



SOFTBALL CHAMPS—Walteria Park Giants wound up as champions of the 10-inch softball league this summer, according to an announcement made last week. Shown above are, top row, Mike Rameriz, Don Hunt,

Chuck Fernandes, captain, John Reyes, and Roger Carden. Second row, Jeff Sleeth, Frank Reyes, Paul Padnos, Jerry Taylor and Greg Carroll. Not pictured were Dickie Campbell, Seth Strickland and Jimmy French.

Giants Sweep Walteria Park Softball League With Record 22 Wins, 12 Losses

The Giants emerged as champs in the Recreation Department sponsored 10" softball league at Walteria Park during the summer, finishing the season with a record of 22 wins and 12 losses.

To accomplish this feat they had to come from behind to beat the second place Redlegs in the playoffs. In the first game of the two out of three championship series the Reds won by a margin of 9 to 8. The Giants bounced back to win the second and third by scores of 12 to 7, and 6 to 3.

Leading the Giant offense during the three-game series was Chuck Fernandes. He went 8 for 11 at the plate with seven runs batted in and two home runs. Don Hunt, Mike Rameriz, and Paul Padnos each collected five hits to aid the Giant cause.

LEADER

Bobby Brooks, captain of the Redlegs, led his team in the playoffs with five hits in 10 at bats, with one home run and three runs batted in. Jeff Ronan, and Lane Ongstad also collected five hits for the Reds.

In the playoff for third place the Braves won two straight from the Cards, 17 to 12 and 14 to 0. Teddy and Mark Sleeth led the Braves attack with seven and six

hits respectively while Johnny Yates accumulated four hits for the Cards.

Following are the final league standings: Giants, 22 wins, 12 losses; Redlegs, 17 wins, 17 losses; Braves, 15 wins, 18 losses; and Cards, 13 wins, 20 losses.

Leading batter in the league during the season was Chuck Fernandes of the Giants. He ended the season with a .624 batting average. Close on his heels was Steve Hertzog of the Braves at .612.

Fernandes also led the league in home runs with nine, and runs batted in with 45, and received the Most Valuable Player Award for his fine play.

Paul Padnos led the league in runs scored with 51 and Hertzog and Fernandes led in hits, both finishing with 68. Louie Reyes and Don Hunt played in the most games, 33. Reyes also led in most at bats, coming to the plate 124 times during the season.

Following are the top 10 batters in the league: Chuck Fernandes .624, Steve Hertzog .612, David Wilson .554, Don Hunt .538, Mike Rameriz .525, Paul Padnos .508, Mark Sleeth .491, Teddy Caspo .489, Jeff Ronan .488, and John Reyes .482.

AWARDS PICNIC

Sixty boys between the ages of eight and 12 participated in the league during the sum-

mer. An awards picnic was held in their honor recently at Walteria Park.

Receiving sportsman-ship awards were Chris Wilson, Gene Ovist, Bobby Brooks and Paul Padnos.

Selected for the leagues All-Star team were David Wilson, and Gene Ovist, Cards; Steve Hertzog and Chris Wilson, Braves; Bobby Brooks and Jeff Ronan, Reds; and Paul Padnos, Don Hunt, Mike Rameriz, and Chuck Fernandes, Giants.

Recipients of special awards for meritorious and unselfish service, for their fine work during the season, were the team captains Johnny Yates, Cards; Chuck Duffy and Steve Hertzog, Braves; Bobby Brooks, Redlegs; and Chuck Fernandes, Giants. The members of the Giant team also received awards for winning the league championship.

A baseball deaathon was also held during the summer with David Wilson finishing in first place in the 11 and under division and Chuck Fernandes first in the 12 year old division. In the 11 and under category Mike Rameriz finished second, Teddy Caspo third, Louie Reyes fourth, and Tony Fernandes fifth. In the 12-year old class Don Hunt finished second, John Reyes third, Bob Loebel fourth, and Jeff Ronan fifth.

Parsons Named Honorary Hill Climb Marshall

Johnnie Parsons, former Indianapolis "500" winner, has been named Honorary Course Marshall for the Lake Casitas Hill Climb, September 30 and October 1, sponsored by the Corvette Owners Club of North Hollywood.

Parsons, who now makes his home in Van Nuys, retired from competition in 1959, following a brilliant 20-year racing career which began at old Gilmore Stadium in 1940. The highlight of Parsons' career, however, was in the 1950 Indianapolis race when he won racing's biggest prize. Incidentally, that was the rain-shortened race that was called at 345 miles; however, Parsons set what was then an Indianapolis record before the race was stopped

Ascot Park Favorite Dick Dorresteyn In Sunday Steeplechase at Saugus Oval

Led by Dick Dorresteyn of San Pablo, favorite barrier jumper with Southland fans, a pack of upstate riders compete in the motorcycle steeplechase program Sunday night (Sept. 24) over a specially designed course at Saugus Stadium.

The stadium is located three miles north of Newhall off Highway 6, and racing under the direction of J. C. Agajanian begins at 8:30 p.m. Practice laps and qualifying around the tricky

because of danger. Currently, he is promoting the exciting TQ midget races at Agoura Speedway at Cornell Corners in West end of the San Fernando Valley.

six-turn half-mile course commence at 7 p.m.

Dorresteyn has won five steeplechase main events at Ascot Park, and in the last event there Sept. 3 set expert class records for the 15-lap main event as well as for one and four laps.

Coming with the San Pablo rider are Joe Leonard of San Jose, six times national TT champion; and Dick Mann and Jimmy Plain of El Sobrante.

Mann finished third behind Leonard and champ Carroll Resweber of Milwaukee, Wis. in 1961 final national AMA championship standings.

Plain is the second ranking amateur rider in the country, and was the standout

rider of his division at Ascot Sept. 3, setting three track records for class.

The Saugus program will be for three classes with novice riders going on big bore machines. The recent AMA ruling on machines of first

FITFALL OF TALENT

Men of great talents, whether poets or historians, seldom escape the attacks of those who, without ever favoring the world with any production of their own, take delight in criticizing the work of others.

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year contestants does not apply to TT racing, it was pointed out by district AMA referee Bert Brundage.

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