

## The Fearless Spectator



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Sonny Liston has entered the lives of us all. As a convicted felon, he can't vote and has struck out on other constitutional counts. Yet he's a big man in our time. The champ.

Because he twice knocked out a cringing neurotic named Floyd Patterson, and a number of lesser bums, this oversize bully has been canonized by the sports world as The Greatest Man Alive.

He fills out this role with the chic of Mickey Mouse playing Hamlet. As champ, he is an affront to us all. Especially to the Negro people, whom he libels with his every leer, and belittles with his each bullying belch.

If Sonny should be taken into a murky alley and have both legs broken off near the knee, I think it would be a great favor to all concerned, including Sonny.

But, mark you, I'm not blaming HIM for being champ. This particular cut of infamy can be charged, babies, not to the stars but to ourselves.

It doesn't take the prescience of hindsight to point out that the second Patterson-Liston fight should never have been held, contract or no.

When the odds on a boxing match start at four to one that is prima facie evidence the damned thing should not be held, or even discussed.

Floyd Patterson is a light heavy of some boxing skills who has been completely spooked by his sudden ascent to fame, fortune and his status as "an example to his people."

Floyd suffers from a crippling desire to be loved. No such accusation can be brought against good old Sonny. Con-wise as they come, he is a real hater. The malevolence which shines out of his muddled eyes is the genuine article. This guy is an enemy of society, cum laude.

Sonny didn't love Mr. Floyd Patterson in that first fight. He didn't love Mr. Floyd Patterson in the second one. Sonny gave Floyd four minutes and 16 seconds of his precious time. Twice he chopped down a man already whipped by his inner conflicts and his fear.

We got a champ who is the most unappetizing thing in his division since Jack Johnson flaunted his white women, his classy gray spats, and his chipper homburg. L'il Arthur enraged the Master Race immoderately, and created a yammering halloo for the White Hope to humble him.

It's an appalling irony that Liston should take his place at the top of the sporting world (and that's what the heavyweight title is, man) at the same time his own people are on the march to secure decent human treatment from their brethren.

If you didn't know it to be untrue, you might think the whole Liston bit is a plot by wily Southern segregationists to give the Negro a bad name.

Or a poet might decide the entire American public had agreed, almost unconsciously, to the elevation of Sonny, so that the whole deeply involved tasks of integration and equal opportunity would be made just that much harder to achieve.

Of no doubt at all is the fact that Sonny Liston is OUR fault, our Frankenstein's monster. You and me, sitting on our duffs, have created a proper parody of what used to be called The Sporting Life.

To this day no one knows whether Liston can fight. He can spook, yes, but can he fight? There's nothing in his record to say yes or no.

I've no doubt that some immense oaf will soon be brought forth (Cassius is ridiculous), whose principal and probably sole virtue will be his white skin. A bout will be arranged with Liston. The gate will rival the Brink's robbery. The white boy will likely get decked.

And too bad, too. I would love to see Sonny Liston rolling on his back and out like a light in the fifth. And, standing impassively over him, I'd like to see the figure of Joe Louis in his prime. I can dream, no?

## Surf Association Seeks Members

Total 1963 memberships in the United States Surfing Assn. now exceed the 2,900 mark, more than double last year's total at this time, reports L. E. Swarts, USSA president.

"It has been very gratifying to see the sport of surfing grow to its present popularity over the last two years, and to know that the association's efforts to serve this sport have been justified," Swarts added.

Summer memberships have been pouring into the association's office at the rate of nearly 20 a day from surfers

of all ages around the world. Members' ages range from the youngest at 8 to the association's senior member who is 65.

The association was founded as a non-profit organization for the betterment of the sport by a group of dedicated surfers in the summer of 1961. Over the last two years, its ranks have swelled with far-flung surfers everywhere. While Southern California has been a leader in the recent growth of the sport, USSA members are to be found from the Eastern Seaboard to Hawaii, England, Australia, and even from the Midwest.

Though Sept. 15 marks the annual renewal date, Swarts noted renewals and new memberships for the 1963-64 season are now being accepted. Membership blanks may be obtained from most surf shops or by writing the association at P.O. Box 342 in Laguna Beach, Calif.

## Brant Season Set

California's Department of Fish and Game has selected Nov. 23 through Jan. 31 as the brant season with a limit of three daily and three in possession.

# Speedy North Poses Big Threat In First Sky League Campaign

## Bay Loop Champions Hope For Crown in New Circuit

It will be hard for Ed Levy to improve on his first season as head football coach at North High, but he appears confident it will be done.

Last term, Levy guided the Saxons to their first undisputed Bay League championship and into the CIF quarter-finals where they were barely knocked over by eventual winner Loyola.

## Bob Hogle Holds Big CRA Lead

Consistent winner Bob Hogle will once again attempt to stave off the challenges of Allen Heath and Bob McCoy in California Racing Assn. sprint car competition Wednesday night at Ascot Park in Gardena. Hogle has seven main events to his credit and leads Heath, the second-ranked driver, by 337 points. Heath, the one-armed marvel, will be after his fifth CRA win in the 427-cubic inch special owned by Vel's Ford in Torrance.

McCoy is having his best racing season to date and has tallied three main event victories. Former Arizona champion Dee Jones continues to hang onto third place although he has yet to record a win.

Wednesday night's program will be topped by a 30-lap main event on the half-mile dirt track. Other action includes a 15-lap semi-main, four 8-lap heat races and a 3-lap trophy dash.

Racing will begin at 8:30 p.m. with time trials slated for 7.

## Hollypark Will Draw Top Field

Hambletonian winner Speedy Scott has been issued an invitation to compete in the \$50,000 American Trotting Classic, one of the feature events of the forthcoming autumn harness racing season at Hollywood Park.

The "Kentucky Cannonball," owned by Castleton Farms, recently won the 38th edition of the \$115,000 Hambletonian at Du Quoin, Ill. Victory gave driver Ralph Baldwin his first win in 13 tries at the Kentucky Derby of harness racing.

An invitation was also issued to Arden Homestead Stable's Floris, conqueror of Speedy Scott in the first heat of the Hambletonian in the record-smashing time of 1:57 3/5.

Only nine lettermen return from last year's star-studded squad, but North will boast one of the biggest lines and fastest backfields in its history.

A MAMMOTH line will tip the scales at a 201-pound average from tackle to tackle and Levy boasts at least five halfbacks who can trip the 100-yard dash in under 10.5 seconds.

Inexperience at quarterback will be North's biggest problem, but Levy has two signal-callers of almost equal ability that have been impressive in practice.

OPENING on the line for North will be ends Cliff Specht (175 lbs.) and Kent Hiner (190 lbs.), tackles Mike Myers (210 lbs.) and Len Damerow (210 lbs.); guards Craig Dearden (200 lbs.) and Dan Hodges (220 lbs.) and center Andy Carter (170 lbs.).

In the backfield, Levy will open with halfbacks Pete Molina (140 lbs.) and John Rance (165 lbs.) fullback Doug Jackson (200 lbs.) and either Sam Elliott or Rudy Suarez at quarterback.

HODGES and Dearden, a transfer from Maryland, are the only two juniors on the starting eleven.

Molina has been clocked in a 10.2 hundred while Rance runs the century in 10.5 Dave Hubert, Allan Johnson, Dave Rance can also turn on the steam. Levy says all five men have tremendous speed over the first five yards.

JACKSON, a converted guard, will add needed punch to the backfield with his 200-pound bulk.

Coach Levy will miss all-CIF quarterback Norman Dow, but he feels either Elliott or Suarez will do adequate jobs. Levy praised Suarez for his signal-calling in the Blue-White game on Friday and complimented Elliott on his ball-handling.

THE BLUE-WHITE tilt ended in a 7-7 deadlock as John Rance went five yards on a reverse in third quarter for the Blue team to equalize a 55-yard scamper by Hubert in the second quarter.

## Supervisor Again Hits Segregation

Vigorous support of a non-discriminatory clause in all county leases was voiced this week by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, who recently launched a full investigation into alleged discrimination on county golf courses.

Hahn noted that the Park and Recreation Commission has recommended the non-discriminatory clause in all future concession agreements pertaining to park facilities.

Non-compliance with this clause would be cause for forfeiture of the lease.

"THIS IS definitely a step in the right direction," Hahn said, "but this policy should be expanded to include not only leases on park facilities but every lease the county enters into."

The supervisor said he would recommend expansion of the proposal when the matter of park leases comes before the Board of Supervisors Tuesday.

Hahn RECENTLY asked the commission to fully investigate the relationship of the California Public Links Assn. to each of its recognized clubs on the county's nine golf courses.

He pointed out that minority race members are allowed in these recognized clubs only on a token basis, and if a golfer is not a member of a recognized club he cannot participate in many tournaments on county courses.

"THIS IS backdoor discrimination," Hahn charged. "I want to know if the Public Links Assn. condones discrimination and I will not permit it to exist in a club using a county facility and the good name of the county in its title."

Hahn acted quickly in ordering the probe following disclosure that Postmaster Leslie Shaw had been refused membership in the Western Avenue Men's Club.



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RAMBLING RANCE . . . North High halfback John Rance cuts loose on a short gallop Friday night before being hauled down by two other Saxons in the annual Blue-White contest played before approximately 600 spectators. The first night scrimmage of the season ended in a 7-7 deadlock. Rance tallied for the Blue squad on a five-yard carry in the third period. Dave Hubert scooted across for the White Team on a 55-yard jaunt in the second quarter. (Herald Photo)

## Five Drivers Seek Second In Figure Eight Standings

First place in the Figure Eight point standings at Ascot Park has long ago been decided, but second place remains as much of a mystery as ever.

Gardena's Ben Steele has first place clinched, but five drivers will continue their battle for the runner-up slot tonight on the Gardena oval.

Steele has a 785 point bulge over his nearest competitor, Bob Hobbs of San Pedro. The Gardena ace has recorded 1685 points to 900 for Hobbs.

ONLY 115 POINTS separates

sixth-place Ed Sauer from the second position, however. Trailing Hobbs are Joe Drew, 830; Leon Garrett, 810; Jack Frick, 790; and Sauer, 785.

A win tonight by either of the five would move him into second place in the point race. Steele makes such a win unlikely since he has already captured four main events including the 100-lap Labor Day sweepstakes.

TONIGHT'S eight-event program will be topped by a 15-lap main event for the 20 fastest qualifiers of the evening. Other racing includes a 10-lap semi-main, four 8-lap heat races and a 4-lap trophy dash.

Torrance drivers entered include Ed Gahler, Roger Thorson, Bob Queener, Wes Cornelius, Brady Snyder, Ben Groscup, Chuck Enlo, and two-time winners Frank McEwan and Ed Ferro.

## Kurt Klein Leads Camino Harriers

Fingers crossed, El Camino College cross country coach Ray Southstone predicts success for the squad which opens its season Sept. 28 in the Long Beach Invitational.

"If we can avoid injuries, we should be very strong. There's talent on this squad and we might challenge the two logical contenders, Long Beach and Cerritos for the conference championship," Southstone said.

The Warrior coach and alum welcomed a turnout of 12 runners, the smallest figure in his five-year stint at El Camino.

Last year, more than 30 aspired for positions on the team.

"I'm planning to go with a nucleus of eight runners, but if any get hurt, we'll be in deep trouble," Southstone added.

Kurt Klein, a sophomore from North High, rates high in Southstone's tentative plan of attack.

"Kurt is going to be a great one. The potential is there. He now ranks second only to San Diego's Sterling Jenkins, the finest 'natural' cross country man I have ever seen," Southstone continued.

## Parnelli Joins Lotus Lovers

Indianapolis "500" champion Parnelli Jones of Torrance has adopted a new motto—"When you just barely beat them, join them."

Jones, who was almost beaten Memorial Day by Jimmy Clark in a Lotus-Ford, will drive a Lotus in the sixth annual Grand Prix for Sports Cars, Oct. 13, at Riverside International Raceway.

Driving a standard Offenhauser, Parnelli beat Clark by approximately 30 seconds at Indy and apparently has decided to try his luck in the novel Lotus.

Parnelli is the first chauffeur from the United States Auto Club's championship big car circuit to enter the \$34,000, 200-mile charity road-racing classic.

The fastest driver in Indianapolis history, Jones will pilot a Lotus 23, powered by a 2.7 liter Coventry-Climax engine.



STOPPING POWER . . . Nine men, all over 200 pounds, will give zest to the North High line this year as the Bay League champions attempt to add the new Sky League crown to their trophy case. Pictured above are (top, L to R) Doug Tewell, 230 lbs.; Dan Scott, 210 lbs.; Don Williamson, 205 lbs.; Bob Jones, 200 lbs.; and Mike Myers, 210 lbs. Bottom (L to R) are Craig Dearden, 200 lbs.; Dan Hodges, 220 lbs.; Walt Bulacan, 205 lbs.; and Len Damerow, 210 lbs. North will need the big line for the Saxon backfield will average only 169 pounds (Herald Photo)