

# Parnelli Heads Ascot Card

## Sprint Cars Will Probe New Track

Western Speedway's new high-banked dirt quarter-mile oval will receive its first test this afternoon by the big sprint cars of the California Racing Assn.

Former racing great Johnnie Parsons will stage the 8-race, 35-lap main event program that will begin at 2:30 p.m. Parsons has scheduled one-lap qualifying spins at 1 p.m.

Built by CRA president Walt James, who is also the new Speedway general manager, the track boasts a pitch of 30 degrees on both ends and a slight bank on the straightaways.

ONE-ARMED veteran Allen Heath will be one of today's favorites. After taking several warm-up laps around the oval recently, Heath said he felt three cars could make the swing around the curves.

CHALLENGING Heath for the top slot will be 1963 point runner-up Dee Jones and his Phoenix teammate Gene Brown; Paul Jones, Parnelli's brother from Torrance; Ned Spath, former motorcycle champion Don Hawley, Hal Minyard, Bob McCoy, Stan McElrath, Jimmie Oskie, and Jerry Hill, who recently came away from San Francisco with a sprint car win.



HE'S BACK . . . Parnelli Jones of Torrance (above) will team with A. J. Foyt of Houston, Tex. Wednesday night to lend a definite Indianapolis "500" flavor to J. C. Agajanian's annual Thanksgiving Day 150-lap midget car Grand Prix at Ascot Park in Gardena.

## Thanksgiving Tiff Lures Indy Vets

Indianapolis winners Parnelli Jones of Torrance and A. J. Foyt of Houston, Tex., will continue their long-standing feud Thanksgiving night in a 150-lap midget car Grand Prix at Ascot Park in Gardena.

Jones, 1963 Indy champ and "500" record holder, and Foyt have traded victories in recent U. S. Auto Club 30-lap sprint car races on the Ascot oval.

Foyt is one of three Indianapolis champions to win the Turkey Night marathon, scoring victories at Ascot in 1960 and 1961. The late Billy Vukovich won in 1948 at Gilmore Stadium and Johnnie Parsons took the event in 1955, the year J. C. Agajanian revived it at Gardena Speedway.

THE TRADITIONAL classic of the 110 Offenhausers was started in 1934 at old Gilmore Stadium in Hollywood and revived by Agajanian after the Fairfax and Beverly plant had been torn down for a television center.

Gunning for the big name boys will be Bob Wente of St. Louis, Mo., the no. 1 driver in the U. S. Auto Club's Offy division. From 1960 to 1962, Wente finished second in national point standings to Jimmy Davies of Indiana, and now appears on his way to taking the championship.

FRESNO'S Tommy Copp, who vaulted to second place by chasing Wente on Eastern and Midwestern tracks, is also entered in the Grand Prix. Mel Kenyon, from Iowa, the third-ranked driver in the nation, will also make an appearance. The fourth-rated driver, Jimmie Davies, will attempt to put a kink in Wente's championship plans. Bidding for an unprecedented fourth straight national crown, Davies now appears out of the title race for the first time since 1960.

LEADING the local entrants will be Billy Cantrell of Anaheim, who seems to hold a special jinx over the Indianapolis starts. Cantrell is the defending champ.

The 24 fastest drivers, decided by qualifying time trials, will start the 23rd annual Grand Prix.

Only two other races will be run over the half-mile dirt Ascot track on Wednesday.

## Local Trio Give Aid To Shoup

When Bob Shoup left as head football coach at North High for an identical position at new California Lutheran College, he knew exactly what he was doing when he recruited three Torrance athletes.

In his second term at Cal Lutheran, Shoup guided the Kingsmen to a 5-4 season. Much of Shoup's success must be credited to the play of former North players Skip Mooney and Bob Trevathan, plus the work of ex-South High quarterback Tim Roettger.

Mooney, a sophomore end, was the team's top receiver, while Trevathan waltzed away with top rushing honors.

TREVATHAN wound up packing the pigskin 59 times for 230 yards and 5 touchdowns. He averaged 3.9 yards per carry and fumbled only once during the year. Mooney, snagged 39 tosses for 598 yards and 4 tallies.

In addition to his pass catching, Mooney led the Kingsmen in punting and interceptions. He kicked 14 times for 468 yards and a 33.4 yard average. On defense, Mooney pulled down 3 enemy aerials and returned them for a total of 40 yards.

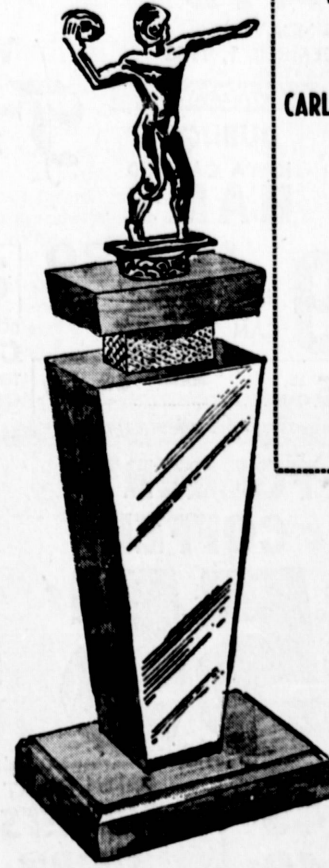


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## SPORT SCENE

# Upsets Stun Olymps, Birds In First Round CIF Frays

Upsets riddled several Southland eleven Friday night in the opening round of the CIF football playoffs.

Leuzinger, unbeaten and top-ranked in the "AAA" division, was knocked out of the playoffs by Camino Real League champ Fermin Lasuen. Scoring in every quarter, Lasuen hung a 34-26 defeat on the Sky League titlists.

Jerry Kaloper tallied on touchdowns runs of 1, 2 and 16 yards to pace the Padres. Kaloper's 16-yard jaunt with seven minutes remaining in the game gave once-beaten Lasuen its winning margin.

BEFORE OVER 10,000 spectators last week, Leuzinger scored an impressive 20-0 victory over North High to garner the Sky League crown. With the second-highest scoring offense in the CIF, the Olympians were the seventh-rated eleven in the Southland prior to the licking.

Pioneer League champ Aviation, tabbed second in the "AAA" division behind Leuzinger, was also knocked out of the playoffs. Santa Maria, unbeaten at home this year despite a poor season mark, kept its jinx alive with a 14-12 decision over the Falcons.

With all-league halfback Joe Burton still benched with a bum knee, Aviation was unable to tally the point after touchdown on two occasions and that proved the difference.

AVIATION tallied in the opening period on a 45-yard pass from Igor Pomanasanoff to George Smith, and countered again in the third quarter on a two-yard jaunt by Greg Reynolds. Santa Maria put seven points on the scoreboard in both the second and third stanzas.

## FEARLESS SPECTATOR

# Mets Bring Hope to Losers

By CHARLES McCABE, ESQ.

The wildest thing that has happened in sports in a fat long time is the Mets drawing more than a million people into the old ballpark, about the same as the Yankees.

When the worst team in baseball and the best team entrap an almost equal patronage—then it's time for a few hosannahs from us here losers, the lads who lead bush-league lives.

Success is not enough in the Nat'l Pastime these days, and I say jolly good. Better it should happen a few more places.

Which brings us to a new civic organization I worked up the other day at a bar where some of the more stunning non-successes of our time congregate. It's called Losers Anonymous.

Like other organizations of its ilk, the primary function of L. A. (the outfit, not the city) is therapeutic. It is designed to wrest the afflicted from the seductions of success.

Whenever you begin to tremble a bit, and have the feeling that you are going to make it—in your job, with a broad, in The Great Game of Life—you just get one of my dedicated losers on the blower. He nips right over to hold your hand.

"Don't get excited, pal," he will tell you. "Stay second division, where the heat ain't. You get up there with the big money and it will break your back. Keep down low where you can kiss the earth, and the rear of your kindly superiors. Stay small. Be happy."

A little more of this kind of wholesome chatter and your attack of galloping ambition has evaporated, like the dew on the neck of a bottle of beer.

The aim is to achieve Method, which is losing like a winner; and to exorcise dread Yankeeedom, which is winning like a loser.

The solid satisfactions which come to the lads who never Make It have been too long neglected by our inspirational writers, those earnest clergymen and clergymen-manque of every denomination who aim their pitch at those of us who haven't yet been caught by the couch or the butterfly net.

The only guy who ever caught our essential elan

and lostness was that Prince of Losers himself, Henry D. Thoreau. As witness these plums:

"Wherever a man goes, men will pursue him and paw him with their dirty institutions, and, if they can, contrain him to belong to their desperate odd-fellow society."

"A man is rich in proportion to the number of things he can leave alone."

"I frequently tramped eight or ten miles through the deepest snow to keep an appointment with a beech-tree, or a yellow birch, or an old acquaintance among the pines."

"It is characteristic of wisdom not to do desperate things."

Henry David admitted that he personally never caused the sun to rise. This alone would make him a pariah in our present society, a diaphanous structure floating uneasily on masses of hot air.

Losers Anonymous is Thoreau-oriented. Don't get involved and you won't get took. Simeon Stylites, up there on his rocky perch, is our patron saint. We prefer the telescope to the naked eye.

And our guiding light has to be the Mets. In New York recently I spent no less than four hours going to midtown sporting goods shops trying to buy a Mets cap, so I could be a loser with class. No dice. More aggressive losers had been there first.

Look at how the Yanks reacted to their setback. They are now masquerading as losers, the better to lasso their share of the sucker's buck. They named as manager Yogi Berra, the very image and epitome of the loser.

When a winner has to act like a loser to placate the public of the greatest metropolis in the world, us here Losers have every reason to light a wee bonfire in our hearts.

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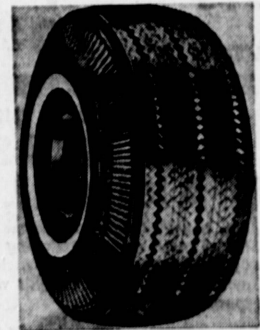
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