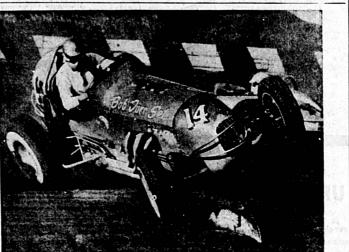


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... Jack Brunner, 1961 California Racing Association champ from Gardena, looks like he is about ready to flip in recent Ascot Park race. Brunner righted car safely and will be in field with more than 40 ace drivers competing in Wednesday night's rial Day 100-lap big car sprint race on the half-mile Ascot oval.

## **Two Local Riders Vie** In Ascot Cycle Program

Torrance riders Bennie Sims and Bob Bailey will be in the record field of nearly 150 riders who will compete in the 15 event steeplechase motorcycle racing program Tuesday night as Ascot Park in Gardena. The first race is at 8:30 p.m.

Sims, who missed the last steeplechase race due to injuries suffered in a spill during a Friday night flat track race, will compete in the expert division against the top

> Keggas Take Pair, **Maintain Slim Lead**

Still maintaining their slim West Coast Slo-Pitch Assn. lead, the Tappa Keggas knock over the Santa Ana Bombers in a double-header Friday.

Keggas took 7-2 and 8-4 deci-

ping by the Gardena Bulls, 6 to 5 and 10 to 2.

contests.

Awards will be given out to the most vauable players of each sport; football, cross-country, basketball, wrestling, baseball, tennis, track and gymnastics, Other awards will 100 meter breastroke and 100 meter breastroke be given for the Most Inspira-tional Player in football the Letterman of the Year, and the division of the Catholic Youth home runs. The second place Giants shutout the Cards in a pair of contests, winning both squab-Senior Athlete of The Year. Prices are \$1 for the athletes Senior Athlete of The Year. contests, winning both bles by 10-0 margins. MARK HORNBECK won the first .tilt and Bobby Floyd came back to capture the other Swim Statium. **BIG CAR RACES** with a no-hit effort. James Smoot bashed the first home of his career, a grand slam EIGHT MAY 30th mer, for the winners. So far this season only one team, the Dodgers, has scored Time Trials 7 P.M., Races 8 P.M. on the Giants. The two clubs 182nd & VERMONT AVE. will meet today at 1 p.m. at Mobil as the Giants attempt to erase the one game bulge the Dodgers hold. IN OTHER action, the Yanks and Braves split a pair. Don Luccarelli of the Braves Don Luccarelli of the Braves pitched a 3-0 shutout in the first game, and Bob Fernley and Greg Waters came back to hurl the Yanks to an 8-1 win in the second contest.

TARTAR BEE NABS SIXTH IN FINALS

Garry Barron, North pole vaulter, sailed over the bar 12-0 Friday night to gain a fifth place tie in the CEE division of the CIF Finals at Mount San Antonio College. Winning height for the Cee event was 12-8, and al-

though Barron has climbed over 12 feet this season, his

rying height by six inches. Torrance's only other entry in the finals, Tartar Bee 660 man Larry Parker, manufered

sixth place as Chaffey speed merchant Rick Williams won the event with what surely would have been record time. Ond when his mentions here would have been record time had not an error been made One national mark was brokhad not an error been made in measuring the distance.

en in the meet as San Bernardino and favored Glendale Hoover knotted for top team WILLIAMS WAS clocked in honors with 16 points apiece.

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WILLIAMS WAS clocked in 1:19.8, a full second under the CIF standard, but the track was found to be 10 yards short and the thletes had run only 650 yards. Parker finished in 1:22.0, only a yard behind the fifth place man. Starting off slow-ly, the Tartar sophomore be-gan to move in the back-stretch, and the 10 yards lost might have given him fifth



## Charles McCabe, Esquire

The moral rehabilitation of Sonny Liston, the pugilist and two-time loser, has gone quite far enough for me, thank you.

Sonny, who wants to yank the heavyweight crown from the heroic brow of Floyd Patterson, was reported the other day as giving serious thought to becoming a Roman Catholic priest. The Hearst chain's Albany, N. Y., newspaper, The

Knickerbocker News, quoted Liston: "I don't know if I got it to be a priest, but I'm thinking about it."

When the story got out, Liston was quick to deny it. "I couldn't become a priest," he said, "I'm a married man."

Sonny's awareness that Catholic priesthood entails a vow of chastity gratified those of his admirers who are aware he just learned to sign his name about a year ago.

Though Sonny quite properly balks at investiture in the clergy, he said he is all for helping the Church to rehabilitate kids by giving boxing exhibitions and talks.

The moral rehabilitation of Sonny Liston is no laughing matter. His upcoming match with Champ Pat-terson is expected to produce a gate estimated at between \$4 million and \$7 million.

So if you read an increasing number of stories wherein the ex-con suddenly sounds like St. Francis Assisi, just render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's. \*

\* Sonny is not without experience in the rehabilitation bit. It's how he got into boxing, in fact.

Back in 1952, when Sonny was doing 29 months in Missouri State Penitentiary for armed robbery, he was taught boxing. His skill attracted the attention of the Catholic chaplain, Father Alois Stevens, who took on his rehabilitation. Sonny was paroled in custody of the priest.

Sonny turned out such a formidable fighter that it was hard to get fights for him-though he did score six straight wins in a single year, 1955-56.

Father Stevens went a bit sour on Sonny when, in 1956, he assaulted a St. Louis policeman, took the officer's gun away from him, fled the scene and hid the gun at his sister's house.

The case did not come to trial until December, 1956, when Liston was sentenced to nine months in the workhouse. Between arrest and conviction he was arrested four more times-for speeding, failing to answer the summons and twice on suspicion of theft.

For the two game series Stan Dimaggio went 4 for 8 and Al Kelsey hit at a 4 for 6 clip to pace the Keggas. Ted Kamenski, although dropping the hurling nod in the opening encounter, kept up his hitting pace, going 2 for 3. Holding down a 6-0 slate, the

SOUTH TORRANCE was sparked by three home runs in its two victories. Irv Kassions to keep ahead of South Torrance, trailing with a 5-1 record. The Knight Owls stayed right behind the leaders, slip-clearing the fence.

. . . IN OTHER action, El Monte anned Hawthorne 2 to 1 and

Bryan Steven, working on the mound for the first time for the Keggas, made his debut a successful one, helping himself out by going 3 for 3 at the plate.

In Central Loop IN THE second encounter,

Chuck Brian took the hurling nod for the loop leaders, throw-ing a six-hitter for his third Robert Bachman and Bart Johnson hurled the Torrance Central Little League Dodgers to a pair of victories over the

The second game of the El Monte-Hawthorne contest was a comeback win for the Black-hawks. Behind 6-1 going into the sixth, El Monte tied it with a five-run outburst and went ahead with a singleton in the 7 to 6 in a pair of skin-tight seventh.

> After investigation, the theft charges were dropped. \* \* \*

> Undaunted by Sonny's previous rehabilitation, another Catholic priest, Father Edward J. Murphy of Denver, took him on about a year ago and taught him to read and write. He also pronounced him officially rehabilitated.

> Who can say? Perhaps this time it's all true, and Sonny is as morally laundered as a newborn babe. All those visions of money dancing before Sonny's eyes are pretty good motivation for him to keep his nose clean until he glaums onto it.

> What is a mite annoying about all this is using the one, holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church as a stalking horse to promote a dubious prize fight.

> Traditionally, prize fight press agents get away with even more ruddy murder than their fellow space grabbers-partly because they have plenty of expensive fight ducats to dispense.

> But when Mr. Liston can be placed, even if innocently, in a position of denying that he's thinking of becoming a priest, we are either in Wonderland with Alice or in Florence with Machiavelli.

This religious rehabilitation jazz, in its context, is about as chic as a Holy Water font in a brothel.