



ED SAUER . . . Popular Ascot Park Figure 8 stock car driver goes after his second win of the season Sunday. He is from Redondo Beach.

Figure 8 Races Resume at Ascot

Nick Thomas, perhaps the brightest young driver in the ARA circuit, shoots for his first main event win of the season Sunday night at Ascot Park, where more than 200 fender-busters stage another slam-bang Figure 8 speedfest at 7 p.m. on the criss-cross course.

Thomas, who hails from Lomita, has made several good runs at the top spot, finishing second to Troy Still several weeks ago, as well as copping a trophy dash and several heat races wins just two weeks ago.

With all of the Figure 8 cars now powered by potent late model engines, including huge Corvette power plants, an Ascot main event win on the rough-tough course has been more or less up for grabs.

Eddie Sauer of Redondo Beach led off the season with a daylight win last January, but has not done too well when the "Eighters" shifted to their regular season Sunday evening spot.

The eight-race men's shindigs are augmented by the ever-growing-popular ladies race by the "Speed Queens."

Resurfaced Track Aids Cycle Speed

Track records go under fire Friday night at Ascot Park, Gardena, when more than 100 motorcycle riders fly around the dirt half-mile oval in a 16-event AMA-sanctioned program.

Now that Sammy Tanner, Elliott Schultz and speed mates have finally tested the resurfaced track in competition, racing director J. C. Agajanian predicts a wholesale onslaught on existing records during 1965.

"It could happen as early as this week," said the sartorial splendid promoter. "We've got the fastest dirt track riders in America racing every Friday night on the best track."

Schultz of South Gate holds three expert class records, 22.44, one-lap; 1:56.91, 5-laps, and 5:51.13 for the 15-lap main-event.

Tanner of Long Beach holds the 3-lap trophy dash record of 1:07.04.

Schultz is still holder of the amateur one-lap record of 22.95, set back in 1962, while his Enfield mounted partner, Guy Louis of Lynwood, holds the 5-lap amateur mark of 1:58.51 and 10-lap standard of 3:58.18, both set in 1963.

Racing starts at 8:30 o'clock with one-lap qualifying at 7.

Metro Swim Meet Set For SMCC

It has been a long, hard pull for El Camino College's swimming team this season, but it all comes to a close Thursday, Friday and Saturday in the Metropolitan Conference championships at Santa Monica City College.

The Tribesmen went through the season without a victory. Freshman Craig Hendrickson, participating in the 200-yard individual medley, 200-yard backstroke and 400-yard medley relay, he has been outstanding. Last year he was Morningside High's "most valuable swimmer."

He was also awarded second-team Metro Conference honors for his water polo play last fall.

Indianapolis-Type Cars Test Half-Mile Oval

Those mighty unlimited-powered Indianapolis-type California Racing Assn. big cars return to Ascot Park's tough half-mile dirt track Saturday night at 8:30 p.m. for their second night show of 1965 at 8 p.m. in an eight-race, 30-lap racefest.

Qualifying opens the program at 7 p.m. And, as usual, it's smooth-driving 1964 CRA champ Hal Minaryard against the field.

Minaryard, again wheeling the sleek, but powerful, Surdam Rialto Chevy, has been mighty tough of late, although the mighty Offenhausers might be closing in on him.

Hal began to show his winning form by copping his

first main event win at Sacramento, and then two weeks ago in a whopping 100-lapper at Ascot, he wowed the crowd with a seemingly effortless triumph.

Coming up fast, however, in the Offies will be Parnelli Jones' brother, Paul, who made people sit up and take notice by tooting the huge 270-cubic inch Bromme Offy to a convincing win at San Francisco.

The Morales Bros. of Anaheim have not yet decided who'll wheel their famous "Tamale Wagon," which Bob Hogle drove to the CRA title in 1960 and runnerup in '64, but it'll probably be veterans Colby Scroggins of Eagle Rock or Bob Coulter of Torrance.

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