Parnelli Will Face Uphill Struggle at Indy Three Spartans Seek CIF Titles



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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 politican 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 indolence." 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 traditionbound institutions to do a little adapting to the television industry."

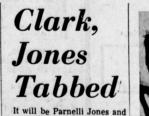
I have no doubt Mr. Moore was talking for the whole television industry and not merely his own network. And I have no doubt whatever that what telly wants telly gets. In sports, anyhow.

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,



the conventional Offenhausers against Jimmy Clark and the rebel Lotus-Fords Saturday in the 48th running of the Indianapolis "500"

apolis "500." Jones took the checkered flag last year and will be at-tempting to become only the fourth man to win back-to-back triumphs in the gruelling Mem-orial 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 sec-ond 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 slat Lotus-Ford into the pole slot with a 158.829 mile per hour run during the 10-mile qualifying runs. Two other Lo-tus-Fords, with Bobby Marsh-man and Rodger Ward driving, will start with Clark from the front row nestition 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,

be led all qualifiers. Last year, Parnelli became the first driv-er to break the fabled 150 mp.h. mark at the Speedway, but the record was completely shattered d ur i ng qualifying and practice runs this year. The 33 qualifying cars aver-aged 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 Tueson, Ariz. Parnelli qualified on the first day of the trial runs with a 155.009 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 Gur-ney of Costa Mesa, (154.487

(134,672 m.p.n.) and Dan Gur-ney 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 pictor

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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. Petti-piece 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 Garcia, North Torrance, Most Athlete-of-the-Year as top stars Inspirational; and Aviation's of El Camino College were honòred last week at the Semi-annual Athletic Awards Ban-quet in the Campus Center. Tom McAnn, Most Valuable. A freshman, McAnn gaine the top wrestling award as h won seven of eight tourn A freshman, McAnn gained

the top wrestling award as he won seven of eight tourna-ments competed in during the season.

quet in the Campus Center. A sophomore from S o u th 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 PAT PAGETT, El Segundo, and Jaime Collaco, Morning-side, garnered awards for their outstanding performances, team and individual.

Anderson didn't join the squad until the opening of the spring semester, and "his re-

spring semester, and "his re-turn was a determining factor in our wining our first state team title ever," coach Dave Hengsteler commented, Other wrestling awards pre-sented during the banquet went to Hawthorne's Paul Steinel, Most Improved; Sam

Collaco was also presented the Norm Verry Memorial Award, while Ehlers, a Mira Costa graduate, won the Most Outstanding Player award.

Outstanding Player award. Ray Southstone presented a pair of awards to outstanding members of the track team. Kevin Sherlock, Serra High grad, won the Outstanding Runner trophy, while Haw-thorne's Dan Dye sopped the Outstanding P e r f o r m e r in Field Event trophy. Basehall's award presents.

Baseball's award presenta-tion went to Neil Minami, Gar-dena, as Most Improved. Min-ami also won the outstanding infielder trophy, while fresh-man Bob Deizell, Morningside, was named Most Valuable pitcher.

BASKETBALL'S top award went to the team's Most Out-standing Player, Bob Garcia, a graduate of Santa Barbara High and an Inglewood resident

Jeff Levebvre of Morning Jeff Levebvre of Morning-side was named golf's Out-standing Performer, while John Kulluk and Dave Wall were honored as outstanding gym-nasts. Kulluk, Gardena gradu-ate, received the Most Out-standing Player trophy and Wall, Gardena, won Most Im-proved honors. roved honors.

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 spriner Ted Pettipiece have survived gruelling preliminary and semi-final trials

Upset-minded Bob Bailey of

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

Meet director J. C. Agajanian

freeways.

to reach tomorrow's meet. Fox leads all qualifiers in Bob Bailey the Bee 660 with a 1:22.5 clocking and will hold down the number one lane. Halliwell Eyes Upset flipped the shot 52 ft, 4½ in. last week but is ranked only Cycle Win fifth. Pettipiece ran the 180 in

18.3 and also is rated fifth. Torrance will be a prime con-tender for expert division Of the three, only Fox has previously reached the CIF finals. Last year, Fox earned a fourth place in the Cee 660. honors tomorrow night at As-cot Park in the weekly Ameri-can 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.

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

ft. 2 in. in the semi-finals. A single individual could dominate the entire meet de-spite the presence of many of the top prep athletes in South-ern California. Warren High pole vaulter Paul Wilson will be out to top the national rec-ord of 16 ft. $V_{\rm S}$ in. he recored in the semi-finals. Wilson be-came the first high school vaulter ever to clear the 16-foot mark. foot mark.

Meet director J. C. Agajanan 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. A long-awaited meeting will THE AMA, operating its own built-in farm system, will also have full slates for the novices come between Steve Caminitti of Crespi and Earl McCullough of Long Beach Poly in both and amateurs tomorrow night in addition to the expert card. the high and low hurdles.

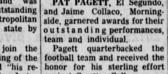
BOTH RUNNERS have flirt-ed with the national hurdle marks all year and McCullough finally eclipsed the 120-yar, high timber mark in the semi-finals with a 13.7 clocking. Caminitti has also hit 13.7 but the time came in a dual meet. Another top battle will be expected in the half time, where Devon Smith of Comp ton and Al Nichols of Long Beach Poly will hook up. Den-nis Carr's mark of 1.52.2 will be in danger. Nichols qualified in 1:52.7 while Smith was a tick faster at 1:52.8. Novices are first year riders who are eligible to move up to amateurs under the AMA BOTH RUNNERS have flirt-







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PARNELLI'S BROTHER

Another Jones Leads Field In 'Indy Salute' at Ascot

Saturday could be a big day for the Jones boys. While Par-nelli is bidding for his second consecutive win at Indian-apolis, brother Paul will be gunning for a \$2,500 winner's purse in the 10th annual Me-morial Night Championship at Ascot Park in Gardena. Paul, who is currently lead-ing the sprint car standings at the Gardena oval, will be fa-vored in the annual California Racing Sull not be limited to at 7 p.m. with a trophy dash asso. Tomorrow night, the high-banked drivers will take over at Western Speedway in Gar-the Gardena oval, will be fa-vored in the annual california Racing Sull not be limited to men only as Barbara Sauer, Tomorrow night, the high-banked drivers will take over at Western Speedway in Gar-the First race begins at butch Farrell and Bob Dawes, winners of last week's events,

vored 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



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 sec-ond-place finish in the state tournament.

to El Segundo's Tom Viren, while the most improved award was garnered by Vince Salem, a Mira Costa grad. **BMHS Honors Guggiana** as **Top Athlete** Basketball and baseball let-terman Tony Guggiana has been named Bishop Montgom-ery's Most Valuable Athlete. Guggiana led the Knight horsehiders to a second-place finishin in the Camino Real League pennant chase and helped keep BMHS in conten-tion for the circuit basketball title.

Sports Banquet.

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 Phyto)