

# Jones Cracks Indy Mark

Sensational Torrance driver Parnelli Jones, long the king of the high banks, made Indianapolis Motor Speedway history Saturday, becoming the first man ever to tour the brickyard in less than a minute.

Jones, last year's co-ookie, wound up with a new one-lap record of 59.71 seconds,

150.729 mph and a four-lap or 10-mile mark of 150.370. The 28-year-old pilot, the national champion over the high bank half-mile tracks, almost did not get credit for his first record-smashing lap.

JONES wheeled his white and blue Agajanian Special around the 2 1/4-mile track for

an extra, fifth lap, but got credit for the first four after considerable discussion.

By virtue of his standard-snapping effort, Jones temporarily holds the pole position for the 46th running of the 500-mile classic on May 30. All qualifications are subject to later runs, and the 33 fastest qualifiers of the 72 entries will start the race.

LEN SUTTON, a veteran

## Lions Draw Top Drivers On Saturday

Tommy Dyer of South Los Angeles is favored to win the \$500 first-place money in the fuel eliminator race at Lions Drag strip in Long Beach Saturday night. Dyer will be driving the Ansen-Pink dragster in which he has beaten nearly every top driver in the country.

Dyer has also served notice that he will be trying for the \$1,000 that the Lions Clubs, sponsors of the Long Beach strip, have offered the first driver to better 190 mph.

Tom McEwen of Long Beach, former No. 1 driver in the country, is expected to give Dyer the most trouble for the first place money.

Hank Clark of Norwalk, and Hayden Proffitt of Westminster could also be close competition for the first place title.

Jim Nelson of Carlsbad is again rated a sure thing to win the gas eliminator event in his Dragmaster Dart dragster.

Time trials start at 2:30 p.m. final eliminations begin at 7:30 p.m.

driver from Portland, Ore., had the pleasure of holding the track mark for a half hour before Jones took to the oval. Sutton turned the 10 miles in 149.328 with a best lap of 149.900. This snapped the two-year-old mark of 149.601 for one lap and 149.056 for the four lap set by Jim Hurtubise of Lennox.

Jones, defending champion of the USAC spring car circuit, led twice in his first Indianapolis appearance last year but fell back to 12th after his magneto went sour and he caught a flying bolt over one eye.



PARNELLI JONES Snaps Indy Mark



**MAKES APPEARANCE . . .** Young Dodger hurler Joe Moeller will be the guest of honor Saturday from 11 a.m. until noon in the sporting goods department of the Broadway's Del Amo store. Moeller will handle an autographing session during which Dodger souvenirs, balls, bats, or mitts which youngsters own or purchase will be personally signed by the mound ace.

## Hultgren Twirls Tordondo Cubs To Shutout Win

Tight pitching battles spiced Tordondo Little League action the past week.

Carl Hultgren, throwing a one-hit shutout, paced the Cubs to a 3-0 win over the Indians. Hultgren's mound foe, Tommy Lee, allowed only four hits and whiffed nine.

Earlier in the week, the Cubs dropped an 8-2 decision to an undefeated Tiger nine in another mound war.

**VETERAN** chucker Donnie Cowden baffled the Cubs and pulled out the win with the help of some tight defensive play. Larry Brown assumed the mound duties for the losers, giving up two hits less than Cowden, but walks and errors cost him the win.

The Yankee chalked up a pair of victories for the week to remain in first place with a 3-0 mark. The Yanks slipped by the Senators, 5-2, and the Dodgers, 14-4.

**DISPLAYING** an impressive hitting attack to back up their tight defensive play and stingy mound staff, the Yankees soared past the Solons on a four-bitter by Billy Ernest.

Joe Savage, an ace on the Yank hill corp, came into his own as a hitter with a two-run homer.

**DEENIE GIBSON** the Yank catcher against the Senators, came back the next day to send 11 Dodgers down swinging and take the win.

Nine Yankees terrorized Dodger offerings for 14 hits. Mike Benningfield led the carnage with a double and a single. Larry Rollard, Craig Marshall and Joe Savage each collected two hits.

## Ruth League Opens Year On Saturday

Opening day ceremonies for Torrance Babe Ruth League will be held Saturday at the Babe Ruth Field on Del Amo Boulevard at Western Avenue.

The program begins at 11 a.m. with addresses by city officials and an introduction of team sponsors, players, managers and coaches. The Babe Ruth queen, also winner of the Miss Torrance Baseball crown, and her four princesses will be present.

Following the ceremonies, there will be five exhibition games, each lasting two innings.

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