

Pre-Olympic trials

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60 bicyclists to race clock

As many as 60 bicyclists from throughout Southern California are expected to ride in Sunday's "Olympic Development Event," a race against the clock around Lake Mathews near Riverside.

THE 100 KILOMETER (62½ miles) race is preparatory to events later this year in which America's team will be chosen for the Olympic games.

Sunday's race — a time trial — will start at 8:01 a.m., with riders leaving exactly one minute apart. The finish line will be along the new dam road, at the lake's southwest end. Exact starting point hasn't been determined yet.

Sponsors of the event are the Riverside Bicycle Club, and the Riverside Park and Recreation Department.

RIDERS WILL MAKE 4½ laps around the lake, following El Sobrante and Cajalco roads through rolling hills.

Each rider will require about 40 minutes to complete one lap. At that rate, the first riders will be crossing the finish line about 11 a.m.

According to Duane Hammar, recreation supervisor, the riders will, in effect, be testing the course as well as their own abilities.

THE LAKE MATHEWS route recently was selected as the official Southern California Olympic time trial circuit.

Ten-member racing teams, selected in competition throughout the country, will travel to New York City late in August for races in which the official U.S. Olympic team will be named.

California will send two 10-man teams to New York, one from the southern part of the state, one from the north.

The southern team will be selected on the basis of individual performances in two major events: a time trial to be held on the Lake Mathews course on Aug. 9; and a 125-mile road race near Newhall on Aug. 16.

Sunday's race is preparatory to the Aug. 9 trials, Hammar said.