

# Brent Nickoloff Earns Berth on CIF Nine

## The Fearless Spectator



By Charles McCabe, Esquire

In New York, they're turning on Casey Stengel, the 74-year-old manager of the Mets, the most distinguished losers ever to enroll in the annals of sport.

Stengel is pretty much an ancient fraud. I have never been among those who subscribed to the view that he was somehow a genius in the management of the child's game called baseball.

He has been in baseball all his life. He was a good player, but as a manager, whether with the Dodgers or the Braves, or at Oakland, he was a nothing.

Then by some curiosity he was entrusted with the New York Yankees. I could be the greatest man in baseball if they gave me the Yanks. You could be, too. Even Stengel could be—and he was, for ten glorious years or so.

Stengel had nothing to do with his glorification, though he ate it up, even as you and I would. He was no better or worse than he had been in Boston, but it seemed so because he had the horses.

Thomas Aquinas, in one of his idler moments, said beauty exists in the eye of the beholder. Nowhere is this more true than in baseball. Running the Yanks was as tough as running a crooked slot machine, yet the fans deified Stengel for doing so.

When he was canned by the noble Bronx organization, Casey had his chance to get lost, become enshrined in the hearts of his countrymen, and get a little berth in Cooperstown's Hall of Fame of Baseball, which is about as phony as Stengel's rep.

But no. The contagion had hit the great man. Because the crooked slot machine kept paying, and the fans kept cheering, Mr. Stengel became enraptured of himself and his abilities.

They gave him a slot machine that worked with sucker odds, the Mets. He worked it with his accustomed skill, and became, in the short space of a year, the worst manager in baseball.

Of course, Stengel is not really as bad as the Mets. As he was not nearly as good as the Yanks. He is as good, perhaps, as the sterling Oakland team he led.

For the first two years of the Mets' existence, the fans were grateful that the team was still in the league, that New York again had National League baseball after Squire Stoneham's precipitate flight from the Polo Grounds.

Stengel was accepted as a funny act by the collection of drunks, losers, and mild psychos who affixed their affections to the Mets, and their playing field, the Polo Grounds.

Now every disc jockey in New York is on the old man's back, and the bars and delicatessen stores resound with his dispraise. What can have happened? Case is no better or worse than he ever was. Maybe a bit more ill-tempered, a bit more vain; but this is to be understood: a man's characteristics either disappear or coagulate in his seventies.

I think the Polo Grounds, or rather its absence, may be at the bottom of this terrible change. The Polo Grounds, now being torn down, was in Harlem, the most dangerous section of a city become increasingly dangerous on its streets. The white man went there at his peril in recent years.

Now the Mets play in a resplendent trap called Shea Stadium, next to the resplendent World's Fair. They have been placed in an ambience of respectability, whether they like it or not.

The drunks, the psychos and the losers who were so at home in the dark purlieus of the Polo Grounds are lost in the new stadium.

Respectability has tarnished the magnificently bad qualities of the Mets. Respectability, the fake respectability of the World's Fair and a brand new Flushing Meadows stadium, have uncovered and made a mockery of the fake talent of Casey Stengel.

## Hunting Licenses Expire on July 1

Hunting licenses, deer tags, bear tags, and shipping tags for the 1964-65 seasons are now available from license agents throughout the state, the California Department of Fish and Game reported this week.

New hunting licenses, which are needed beginning July 1, are the same style of self-issuing license that was used for the 1963 seasons. The cost is still \$4.

There are no changes in the new deer tags, but the new deer tags will be twice as long as the previous tags. By folding the tag over, it will be the same size as before. The double size was used for the coming year because it resulted in substantial savings of sportsmen's money.

A SET of two resident deer tags remains \$2, and a set of two resident bear tags is still \$1.

Shipping tags will not be attached to the new hunting licenses, as they have been in past years. These may be obtained from license agents when hunting licenses are purchased. There is no charge for shipping tags.

The Department reminded junior hunters that effective July 1 all persons under 18 years of age must present a prior year's California hunting license or a Hunter Safety certificate of competence to purchase a hunting license for 1964-65. Previously, this

law applied only to persons under 16 years of age.

Hunter safety courses are taught throughout California by about 3,000 volunteer instructors under DFG supervision. Information on courses may be obtained from any Department of Fish and Game office, warden or license agent.

Hunting regulations booklets for 1964 seasons will be shipped to license agents and DFG offices statewide beginning in mid-July, the Department said.

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## Tordena Remains Unbeaten

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Baker struck out 10 men and walked but four as the Bullets boosted their record to 3-0 and remained deadlocked with the Long Beach Blues for the circuit lead.

Brent Nickoloff, All-CIF infielder from North High, banged a triple and Gardena High's Hoagy Wong doubled to top a four-hit Tordena attack.

In the first inning, Wong walked, Nickoloff singled and Mark O'Connor of North High singled for the initial Bullet run, Derry Deravin, from Serra High, then fled out to centerfield with Nickoloff crossing the plate for the second tally.

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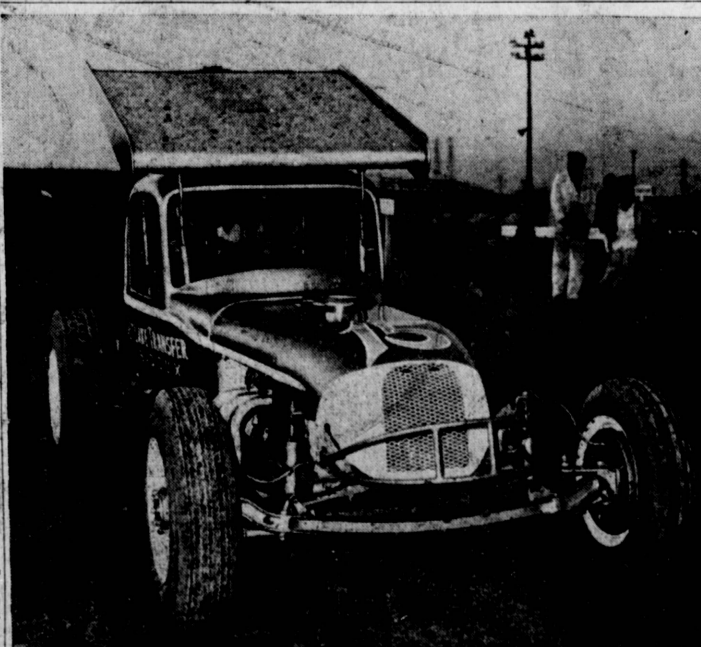
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# SPORTS

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WINGING AWAY . . . The newest innovation in auto racing is an air foil "wing" for super modified cars in California Jalopy Assn. racing at Ascot Park. Valle Engelauf, who currently leads in modified division point standings, will attempt to get back into the winner's circle Sunday after falling to place last week.

## ON LAND, WATER

### Four Weekend Events Set For 'Go Fast' Enthusiasts

Speed enthusiasts will be in heaven this weekend with four big programs scheduled on both land and water.

Tomorrow night, Elliott Schultz will seek his eighth consecutive flat track cycle win at Ascot Park in Gardena. A triple-main event, 18-race card, featuring finalists of the three competitive divisions of the American Motorcycle Assn., has been planned by promoter J. C. Agajanian.

Schultz must take on two former national champions, Al Gunter and Sammy Tanner in his bid to set a new consecutive-win record at Ascot.

Also tomorrow night, 40 of the Southland's top stock car drivers will take part in the Summer Championship for High Bank Drivers Club at Gardena's Western Speedway.

A nine-event program will begin at 8:30 p.m., preceded by qualifying runs at 7 p.m. on the high-banked one-third mile clay oval.

Four former main event winners, Jim Cole of Torrance, Ed Saper, Gene Naylor and Nestor Silveira will be favored in the evening's 30-lap feature.

In addition to the main event, other racing will include a 20-lap semi-main, three 8-lap heat races, a 4-lap trophy dash, an 8-lap Powder Puff Derby for lady leadfoots, and a novelty race.

Seeking to top the favorites will be Ed Ferro, Ken Byrd and Jessy Barry of Torrance, Ross Boardman, Bob Anderson, Buddy Butler, Bob Hobbs, Dorsey Steele, Leon Garrett, Butch Farrell, Joe Drew and Jim Peñny. All are former main event winners.

Entered in the Powder Puff Derby are Betty Steele, Char-

lene Turner and Myrna Queener of Torrance, Miki Ross, Karlena Robinson and Joyce Hayes.

Racing veterans and a new breed of young drivers will tangle Saturday night in a 50-lap midget main event at Ascot Park.

Leading the grey-beards will be 55-year-old Joe Garson and 49-year-old Billy Cantrell. Garson has never missed a season since he was bitten by the go-fast bug in the roaring 20s. Cantrell only last year won the United States Auto Club's West Coast championship for the 110 Offy bombs.

Other veterans include Allen Heath, the one-armed wonder, Johnny Moorhouse, Johnny Tolan, Colby Scroggins and Porky Rachwitz.

Members of the younger set are led by 29-year-old Don Horvath, who passed his Indianapolis driving test last month; Bob Hogle, 27, the 1963 California Racing Assn. champ; Duane Sears, 28, and Ronnie Hughes, 25.

Racing will begin at 8:30 p.m. with qualifying at 7.

THE WORLD'S two fastest drag boats, Phfft and Banzai, will be entered Saturday and Sunday in the sixth annual Regatta of Champions at the Long Beach Marine Stadium.

Also competing will be Ed Olson, a grandfather, who is an eight-time national drag champion.

Three of the top men water skiers in the country, Rick Fowler, Butch Peterson and Chuck Stearns, will also be competing.

## Saxon Junior Tabbed

North High third baseman Brent Nickoloff has been named to the third-team All-Southern California CIF "AAA" baseball squad by the Helms Athletic Foundation.

Nickoloff, a 5-ft. 10-in., 170-pound junior, connected at a .388 clip in 16 games to earn a spot on the squad.

Two other players also received CIF recognition. Redondo shortstop Harry Jenkins was named to the first team. Jenkins compiled a .396 average in 16 loop encounters in leading his club to the Bay League championship and into the CIF playoffs.

LEUZINGER outfielder Dave Rabuse joined Nickoloff on the third team. Rabuse, a senior, swatted at a .429 rate and paced the Olympians to the Sky League championship.

Only one junior, Arcadia's Bill Seinsoth, was picked on the first team. Seinsoth chalked up a 10-2 record.

Lynwood, CIF "AAA" division champions, placed two men on the first string and one man on the third team. Hurler Greg Conger, 14-0 for the season, was named Player-of-the-Year.

Conger paced Lynwood to a 23-2 season record and compiled five playoff wins. He boasted a .29 earned run average and struck out 94 men while walking only seven during the Coast League campaign.

Second sacker Tim Hackworth, with a .488 average, was selected to the first string from Lynwood while his teammate Dennis Sutherland, a catcher with a .320 average, was tabbed on the third squad.

EL RANCHO senior Tom Egan was named as a third baseman on the first team. He boasted a .509 batting average in 20 games. Egan was also an All-CIF quarterback for El Rancho's Southern Section football champions.

NINE PLAYERS on this year's team batted over .400 with two over the .500 mark. In addition to Egan, Magnolia high outfielder Jim Helmer picked up a .549 average in 21 contests.

Only six non-seniors were selected for the team. All of them were juniors.

Repeaters from last year are Notre Dame's Greg Goosen, a third team choice in 1963; Paul Meister of Whittier, who repeated on the second team; and Whittier's Dick Seminoff, who again won a pitching berth on the third string. Meister, a junior, will have a shot at CIF recognition for a third time next spring.

FOR THE second consecutive year, the Los Angeles Angels will host All-Star players, their coaches and families at Chavez Ravine on Sunday, Father's Day.

Players and coaches will be honored guests at a pre-game luncheon to be held in the Stadium Club Restaurant. City and CIF Southern Section high school administrators will also be on hand.

Prior to Sunday's game, honored City and CIF players will receive their awards on the field.

## Recreation Results

MONDAY LEAGUE SLO-PITCH  
Firefighters "A" 5, Party House 1  
Brookers 8, Miffitts 6  
Torrance Elks Club 9, Columbia Construction Co. 7  
Road Bud Dairy 14, Computer Science Corp. 7  
Loafers 12, Automation Industries 7  
Mann-dy Marketeers 13, Road Runners 11

FRIDAY LEAGUE SLO-PITCH  
Old Mustangs 17, Rolling Hills Coy-sant 4  
Torrance Orthopedics 8, South Bay Spinners 6  
Hollywood Riviera Sportsmen 2, Ramblers 0

FRIDAY CHURCH LEAGUE SOFTBALL  
Lawndale Chamber of Commerce 7, Torrance First Baptist 0 (forfeit)

Torrance First Lutheran 16, Good Shepherd 2  
North Redondo Chapel 10, Resurrection Lutheran 8

SATURDAY CHURCH LEAGUE SOFTBALL  
Glad Tidings 9, Gardena Bible Church 8  
Redondo First Baptist 13, Gardena First Southern Baptist 9  
South Bay Church of God 4, Torrance Nazarene 0

OPEN LEAGUE SOFTBALL  
Douglas 11, Cliff's Hardware 4  
Laven Insurance 7, Frederick's Realty 0 (forfeit)

## GIANTS TRIUMPH

### Holmes Strikes Out 17

A 17-strikeout performance by Grad Holmes paced the first-place Giants to a 10-2 Torrance Colt League triumph over the Twins Sunday afternoon.

Holmes gave up six hits and an equal number of walks as the Giants notched their fifth triumph of the season.

GORDON MAHON and Jim McPherson collected safeties in the first frame to pace a two-run Giant outburst.

The big inning for the winners was the sixth when a single by Mahon, two walks

and four errors allowed five runs to come across. Dick White, Chick James and McPherson chalked up singles for the Giants while Kent Major banged a double.

Both Twin runs came in the seventh on a triple by Bob Woods, a walk and a two-RBI blast by Doug Woodward.

Pete Ahgrim went the full route for the Twins, allowing five hits and six free passes.

Bob Sharpe unleashed a three-hitter Sunday to lead the Giants in an 8-0 win over the Angels and into second

place behind the Giants.

Sharpe walked only two and sent 14 men down swinging as he out-duelled Don Tippet and Steve Schmitz. Tippet and Schmitz were touched for six hits, and eight walks. They struck out nine men between them.

Dave McKenzie's first-inning single and a triple steal resulted in the first run of the game for the Angels. Two more runs came over in the second frame on Mike Tuffley's single and two walks.

The four innings yielded five runs on a pair of mis-

placed, a walk and singles by Tuffley, Chris Smith, Perry Even and Dennis Keefer.

BACK-TO-BACK singles by Greg Strayer and Steve Melchert put the Angels in scoring position in the fourth inning, but both men were stranded. The only other Cherub safety came on a single by Jeff Tonkel in the third inning.

Results of Sunday's contests left the Giants with a 5-1-1 record, the Tigers at 4-1-2, the Angels at 4-3-1, the Braves at 4-4-0 and the Twins at 0-7-0.



WATER WIZARD . . . Speed will be accentuated Saturday and Sunday at Marine Stadium in Long Beach in the sixth annual Regatta of Champions. The Regatta will include the two fastest gas drag boats in the world, Phfft and Zanzai, and the three fastest men water skiers, Buica Peterson, Rick Fowler and Chuck Stearns. Heading a list of top drivers entered will be eight-time national champ Ed Olson.