

Camino Eyes Metro Net Title

The Metropolitan Conference tennis championships will be at stake tomorrow when San Diego City College hosts

El Camino College. But don't tell Paul Manahan.

Manahan, coach of El Camino's undefeated Warriors, has already pictured the conference title as his own and thinks the power of positive thinking will prevail.

"It looks pretty good now, and I'll say that, barring the unforeseen, we should win the conference crown. San Diego will be tough for us but I'm confident and so's the team," Manahan said.

The odds appear to favor El Camino, an 8-1 victor over the Knights earlier this season.

"We didn't play too well that day and the team has come around exceptionally since then. I just hope there isn't a let down," Manahan said.

The Warriors played a pair

of "tune ups" this week against the USC Frosh and against Santa Monica City College, and are reported 100 per cent ready, both physically and mentally.

Terry Ehlers, the Warrior's No. 1 single player, is one who typifies the spirit of the 1964 El Camino squad.

"You know who's the best man I've faced this year? Our No. 2 man, Jamie (Collaco). Next to him I'd say Bakersfield's (Norm) Hodges rates as my toughest opponent, and I beat him 6-0, 6-2," Ehlers grinned.

"I know we've already clinched the conference, so I am waiting for all those tournaments we must play in and,

of course, all those trophies we'll bring home."

Ehlers, a freshman from Mira Costa, faces another hurdle before "all those trophies," however. He will be matched against the No. 1 man in the state, San Diego's Richie Allison, tomorrow in the top match of the series.

When the teams met before, Allison defeated Collaco. Ehlers says "turnabout's fair play" and has predicted victory against his southern rival.

Besides Ehlers and Collaco, others making the trip are George Deeb, Jim Paul, Joe Reid, Bob Benson and Dave Cox.

Irwin Bledstein, Cox' doubles partner, has been forced to withdraw due to an injured foot.

EC Horsehidors Engage Cerritos

El Camino's slump-ridden, injury-riddled baseball team will try and put a halt to a five-game losing streak when it travels to Cerritos tomorrow for the first three-game Metropolitan Conference weekend series.

Game time is 2:30 p.m. Saturday the teams will switch fields, playing a noon doubleheader at Warrior Stadium.

THE WARRIORS, 4-5 in league play, are hoping for a better weekend than they enjoyed last week.

Friday, lowly Valley College

rallied for two late-inning tallies to upset El Camino, 4-2. Saturday, things got worse, as the Warriors entertained league-leading San Diego in a twin bill.

The Knights exploded for six runs in the fifth inning of the first game to blow things open, winning, 9-6.

San Diego didn't even allow the Warriors to warm up in the nightcap, scoring five times in the first inning en route to a 10-3 win.

El Camino, playing without two of its stars, Steve Woody and Larry McWhirter, fell prey to more injuries.

Bob Hettig, hard-hitting right-fielder, suffered a fractured jaw in the fifth inning of Saturday's first game, when an outfielder's relay hit him in the face. Hettig had just doubled with the bases loaded, and was knocked cold rounding second base.

Woody, the team's leading hitter, has a mono-nucleosis, while McWhirter has a pulled thigh muscle.



Parnelli Jones Will Return For 100-Lap Midget Race

Parnelli Jones of Torrance, the fastest driver in Indianapolis Speedway history, will lead a crack field Saturday night in a 100-lap midget speedfest at Ascot Park in Gardena.

Bob Wente, national 110 Offy (midget) champion, is expected to furnish Jones with his chief competition in the United States Auto Club-sanctioned race.

Jones is the first driver to

break the magic minute of 150 mile per hour mark at Indianapolis. He snapped the barrier in 1962 qualifying runs and repeated last May with a new qualifying record before going on to win the "500" at 143.137 m.p.h.

Wente is in his 11th year of racing. He finished second in USAC national standings for three years before grabbing the top slot in 1963.

Sunday afternoon, both Jones

and Wente will be entered in a 50-lap midget race at the Orange Show Stadium in San Bernardino. Both the Ascot and San Bernardino events are sponsored by J. C. Agajanian.

AGAJANIAN expects some 59 cars for qualifying runs at Ascot Park on Saturday. Qualifying will begin at 7 p.m. to determine the 18 drivers who will be flagged off in the 100-lapper.

A triple main event has been scheduled by Agajanian to highlight his 16-event motorcycle program tomorrow night on the Ascot oval. The flat track American Motorcycle Assn. cyclists will be heading into their second week.

Racing will begin at 8:30 p.m. with more than 100 riders expected for the one-lap qualifying trials at 7.

The program will culminate in a 15-lap main event for experts, a 10-lap main for amateurs and an 8-lap main for novices.

LEADING THE expert division will be Elliott Schultz. Sammy Tanner, Al Gunter, Neil Keen, Jack O'Brien, Stu Morley and Ralph White.

Under fire will be the one-lap record of 22.44 held by Schultz as well as his 15-lap main event record of 5:51.13 and his 5-lap heat mark of 1:56.91. O'Brien is holder of the three-lap trophy dash standard of 1:10.70.

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