

# Parnelli Will Face Uphill Struggle at Indy

## Three Spartans Seek CIF Titles



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### The Fearless Spectator



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It always gives me pause when I find myself agreeing with the archimandrites of my profession—the Red Smiths, the Jimmy Cannons and such.

I have learned from bitter experience: there is an excellent chance that I'm dead wrong.

The big guns of the sporting world have been having great fun lately with one Mr. Thomas W. Moore, president of the ABC-TV network, for certain heretical remarks he made a while ago about baseball and other sports.

I had been reluctant, for some reason, to jump on Brother Moore's back, and on the bandwagon of my colleagues. I found the reason. I agree with the telly man, about baseball, anyhow. I don't agree with his reasons, but I agree with what he wants. Which is:

A major league season limited to 60 games, two to be played each weekend, on Saturday and Sunday. Games would be on national television except in the areas where they are being played.

Moore said teams would be able to reduce their rosters, field only their best players and would need only three or four of their best pitchers. The telly would whip up an audience for the games.

"Our venerable national pastime is the only major sport that has suffered a decline in attendance since 1948," he said. "There is no doubt in my mind that baseball is suffering from a malady familiar to some television comedians, some politician candidates and one or two of Hollywood's uninhibited sirens—overexposure.

"The appeal of baseball has also suffered from long periods of idleness. The average major league game today lasts about 2 hours 45 minutes, compared to roughly two hours flat 20 years ago. Too much time is consumed by stretching out pitching changes, strategy meetings and just plain idleness."

Moore made it pikestaff plain (as Time would say) that he is not making his offer because he loves baseball, but because he loves television and the bucks it makes.

He said, "It's time for some of our tradition-bound institutions to do a little adapting to the television industry."

I have no doubt Mr. Moore was talking for the whole television industry and not merely his own network. And I have no doubt whatever that what telly wants telly gets. In sports, anyhow.

Mr. Moore's was only the first trial balloon. We will be hearing a lot more about shorter baseball seasons, and in due time we will have them. The guys who own baseball clubs would go for a two-game season if the price was right. And it will be for the 60-game season, you may be sure.

And why not? Baseball is a marvelous game, but it is in many respects an anachronism. It was big in the Nineteenth century. It was the only game in town.

Its management today is leaden and unimaginative. To meet the formidable competition of pro football, bowling, basketball, televised sports and other lechers after the sports dollar, it has become more leaden, more unimaginative.

### PARNELLI'S BROTHER

## Another Jones Leads Field In 'Indy Salute' at Ascot

Saturday could be a big day for the Jones boys. While Parnelli is bidding for his second consecutive win at Indianapolis, brother Paul will be gunning for a \$2,500 winner's purse in the 10th annual Memorial Night Championship at Ascot Park in Gardena.

Paul, who is currently leading the sprint car standings at the Gardena oval, will be favored in the annual California Racing Assn. event.

Bob Coulter, Bob Hogle and Hal Minyard are expected to furnish Paul with the majority of his competition. The trio are pressing for first-place honors in the point standings

Ascot qualifying will begin at 7 p.m. with a trophy dash inaugurating the program at 8:30.

Tomorrow night, the high-banked drivers will take over at Western Speedway in Gardena. The first race begins at 8 p.m. with qualifying an hour earlier.

Nester Silvara, Troy Still, Butch Farrell and Bob Dawes, winners of last week's events, will be out for repeats. Jim Cole, Nick Gonzales, Frank Thompson, Bob Queener, Ed Ferro, Ben Steele and Leon Garret will be attempting to draw down the checkered flag.

Racing will not be limited to men only as Barbara Sauer, Charlene Turner, Myrna Queener, Micki Ross and Karline Robinson head a special field of women drivers.

Donald Rumsey, 27, of 1839 W. Torrance Blvd., will be among more than 200 top drivers entered in the California Sports Car Club's 21st Santa Barbara races Saturday and Sunday.

Rumsey will drive a Triumph in Class G production competition over the tricky 1.5-mile, seven-turn airport course. Ten races are scheduled for both days of the holiday weekend.

### Clark, Jones Tabbed

It will be Parnelli Jones and the conventional Offenhausers against Jimmy Clark and the rebel Lotus-Fords Saturday in the 48th running of the Indianapolis "500."

Jones took the checkered flag last year and will be attempting to become only the fourth man to win back-to-back triumphs in the gruelling Memorial Day classic.

In the past, only Wilbur Shaw (1939-1940), Mauri Rose (1947-1948) and Billy Vukovich (1953-1954) have won in consecutive years.

The primary obstacle in Jones' path will be a tiny Scot, Jim Clark, who finished second last year and snapped all existing records in gaining the pole position during qualifying runs this year.

Clark wheeled a controversial Lotus-Ford into the pole slot with a 158.829 mile per hour run during the 10-mile qualifying runs. Two other Lotus-Fords, with Bobby Marshman and Rodger Ward driving, will start with Clark from the front row position.

IT WILL BE the first time in two years that Jones has not occupied the pole position. In both the 1962 and 1963 classics he led all qualifiers. Last year, Parnelli became the first driver to break the fabled 150 m.p.h. mark at the Speedway, but the record was completely shattered during qualifying and practice runs this year.

The 33 qualifying cars averaged 152.5 m.p.h. against last year's record of 149.1 m.p.h. The lowest speed of 148.7 m.p.h. was recorded by Bill Cheesbourg of Tucson, Ariz.

Parnelli qualified on the first day of the trial runs with a 155.099 m.p.h. run. He will be joined in the second row by A. J. Foyt of Houston, Tex. (154.672 m.p.h.) and Dan Gurney of Costa Mesa, (154.487 m.p.h.).

During first-day qualifying, Jones was forced to use last year's engine when he burned a piston.

### Recreation Baseball

#### MONDAY LEAGUE SLO-PITCH

Firefighters "C" 4, Brewers 3  
Columbia Construction Co. 6, Party House 5  
Torrance Elks Club 10, Misfits 4  
Rose Bud Dairy 13, Automation Industries 7  
Computer Science Corp. 4, Hann-Dy Marketers 3  
Road Runners 19, Lawful Loafers 13

#### FRIDAY LEAGUE SLO-PITCH

Rolling Hills Covenant Church 4, Torrance Orthopedics 3  
Hollywood Riviera Sportsmen 9, South Bay Engineers 3  
Ramblers 8, Wild Mustangs 1

#### FRIDAY CHURCH LEAGUE SLO-PITCH

Lawndale Chamber of Commerce 13, Good Shepherd 3  
North Redondo Chapel 7, Torrance First Lutheran 0

#### SATURDAY CHURCH LEAGUE SLO-PITCH

South Bay Church of God 14, Redondo First Baptist 0  
Gardena First Southern Baptist 15, Glad Tidings 4  
Torrance Nazarene 20, Gardena Bible Church 5

#### OPEN LEAGUE SOFTBALL

Levon Insurance 2, Aeronca Mfg. Corp. 0  
Talons 10, Frederick's Realty 0



PRACTICE JAUNT . . . South High spike mentor Dick Scully times Ted Pettipiece (left) and Wes Fox as they prepare for tomorrow night's CIF finals at Cerritos College. Pettipiece has qualified in the Cee 180-yard dash while Fox will run in the Bee 660. Fox, who finished fourth in the Cee 660 last year, has the top time in his event for the finals.

### FORMER SOUTH MATMAN

## Bob Anderson Snares Top El Camino Athletic Honor

Bob Anderson was named Athlete-of-the-Year as top stars of El Camino College were honored last week at the Semi-annual Athletic Awards Banquet in the Campus Center.

A sophomore from South High, Anderson won the state wrestling title for the second consecutive year and was voted the most outstanding wrestler in the Metropolitan Conference and the state by opposing coaches.

Anderson didn't join the squad until the opening of the spring semester, and "his return was a determining factor in our winning our first state team title ever," coach Dave Hengstler commented.

Other wrestling awards presented during the banquet went to Hawthorne's Paul Steinel, Most Improved; Sam

Garcia, North Torrance, Most Inspirational; and Aviation's Tom McAnn, Most Valuable.

A freshman, McAnn gained the top wrestling award as he won seven of eight tournaments competed in during the season.

PAT PAGETT, El Segundo, and Jaime Collaco, Morningside, garnered awards for their outstanding performances, team and individual.

Pagett quarterbacked the football team and received the honor for his sterling effort against Cerritos College.

Collaco, a sophomore tennis standout, was named Outstanding Individual Performer as he coupled with freshman Terry Ehlers to lead the team to second place in the state championships.



OUTSTANDING NETTERS . . . Jaime Collaco (left) and Terry Ehlers, members of El Camino's Southern California tennis champions, were honored recently at the college's special Athletic Awards Banquet. Collaco and Ehlers led Camino to the Metropolitan Conference crown and a second-place finish in the state tournament.

## South Thinclads Vie at Cerritos

Three South High cindermen will encounter the finest prep track competitors in Southern California tomorrow night in the CIF Finals at Cerritos College.

Bee 660 man Wes Fox, Cee shot putter Mike Halliwell and Cee sprinter Ted Pettipiece have survived gruelling preliminary and semi-final trials to reach tomorrow's meet.

Fox leads all qualifiers in the Bee 660 with a 1:22.5 clocking and will hold down the number one lane. Halliwell flipped the shot 52 ft. 4 1/2 in. last week but is ranked only fifth. Pettipiece ran the 180 in 18.3 and also is rated fifth.

Of the three, only Fox has previously reached the CIF finals. Last year, Fox earned a fourth place in the Cee 660.

BOTH HALLIWELL and Pettipiece have the potential to exceed their qualifying efforts. Pettipiece has a best of 18.0 seconds for the 180 while Halliwell had a foul put of 53 ft. 2 in. in the semi-finals.

A single individual could dominate the entire meet despite the presence of many of the top prep athletes in Southern California. Warren High pole vaulter Paul Wilson will be out to top the national record of 16 ft. 1 1/4 in. he recored in the semi-finals. Wilson became the first high school vaulter ever to clear the 16-foot mark.

A long-awaited meeting will come between Steve Caminitti of Crespi and Earl McCullough of Long Beach Poly in both the high and low hurdles.

BOTH RUNNERS have flirted with the national hurdle marks all year and McCullough finally eclipsed the 120-yard high timber mark in the semi-finals with a 13.7 clocking. Caminitti has also hit 13.7 but the time came in a dual meet.

Another top battle will be expected in the half time, where Devon Smith of Compton and Al Nichols of Long Beach Poly will hook up. Dennis Carr's mark of 1:52.2 will be in danger. Nichols qualified in 1:52.7 while Smith was a tick faster at 1:52.6.

## Bob Bailey Eyes Upset Cycle Win

Upset-minded Bob Bailey of Torrance will be a prime contender for expert division honors tomorrow night at Ascot Park in the weekly American Motorcycle Assn. program.

Bailey, who is competing in his first year as an expert, will be out to stop apparently unbeatable Elliott Schultz, who has dominated point standings for the past several weeks.

Racing will begin at 8:30 p.m. tomorrow with one-lap qualifying set for 7. Ascot is located at 183rd and Vermont, off the Harbor and San Diego freeways.

Meet director J. C. Agajanian has announced that a record entry list of 127 drivers has been received for tomorrow. The list includes 59 novices and 37 amateurs along with Schultz, Bailey and Co.

THE AMA, operating its own built-in farm system, will also have full slates for the novices and amateurs tomorrow night in addition to the expert card.

Novices are first year riders who are eligible to move up to amateurs under the AMA point system. Amateurs are that in name only, for they are paid like the others.

Many of the expert whizzers, including Schultz, Bailey, Mel Lacher, Blackie Bruce, Dick Hammer and Guy Louis have come up through the ranks.

Dan Haaby of Sacramento, Jim Jones of Huntington Beach, Fred Eadie of Norwalk and Brad Harp of Bellflower are this year's standout amateurs.



WEIGHT LAUNCHER . . . Mike Halliwell of South High will be gunning for the Cee shot put crown tomorrow night at Cerritos College in the Southern Section CIF track finals. Halliwell is ranked fifth off previous efforts but Spartan coach Dick Scully believes he has the potential to uncork a gold medal effort. (Herald Photo)

## BMHS Honors Guggiana as Top Athlete

Basketball and baseball letterman Tony Guggiana has been named Bishop Montgomery's Most Valuable Athlete.

Guggiana led the Knight horsehiders to a second-place finish in the Camino Real League pennant chase and helped keep BMHS in contention for the circuit basketball title.

Tom Jamison, who also lettered in baseball and basketball, was presented with the Sportsmanship Trophy. The presentations were made last week at Montgomery's Spring Sports Banquet.