



SKI FAVORITE—Chuck Stearns, 1962 national champion, makes a perfect slalom turn during practice run in

preparation for the '63 national championships which start today at Long Beach Marine Stadium.

WATER SKI CHAMPS VIE AT BEACH

The top water skiers in the United States, led by former world and national champion Chuck Stearns of Bellflower, have gathered at Long Beach Marine Stadium for the 1963 national water ski championships to be held today through Sunday, Aug. 25.

Nearly 200 skiers from all parts of the country have entered the competition, however, Stearns, who's won more water ski titles than any other skier in the world, is favored to win his fifth overall men's championship.

Stearns expects his toughest competition in the men's division to come from Jimmy Jackson of Delray Beach, Florida, and another local entry, Mike Amsbury of Orange. Also competing against Stearns will be world

ski jump record holder, Larry Penacho of San Diego.

Another hotly contested division will be the girls' where the two top women skiers in the country will be matched against each other. They are Jeanette Brown of Tampa, Fla., and Dickie Ann Hoyt of Fair Haven, New Jersey.

Next month Miss Brown and Miss Hoyt, who are only 16 years old, will team up to represent the United States in the world championships that are to be held in Vichy, France. The other four members of the U.S. team are Stearns, Jackson, Ken White of Honolulu and 15-year-old Billy Spencer of Sarasota, Fla., all of whom will be competing in the nationals this weekend. Eight age divisions will

compete in the three different events that go to make up the nationals, they are men, women, senior men, senior women, boys, girls, junior boys and junior girls. The three events which the skiers will be judged in are slalom, tricks and jumping.

Today, Friday and Saturday action will start at 8 a.m., and on Sunday at 9 a.m. There will be slalom, tricks and jumping done by one division or another every day of the four-day tourney.

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Novice Golf Tournament Set to Start

The Torrance novice golf champion will be determined in a tournament sponsored by the Torrance recreation department on Thursday and Friday at Sea-Aire Park.

Open to youth who participated in department-sponsored golf lessons at Torrance parks this summer, the novice tournament will pit new golfers against each other, and not against experienced golfers.

The matches will begin at 2 p.m. at the Sea-Aire course.

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Offy Midgets Roar Into 10th Weekly Summer Ascot Card

Mighty Offy midgets roar into the 10th weekly summer racing program Saturday night at Ascot Park in Gardena under USAC sanction.

Eighteen drivers will qualify from a field of some 44 for starting positions in the main event over the quarter-mile dirt oval of the 183rd and Vermont speed plant.

Racing director J. C. Agajanian has billed supporting features including a 15-lap semi-main, for cars failing to make the feature; four 8-lap heat races and a three-lap trophy dash for the four fastest qualifiers.

Qualifying opens at 7 p.m., racing starts at 8:30. Drivers must continue to

race for starting positions in the main event. They will qualify by time for heat races, which will go in inverted order with the fast cars at the back. The order of finish will determine how the cars start in the feature.

Veterans in action Friday night include two racing grandfathers, Billy Cantrell of Anaheim and Allan Heath of Northridge. Cantrell, driving the hot Doug Carruthers Offy No. 34, is having his best summer season in years. Heath has been offering him most of the competition.

Other veterans include Johnnie Tolan of Norwalk, Johnny Moorehouse of Santa Ana, and Bullet Joe Garson of Eagle Rock.

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(Continued from Page A2) points are Steele with 1260, Bob Hobbs of San Pedro with 890, and Joe Drew of Lawndale with 780.

A trio of drivers are fast moving up on the point leaders with every Sunday night's races. They are Leon Garrett of Lawndale in fourth place with 710, Jack "Red" Frick of Venice with 680, and Ed Sauer of Redondo Beach with 520. All three will be in action this Sunday night.

Topping the night's races will be the 15-lap main event, other racing includes a 10-lap semi-main; four 8-lap heat races; and a 4-lap trophy dash on the tricky criss-cross circuit. The top 15 drivers in points are:

Ben Steele, 1260; Bob Hobbs, 890; Joe Drew, 780; Leon Garrett, 710; Jack "Red" Frick, 680; Ed Sauer, 520; Frank McEwan, 480.

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