

Three Torrance Drivers to Enter Barbara Sports Car Races

Setting all entry records for sports car races on the West Coast, the Santa Barbara Road Race Saturday and Sunday attracted a smashing 271 entries, including three Torrance drivers.

Co-chairmen Joe Weissman and Ray Frug of the California Sports Car Club and officials of the Santa Barbara Junior Chamber of Commerce, co-sponsors of the two-day speedfest on the 2.2 mile airport course in Goleta, said the entry figure exceeded by 25 the previous record.

Gardena Slates Longest Race in Track History

It's the acid test once again for American passenger autos and their intrepid chauffeurs when Gardena Stadium stages a 200-lap marathon Sunday night on its fast quarter-mile oval.

Drivers will be vying for a guaranteed purse of \$3000, winner to get \$800.

An unusually large array of 1955 cars has been gathered for the 250-lap, longest race in Gardena's history. Of course, they are mostly medium and lightweight cars because of the track's small diameter.

The track championship currently is held by a 1955 Dodge V8. Bill Amick, Portland, Ore., won Gardena's first 200-lapper May 29, then Allen Adkins, Fresno, scored in a Dodge July 2.

Stelbroner Drives Chevrolet has been doing well back east on the NASCAR circuit, but have not made their mark on the Coast. Four of them try Sunday night—Torrance's Fred Stelbroner; Sherman Clark, Yuba City; Bill Stammer, Long Beach, and Ed Pagen, Lynnwood.

There'll also be Mercurys, Hudsons, Studebakers and Fords, none older than 1950. All entries take one-lap qualifying runs at 7 p.m. Slow qualifiers are given a break by starting in front positions at 8:30 p.m. to equalize competition.

Fast winners have come from rear ranks. Pit stops are permitted. No souping-up of engines is allowed under NASCAR rules.

Big Cars Monday Gardena's program on Monday night features the Indianapolis-type big cars vying against hotrod roadsters. The CRA's monsters are powered with Offenhauser, Mercury, Chrysler, GMC and with bored-out power plants. Racing starts at 8:30 p.m.

Top threats include Rosie Roussel, Whittier; Nick Valente, Paolima; Jack Gardner, Los Angeles; Ken Stansberry, Redondo Beach; Bill Bartlett, West Covina; Howard Gardner, Los Angeles; and Hal Logan, Compton.

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high, set at Torrey Pines last month.

Torrance drivers who will enter the affair are Eugene R. Hill, in a MG-TD; Ray Pickering, MG-TD; and Ruby Vincent, in a production Jaguar—XK120M.

A crowd expected to exceed 30,000 for the two days will see a total of 252 of the best foreign and American sports cars compete in seven races Saturday and five on Sunday. A number of the top drivers in the nation are scheduled to compete.

A special women's race will augment the regular men's driving program.

Sunday's headliners are two one-hour races for modified cars under and over the 1500 cubic centimeter mark. Sandwiched in between will be an innovation to racing in this area—a 20-minute formula libre grind, open to cars of unlimited engine displacement and operating on any type fuel the driver chooses.

Among the favorites is Ken Miles, veteran British driver and president of the CSCC. He is scheduled to drive three cars in as many different races.

Culminating the program will be the presentation by the CSCC of the third annual Santa Barbara Concours D'Elegance on Monday. Scores of cars, with an aggregate value of thousands of dollars, will be on display.

'BIRDS TAKE LUCKY LAGER IN TOURNEY

Torrance's Bluebirds took their first game in their quest for the Los Angeles MUNY baseball title Sunday at Torrance Park by downing the Lucky Lager Crusaders, 9-3.

Jack Robinson hurled the win for the 'Birds' spacing six hits. The locals bashed out 16 base hits, with catcher Jim Taylor, second baseman Clair Johnson and outfielder Bucky Kuhn getting three apiece.

The losers got all their runs in the second inning, cashing in for three tallies on a walk, a single, two errors by the Bluebirds and a sacrifice fly.

Torrance got two in the third, three in the fourth, one run in the sixth and three more tallies in the bottom half of the eighth. Kuhn, Clair Johnson, Taylor and Robinson all contributed doubles to the locals' attack.

Kuhn led the RBI column with three.

Everyone of the Bluebird club got at least one hit, with the exception of newcomer Ben Benson. Benson, 'Bird third sacker, was blanked in three plate appearances. The Torrance nine committed four errors, while the Lucky Lager crew misused once.

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Pettit, Hitting .393, Pitches Key Victory

Paul Pettit, ex-Narbonne High whiz who was signed to a \$100,000 bonus by Pittsburgh, almost had completed his switchover from moundmen to outfielder when he was called on to pitch an important win for his Mexico City Tigers, Monday night.

He hurled a neat two-hitter to beat Monterey, 12-1, and boost his club into the Mexican League play offs.

Pettit is hitting at a torrid .393 clip, while being used as an outfielder by the Tigers. The Mexico City team is a Pittsburgh farm club.

He was with the Hollywood Stars at the beginning of the season as a first baseman-outfielder.

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Lomitans in Tennis Play

A pair of Lomitans emerged victorious in county tennis eliminations recently and will advance to the county tournament finals tomorrow at Arcadia Park.

Tim Scates, 13, and Marguerite MacArthur, 11, won their respective divisions at Hollywood's Plummer Park as preliminary to tomorrow's final competition. Janet Kirch, another Lomita resident, will enter the teen-age division of the tourney.

Miss MacArthur downed Penny White, also of Lomita, in the Plummer Park finale. Scates beat George Meyers, who is another Lomita youngster, to take the Plummer title. The youngsters are coached by Larry McBe.

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