Lions Strip Spring Title Up for Grabs

The final runs of last Saturday night's Spring Drag Championships will be held Saturday, due to an accident in which Ted Cyr of San Diego literally had his car disintegrate under him.

Cyr came out of it with only a minor leg burn.

Don Prudhomme and Norm Weekly were the two drivers left in the fuel eliminator event, so they will meet first this week, to decide which of them picks up the $500 first place money and goes on to race Tom McEwen of Long Beach, the winner of gas eliminator, for an additional $1,000 and top eliminator honors.

Prudhomme had the fastest run Saturday, traveling the the standing ¼-mile in 8.56 seconds. Weekly wasn't far behind at 8.75 seconds, with a speed of 176.47 m.p.m. Prudhomme's speed was 184.80 m.p.h.

Leading this week's program will be Gordon Collet of Ohio, the No. 1 gas dragster driver in the country. Collet lost his engine early last week and was unable to compete in the championships, but he'll be out to beat a local contingent of drivers that includes McEwen, Jim Nelson in his "Dragmaster Dart," Ken Safford, and John Peters in the Quincy Auto car.

In the fuel class for Saturday night, a large, strong field is expected. Some of the drivers include: Art Chrisman, Jim McLennen, Leland Kolb, and of course Prudhomme and Weekly, as well as McEwen in his fuel-burning car.

Time trials start at 2:30 in the afternoon,, with eliminations beginning at 7:30 in the evening. The Lions strip is located on 223rd Street near Alameda in the North Long Beach area.

Play-Off Site Named

Garrett Field, 190th Street at Arlington, Torrance, has been selected to host play off games for District 1 and Section 4, according to Russ Pausch, president of North Torrance Pony League.

District play-offs will begin July 28 and continue through Aug. 5, with sectional play due to start Aug. 8 and end Aug. 12.

Pony League Meets

Torrance Central Pony League will hold a general meeting for the purpose of election of officers for the 1963 season on Monday at p.m. in the Fern Avenue School cafetorium.

Parents of boys who wish to participate in Pony League next year should attend.

FLYING HIGH . . . Guy Louis (left) and Eddie Mulder, go flying over the 10-foot jump at Ascot Park where they will probably meet in the AMA novice division Tuesday night in the pre-Fourth of July steeplechase event.

Motorcycle Riders Face Ascot Park Doubleheader

Motorcycle riders move into a double-header AMA program at Ascot Park with the regular oval track sizzlers tomorrow night and one of the popular steeplechases Tuesday on the eve of the nation's birthday anniversary.

"Stop Al Gunter" will be the theme of the other expert riders tomorrow, and such favorites as Jack O'Brien, Santa Monica; Dick Hammer, Lakewood; Stu Morley, Los Angeles, and Neil Keen, Pasadena, will be ganging up on the Alhambra slider.

The way Gunter has been riding of late he must be labeled the No. 1 western threat to keep the eight-mile AMA national title in California. The nationals will be run at Ascot, under the direction of J. C. Agajanian, July 20-21.

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Ascot's new "V-8" race course, latest innovation in auto racing and extremely popular in the midwest, is unveiled Saturday night with a host of Destruction Derby Assn. early model stock cars staging a doubleheader. The frist race gets under way at 8:30 p.m.

Scheduled on the unique new course are seven races, topped by a 25-lap main event, plus a complete destruction derby capping the evening's festivities.

MORE THAN 40 cars will vie on the novel new course, which sees the two loops of Ascot's motrocycle TT course employed, but the back straighaways intersect each other in the shape of a "V".

This means that cars will acually cross each other's paths at this intersection in opposite direction without benefit of over or underpass.

The main Ascot regular frant straightaway is then used by the cars to reach the north and souh loops.

YMCA Slates Family Tennis At South High

Torrance Family YMCA will hold its first family tennis day at South High Saturday.

Adults are urged to come. The YMCA has reserved all 10 South courts for the day.

A 10 a.m., the boys who are still in the quarter-finals of the Junior Tennis Tournament will begin play-offs. At noon, after lunch, there will be trophy presentations for the winners of the tournament.

From 1 p.m. until 3 p.m., there will be tennis instruction and play for everyone.

Other YMCA activities include trips to the Dodgers and Angels baseball games.

The two local pro nines are scheduling a "Knot-hole Gang" series of games where it will be possible to get free tickets if at least five boys are accompanied by an adult. The adult also gets in free.

Call Leonard Kane at the YMCA for further information.

Cubs Snare Three In Central Action

Topping Torrance Central Little League action, the Cubs won three contests the past week.

Mike Randall hurled the Cubs to a 7-2 win over the Cards and the winners came back to edge the Braves, 2 to 1, behind hurler Ed Perry.

Playing off a previous tie game, the Cubs whipped the Cards 1-0 as Dik Johnson took the nod.

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MARK HORNBECK hit a grand slam homer and pitched the Giants to a 5-0 victory over the Yanks. In later action, the Dodgers and Giants fought to a 5-5 deadlock.

The Dodgers had the contest in the bag but errors in the final frame let the Giants tie the score.

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BOB FLOYD went four innings for the Giants and was relieved by Brian Strobridge in the final two frames. Bob Bachman relieved Bart Johnson in the initial stanza for the Dodgers. Johnson came back to hit a home run.

In a pitcher's duel, the Dodgers edged the Braves, 1-0, on an eighth-inning walk.

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WITH THE score tied 0-0 after eight rounds, Bob Bachman singled for the winners. Bart Johnson singled, although the Braves tried to give him an intentional walk.

Steve Petrat walked to load the bases and Keith Dugger worked another free ticket to force in the winning tally.

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JOHNSON pitched six hitless innings, striking out 18, but did not get credit for the win. Bachman hurled the final two frames, whiffing five and got the victory.

Don Lucarelli hurled the first six frames for the Braves, but the defeat went to Franklin Blount.

'Shoe' Captures Jockey Crown Through May

Jockey Willie Shoemaker rode 38 winners during May to move from third to first place in the National Standings as released by the Thoroughbred Racing Association.

Shoemaker hals a seven-winner lead over the brilliant apprentice, Ronald Ferraro. Ridan is the top money winning horse with $204,984 to his credit. Horses running under the George D. Widener label have earned $397,617 to top the list.

William Hal Bishop easily heads the trainers with 79 wins.

Fillies, Mares Run in Vanity At Hollypark

Richest stakes event ever presented at Hollywood Park for fillies and mares, the $50,000 added Vanity Handicap, will decide the queen of the distaff division in the west when it highlights a big nine-race program Saturday. Post time for the longer card will be 1:30 p.m., 15 minutes earlier than usual.

The Vanity, which traditionally decides the championship among the equine fair sex, has been increased $15,000 in value for its 21st running.

Corradini and Dorney's Linita, handy winner of the recent Milady Handicap at one mile, is expected to rule as favorite in the mile and one-furlong Vanity, which in the past has been won by some of the greatest fillies and mares in racing history.

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For Linita to join such select company she must turn back a stellar list of rivals which includes her stablemate, Beaty and Dorney's Queen America, winner of the Santa Anita distaff championship by virtue of her victory in the Santa Margarita Handicap. Trainer Clyde Turk is expected to send both mares after the Hollypark title.

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REX ELLSWORTH, winner of the 1953 Vanity with Fleet Khal, has the speedy Bushel-n-Peck available for another try at the crown. Bushel-n-Peck defeated a stout field of male rivals at the Vanity distance in winning a division of the Cinema Handicap last summer.

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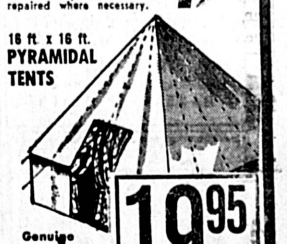

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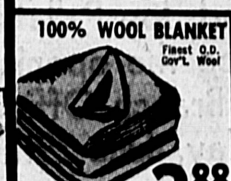

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