

Sports Car Champs To Meet

Ronnie Bucknam, high point driver for 1962 on the Pacific Coast Sports Car Championship trail, has been invited to compete in the British Motor Corp.'s "Operation 850 Plus" on Nov. 13 at Monterey. The event is a party to introduce new models to the press and BMC dealers and will feature races between world famous drivers, including Juan Fangio, Stirling Moss, Innes Ireland, and the Southland's favorite son, Dan Guernsey. The invitation to Bucknam was extended by G. O. Ehrman, vice president of Hambro Distributors, Inc., on behalf of BMC.

Ronnie said when told of his nomination as a driver, "Who wouldn't be? I feel like a Little Leaguer who has been asked to play with the Dodgers!"

RONNIE ADDED that he knew he was in fast company but he was going in there to win. The races will be held in a specially prepared one and one quarter mile course on the San Carlos Ranch in the Carmel Valley, about 10 miles out of Monterey, Calif.

C. W. Vandagriff, of Hollywood Sports Cars, and owner of the "concours" candy blue Austin Healey that Ronnie drove to a first class in every

Pacific Coast Championship race this year, will accompany Bucknam to Monterey along with the car's mechanic, Doane Spencer.

ARRANGEMENTS have been made through Hambro for their flight to Monterey on the chartered press plane scheduled to leave Lockheed Air Terminal, in Burbank, on the afternoon of Monday, Nov. 12.

Press accommodations are being handled by Ian Paterson, for BMC with the local press contingent coordinated by Jim Alexander of Hambro.

Parnelli to Face 12 'Indy' Vets Saturday

Parnelli Jones, 29-year-old Torrance race driver, will be honored by the home folks as the 1962 national sprint car champion Saturday night at Ascot Park, Gardena, when he faces 12 Indianapolis rivals in the final USAC 30-lap race of the year.

Jones, no doubt, would rather beat Roger McCluskey and the star-jammed field, but he's going to get the honor anyway for he can't lose the national crown regardless of the outcome of the main event.

campaign. So, with 30 points going to the winner, the best McCluskey can do is to close final standings to 29 points back of Parnelli.

Officially, the title will be presented to Jones at the annual Victory banquet following the 1963 Indy 500-miler, so Ascot director J. C. Agajanian is arranging a Saturday night ceremony strictly for Southland fans.

Competing Saturday night will be the same field that trailed McCluskey and Jones, including Jim Hurtubise of Lennox, third on the re-check, Colby Scroggin of Eagle Rock, fourth; A. J. Foyt of Houston, Tex., fifth; Jimmy Davies, Monticello, Ind., sixth; and Billy

Cantrell, Anaheim, seventh.

A DETERMINED Troy Ruttman, who failed to make the "main," is returning from an eastern trip, and in the field will be the pack of CRA favorites — Scroggin, Cantrell, Allen Heath, Les Crawford, Bob Hogle and the others.

Sixteen fastest drivers from three six-car eight-lap heats will be flagged off in the 30-lap feature.

BY PLACING second to McCluskey last Saturday night Jones took a 59 point lead over the 32-year-old Tucson, Ariz., veteran in the coast-to-coast

FOLLOWING are new USAC national standings: Parnelli Jones, 510.5; Roger McCluskey, Tucson, Ariz., 451.5; Jim Hurtubise, Lennox, 314.0; A. J. Foyt, Houston, Tex., 305.0; Elmer George, Speedway, Ind., 234.05; Jiggs Peters, Neshanic, N. J., 194.0; Don Bronson, Champaign, Ill., 186.5; Chuck Hulse, Downey, Cal., 124.0; Cotton Farmer, Ft. Worth, Tex., 115.0; Ronnie Duman, Dearborn, Mich., 111.0.

CHRISMAN TOPS LIONS

National champion Jack Chrisman will enter both the gas and fuel eliminator events at Lions Drag Strip in Long Beach on Saturday.

Chrisman has had success in both types of dragsters recently.

In the fuel eliminator race, Chrisman will be up against Don Prudhomme, who has won the title more often than any other driver, setting two new elapsed-time records this year.

Tom McEwen and John Peters will be Chrisman's top rivals for the gas eliminator title.

Peters, a world record holder, and McEwen, the top money winner for the year, have held a monopoly on the gas event for the last few weeks.

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



FREE LESSONS . . . Shirley Englehorn, sixth leading money winner in the women's division on the current professional golfing circuit, will give free golfing demonstrations at the Sears Torrance Del Amo Store tomorrow. The clinics will start at 1 p.m. and continue through the afternoon and evening. They will be held in the sporting goods department. Miss Englehorn, who plays out of the Esmeralda Country Club in Spokane, Wash., will give demonstrations on her shot-making techniques and will also be available for consultation.

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Everything must come to an end, and so an 11-year record of never being whitewashed recently vanished for El Camino cross country coach Ray Southstone.

Long Beach pulled the trick, taking a 15-40 win. The Viking runners grabbed the first five places to blank the Warriors. In Southstone's 11-year coaching history, it was the first time one of his teams had been shut-out.

Attempting to bounce back, El Camino will host San Diego tomorrow at Centinela Park in Inglewood.

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