

The Fearless Spectator

By



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To the right of the upstairs bar of my favorite London pub, the Star Tavern in Belgrave Mews West, there is the innocent legend, in large green block letters, "Inquire About Our Easy Terms."

Some witless fellow did, a bit back. The Irish publican barked his usual answer: "I can let you walk down the stairs, or I can throw you out of the (unprintable) window."

The publican is Paddy Kennedy (Patrick Joseph, same name as JFK's paternal grandfather, who was also an Irish publican in Boston). Paddy is age 50, looks 15 years younger. He has the face of a lecherous jockey and moves with the suspicious graceful slouch of a boxer. His business slogan is, "The customer is always wrong."

You are nowhere, but nowhere, baby, in London saloon society unless you've been thrown out of Paddy's. Among those who have been barred from his presence are some of the biggest names in the jet set and international show business, including a young photographer who is married to a king's daughter.

Paddy's customers are sporting types. They are either in the Almanac de Gotha or registered with the police. In some cases, both.

Among Paddy's career drinkers are Burl Ives, movie director John Huston, producer Kevin McClory and his pretty lady friend, Bobo Sigrest (who has a couple of million quid), Bob Hope and Bing Crosby, Trevor Howard and John Gielgud, the Maharajah of Coch-Behar and a few other maharajahs, Brod Crawford, Ernie Anderson, who is the world's greatest press agent; half the foreign office, and so forth.

Paddy's description of his clientele, to their faces and behind their backs, is ungenerous—to put it mildly. A sacrosanct British public figure, is, to Paddy Kennedy, "nothing but a bloody ponce."

The language at Paddy's Upstairs (downstairs is a regular pub, upstairs a kind of informal union of scoundrels) is basic English. Very basic. Three words almost universally used in the sporting set in speech, but seldom if ever seen in print, are the heart of the vocabulary. These are used as nouns, verbs, adverbs, participles and just plain expletives. A foreigner can learn all the English he needs to know at Paddy's in about 20 minutes flat.

One night I sent along on American friend. He turned up with his delightful daughter, age 12. Paddy and his customers were outraged. Women do not inhibit their language, and go upstairs at their risk. But 12-year-old American girls presented a new problem. For nearly an hour, the regulars were forced to speak polite English.

I arrived shortly after the American departed, accompanied by an Englishwoman. The laddies told me, in language with the edge of murder on it, what I could do with my friends. The boys were back to their mother tongue, with a vengeance. My lady friend sighed, "We're getting double rations tonight."

Paddy's British wife was talking about an Irish movie producer who is a great boy with the girls. I felt she was speaking for every Irishman on earth, Paddy Kennedy included, when she said sadly: "That man has a world of charm; but when the charm goes, there's nothing."

Paddy's neighbors are rather starchy members of the Belgravia diplomatic set, and he carries on a constant war of nerves with them. It's hard to grow plants in Belgravia, especially lavender. Paddy has huge boxes of fake flowers, including plastic lavender, outside his windows. Two or three times a day he ostentatiously waters them.

As he does so, he glares at the pretty, elegant mews houses down the alley. "That'll fix the bastards," he says.

Some of the upstairs gang are friends of the Duke of Edinburgh, Her Majesty's consort. They call him Phil the Greek.

If you get to London, be sure to look up Paddy. Tell him I sent you. And expect the worst.

EC BOASTS SMALL QUICK ELEVEN

"Good moves to right or left, small, but tough and ast," are the phrases onlookers use to describe the El Camino College line now in daily-double workouts in preparation for the '62 season.

First good look at the team may be had Saturday when returning alums meet the Warrior squad at 8 p.m. in a scrimmage session.

"OUR LINE is small, with most of the boys on the light side of 200 pounds, but they are very quick and aggressive and we're optimistic." Ken Swearingen, head coach, said this week.

Built around four returning lettermen, Jim James of Aviation at center; Jim West, Hawthorne, guard; Kendall Ruskit,

Hawthorne, at tackle, and Dick Curtis of Leuzinger at guard, the traditional "blocks of granite" are renaming themselves "the flying chips of flint."

"GUARD POSITIONS are being scrambled for like loose money and it's Tom Frame, Morningside; Doug Minner, Morningside; John Iacono, Mount Carmel, and Dick Ramirez of Sierra who are doing the work," Bill Vincent, line coach said.

Only bad news of the first two weeks work was the sprained muscle in the leg of Jim Ryle, 5-7, 175-pound half-back from Hawthorne. Reale is in a cast now and will miss the alum scrimmage.

OTHERWISE THE back po-

sitions are moving toward form. John Torok, last year's Metro Conference-honorable-mention quarterback, and Jim Allison, first team all-conference defensive back, are the leaders.

Veteran squad members Bill Moran, Joe Cunningham, and Joe Montgomery are a little bigger and a lot stronger. Newcomers Jim Dutton and Paul Carmichael, Inglewood, and Dan Claxton, North High, are the "Young Turks" trying to move the vets over.

"We've got good backs, good ends, and a revamped pass protection set-up but what we don't know now we will have to wait to find out Saturday against the alumni team. We hope it's good news," Swearingen concluded.



NORTH HIGH GRADS . . . Although they formerly played ball for North High, El Camino has now gained the gridiron services of, standing l to r, Dan Claxton, Bob Martin, Ron Davis, and Pat Lininger. Mike Hanchett (52) and Al Becker (75) will also be vital cogs in the Warriors' chase for the Metropolitan Conference football crown.

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Western Offers Rich Purse In Summer Championships

Double championship points and a \$1,250 purse will go to the winner of the "Summer Championship" at Western Speedway tomorrow night.

More than 50 cars and drivers will bid for the rich purse in the 40-lap feature.

Time trials begin at 7 p.m. with racing getting under way an hour later.

IN ADDITION to the main event, other racing will include the 20-lap semi-main, four 8-lap heat races, an 8-lap handicap dash, and a 4-lap trophy dash. Steadily climbing Eddie Gray is the favorite to battle it out with point leaders Jim Cook and Bill Foster for top honors.

ALTHOUGH HE has been

competing in California Jalopy Assn. races for only one month, Gray has chalked up 365 points for 11th place in the standings. He won his last start on the Gardena oval.

Cook leads all driver with 1,990 points with Foster just a shade behind at 1,940.

MORE THAN 200 points rest on tomorrow's win. Jerry Plotts, Bill St. James,

Meeting Set

Monday at 7:30 p.m., the Tordena Colt League will hold a general meeting at Edison School, 3800 W. 182nd.

The league comprises youths from the Torrance-Gardena area.

Chuck Townsen, and Ernie Swift of Gardena will bid for the top slot.

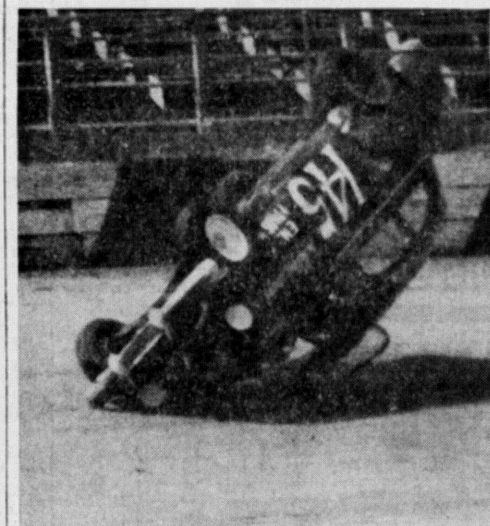
It will be a double weekend of stock car racing. Sunday afternoon, the stockers return for a 2:30 engagement.



GIBSON GIRL



FORMER TARTARS . . . Joe Montgomery (19), John Redmond (70), Mike Lindeman (65), and Howard Taylor, former Torrance High gridiron stars, are top men in El Camino's bid to upend the Alumni Saturday night at Murdock Stadium in the first scrimmage of the season for the Tribe.



TOP TO BOTTOM . . . Sam Stanley winds up on the wrong side in recent action at Western Speedway. Stanley will be back at 8 tomorrow night as a 40-lap main event, with a \$1,250 purse, tops the "Summer Championship" program. The stock cars will return Sunday at 2:30 p.m. for another crack at the Gardena oval.

Veterans Top Cycle Show

A veteran-dominated field of motorcycle riders, led by Al Gunter and Jack O'Brien, will battle tomorrow night as Ascot Park in the 15-lap feature of J. C. Agajanian's weekly program.

First race of the 15-event program is at 8:30 p.m., and features will be run in the three divisions expert, amateur (10 laps) and novice (8).

One-lap qualifying begins at 7 p.m.

FIGHTING co-favorites Gunter and O'Brien in the expert class "main" will be such "old pros" as Stu Morley, Sammy Tanner, Dick Hammer, Neil Keen, Johnny Muckenthaler, and Burt Richardson.

The amateur division highlights point-leader Clyde Litch, record-holder Elliott Schultz, Merl Lawwill, and Homer Stapps.

DICK GUGLIEMANA remains the rider to beat in the novice division.

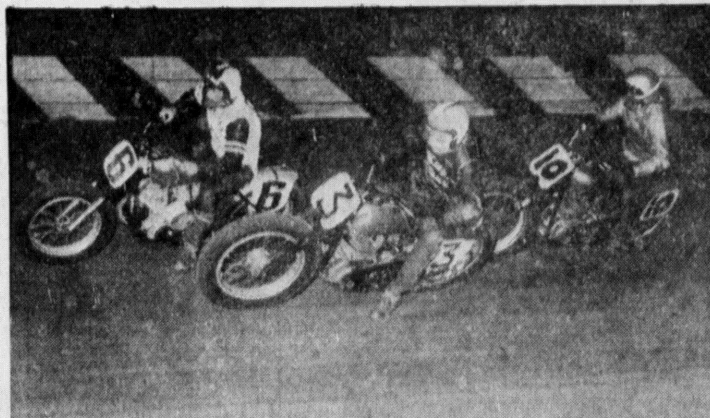
Agajanian is completing plans for the biggest weekend of two-wheeled competition in

Ascot history early next month when a gala motorcycle jamboree will be featured by the national 50-lap steeplechase championship Sunday

afternoon, Oct. 7.

EASTERN RIDERS, including four-time Grand National champion Carroll Resweber of Milwaukee, Wis., and current

runnerup Bart Markel of Flint, Mich., start weekend events by competing in the Friday night, Oct. 5, oval track races.



TIGHT, TOUGH TURN . . . Neil Keen (6), Al Gunter (3) and Don Hawley demonstrate action that will be seen Friday night at Ascot Park when the eye's take to the track for a 15-lap feature event which will top a 15-race program at the local oval.

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