

# Tappa Keggas Can Nab First Half Title With Win

Only one West Coast Slo-Pitch League team, the El Monte Hawks, has a mathematical change of gaining a tie with the defending champ Tappa Keggas for the first half championship.

First-half play ends tomorrow night with the Hawks needing a double win over the South Torrance club coupled with a near miracle double loss by the Keggas to Hawthorne to gain the deadlock.

Since losing their opener to the league leaders, El Monte has come on strong with six consecutive wins and hopes to make it eight straight at the expense of the Knight Owls at Torrance Park.

THE KEKGS need only one win against the strong Hawthorne entry to clinch the first-half title.

The Knight Owls dropped back to third place by virtue of their double loss to the Keggas last week and will be seeking two wins to regain a second place spot in the first half standings.

USUALLY hard-hitting, the Owls were stopped with only 10 hits in a doubleheader against the Kegs. South Torrance will find itself against a powerful club second only to the Keggas in the hitting department.

"Speed" Burch, colorful El Monte manager, will hurl one of the contests. His attack will be led by Joe Venti, ex-All-CIF player from Mark Keppel High, and former minor league star Mike Shirley.

STILL SEEKING their first league win, the Gardena Bulls host the Santa Ana Bombers, led by Ted Kaminsky, to round out the first half schedule of the league.

The Tappa Keggas dominate the hitting department with Ray Magnante leading in RBIs with 11 and Gib Matthews heading the runs category with 11.

AL DAY, South Torrance; Chuck Shoendienst, Tappa Keggas; and Magnante each have three triples to their credit.

Tappa Kegga manager Chuck Ryan leads the pitchers with a 4-0 record.

STANDINGS		W	L	PCT.
TAPPA KEGGAS	.....	4	0	.800
EL MONTE	.....	3	1	.750
SOUTH TORRANCE	.....	2	2	.500
HAWTHORNE	.....	1	3	.250
SANTA ANA	.....	0	4	.000
GARDENA	.....	0	4	.000

  

HITTING LEADERS		Pct.
Gib Matthews	Tappa Keggas	.545
Joe Venti	El Monte	.538
Chuck Shoendienst	Tappa Keggas	.500
Ted Kaminsky	Santa Ana	.462
Al Ainsworth	Gardena	.412
Gary Palmer	South Torrance	.375
Al Day	Hawthorne	.400

## The Fearless Spectator

By **Charles McCabe, Esquire**



In the days before life grew spacious in our fair land, and sleeping on a Sealy became sleeping on a cloud, ballplayers sacked two to a bunk on the road. Maybe even three, at times. Depending on the owner's day at the track. Or the sales of his beer.

Two such buddies on the Philadelphia Athletics team of 1902 were Rube Waddell, a pitcher, and Ossee Schreckengost, a catcher who later mercifully truncated his handle to Schreck. Both loved firewater and baseball and got along pretty good.

But there was a rift in the lute. Waddell, a left-handed thrower, ate animal crackers in bed. This bruised Schreck's peace of mind. He went to Connie Mack, the team manager, and said he wouldn't sign for 1903 unless a clause was inserted in Rube's contract asking that he cease and desist from the immoderate consumption of animal crackers in bed.

"I don't mind most animal crackers," Schreck said, "but those with horns are killing my back."

George Edward Harrison Reed Winchester Reuben Waddell, of Bradford, Pa. (1876-1914) was a Goya in the gallery of baseball's eccentrics. And that, my hearties, is saying something.

## Lions Strip Attracts Strong Drag Field

One of the strongest fields of fuel and gas dragsters to compete this year, will line up Saturday night at Lions Drag Strip in Long Beach.

Last Saturday night's upset winner, Don Hampton, has to be rated as the man to beat in the fuel eliminator event, even though he will be up against top rated Tom McEwen and Leland Kolb.

In order for Hampton to repeat, he will also have to get by Steve Porter who has turned in top speed and fastest time in practice before the last two meets, but was beaten when it came time for racing.

McEWEN'S Pontiac-powered dragster has the most potential; however, the freckle-faced red head is having his troubles making the car handle right. McEwen is still leading the driver standings with five wins; however, Kolb is just one win behind with four.

In the gas eliminator event, Dave McKenzie looks like a cinch to make it three in a row, even though there will be several of the country's gas dragsters on hand.

LAST WEEK McKenzie whipped the highly regarded Hartzler and Stener entry badly to win the title in the final run of the evening.

John Peters, favored in last week's meet, blew the blower drive setup of his rear engine while getting beat by McKenzie, but feels sure that he will be back for another try Saturday. Peters is currently ranked 10th in the national driver ratings.

OVER 250 cars in all are expected to compete in the program which starts with time trials at 2:30 in the afternoon. Final eliminations begin at 7:30 in the evening.

The Long Beach Strip is a non-profit Lions Club charity activity; and last year the nine harbor area Lions Clubs which sponsored the weekly drags, donated \$40,000 to charity. Not any less important is the strictly supervised off-street outlet which the strip provides for young people with the urge to race.

## National League

At the halfway point in the National Little League season, a no-hitter by Bob Rogers of the Minor League Cubs has highlighted the campaign.

MAJOR LEAGUE		W	L
CARDS	.....	5	1
PHILLIES	.....	3	2
CUBS	.....	3	2
BRAVES	.....	2	3
STARS	.....	2	3
YANKEES	.....	2	3

  

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## Hollywood Park Features Argonaut Stakes Sat.

Competition in three-year-old thoroughbred ranks at Hollywood Park will reach its highest point so far this season on Saturday in the \$30,000 added Argonaut Stakes at a mile and one-sixteenth.

The Argonaut will bring together one of the greatest bands of three-year-olds in the Inglewood track's history, with the winners of the two divisions of the Will Rogers Stakes on Memorial Day, Rex Ellsworth's Wallet Lifter and Kerr Stables' Prince of Plenty, leading the battle.

In the Will Rogers first division Wallet Lifter turned back a fast field, including Mr. and Mrs. Fred Turner, Jr.'s Sir Ribot, who went unplaced as the even-money choice. Wallet Lifter toured the mile in 1:35 in making his first trip around two turns in his brief career.

SIR RIBOT, fourth in the Kentucky Derby and winner of the California Derby Trial, is expected to be much tougher after his first outing over the Hollywood strip.

Prince of Plenty was timed in 1:34 3/5 in winning the Will Rogers second division. His time was only a fifth of a second off the world's record for a three-year-old at the distance, first set in 1957 by the Kerr equine millionaire Round Table.

ALSO EXPECTED to show improvement in the Argonaut are two Derby winners who chased Prince of Plenty home, Neil McCarthy's Royal Attack and Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Sternberger's Doc Jocoy. Royal Attack's runner-up effort was his best showing since taking the Santa Anita Derby last winter. Doc Jocoy, who won the California Derby and defeated Royal Attack in winning the San Felipe Handicap at Arcadia, also turned in a strong performance in his first start in over a month.

Howard Keck's Pirate Cove, surprise second to Wallet Lifter at 27-1; Ralph Lowe's Drill Site, conqueror of the Ellsworth star earlier in the meeting; C. R. Mac Stable's Black Sheep, third in the Debonair Stakes, and Full Regalia, a middle distance winner this season for King Ranch, are other probable starters.

## Keen Tops Ascot Field Tomorrow

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Corky Sullivan, going the final three frames for the winners, took the nod, while George Sharp went the route only to be saddled with the defeat.

DICK GUGLIELMANA of Garden Grove remains the rider to beat in the novice division.

Racing, under the personal direction of J. C. Agajanian, begins at 8:30 p.m., qualifying at 7 p.m.

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GETTING READY... Skipper Frank (kneeling), kid's TV favorite, brings attention to the American Legion Fireworks Spectacular set for the Coliseum on July 4 by lighting a giant firecracker. Looking on are the three firework princesses (left to right), Lyn Collins, Jackie Carmichael and Janice Weaver.

## Tigers Maintain Top Spot In Pacific American Loop

With a 4 to 1 win over the Indians on Sunday, the Pacific American Babe Ruth League Tigers maintained first place and kept their five game winning streak alive.

Keeping pace with the leaders, the Red Sox dug deeper into second place with a 13-7 win over the Braves and a 6-4 decision over the Yankees.

In a game called after eight innings because playing time had run out, the Athletics and the Yanks battled to a 5-5 tie.

THE INDIANS moved into the third slot with an 11-1 victory over the Orioles. Trailing the Indians are the Athletics, Yankees, Braves and Orioles.

Confusion because of Marty and Matthew Harris — identical twins — has taken over the league.

IN A recent game when Matthew followed Marty to the plate, the pitcher took a long look and finally yelled down to the catcher, "Hey, what's going on here?! I just struck that guy out!"

Both boys play for the Tigers.

## Trio Dominate Tordena Play

Three teams, the Dodgers, Tigers and Pirates came up with a pair of wins in Tordena Colt League play the past week.

The Dodgers shutout the Angels, 13 to 0 and proceeded to do the same to the Senators by a 4-0 margin. The Tigers rolled by the Angels, 9 to 3 and eased past the Senators, 4 to 3.

In a crucial, the Pirates took the measure of the Tigers, 7 to 6, and came back to sneak by the Angels, 4 to 3. In other action, the Braves took a 3-1 decision from the Senators.

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