Turbocar Sidelined

Action of U.S. Auto Club directors in restricting the air intake area of turbine engines by 35 per cent amounts to a political method of banning turbines from future U.S. racing, Anthony (Andy) Granatelli, president of the STP Division of Studebaker Corporation said here today.

"Our STP Turbocar could not qualify for an Indianapolis race, let alone stand a chance of winning, with this 35 per cent reduction in air intake area, Granatelli said.

"I doubt that it could turn a lap faster than 152 mph, for our engineering figures show that the Pratt & Whitney engine of the Turbocar, which is already smaller than the previous USAC limit of 600 hp, would be reduced to only 360 hp by the new inlet area re-

"The decision is certainly damaging to us, from a financial and a prestige point of view," he continued, "but it is far more damaging to the reputation of automobile racing, which has always been regarded as a laboratory for automotive engineering progress.

"Who can be thrilled at an Indianapolis racing performance in 1968, knowing that a far faster and better car is parked somewhere in a garage, outlawed by a prejudicial ruling against progress? We must conclude that the 1968 attendance at Indianapolis will re flect this action by the U.S. Auto Club.

"At the same time, I wish to thank these directors of USAC who fought for the cause of progress on Monday. The meeting which brought about this ban on turbines lasted for five hours. It must have been a hard fight for those on the side of progress and justice."

Granatelli cast serious doubt on the USAC allegation that 480 hp could be produced by a turbine engine with air intake area restricted to only 15 square inches None of the STP Division engineering data shows that this is possible, and even if engine pressures were greatly increased to make this possible, there is no such engine available.

The president of STP confirmed that his engineering staff agreed the Turbocar effort had been "twice banned" in effect because of the additional restriction placed on use of water or water and alcohol injection into the turbine to assist in power production.

"There has not been a restriction of fuel in any engine at Indianapolis in the past 30 years," he said.

Competitors with piston engines are allowed to use oxygen-bearing exotic fuels such as nitro-methane to boost their horsepower, but the turbine, under this new rule, cannot even use water where others are using ultra-potent chemical additives.

"It is a known fact to all persons in racing," Gra-natelli said, "that the Ford V-8 engines produce 575 hp, the new turbocharged Offenhausers produce 625 hp and the Novi V-8 engines, which have never been contested, produce 837 hp. Yet we are obliged to cut our engine output to a puny 360 hp, if we wish to race against piston engines.

"Finally," Granatelli said, "We are faced with the fact that the new formula of 15 inches of air intake area is now held to be valid for only one year. Thus, if our ingenuity should be able to overcome this restrictional foil champion. He took the title on the first day of the national fencing championships taking place in have a 14-5 record and seven tion, an event I would now deem impossible, we then Santa Monica. would face a further restriction, brought on by our own ingenuity, at this same time in 1968."

On the question or re-designing the existing 1964. He came to the U.S. in and the women's folis chamble horsepower under the new re-differential deliver suitable horsepower under the new rewould deliver suitable horsepower under the new restrictions, Granatelli repeated his contention that costs would be prohibitive.

demand more power, not less. But it would require a special project to reduce power by restricting air intake and still maintain safe and proper engine temperatures. Such re-design costs would amount to the state and the state "Turbine designers work toward increasing hors

take and still maintain safe and proper engine temperatures. Such re-design costs would amount to millions of dollars."

The entire recent procedure of the U.S. Auto Club on short term turbine engine rule changes was scored by Granatelli.

"It has been traditional that a three-year period must elapse between changes in engine size and type," he said. "Turbine developers were encouraged to research the subject under rules which said that turbine size was unlimited in behalf of progress. One could assume that the rule would extend for the traditional two men.

Axelrod has been the U.S. champion three times, He has competed three times in the ollywpics.

Last year's champion, Max Geuter of West Germany, suffered an ankle injury in the semi-finals.

The National Fencing Championship will continue at the Santa Monica High School through Saturday. The sume that the rule three-year period.

"Then the unlimited size was arbitrarily changed without notice in January of this year to a limit of 23 square inches of intake area and 600 hp. If we had not



ALL-CIF CATCHER . . . Three-year letterman Fred Kendall of Torrance High was named the All-CIF "AAA" catcher. He is now the property of Cincinnati after signing a professional baseball contract.
(Press-Herald Photo)

Heizaburo Okawa of Torrance is the new U.S. na tional foil champion. He took the title on the first day

Okawa, who lives at 2056 W. 184th St., also took

Shrine Foes



Will Be Even Hard Luck Tales square inches of intake area and 600 hp. If we had not been fortunate in our choice of engines, we would have been barred from racing before our car was completed. "As things now stand, we were able to compete only for a single race. Then this new ban was imposed, step on the Coliseum turf at reducing our intake area to 15 inches and the horse reducing our intake area to 15 inches and the horse. The North will appear to 200 sand and one ways for a outside of one of the inches and the horse.

Kendall Makes All-CIF

Fred Kendall, recently signed to a professional base-ball contract by Cincinnati, was announced today as catcher for the All-CIF "AAA" baseball team.

Outfielder Rich Gonzales of North High and third base man Larry Gray of Redondo Beach were maned to the sec

For the second year Bart Johnson of Torrance turned up on the third team with Mike McCready of El Se-

Outfielders Irv Zakheim of Beverly Hills and Charles Soules of Aviation were first team selections.

The "player of the year" is Edgar Thomas, Pioneer High School first baseman. He had a .485 batting average in 24

ames. Kendall, a three-year catch er for Torrance, batted .422 in 22 games. He led the Tar-tars to the Sky League baseball title.

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Two Pitchers Combine for Four Shutouts

Pitchers Tim Rosseno and Mustan Mike Ekberg of the Tordondo Braves have pitched four Angels Solons straight shutouts in the sec-Seale Stary ond round. They have kept their team with first half champion Cubs at 7-2 in the second half.

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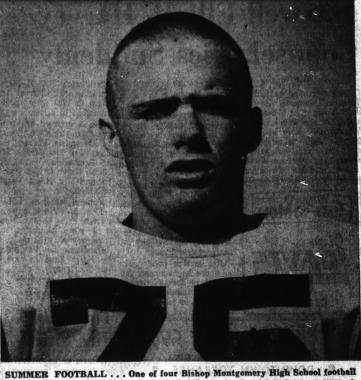
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"The was faced with the decision that ingrees are even many and the horse to lose a race but for restriction, we may be confronted with a new restriction after only one single year of legality.

"This leads us to question seriously the basic right of the U.S. Auto Club to make such capricious rulings without proper notice of intention." Granstell concluded.

"Paul O'Brien Leads Phillies

Torrance National Little lained ground as Bernal Longue is in its final week of the baseball campaign with the baseball campaign



players named to the West team for the Lions All-Star football game is Mark Leamy, a tackle. The game will be Aug. 10 at El Camino Stadium, Proceeds go to the Southwest Association for Retarded Children. (Press-Herald Photo) to the Southwest Association for Retarded Children.

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