

SPEEDWAYS SLATE DOUBLEHEADERS

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The Fearless Spectator

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Soon or late each of us intrepid commentators on important matters falls athwart that great American institution, the pressure group.

I have come to feel, right on my return from a road trip, the fierce wrath of an organized minority, The Southpaw Lobby is after me.

The psychiatrists assure me that in these extremities the human animal reacts in two ways: he either fights or flees. I am not certain which course to take. Or to seek a middle course, if there is one.

If I were a politician I could appoint an interim ad hoc committee to study the facts. This is fancy for sweeping the problem under the rug.

Since I am but an author and dues paying malcontent, I have not this cozy recourse. I just have to face up to the charge that I am prejudiced against lefties.

I have in the past made some observations about leftie pitchers, like the late Rube Waddell and Bo Belinsky. That they were non-conformists. Or, if you wish, a bit dotty.

And I have remarked that there seem to be singularly few left handed drinkers in the world. Which would come under the heading of idle observation.

But no, I have incurred the wrath of The League for Abolition of Discrimination Against Southpaws. LADAS, for short.

"When you indicated in print recently that our late confere and honorary member emeritus, Brother Waddell, might have been unusual in his habits, it devolved upon me to communicate with you that the stories of his eccentricities are merely fabrications, composed by jealous right handers, to dim the memory of his great pitching performances."

Thus a LADAS spokesman, Mr. Abner W. Fritz, who says he represents "those who operate from the port side of the human frame."

Mr. Fritz may have something there, as there have been reports that much Waddelliana came from the hot pen of a right-handed Philly baseball writer named Charlie Dryden.

But his shameless power block thinks I dislike lefties. Just as other people think I'm anti-Negro, anti-Giants, anti-Semitic, anti-Catholic, and even anti-anti-anti.

They are all right, of course. Unlike the late Will Rogers, I can say I've never met a man I could not dislike. If I put my mind to it. As, on occasion, I have.

Yet I thought I liked lefties. A left-handed man throwing a baseball is one of the most improbable sights in the world, if you come to think of it. Like a two-year-old playing croquet. And that's why I like 'em. Both.

My affection does not come through, somehow. In an extraordinary move, LADAS recently held a special indignation meeting at Whittier, Calif., where they condemned me at great length, according to Mr. Fritz. "I feel you should be apprised of the meeting's results," he says.

"During our existence," he points out, "we have struck blows for the rights of such illustrious dignitaries as pitcher Vernon Gomez and tennis star Art Larsen. For decades we have endured, silently, the outrages and outpourings of right handers.

As left handers, we knew we were better. As a racially and religiously integrated group, we welcomed the presence of all who were bestowed with the bounty of portside-ness. Yet we knew we must be tolerant of the less fortunate.

So tonight in my little brown notebook I shall write 150 times, "I love lefties." But I insist the pressure of LADAS has nothing to do with this. Just Platonic justice. Okay?

Ascot Motorcyclists Chase Track Records Tomorrow

Motorcycle riders, led by kingpins Al Gunter and Jack O'Brien, go whizzing for records tomorrow night at Ascot Park.

The number one target for both Gunter and O'Brien will be the one-lap qualifying time of 22.95 seconds held by amateur rider Elliott Schultz.

To have an amateur hold the record over the experts ran-

kled Gunter and O'Brien. Gunter held the former record of 23.26 seconds.

ALSO UNDER fire tomorrow will be O'Brien's three-lap trophy dash record of 1:10.70, and two of Gunter's prized marks, 1:58.54 for five laps and 5:51.48 for the 15-lap main event.

With all Southland drivers

home from the midwest and east, racing director J. C. Agajanian reverts to the three-class program with separate heats and main events for novice, amateur, and expert riders.

ON SATURDAY night, Billy Cantrell, Allen Heath, and Dee Jones will lead an assault of big car drivers attempting to halt California Racing Assn. point leader Colby Scroggins. The trio will challenge Scroggins on an eight-race card which includes a trophy dash, five heat races, the 15-lap semi-main and the 30-lap main event.

Time trials open the show at 7 p.m. and racing begins at 8:30 p.m.

Proctor, Cook Choice At Western Speedway

Clem Proctor and Jim Cook, winners of last weekend's two racing programs at Western Speedway, will assume a co-favorite role in tomorrow night's feature on the Gardena oval.

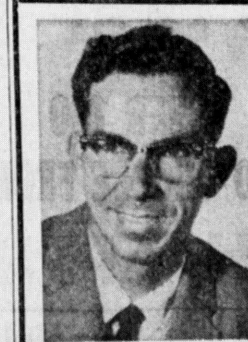
Racing begins at 8 p.m. with time trials an hour earlier.

Proctor will be after his third victory of the year in the night's 30-lap feature. Last Sunday he set a new 30-lap record of 8:45.61 for 10 miles.

He also holds the 1-lap record of 16.75 seconds or 71.641 mph for the one-third mile clay oval.

Cook, the number one driver in the point race, will be after his seventh main event win of the year.

In addition to the 30-lap main event, other racing will include a 15-lap semi-main, an eight-lap handicap dash, four eight-lap heat races, and a four-lap trophy dash.



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