

'Amateurs' Get Track Chances

Undiscovered track and field talent — here's a chance to become stars at the co-ed track and field meets being sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department.

Girls and guys from 3rd to 12th grades who have not previously lettered in high school track and are not now a member of a school or club track team are eligible to compete in the meet.

Skills clinics will be held at the first meeting of participants on Saturday, April 12 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the athletic fields at North High, 3620 W. 182nd St.; South High, 4801 Pacific Coast Highway; and West High, 20401 Victor St.

District meets will follow on Saturday, April 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the three high schools.

Contestants must sign up between 9 and 9:45 a.m. in the morning of the district meets, specifying the events they will compete in. Individuals are limited to three events and one relay team. All participants must wear tennis shoes.

The top three place winners from all events in each of the district meets will be eligible to compete in a city-wide meet on Saturday, April 26 at South High from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Season to Open

The lights come on at Gardena's Ascot Park as the 1969 motor racing season swings into full bloom with the opening weekend of action on the arcs at the 183rd Street and South Vermont Avenue raceway.

Sunday night the popular ARC Figure 8 Stock Cars will present their first night show of the year, with a tripleheader program of criss-cross racing on tap starting at 7 p.m.

A field of more than 75 drivers will be on hand to compete in their separate criss-cross classes, Unlimited Modifieds, Modified Stock Cars, and the new Claiming Stock Car division.

Heading the large field will be Larry Peters of Covina, Ed Ferro of Wilmington, and Jim Powell of Downey, all shooting for repeat main event wins of Ascot's famous figure 8 course.

Peters has been almost unbeatable during the winter day-time races at Ascot. He drives a hopped-up 57 Chevrolet in the new Modified Stock Car division.

Ferro will be the driver to watch in the speedy Unlimited Modifieds, where all-out engines are used. Powell also is a strong contender in this division.

Three 20-lap features will top the program on the opening out card. Other racing on the Easter evening show includes, four 10 lap heat races, a 12 lap semi-final, and three 6 round trophy dashes.

Other top drivers entered include, Jerry Jones of Hawthorne; Ken Magill of Inglewood; Troy Still and Lloyd Brooks of Gardena; Rick Highley of Santa Ana; Ed Williams of Redondo Beach; Jess McIntosh of El Monte; John Yost of Norwalk; Manny Gonzales of Culver City; Earl Cox, Kevin Terris and Art Stanfield of Torrance; Mike Konye of Long Beach; Clint and John Hutchins of Garden Grove; Bill Erickson of North Hollywood; Gino Russo of Pacoima; Ross Boardman of Sun Valley; Leon Garrett of Lawndale; Dorsey Steele of Huntington Park; Bob Stone of Huntington Beach; and Willie Kimbrough, Sherman Jones, and Lloyd Mack, all of Los Angeles.

Gates open at 6:00 p.m. for time trials. Adult admission is \$2.50, children 8-12 are \$1.00, and kids under 8 years of age are free.

Badminton...

Open for Adults

Open badminton play for adults sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department will begin Tuesday, April 8, from 7 to 10 p.m.

The co-ed teams will play in the North High School Gym, 3620 W. 182nd St. Players of all levels of ability may participate.

Beginners will be given instructions for play.

Rackets and birdies will be provided at no fee. Tennis shoes must be worn by all participants.

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Torrance Slugger Will Be Backbone of Loyola Nine

Martin D. Morris grew up at 3709 W. 182nd St. — across the street from North High — but elected to attend Loyola High School.

"My father was educated by Jesuits," Morris recalls, "and my two brothers were going there." But the prime reason Marty

chose Loyola High was for its baseball program. While playing for Loyola High, he also found time to star on the two national champion Tordena (Torrance-Gardena) Bullet squads.

After all league honors and four varsity letters in high school, Marty was offered scholarships by both Loyola Univer-

sity and USC. He chose Loyola, a choice head coach Al Gad is more than thankful for.

A standout in frosh baseball there, Morris matured last year playing in more contests than anyone else on the squad. He averaged almost a hit and a run-batted-in per game had a slugging percentage of .470, and batted an even .300.

A converted first-baseman, Marty now patrols left field with good speed and a strong, accurate arm. His heroics last year earned him all-conference honors and a school record in runs-batted-in.

Though still early in the season, Morris is only one swipe away from breaking the school's stolen bases record. Coach Gad terms Morris, only a junior, one of the main elements in the Lions' bid for a West Coast Athletic Conference title this year.

Also looked to for a fine season is Benny Navarrette, a sophomore, who is a former All-City player at Banning High in Wilmington. Navarrette was "Rookie of the Year" last season with the Lions, and set three school hitting records on his way to all-conference honorable mention.

Loyola's success or failure this season depends largely on the performance of these two area outfielders.



LOYOLA STALWART . . . Marty Morris of Torrance figures to lead Loyola University's Lions to a successful campaign in the WCAC race this year. He is currently hitting .333 in league action, and led the squad last year in RBI's, setting a school record. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Morris of 3709 W. 182nd St.

McCulla Captures Club Title

Clem McCulla of Torrance won \$500 top prize for winning the Long Beach Boat and Ski Club's Championship in the circle-race with his ski-type boat, the "Psychedelic."

McCulla won the event in a sizzling 4:20 after qualifying by winning his prelim heat in 4:38.4.

A crowd of 5,300 was on hand for the combined, six-hour program of drag and circle racing. Due to the remodeling of the Long Beach Marine Stadium course, there were no flips or accidents — a record almost unheard of in this sport.

Girls Can Compete in Track Events

A girls track and field program is in session every Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. at Normandale Recreation Center.

The program is open to girls in grades 4 through 12. Classifications are: Elementary, for grades 4, 5, and 6; Junior, grades 7 through 9; and Senior, grades 10 to 12.

Activities include running events, long jump, and softball throw.

Highlight of the program is participation in a local and district track and field meet with district winners eligible to compete in the city finals.

Registration forms may be obtained at the center.

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Huntington Beach 5, Aviation 3
Mira Costa 2, Aviation 1
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Palos Verdes 13, Miralaste 1
Palos Verdes 5, Morningglade 1
El Segundo 9, Lawndale 2
Leuzinger 4, Lawndale 2
Leuzinger 18, Rolling Hills 4



SEA BEE . . . On leave from his Oxnard base, Ronald Brooks of Romita went fishing aboard the Reel Special at Redondo and caught a big Cow Cod.

Sports Editor Attends Little League Meeting

Field Directors from 21 countries and representing all 50 states and provinces of Canada convene in Detroit this week for the Tenth International Congress of Little League Baseball.

As volunteer personnel who serve as elected District Administrators for 7,200 unit leagues around the world, more than 500 men and women are participating in this biennial event.

HENRY J. BURKE, Press-Herald sports editor, of Redondo Beach, is the District Administrator for the leagues of District 26 of California and is representing these units in a full review of all aspects of Little League Baseball as it will pertain to more than two million youngsters.

Among the well-known sports personalities who are partici-

El Camino Teams Ready To Resume Metro Action

Following non-league clashes in baseball, tennis, and golf over the Easter vacation, El Camino will spend the balance of the week preparing for the remainder of a tough Metropolitan Conference schedule.

BASEBALL

Coach Chuck Freeman's horseholders will resume play against Metro rival Cerritos College Tuesday. The contest will start at 2:30 p.m. on the Cerritos College campus.

In previous action, the Tribe up-ended the Falcons by a count of 9-6 on the El Camino diamond, even though Cerritos is currently three-and-a-half games ahead of second-place Long Beach and Bakersfield in the Metro race for the flag. The Warriors come along next in the running.

After Cerritos the Warriors' next opponent will be the Pierce College Brahmas on April 11 in a 2:30 p.m. game on the Tribe's home field.

The ECC team will take the field in hopes of avenging the results of an earlier game in which the Brahmas annihilated the Tribe 15-5.

The following day will see the Warriors battle the Monarchs from Los Angeles Valley College on the Valley diamond. Game-time is at 1 p.m.

This contest will also be a revenge match for the Tribe. Earlier in the season, Valley dumped the Warriors 4-1 on the El Camino club's home diamond.

GOLF

Thursday and Friday El Camino golfers will visit Palm Desert area to meet the team from College of the Desert at the Canyon Country Club. The match is non-conference and tee-off times are at 1 p.m. both days.

It will be the battle of the unbeatens when the Warriors resume conference play April 7. The ECC squad hosts Long Beach City College at the Palos Verdes Country Club in a match

teams are undefeated in conference play.

The ECC team will tackle the Cerritos Falcons April 11 in another Metro match, this one on the Falcons' home course at the Los Coyotes Country Club. The match is also the first one in the final round of conference play for the Warriors.

TENNIS

The Tribe's tennis team resumes conference competition April 9 when the squad travels to Long Beach to battle the City College Vikings. The dual match begins at 2:30 p.m.

The Warriors come home the slated to begin at 1 p.m. Both

following Friday, April 11, to host the Pierce College Brahmas as they continue Metropolitan Conference dual meet action. The match is also set for 2:30 p.m.

El Camino College will hold its annual high school tournament April 12 with 15 high school teams from the area battling it out for top honors.

The tourney will begin at 9 a.m. and will feature four singles and four doubles matches from each school. Awards will be presented to the championship and runner-up schools.

South High is the tournament's defending champion.



A "GIMMIE?" . . . Bob Hamilton, currently number two on the Metro-leading El Camino College golf team, comes close to sinking a putt — but still not quite during a practice session. Hamilton is a sophomore letterman for the Warriors who also lettered for four years while at Morningside High School. The Warriors resume Metropolitan Conference play April 7 when they host Long Beach at the Palos Verdes Country Club.

Van Lue Drafted By AL Expansion Team

Nick Van Lue, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peck Van Lue of Torrance, will begin his third year of professional baseball this season — with his third major league organization.

Husband of the former Janice Cross of Carson, Nick was sought after by a dozen major league clubs upon his 1965 graduation from Carson High. He had won All-City honors all

three years in high school, and finally signed with the Atlanta Braves.

He played a season with the Braves' farm team, then was picked up by the Philadelphia Phillies. In his first two years as a professional ballplayer, he led both teams in homers and runs-batted-in, and was voted most valuable player of the Atlanta team.

Prelims Set For County Track Meet

Boys who want to run, jump, and throw in the 17th annual Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum boys' track and field championships May 10 can enter preliminary track meets.

Youth-serving agencies have until noon of May 5 to enter their champions, ages 12 through 18.

The meet will provide competition for boys not participating in a school track program.

Boys from county-wide youth groups will compete in the championships with youths of similar abilities and ages.

Coliseum events will include runs, dashes, relays, the long jump, the high jump, and the shot put.

Chamberlain Claims Two NBA Records

Two new individual records by Wilt Chamberlain of the Los Angeles Lakers were established in the 23rd season of the NBA, which drew to a close last week.

San Diego's Elvin Hayes is the first rookie since Chamberlain (1960) to lead the association in scoring with 2,327 points.

Records set by Chamberlain are most consecutive games with no disqualifications 787; and all-time high scorer, 27,098 points.

This winter he was picked up by the Kansas City Royals in the expansion draft, and left for spring training with them in Ft. Meyers, Fla., last month.

"I was glad I got drafted by an expansion team," Van Lue told the Press-Herald, "because it's a young squad and my chances of moving up to the big leagues are better here."

There are three possibilities this year for the power-hitting first-baseman. He could wind up playing Triple-A ball in Omaha; Double-A in Elmira, N.Y.; or (he hopes) break into the majors this year at Kansas City.

Nick is employed at Michael Kay's Men's Store in Torrance during the off-season.

Baseball Signups Are Open

Boys aged six through 12 may still sign up for the baseball program at the San Pedro Recreation Center, 1920 Cumbre Ave.

Schedules for daily practice are: Peevee (6-8 years), Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4 p.m.; and Midgets (9-12 years), Wednesdays and Friday at 4 p.m., and again on Saturdays at 11:30 a.m.

A fee of \$6 for midgets and \$4.50 for Peevees is required. This includes insurance, uniforms, and other fees.

"Every boy enrolling in the program will have the opportunity to play," said Nick Buckroff recreation director.

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