

# John Trantham Will Replace Kasten as Head THS Coach

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### Rich Purse Will Draw Top Drivers to Gardena Track

A \$1,500 purse will lure many of Southern California's top drivers to Ascot Park this afternoon for a Super Stock Grand Prix, sponsored by California Auto Racing, Inc. Drivers from San Diego, Bakersfield and Saugus tracks are expected to match talents with local stock car contenters in a 50-lap main event on the half-mile Gardena course. At stake will be \$400 to the winner of the main event and \$50 for the fastest qualifying time. In addition to the feature

### Porter to Enter 'Race for Lives'

A second "Race for Lives" will be held at Ascot Park in Gardena on July 4, Harrison Schooler, track president, has announced.

Five champions have already entered the 200-lap, 100-mile competition, which will also be a Grand National Championship race.

On June 6, the first "Race for Lives" was held with Bill Amick, the second driver in point standings, taking the checkered flag.

Ron Hornaday, the defend-

ing Pacific Coast champion, dropped out of the June 6 race on the 35th lap when his rear brake lining caught fire. Hornaday currently tops the points standings as he bids for a second consecutive championship.

In addition to the big race, Schooler announced that a "giant fireworks display" will also be held.

Expected to enter the Independence Day spectacular are all five of the drivers who snared the top spots in the first race. Three-time Pacific Coast champ Lloyd Dane, former NASCAR National short track champ Marvin Porter of Torrance, three-time NASCAR Pacific Coast Late Model champ Eddie Gray and Johnny Steel will probably be competing.

### Young Ace Eyes Win At Ascot

Young Gary Congdon, rated as one of the most brilliant prospects to come along in years, shoots for his first California Racing Association win at Ascot Park Wednesday night in the second race of the summer season.

The first of eight races will begin at 8:30 p.m. Qualifying is set for 7 p.m.

Congdon, who wheels the potent Bob East Chevy, surprised everyone at Phoenix two weeks ago when he captured his first main event with CRA.

The favorite to halt Congdon will be one-armed veteran Allen Heath, who will again be behind the wheel of the Vel's Torrance T-Bird. Heath was almost unstoppable last year in the Vel's car.

ALSO ON hand will be Hal Minyard, virtually unbeatable in the Leonard Surdam Rialto Chevy, who on the strength of three recent main event wins, has taken a commanding lead in the 1964 point standings.

Others will include 1963 CRA champ Bob Hogle, Bob Coulter, Paul Jones to Torrance and Gary Hill.

### Safety Rate On Freeways Impressive

Despite the increase of highway deaths in California this year, the per-mile death rate on freeways and expressways is comparatively much lower because of built-in safety features such as controlled access, elimination of traffic signals, boulevard stops, and intersections, according to William Handley, public relations chairman of the Engineering and Grading Contractors Assn.

Figures of the California Division of Highways show that 2,742 miles of multi-lane divided highways already were opened to traffic at the beginning of this year, and many more miles have been opened since, Handley stated.

### Redondo's Boat Race Set July 4

Vying for spectacular action with the famed Miami-Nassau Ocean Race and the equally famous Round Long Island marathon, Southern California's own Redondo Round Catalina Power Boat Race will take off on July 4. Marking the third annual run, the event promises to bring together some of the West's best rough water riders. A tremendous test of both driver and machinery, the race is open to all comers who think they have the ability and stamina to hold together.

Laid across some of the meanest ocean in the world, the course runs from Redondo Beach King Harbor, around the west end of the island, down the back side, around the east end and back.

The current record for the 100 miler is held by TV actor Ronnie Burns who piloted his 30 foot Jeffries "Swinger" to win 1962's bash in the time of 2 hours, 19 minutes, 44 seconds. Burns will be back this year, but not to defend his laurels; he'll hold down the position of starter, with "Swinger" acting as official pace and start boat.

SANCTIONED BY the American Power Boat Assn., the race is sponsored annually by the Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce and Southern California Speedboat Assn. and takes place during the City's Annual Neptune Day Celebration.

Most of last year's entries are expected to be on hand and many new boats have been added to the list. An early entry was that of Robert L. Rodman of Paso Robles, Calif., who will be driving No. 21, a 23-foot Thunderbird Boat, a veteran of the 1964 Miami-Nassau Race.

Another early entry is a 1964 version of the famed T-171 Gastron 17-footer which captured top outboard honors at the Salton City 500 miler in 1962. Jim Clinkenbeard and Ted Wilson will be aboard as they were at Salton. Still another 17-foot Gastron 171 is being entered by Bud Aronis of Boat and Motor Sales.

RACE ENTRIES will be divided into 7 classes. Single engine outboards, twin engine outboards, and five classes of inboards, classified by cubic inches displacement according to American Boating Association rules.

Another big event planned for the same day is the 2nd Annual Redondo Beach Hydro Kart Regatta. Sanctioned by the South Bay Hydro Kart Assn., these races, too, will be sponsored by the Redondo Chamber and will be run inside Redondo's King Harbor, providing plenty of action for spectators while the power boats are off on their Catalina run.

There will be groups of 10 Hydro-Karts running in each of three heats around a triangular course in King Harbor. Each heat will be action packed.

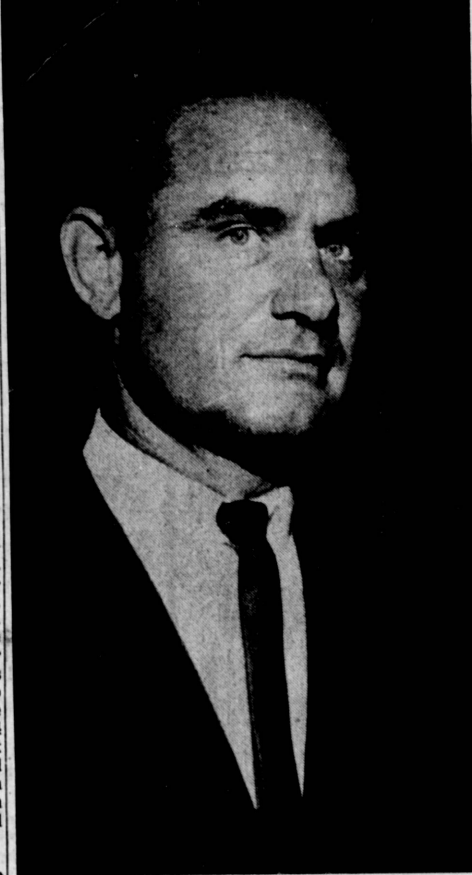
### Pilots Seek End To Race Upsets

Top ranked Figure Eight drivers will attempt to end a two-week string of upsets tonight at Ascot Park in Gardena.

Last week, Frank Thomson upended the aces and the previous week, Willis Hartman pulled a surprise. Neither driver ranks among the top 10 in point standings.

Jerry Meisenzahl, Bob Hobbs and Ed Sauer, the three top drivers point-wise, will be expected to battle for the checkered flag.

THE EIGHT-RACE program will begin at 8 p.m., preceded by time trials at 7.



NEW COACH . . . John Trantham has been selected, pending approval July 6 by the Torrance School Board, to succeed Irv Kasten as head football coach at Torrance High. Kasten resigned his position to accept an assistant coaching post at Santa Monica High School. Trantham comes from San Jose, where he has been grid coach at Campbell High School for three years.

### Trantham Owns Top Grid Mark

John Trantham has been named head football coach at Torrance High, filling a void left by the resignation of Irv Kasten in April.

Trantham will come to Torrance from Campbell High School in San Jose, where he has been head grid coach for the past three years.

During his tenure, Campbell won 21 games and lost only 6. The new Tartar coach has been signed to a contract by Torrance school officials, but the contact must be ratified by the City's Board of Education at its July 6 meeting to become official.

In his first year at Campbell, Trantham's team finished with a 6-3 record. The next year it ended with a 7-2 mark, and the past season, the club climaxed with an 8-1 record.

TRANTHAM, a former full-back and linebacker for the University of Houston, is the second head coach to be named in Torrance in the past three months.

Former South Pasadena High School backfield coach Ken Swift was named successor to Dave Tollefson at South High in April. Tollefson also resigned.

At Houston University Trantham lettered for three years, and in 1951 and 1952 was named to the All Missouri Conference team.

Trantham plans to install the Wing-T formation at Torrance while utilizing some of USC's I-formation. He indicates a preference for a running club.

JUST AFTER signing Trantham, Torrance officials got a call from USC coach John McKay. McKay said that if the job was still open he knew a good man—John Trantham.

Kasten's resignation at Torrance came after five years as head coach. He will move to Santa Monica High School for an assistant coaching post under Dick Turner, another ex-Torrance High head grid mentor.

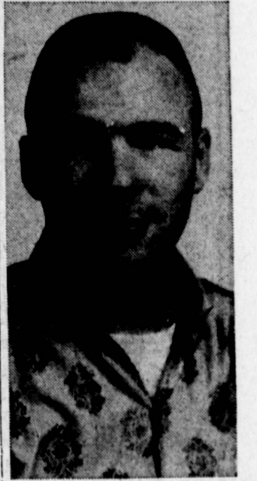
During his stay at THS, Kasten's clubs compiled a 22-8-1 record, and in 1962 won the Pioneer League championship by going unbeaten through the circuit campaign.

BOTH NEW Torrance head football coaches will have their work cut out for them. Last year, Torrance won only one game and finished in a tie for fifth in the Pioneer circuit. South fared even worse, going winless in the tough Bay League.

Swift and Trantham both have winning pasts. Swift helped coach South Pasadena to a 5-4-3 record during his stay there. In 1962, it was South Pasadena who knocked Torrance out of the CIF playoffs.

And in 1962 it was running back Bill Patrick, coached by Swift, who did most of the knocking for the Tigers.

Trantham is currently at Torrance High during the summer working as a driver education instructor. He is looking for a house to buy or rent.



IRV KASTEN Replacement Found

### Two Hurl Colt Loop No-Hitter

In a fantastic mound duel that saw only one hit given up during the entire game, the Torrance Colt League Braves defeated the Angels, 3-0, Tuesday night.

Wayne Wood and Richard Gonzales combined to pitch a no-hit game for the winners. Although he picked up the loss, Angel chucker Steve Sibley gave up only one safety.

Wood started for the Braves and went five innings. A walk to Pat McGuire in the third inning was the only free pass allowed by the Braves. Gonzales picked up where Wood left off and continued the no-hitter. The two struck out eight men.

SIBLEY gave up only one and four walks but several key errors by his teammates cost him the game. Sibley was relieved in the sixth inning by Steve Schmitz. The only Brave hit was collected by Steve Combs.

Charles Richardson crossed home plate twice for the Braves while Toki Katsuki came across once.

IN ANOTHER tight mound battle, The Giants and Tigers deadlocked at 1-1 and the Giants remained atop the league standings.

Tom Thomson hurled for the Giants while Bob Sharpe toiled for the Tigers.

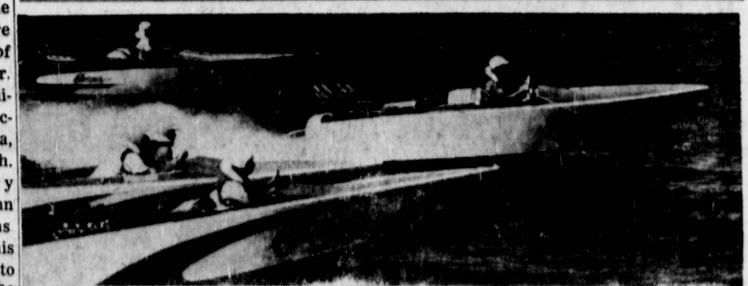
The Giants scored first when Brad Holmes doubled and Chick James singled home in the top of the sixth inning. The Tigers bounced right back to knot the count when Gilbert Cisneros drove Dennis Tempe across in the bottom of the sixth.

### Jack Ehlen Will Compete In Regatta

National Hydro-Kart champion Jack Ehlen of Torrance will compete in the second annual National Hydro-Kart Regatta on July 4 as a highlight of the Redondo Beach Neptune Days Celebration.

Ehlen holds the world speed record and is the National Hydro-Kart Association champ for the 1964 racing season.

Groups of 10 Hydro-Karts will run in each of three heats around a triangular course in King Harbor on Saturday. Ehlen will enter his U.S. No. 1 Fury Hydro-Kart powered by a Hydro-Mac Kart outboard engine.



ON THE MOVE . . . Gold-plated raceboats and streamlined action will be the motif July 4 at Long Beach Marine Stadium. Fourteen fast, costly (\$9,000) SK-class racing runabouts will be in the 90-boat field which will clash in the 16th annual Independence Day Sweepstakes and Aquafest. The traditional big summer meet is sponsored by the West Long Beach Lions Club and will be conducted by the Southern California Speedboat Club.