

Harness Racing Begins Tuesday At Hollypark

Bullet Hanover's smashing victory in the Little Brown Jug recently has set the stage for one of the greatest \$75,000 Pacing Classics in the history of Western Harness' brilliant series for the sidewheelers. Western Harness opens its 33-day fall meeting on Tuesday at Hollypark.

Bullet Hanover is one of the thirteen invitees to the '60 American Pacing Classic, and another Jug winner, Adios Butler, is also numbered in the lineup.

ADIOS BUTLER captured the Little Brown Jug a year ago and along with it the Triple Crown of Pacing, which includes the Cane Futurity and the Messenger Pace.

He wound up the Year 1959 as the biggest money winning 3-year-old pacer in history with a bankroll of \$150,033.34. His time of 1:59 2/5 set a new world record for 3-year-olds sidewheelers on a twice around oval. After losing the first heat he came back with a sizzling 1:59 2/5 heat and followed by a 2:00 heat to bag the Jug.

A little later in the year Adios Butler joined the list of harness racing's all-time greats with a time trial of 1:55 4/5 at Lexington's Red Mile. His final quarter was turned in 28 1/5 and the last eighth better than 14 seconds.

AT THE END of '59 Adios Butler ranked as the fastest 3-year-old harness horse of all time regardless of age. The all-age pacing record of 1:55 was set in 1938 by Billy Direct, grandsire of Adios Butler.

In this year's Little Brown Jug renewal Bullet Hanover almost followed the script of Adios Butler to the letter. He lost the first heat, but he went Adios Butler one better as far as time was concerned. After Muncy Hanover had won the first heat in 1:58 3/5 to set a new Jug record Bullet came back to equal the record in the second heat, and then won the third in 1:59 3/5.

As a 2-year-old Bullet Hanover set a world record of 1:57 on the Indianapolis mile track for horses of his age, and at 3 he has carried on his blazing speed.

THE BATTLE at Hollywood between two winners of the Little Brown Jug, which is for 3-year-olds, will be a memorable one. It should be a real sizzler.

General Meeting Stated for Babe Ruth Directors

The Torrance Babe Ruth League Board of Directors will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Steelworkers Hall, 1316 Border Ave., to elect new officers for the 1961 baseball season.

Harbor Loses, 13-12

Harbor Junior College dropped its second straight non-Metro Conference football game Friday night, bowing 13-12 to Citrus.

OFF AND RUNNING by John I. Day

Sam Purdy for President

George Washington bred, raced and wagered on race horses; a jockey named Charles Curtis became vice-president in Herbert Hoover's administration, and back in 1823 another jockey named Sam Purdy might have been named President, according to John Randolph, a statesman and amateur turf writer of the period.

The occasion was the drama packed match race between American Eclipse, representing the North, and a challenger from the South named Sir Henry. Contemporary accounts of the event said that "few people were left in New York outside of Bridewell and the hospitals," and reported that over 60,000 were on hand at Long Island's Union Course. Sir Henry won the first of the



CHAMPS HONORED . . . Dick Fitzgerald, Torrance Chamber of Commerce manager, barbecued steaks for players, their dads, coaches and chamber sponsors of the Southern Calif. baseball champions Wednesday night at Higgins Brick Company facility. Pictured front row from left: Cary Hubert, outstanding pitcher; Councilman George Vico, former major player; and Bo Palica, manager. Back Row: Councilman Willys Blount, chamber youth and sports chairman; Joe O'Neil, catcher; and Clarence Rivali, coach. (Herald Photo)

Torrance Chamber of Commerce Honors Boys' Baseball Tournament Champions

Torrance's Southern California Boys Baseball Champs were feted at a testimonial steak fry Wednesday night at Higgins Brickyard under sponsorship of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Chamber Youth and Sports Chairman Willys G. Blount, also a City Councilman, presided at the affair held for the 15 members of the Chamber-sponsored team that swept to the Southern California Championship last month. Other guests included fathers of the boys and Torrance City Councilmen.

THE BOYS received awards from the Southern California Municipal Association and the Chamber President R.S. Pyle by Manager Ambrose "Bo" Palica. Palica himself was recipient of a trophy from the Chamber, as was Coach Clarence Rivali.

One of the highlights of the evening was a presentation by Blount of the "Outstanding Player" Trophy to Cary Hubert. Hubert pitched four straight victories to lead the Torrance team to the title.

Congratulatory remarks were made by Mayor Albert Isen and City Councilman George Vico, a former major league baseball star who presented each of the players, plus Palica and Rivali, with baseballs bearing autographs of all members of the Los Angeles Dodgers.

TORRANCE businessmen and organizations who made the banquet possible were: Don Wilson, Developer; Dan E. Butcher - Starlite Homes; Bert Lynn, President - City Planning Commission; Mayfair Creamery; Safeway Markets; Jump 'N Jack; and Nonie Ayers Baker.

Members of the Championship Team include: Bob Bat-

taglea, Harry Brown, Norm Casson, Jason Castillo, Ernie Stevenson, Clyde Taylor, and Clayton, Jim Coffman, Gary Mike Houston, Carey Hubert, Hayworth, Jim Henderson, Steve Waters.

Jockeys Still Going Strong When Other Athletes Are Old

Baseball players over 40 are a rarity but jockeys at that age seem to be getting their second wind. Take Eddie Arca-ro, for instance. Eddie is well into his 45th year and doesn't appear to be slowing down. In fact, he's accepting more mounts and riding more winners than at any time during his 29-year career.

Arcaro, currently leading the riders on the New York circuit, is a perfect example of the old adage, "Life begins at forty". Since he reached that milestone in 1956, he's ridden more than 200 winners each season, a mark he never attained prior to that. The remarkable thing is that last year he won 236 times, the high-water mark of his career. And to further add to the incredibility of his stamina he accepted more than 1,000 mounts in three of his last four seasons and the record shows that only once before, in 1933, had he ridden that many horses.

But Arcaro is not the only jockey around today who has gotten that much mileage out of his system. Everyone is well aware that Johnny Longden has been around since 1927 and has ridden more than 5,500 winners, the world's record. Longden is past 50 and has announced that he is retiring

at the end of this year. But Longden has still a few years to go to catch up with a couple of guys named Claude Hooper and Pat Remillard both 54, and still successfully plying their trade.

OF THE TWO Hooper has had the more spectacular career. He is the only active rider who was in competition prior to 1925. The first race he ever saw was the match between Man o' War and Sir Barton back in 1922 and that's what sold him on the idea of becoming a jockey.

Two years later he rode his

first winner and he is still plugging away at his trade, currently riding at Scarborough Downs in Maine.

Riding at the ripe old age of 54 is hereditary in the Hooper family. Claude's paternal grandfather rode jumpers until he was 65.

Remillard started to ride in the late 20's. His record is remarkable in that he hasn't missed a season of competition since he started. He is currently riding in Canada and is so highly thought of by fellow riders that he is their representative on the Jockey Guild board.

Alondra Park Sets Date for Basketball Skills and Signups

Alondra Park's Basketball Skills and Signup Day will be Saturday, Oct. 8th. All boys interested in participating in a basketball league should sign up at 10 a.m. in the Community Building. Leagues will be formed in the following age groups: Pee Wee, 9-10; Midgets, 11-12; Juniors, 13-14; and Seniors, 15-17.

Adults are needed to act as volunteer coaches and officials. For further information call DA 3-8125 or DA 4-9838.

Tournaments involving caroms, chess, and checkers will be held every Monday from 3-5 p.m. at the Community Bldg. One particular game will be highlighted each Monday with prizes to be awarded to the winners. Age group divisions will be 9-10, 11-12, and 13-14.

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