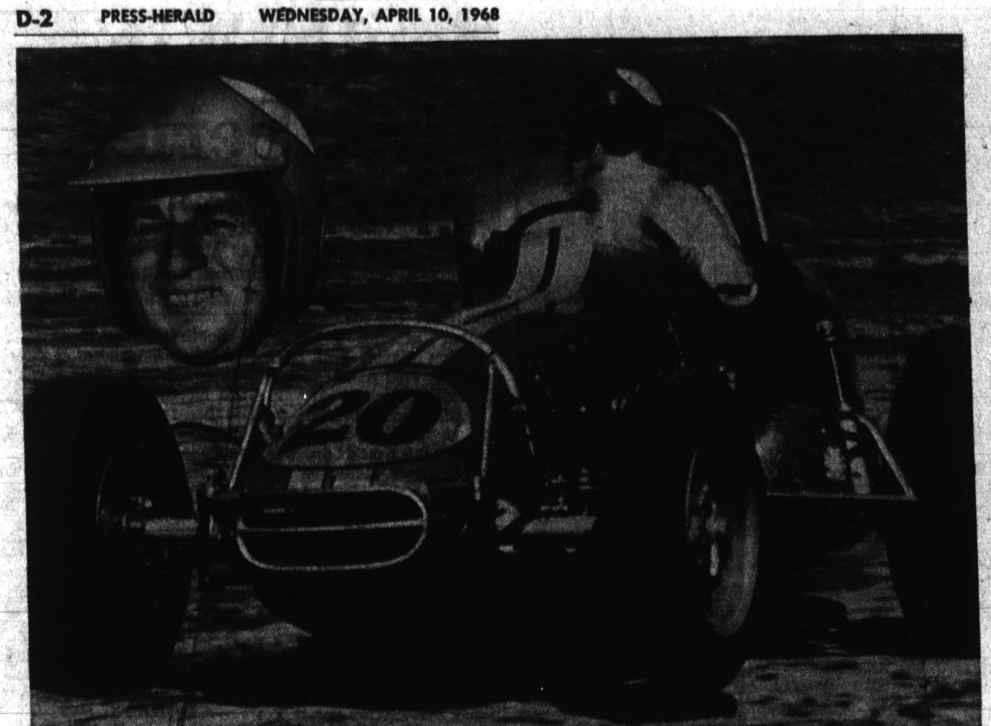

ONE OF THE JONES BOYS . . . Torrance racing star Paul Jones (20) takes his speedy Offenhauser special through a turn as a warm up for Saturday night's 50-lap CRA sprint car season opener at Ascot Park in Gardena. Jones won the season final at Ascot in December. Racing starts at 8:30 p.m. on the one-half mile clay oval.

Cycles Race Friday

Several out-of-town riders will compete in J. C. Agajanian's second motorcycle race meet of the 1968 season Friday night at Ascot Park.

Post time for the first of 18 events will be 8:15 p.m.

Mert Lawwill, one of the ranking riders of the nation, will headline several riders coming to Ascot from the San Francisco Bay region.

Cal Rayborn, winner of the Daytona 200-miler, cycle racing's equivalent of Indianapolis, wil lead the San Diego area contingent into battle.

Blond Dan Haaby of Lawndale is cast in the role of defending champion at the 183rd and Vermont Avenue course. But contention continues to get deeper each year in the cycle racing world, so Haaby's position is precarious.

Recruiting Comes First

March 19, 1968, will go down in history at Pepperdine College as the day a new image was created.

That new image is Gary Colson and his game is basketball.

When Colson took over as head basketball coach at Pepperdine last month there were a lot of loose ends that had to be tied together.

One was building a winner and the second was finding a team.

The problems were evident because Pepperdine hasn't had a winning season in six years and only one starter returns from last year's 9-17 team.

But Colson is out to change all that and his dynamic personality has created new interest in basketball on the campus.

His record proves he is a winner.

In ten seasons as head basketball coach at Valdost State College in Georgia, Colson won 188 games and lost just 69 for a win percentage of .731.

Immediately after signing his contract with the Waves, Colson boarded a plane to scout the National Junior College Athletic Association tournament in Hutchinson, Kansas.

After that it was a flight to Georgia to see some of the state's top high school talent and then back to Lo Angeles to meet some of the southland's best preps.

Continually on the move searching for talent, Colson flew to the San Francisco and Sacramento areas and then took another plane for the Olympic Trial in Alburquerque, New Mexico (April 4-6).

Obviously, enthusiasm is one of Colson's traits.

Track Meet At Bellflower

The Bellflower National Record Relays, which annually produces some of the finest times recorded among Southlad prep spikers, heads the list of invitational track meets on tap for the spring vacation week.

The Bellflower meet, scheduled Saturday at 12 noon at Bellflower High School, will bring together top prep competitors from four CIF Sections.

Electronics Technician 2.C. Roger G. Gagos, USCG, son of Mr. H. K. Gagos of 5406 Calle De Ricardo, and husband of the former Miss Mary L. Robbins of Redlands, is serving aboard the United States Coast Guard Cutter Minnetonka which recently fired on the enemy off the coast of the Republic of Vietnam.

Soccer Coach From England Became Attracted to Baseball

By GEORGE WATSON

The Los Angeles Wolves are set for pro soccer action again at the Rose Rowl but a sparkling personality that helped introduce this international sport to local fans is missing.

Coach Ronnie Allen, who led the Wolves to a United Soccer Association title for Jack Kent Cooks in '67, is staying home to rebuild his Wolverhampton club. He's replaced by Ray Wood, former Manchester United goalie.

Allen will miss California, an experience he said was simply marvelous. The popular English football coach (soccer) became a dyed-in-the-wool Los Angeles Dodger fan last summer—and grew to love the game of baseball.

"Willie Davis was my favorite," Allen related. "He's my kind of a player. Speedy and quick. Running the bases in daring fashion. He reminded me of many of the outstanding football (soccer) players in England," Ronnie explained.

Allen also loves all facets of the game of baseball. "The pitch-in (pitcher throwing) was interesting. I liked the way Don Drysdale moved the pitch-in around the batters. Many didn't like the way he threw the pitch-in. Good catchers and good throw-in to the bases were extraordinary," added the popular mentor.

What team impressed you the most, Allen was asked. "St' Louis. They had good balance. The good balance won for them."

Would baseball go over in England, was another question put to the successful coach. "Even though baseball is a far superior sport to cricket,

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