

Two Spartans Run for CIF Titles

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When you get not one but two Doctors of Philosophy, who are college profs to boot, to tell you how to beat the ponies, then I say, "Brother, you better listen."

This ain't no Harry the Horse stuff.

As you know, anyone can beat the horses, so long as he has a system, and follows it consistently with the aid of Uncle Teddy's Turquoise Tout Sheet, which sells at a measly \$65 at your friendly downtown news-dealer's.

That horseplayers die broke is explained simply by the fact that they can't read. Can't read Uncle Teddy, anyhow.

I am proud to inform you that the guesswork is being taken out of making a bundle on the gee-gees. I have to hand a tome called Scientific Handicapping: Tested Ways to Win at the Race Track. Prentice Hall, \$3.95.

The book is by Ira S. Cohen, Ph.D., and George D. Stephens, Ph.D. These aficionados of the hay burner teach at Long Beach State College, Calif.

This factory of learning is sometimes called the Harvard of Los Angeles County, so you can figure the direction in which we are leading.

The pros are scientific as hell, but with their feet on the turf. They read the Racing Form from cover to cover. They bet with "excellent results." They say.

They tell you how to spot the neurotic horse. There are three things to look for here: Washiness, kidney sweat, and run away. See what I mean? Racy stuff.

The pros are against betting on neurotic horses, a theorem with which I don't fully agree, but let that pass.

I find that most books on how to win at the track, or in the phone booth, are about 98 per cent sagacity, uttered with the insufferable assurance of a Norman Vincent Peale. And 2 per cent alibi. I look for the alibis.

If you follow the pros' system you will end up richer than Joe Kennedy. Unless, of course, you have suicidal tendencies.

They say, "We are not addressing ourselves to compulsive losers. Such unfortunates, because of a variety of psychological reasons, are probably unable to benefit from any advice except that of a psychiatrist.

"Anyone who has to lose, who needs to lose, is beyond the province of our help.

"From time to time, many of us, though we are not compulsive losers, are affected by suicidal tendencies—betting compulsions which, if followed, inevitably cause us to lose."

In other words, if this Ph.D. pitch doesn't work it may be because you're Death-Wish Charlie at heart.

I fear the race tracks of this great land, dedicated as they are to the improvements of the breed, would close down tomorrow if it weren't for the patronage of Death-Wish Charlie and his millions of fellow nuts.

The pros have another out. If you follow every word of advice given you by these Solomons from the Southland you could still end up on the gritty end of the stick. If you don't WORK HARD ENOUGH at their system, that is.

This is a very professional out. If you never did get to dig Chaucer or the co-sine when you were being brainwashed, it was always because you didn't work hard enough. Not because the prof was maybe a dishwasher at heart.

The horsey pros declare, "We must admit that the player who uses our patterns of predictability will have to WORK at handicapping—preferably before he goes to the track, certainly after he gets there."

"For the Goddess of Fortune smiles infrequently at people who are unwilling to spend the time and effort necessary to propitiate her."

Which, I fear brings us back to where we started, with four hours intensive research in the Racing Form; and, alas, deep conferences with Harry the Horse, and the uncle of the broad who got drunk with the stable-boy last Tuesday night.

Jones Makes History

Daring Torrance driver Parnelli Jones continued to make Indianapolis Speedway history last weekend.

Unofficial holder of the brickyard speed record, Jones made it quite official on Saturday as he barreled around the famed old oval at 151.153 miles per hour average for 10 miles, earning himself the pole position for the Memorial Day classic.

By winning the pole spot for the second year in a row, Parnelli became only the fourth

man in history to boast of the achievement. Both years Jones has set new speedway records while taking the pole.

THE BALDING 29-year-old Torrance pilot hit a top speed of 151.847 mph for one lap to officially set a new 500 mark.

Parnelli's old record, set in almost the same J. C. Agajanian car he is driving this year, were 150.729 mph for one lap and 150.370 mph for four laps.

ONLY RALPH De Palma, Rex Mays, and Eddie Sachs

have previously gained the pole position two years in succession.

Jones had three laps better than his top effort a year ago and would have possibly gone faster except for stiff-blowing winds.

DURING PRACTICE runs, Parnelli had been clocked at speeds better than 153 mph, but only times hit in qualifying or the actual race are considered official.

"The wind gave me plenty of

trouble on the backstretch and I had a hard time keeping away from the wall," Parnelli explained.

AGAJANIAN, owner of Jones' car, has predicted top speeds of 154 mph for the machine.

On Monday, with the wind gone, Jones cruised around the oval at his record qualifying speed with a full tank of gas and afterwards said he felt he could have hit Agajanian's magic mark.

TEST FLIGHT . . . South High shot putter Harry Ruitermann unleashes the 10-pound ball on a practice effort for the CIF finals tomorrow night. Ruitermann stunned South coach Dick Scully when he captured the Bay League B crown, and since then has gone to qualify with what he terms, "bad puts." Only a junior and small for a shot putter, Ruitermann began his career at South as a runner before switching to the weight division.

Ruitermann, Fox Vie for Cinder Titles

Superlative high school athletes will be the rule tomorrow night in the CIF track finals at Cerritos College. There will be no exceptions. Competing against the finest cinder athletes in Southern California will be two track men from South High — Wes Fox and Harry Ruitermann. After weeks of qualifications, which separated the almost greats from Torrance still entered in competition.

FOX WILL BE bidding for top honors in the C 660 while Ruitermann will go shooting for first place in the B shot put.

Field events will begin tomorrow at 6:30 p.m., while running competitors will face the opening gun an hour later.

USUALLY SURPRISE performers do not last too long in the CIF eliminations, but Ruitermann has suddenly come of age. A junior, Ruitermann surprised coach Dick Scully when he captured the Bay

League title, and he has continually shovelled the 10-pound ball over 50 feet in past weeks to advance into the finals.

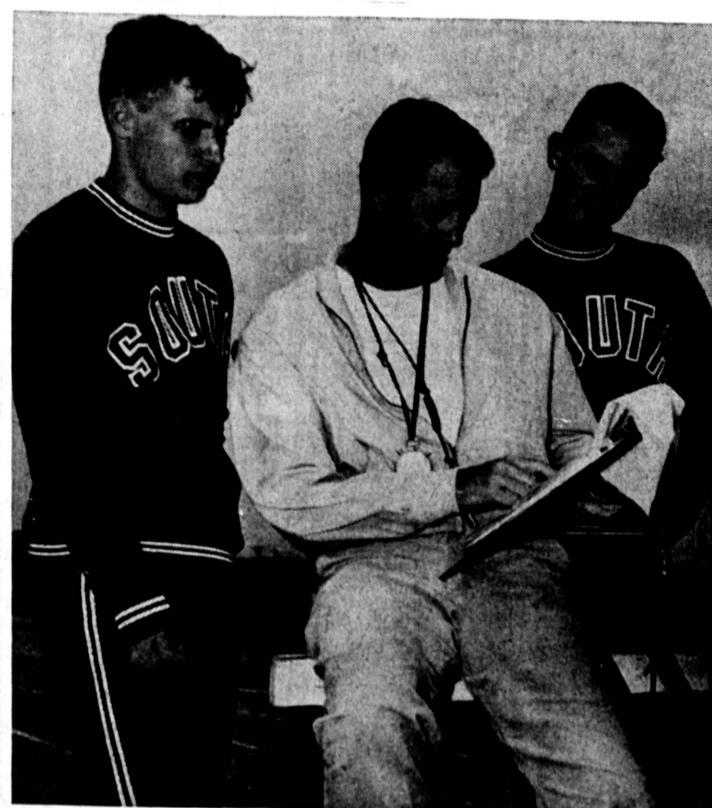
Ruitermann qualified for the finals with a put of 50-11 1/4 at Compton last week, but he has a best of 52-5 achieved in the Inglewood Relays.

SIMPLY FOR A weight man, Ruitermann began his track career last year as a runner, but eventually switched to the shot put in time to finish second in the Bay League C division. An all-purpose runner, Fox is

only a sophomore but is blessed with amazing talent according to coach Scully.

DURING THE past year, Scully has used Fox at every distance from the 100-yard dash to the mile, and during cross country season, Fox gained a varsity letter.

Fox grabbed a second place in his heat at Compton, running the lap and one-half in 1:25.3, his best time. Coach Scully feels his sophomore star will have to cross under the 1:25 mark if he hopes for a win tomorrow night.



HOPEFUL PLOTTING . . . Setting up strategy for tomorrow night's CIF track finals, South High coach Dick Scully (center) explains to C 660 man Wes Fox (right) and B shot putter Harry Ruitermann what he hopes will be winning plans. Fox and Ruitermann are the only two Torrance cinderman who have survived the rugged qualifying grind which leads up to the finals. Both athletes walked off with first place honors in the Bay League meet.

(Herald Photo)

Knight Ace Nabs Loop Recognition

Bishop Montgomery junior Tony Guggiana today holds down a berth on the first string Camino Real League baseball team.

Guggiana, a defensive spark-plug at third base in the Knights' second place finish, was the only Montgomery horseshoer to gain a mention on the team.

Although he hit only .235 for the circuit campaign, Guggiana added two home runs and one triple to remain a constant long-ball threat.

League champion Fermín Laseun led all opponents by placing four men on the first string. Mike Gannon, a senior from St. Bernards, was named the loop's most valuable player. Gannon connected at a .528 clip.

FINISHED UNDEFEATED

El Camino Surprises Field In State Golf Championship

Finishing a history-making season, El Camino's golf squad placed four men in the top 10 on Monday to walk off with the state junior college championship at Torrey Pines.

Les Warr fired a 72-81 for a 36 hole total of 153 to lead the way as the Warriors climaxed a campaign in which they went undefeated against junior college competition.

With consistency as their password, the Tribe five never fired a round over 81 in the state tourney and took the crown by placing men sixth through eleventh in individual standings.

DEFENDING CHAMP San Mateo, bidding for its third consecutive crown, won the individual championship as Dick Lotz carded a three-over par 145. Lotz is California amateur champion.

San Mateo had a chance to tie the Warriors on the final hole, but Mark Moritz, needing an eagle for the deadlock, scored a birdie four and ECC took a 780-781 stroke win.

WARR'S 72 WAS the best round fired by the Redskins as he matched par.

Other Camino totals were Larry Sprengel, 74-81—155; Dave Scott, 81-75—156; Steve Hallberg, 76-81—157; and Dan Titus, 80-79—159.

THE SAME FIVE that won this year's crown and went undefeated through the Metropolitan Conference campaign are the same five that played on last season's Metro championship squad.

This year, Coach Al Greenleaf's crew roared by 14 straight conference foes without a loss and established a Metro win streak of 19 straight, having won five in a row to end the 1962 season.

THE PERFECT record was the first in the conference's 17-year history.

Only a defeat at the hand of the USC Frosh marred El Camino's record this season, but the Warriors later avenged the loss.

Camino snared the Metro tournament championship just one week ago on the same Torrey Pines course when they whipped runner-up Valley by 25 strokes.

Cycles Go Tomorrow

The top handlebar twisters in Southern California will be seen in action again tomorrow night when J. C. Agajanian stages his weekly flat track motorcycle race at Ascot Park in Gardena.

Time trials open for an expected entry of some 100 riders, going under American Motorcycle Assn. sanction, at 7 p.m. with the first race slated for 8:30.

