

Champion Sport



THE HARD YARDS with PAUL HAIGH

Giddy-up, races back on

FOR the Liverpool community who love horse-racing all roads lead to the entrance gates at Warwick Farm this Saturday.

It's the AJC's first race meeting since the farm's major track revamp. To mark the return, racegoers will get in free. The feature race is the time-honoured Warwick Stakes (1400 metres).

However, it's disappointing only five runners are among the early nominations for the race. Nominations close tomorrow, Thursday, at 10am.

So far, no Warwick Farm trainers have entered runners in the race but the big names of the Warwick Farm fraternity - Guy Walter, Peter Snowden, Gary Portelli and Clarry Conners - do have runners in other races on the nine-event program.

Meanwhile, racegoers can look forward to free admission at other midweek meetings at

Warwick Farm. And I reckon the AJC should go further with their future plans for revitalising racing in the Liverpool area. I want to see the AJC stage a Melbourne Cup Day picnic-style meeting on the first Tuesday in November from next year onwards. They could host a seven-event race program, throw the gates open for free and encourage businesses and companies to hold Melbourne Cup lunches and functions on the lawns in the picnic style surroundings. I believe this cup day event could be a winner and a real boon for the area. Punters could watch the action live from Melbourne on the big screens and bet on the cup and also the live races at the farm.

THE grand finals of the first division age groups in the Southern Districts Soccer Football Association will be played this Saturday at Marconi Stadium from 8.30am. All the best

to the many Liverpool clubs in the association who will compete in these finals.

THE Liverpool Olympics involvement in Beijing is over. Head swim coach Alan Thompson will enjoy a short break looking at some of the other events before the Games end on Sunday. Olyroos soccer player Trent McClenahan, 23, returns to England for the start of the British soccer season with Hereford United. Archer Lexie Feeney, 19, takes a break after her team and individual events. The Burilda Archery Club Cecil Hills member is based at the Australian Institute of Sport.

The Liverpool Bulls first-grade rugby union team's season is over after losing their final match 44-3 to The Hills on Saturday. However, the Bulls second- and third-grade teams have both made the finals on Saturday.

LOOKING BACK



December 18, 1960: The cover of the official magazine for the grand opening meeting at Warwick Farm motor racing circuit featuring Jack Brabham. Motor racing was held at Warwick Farm from 1960 to 1973.

SPORTS SHORTS

Netball dates

Liverpool City Netball Association grand-final day is Saturday, September 13, at Woodward Park.

Association secretary Estelle Lawler said the semis start on Saturday, August 30, and the finals are on Saturday, September 6.

Jacinta's glory

West Hoxton schoolgirl Jacinta Gatto, 12, will represent the NSW PSSA netball team at the national championships in Caloundra, Queensland (August 30 to September 5).

Jacinta, who is in year 6 at Good Shepherd Primary School, Hoxton Park, represented her school in the recent NSW PSSA titles in Dubbo. The Mackillop team were runners-up.

Finals tilt

Moorebank Sports Magpies first-grade team plays its final round of the Sydney Football League division two competition this Saturday against Holroyd-Parramatta at Gipps Road, Greystanes, at 10am.

The team qualified fourth. Finals start the next week.

Tee-off

The leading women's amateur players will be in action today at 8.30am at Liverpool Golf Club for the Fisher & Paykel Classic.

Bulls charged

Liverpool Bulls first-grade rugby union team missed the finals, finishing the season with a 44-3 loss to The Hills at Baulkham Hills on Saturday.

The third-placed Bulls second and third grade teams play The Hills in semi finals at CA Redmond Oval, Rockdale, on Saturday.

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