-mile—Trasing (W), 10:07.3.
4-mile—Redondo 3:35.2.
8-mile—West 6:0.
16-mile—Redondo 23.
Record: SP—Davis (W), 57' 11".
Ces: West 63, Redondo 23.

Lomita Has Leagues in Volleyball

The Lomita Recreation Center announces it is accepting entries in 6-man volleyball leagues which begin April 9.

League play will be on Wednesday and Thursday evenings and entries will be accepted on a team basis only. The entry fee will be \$50. A \$10 deposit will be required with the entry. Games will be regulation 6-man, with S.C.M.A.F. rules governing play.

A.A.U. or N.C.A.A. players are ineligible. Each match will be two out of three games, 15 points or a 15-minute time limit, with a 2-minute rest period between games. Leagues offered are men's, women's, and mixed.

The Lomita Recreation Center is located at 24428 Eshelman Ave., Lomita.

200 Compete At Riverside

The entry list passed 200 for next weekend's sixth annual Hot Rod Magazine Drag Championships at Riverside International Raceway.

Downey driver Steve Carbone's 5-year career took a sudden spurt when he won the Hot Rod title a year ago. He will pilot the Creitz & Donoval fueler out of Long Beach that has been the scourge of drag strips from coast to coast for three seasons.

Four CIF Basketball Finals Set Saturday

CIF, Southern Section, basketball champions for 1969 will be crowned on four levels in a unique all-day schedule on Saturday at the Los Angeles Sports Arena.

Finalists on the "AA" and "A" levels have already been determined.

On the "AAAA" level, semi-final games are slated for the Los Angeles Sports Arena on Friday night at 7:30 and 9 p.m. with the championship game on Saturday night to conclude the day's activity.

Kicking things off on Saturday afternoon at 1:30 p.m., Atascadero and Aquinas will lock horns for the "A" division crown. The Greyhounds, top-seeded in the tournament, advanced to the finals with a convincing 70-55 victory over Elsinore last weekend. Aquinas dumped Ontario Christian, 82-64, for its berth.

Following the "A" encounter, highly-touted Verbum Dei will test Katella's Knights in the "AA" championship match at about 3 p.m. Verbum Dei rolled over Bell Gardens, 83-61, for its championship berth, while Katella took the toll of Hart, 84-67.

In the "AAA" championship tilt, set to get off at 7 p.m., winners from last night's semi-final games will meet.

Friday night's "AAAA" division semi-finals will match Ventura's powerful Cougars, on a 27-game winning streak, against defending champion Compton, which has won 60 straight contests, in the 7:30 p.m. game. Sunny Hills and Notre Dame will lock horns in the 9 p.m. encounter. Survivors of Friday action will meet for the championship on Saturday evening at 9 p.m.

Good Old Days Of Horse Racing



In 1893, Maximilian Justice Hirsch, then 12, arrived on the racing scene in Maryland, a stowaway in a box car with a shipment of Thoroughbreds from the John A. Morris ranch in Fredericksburg, Tex.

It had been warm in Texas when young Max helped to load the horses and suddenly decided to become a jockey. It was snowing in Maryland when they found the hungry and half-frozen youngster shivering in the horse bedding. That was 76 Springs ago. Eight years later, after a weight-shortened career as a jockey, Max Hirsch obtained his trainer's license and in 1902 at

New Orleans he saddled his first winner, a horse named Gautama. He has since trained some great ones, including Grey Lag, Sarazen, Tick On, Better Self, Bold Venture (his first Derby winner), and Assault, one of the turf's eight Triple Crown winners.

Max Hirsch recalls riding at Pimlico when, in 1898, the value of the Weakness to the winner, Sly Fox, was \$1,500.