

'Bounty Hunter' Prowls

Riverside Raceway to Lure Nation's Fastest Dragsters

There'll be a Bounty Hunter prowling around Riverside this weekend.

No cause for alarm, though. This one won't be the unfriendly type with six shooters and rifle. This Bounty Hunter is a sleek, 1,400 pound fuel dragster armed with a super-charged Chrysler engine that chases prey down a quarter-mile drag strip burning rubber and belching thunderous sounds. It is unfriendly only to those other dragsters whose names are painted on the

"wanted" list alongside the Bounty Hunter's cowl.

OWNED AND driven by Connie (Conrad) Kalitta Mt. Clemens, Mich., the powerful class AA dragster has been entered in the Hot-Rod Magazine Championship drag races for Riverside International Raceway tomorrow, Saturday and Sunday.

It is the same machine, with some refinements added, in which Kalitta won the Bakersfield Fuel vs. Gas Champion-

ship last winter. The car is capable of covering the quarter-mile in less than eight seconds and has had a top speed of 193.54 mph.

Drag racing's number one gas eliminator will also be on hand at Riverside.

Danny Ongais, 23-year-old speed merchant from Carlsbad, Calif., informed magazine officials today that he will be on hand for the three-day meet in an effort to capture Top Eliminator honors for gasoline-burning dragsters, a title he won during the NHRA Internationals last February.

The soft-spoken pilot will drive his familiar "Chevy Too" a 1,056-pound class AA dragster powered by a 371-cubic-inch, supercharged Chevrolet engine. To date, Ongais has had a top speed of 185 mph and consistently covers the standing quarter-mile in the low eight second bracket.

Ongais' addition to the Riverside field assures Southern California drag race fans of an outstanding lineup of cars and drivers during the meet. Earlier this week, entries were received from Connie Kalitta of Mt. Clemens, Mich., and Don Prudhomme of Van Nuys, two of the nation's top ranking

NEARLY 500 entries are expected by race time, and magazine officials have announced the posting of \$35,000 in cash and merchandise awards.

Sanctioned by National Hot Rod Association, the meet will cover competition in 70 different competition classes in addition to the five major eliminator titles. Points counting toward drag racing's world championship also will be available.

Activity is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. tomorrow.

Sharpe Tightens Colt Loop Race

Bob Sharpe and his surprising Tiger teammates tightened up the Torrance Colt League race Saturday afternoon by hanging a 2-0 loss on the circuit-leading Giants.

Sharpe gave up only four hits and one walk while striking out eight batters to present the Giants with their first defeat of the year.

Both Tiger runs came across in the third inning on a hit batter, a walk and singles by Chris Smith and Sharpe. Mike Tuffley went 2 for 3 for the Tigers and Les Wilbanks added a single.

Brad Holmes absorbed the defeat although he was touched for only five hits and four walks.

IN A SECOND game Saturday, the Angels moved into second place with a 5-3 triumph over the Braves. Steve Schmitz went the full seven frames, giving up six hits and

two walks while fanning 10, to notch the victory.

Larry Wing and Richard Gonzales split mound chores for the Braves and allowed six hits and five walks. They struck out nine.

Chuck Gandy's two-run homer in the first inning got the Angels moving. Another Cherub came over in the third on safeties to Jeff Tonkey and Steve Melcher.

A walk, a single by Gandy and a triple by Stan Sibley in the fourth frame brought the winning Angel runs around.

The first Brave run came on hits by Charles Richardson, Gary Grubbs and Mat Christophiades in the second inning. Two more tallies crossed in the fifth on a walk and hits by Richard Gonzales and Wayne Woods.

Defeat left the Giants with a 4-1-1 mark. The Angels now stand at 3-2-1 while the Braves at 3-3, the Tigers at 2-1-2 and the Twins at 0-5, trail.

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INDY VETERAN

Parnelli Jones Back Home For Two Area Encounters

Indianapolis veteran Parnelli Jones will return to the Southland this weekend for appearances at the Orange Show Speedway in San Bernardino and Ascot Park in Gardena.

Jones will race at San Bernardino tomorrow night and at

Ascot Park Saturday evening. Both programs are headlined by 50-lap main events, both directed by J. C. Agajanian and both carry national USAC points.

Parnelli, 1963 Indy winner from Torrance, and "500"

rookie Don Horvath are expected to head an imposing entry list that will include Allen Heath, Johnny Moorhouse, "Iron Mike" McCreedy and Bill Cantrell.

Cantrell won the 1963 Pacific Coast USAC midget championship and was ranked sixth nationally, although he never left his home territory.

Horvath, who passed his Indy driving test last year, finished second to Cantrell in West Coast point standing last year. McCreedy, of Hayward, has been driving the midget racing bombs for 17 years. He will lead an invasion of Northern California drivers in both races.

Jones won the initial show, a 50-lap midget go, on the newly-paved, banked asphalt quarter-mile oval at the Orange Show Speedway before leaving for the Indy classic. Parnelli made his racing debut back in 1952 in jalopies at the Orange Show track.

The programs at both Ascot and San Bernardino will include an 18-car, 50-lap main event, 4 heat races, a 15-lap semi-main and a 3-lap trophy dash for the four fastest qualifiers. Qualifying each night will be at 7 p.m. with the trophy dash set for 8:30.

Schultz to Chase Ninth Cycle Win

Elliott Schultz will go after his seventh straight flat track motorcycle triumph tomorrow night at Ascot Park in Gardena.

Schultz, who has won eight of his last 10 starts, will be tuning up for the eight-mile Grand Nationals which will be held at Ascot on July 18.

Top-ranked cyclist Sammy Tanner, Mel Lacher, Blackie Bruce, Al Gunter, Bob Bailey and Gus Louis form the opposition for Schultz in tomorrow night's 15-lap main event.

The expert class headliner will be supported by a 10-lap feature for amateur finalists along with an 8-lap novice windup.

The eight-mile Grand National is already shaping up as

a tremendous duel. Defending 1962 national champion Bart Markel has indicated he will lead several of the East's top riders into the Southland.

MARKEL SERVED notice he is on the comeback road by winning the five-mile nationals at York, Penn., a week ago.

Ronnie Rall, of Mansfield, Ohio, who was second to Markel in the five-miler, is also expected at Ascot next month.

The American Motorcycle Association's national circuit moves to Carnegie, Pa., Sunday for the 15-mile dirt track race and then to Columbus, Ohio, on June 28 for a 10-mile event before the riders head for Ascot and the eight-miler.

Torrance Devils Seek to Stretch Winning Streak

The unbeaten Torrance Red Devils will tangle with two summer baseball league opponents this weekend as they attempt to run their victory string to six games.

Saturday at 3 p.m., the Red Devils will tangle with a strong Beach Cities nine which has a 2-0 loop mark. Sunday, the Devils will host the Long Beach Blues at Torrance Park in a noon contest.

Two former Torrance High players, pitcher Don Coil and catcher Steve Waters, combined to lead the Red Devils to their first circuit win last Sunday.

Coil, pitching with a broken toe, struck out 17 men while Waters bashed two home runs as the Red Devils hung a 14-4 loss on San Pedro.

Waters went 3 for 5 at the plate and drove in four tallies with his two homers and a single. Coil, who will be out of action for three weeks, gave up only four hits and three walks.

ON SATURDAY, the Red Devils eked out a 4-2 victory over the White Sox Juniors in a non-league encounter.

The White Sox tallied in the first and ninth innings but the Devils rammed single runs over in the third and eighth frames and added two runs in the seventh to remain unbeaten.

Second sacker Ernie Clayton, another ex-Torrance High player, led an eight-hit Red Devil offensive with two safeties.

THREE PITCHERS split the mound chores for Torrance. John Wojcik opened and lasted three frames before giving way to Steve Zell. Zell lasted another three innings and Tom Jamison finished up to earn the victory. Wojcik allowed two hits and one run, Zell gave up three safeties but no runs, and Jamison was touched for two hits and one run.

In addition to losing Coil,

the Red Devils will be without ace outfielder Joe Burton. Burton, who was an All-CIF selection as a junior at Aviation High, has been ordered to rest an injured knee so as to be ready for football with the UCLA Frosh squad.

Giants Top 'American' Opponents

At the midway point in Torrance American Little League play, the Tigers own a half-game bulge over the Giants for first place.

The Tigers boast an 8-4 mark while the Giants are 7-4. The Pirates (7-5), Dodgers (6-6), Athletics (6-6), Red Sox (5-6-1) and the White Sox (2-10) trail.

JOHN ANDERSON accounted for two of the Giant triumphs with no-hitters. Anderson threw his first perfecto on May 2 and then came back on May 15 to repeat the process. Pirate Ernie Gutter flipped the initial no-hitter of the year on April 26. Danny Creek of the Athletics turned in the last perfect game on June 3.

Red Sox hurler Gary Blair does not care if he ever sees Mike Ragland of the Tigers again. On May 31, Ragland slammed three home runs off Blair and now leads the league with four circuit clouts.

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Hollypark Slates Argonaut Stakes

Non-stakes winning juveniles will tangle today in the five-furlong Westchester Stakes at Hollywood Park.

Three-time winner Black Pool will head a field that should include Bar Fly, Taint Cricket, Fab Again, Happy Sean, Old Mose, Blue Surge and Nite Lite. These promising youngsters are pointing towards the \$100,000 added Hollywood Juvenile Championship on July 25.

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