

TAPPA KEGGAS IN METRO FINALS

Western Drag Racing Finals Get Underway at Lions Saturday

The four-week long Western Drag Racing Championships will get underway this Saturday night at Lions Drag Strip in Long Beach. Most of the country's best drivers and machines will be on hand to try for \$10,000 in cash and awards.

The nine harbor area Lion's clubs that sponsor the strip have offered \$1000 in cash for top eliminator each of the four Saturday nights of the championships, with a \$1000 bond going to any out-of-state driver who should turn the trick.

Favorites in the top eliminator are Lefty Muddersbach of Pico-Rivera and Tom McEwen of Long Beach. However, several out-of-state drivers are capable of a strong bid for the title.

Of the cars already entered there are 12 that have traveled the quarter-mile in less than nine seconds, making competition the toughest in the history of Western drag racing.

Some of the drivers that have turned in the magic "less than

nine second" bracket are: Jack Chrisman, Compton; Leland Kolb, Buena Park; Glen Stokely, Redondo Beach, and Bob Muravez, Burbank.

A special television eliminator race will be run from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on the first week of the championships, which is this Saturday night. The action will be televised over KTTV, Channel 11.

Youth Attending Brigham Young

Konrad C. Beck, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Clyde Beck of 241 Paseo de la Delicias, has entered Brigham Young University at Provo, Utah. The June graduate of South High School is majoring in pre-medicine.

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Dick Cook, Clem Proctor Favored at Western Oval

Dick Cook, Lakewood, and Clem Proctor, Compton, go after another main event victory in Sunday afternoon's CJA Stock Car races at Gardena's Western Speedway where they will compete in a nine-event card, topped by a 30-lap feature.

Proctor took his first victory of the year two weeks ago. He will drive his Dodge in Sunday's races. Cook took his third victory of the year last week. He is currently second in this year's points. Over 100 laps of racing are on the day's card. Ten makes of cars are entered.

THEY WILL go against the top 10 drivers in points, led by Arley Scranton, Compton (Oldsmobile); Jerry Plotts, Gardena (Oldsmobile); Gene Davis, Santa Monica (Oldsmobile); Bill Ferrier, Newhall (Ford); Frank Denny, Los Angeles (Oldsmobile); Bill St. James, Gardena (Ford); Eddie Kusch, Compton (Buick); Chuck Townsen, Gardena (Dodge); and Danny Franco, Van Nuys (Oldsmobile).

Other drivers entered include: Marvin Heinis, Sylmar (Olds); "Wild" Bill Foster, Newhall (Olds); Ben Thomas, Canoga Park (Olds); Jimmy Jack, Van Nuys (Olds); Dave Phillips, Santa Ana (Studebaker); Cliff Fagot, Torrance, (Chevie); Johnny Jones, Hawthorne (Olds); Bill Benton, Torrance (Olds); Connie Burdett, Glendale (Olds); Dave Hubert, Huntington Park (Olds); Ronnie Donelson, Inglewood (Lincoln); Lamarr Anderson, Manhattan Beach (Olds); Dick

Local Team to Meet Valley Squad Friday

Running roughshod over the Los Angeles Fire Dept., the Tappa Keggas romped to an 18 to 0 victory to enter the Los Angeles Metro Tourney finals.

Opening the game with ten runs in the first inning and going on to score five runs in the third frame and three in the sixth, the Tapps belted out 19 hits to rout the fire fighters.

Besides displaying tremendous hitting power, the Torrance hurler Bryan Stephens limited the L.A. aggregation to one hit, a single in the seventh inning. The Keggas will meet the San Fernando Valley team Friday night at Manchester Playground for the Metropolitan championship.

PLAYING IN two tourneys, being conducted at the same time, the Tappa Keggas bagged the SCMAF Munny Assn. title for the second time in the past three years by defeating the Gardena VFW in the 1961 finals at Huntington Park, Saturday, 7-4.

The Keggas advanced to the finals by wins of 10-2, over the Santa Ana Bombers, 17-2 over St. Edward's of Corona, and a 7-2 victory over the Huntington Park JCs. The Gardena Vets gained the finals on wins of 12-7 over Glasser Drugs, 20-4 over South Bay Church of God, and 6-4 over Beacon Bowl.

The championship game was almost a replica of the Gardena city title last month when the Kegs won 7-3 over the Vets. The fighting green-clad Keggas jumped on pitcher Bill Gurski in the first inning and scored three times.

THE SPUNKY Vets retaliated with two scores in the second inning featured by Gurski's long double. In the bottom of the third, Keggia shortstop Gil Matthews hit a tremendous 300-foot tape-measure home-run to centerfield that produced three runs. Another tally in the fifth by the Tappas rounded out the scoring for the champs. The Vets pushed across single tallies in the fourth and sixth to account for four runs.

The Vets had the sacks loaded in the sixth with no outs, but were able to score only once, as pitcher Chuck Ryan tightened up and forced the next three batters to hit the ball into the air for easy outs.

THE KEGGAS whacked out 14 hits with Chuck Schoendienst, Ray Magnante, and Dick Stuetz each chipping in with two timely base knocks. The Vets were limited to eight hits off Ryan.

The first two games of the tourney were won by Keggia pitcher Bryan Stephens. Large Bryan with his "flutter ball" struck out five batters. This feat is almost unheard of in slo-pitch circles.



RECEIVES TICKET . . . Torrance Mayor Albert Isen receives complimentary tickets to Saturday's opening of the Pop Warner football season. Fred Schwanbeck presents the tickets to Mayor Isen. Helping out are, left to right, Rick Schwanbeck, Glen Males and Al Schwanbeck.

Pop Warner Football Association Opens Conference on Saturday

Pop Warner Assn. football teams from Gardena, Hawthorne, Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills and Torrance will exhibit their wares at the Torrance Conference opening this Saturday.

The ceremonies will begin at 1 p.m. Father Eugent Buhr will deliver the invocation, Norman Elliott, a ministry student, will give the Huddle Prayer, and Rabbi Henri Front will give the benediction.

TICKETS are \$1 for the program that will feature a list of celebrities. Dick Beale, radio announcer, will be the master of ceremonies. Torrance Mayor Albert Isen will be the guest speaker. Jess Hill, University of Southern California athletic director, will be the guest of honor. Before becoming athletic director at USC, Hill was one of the all-time coaching greats for the Trojans.

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The Minnesota Rookies will hook up with the American Eagles at the Prairie and Manhattan Beach Blvd. field.

The American Eagles, a powerful Los Angeles area nine, will be favored over the newly formed Minnesota Rookies. The Rookies will be starting their first game Sunday.

THE ROOKIES will be composed of players from the Torrance area. Two local Connie Mack squads will be represented on the field. Both the Torrance Bullets and the Torrance Red Devils have contributed men to the team.

Players will be Carey Hubert, Steve McGuire, Erv Palica, Bob Wehrhen, Larry Thomas, John Cambon, Ken Turner, Steve Parker, Bob Clark, Bobby Floyd and Jerry Smith.

THE TEAM will be managed by Bo Palica and coached by Clarence Rivali with the assistance of Minnesota scout Jess Flores.

Torrance Park will be the site of the Rookies next ball game on Oct. 8.

The Rookies will be entered in the strong winter league that will start in about four weeks.

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