Terrific Duels Due in Compton Relays

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Seven 15ft. vaulters, in-of top-drawer quality. Roscluding Bob Gutowski and Don Bragg - five 60ft. shotputters, among them Parry O'Brien and Dallas Longa broad-jump duel between Joel Wiley and Ernie Shelby - 440 competition involving the likes of Glenn Davis, Eddie Southern, Mike Larrabee, Dave Mills and Chuck Carlson - Max Truex, Laszlo Tabori, Bob Soth and Miles Eisenman record-hunting in the 5,000 meters prep phenoms Dale Story and Archie San Romani Jr. battling each other in the open mile field.

That's a sample of the show director Herschel Smith has arranged for the 20th annual Compton Invitational cinder carnival Fri-

day night.

Entries Announced

Announcement of entries yesterday at the weekly track writers' luncheon in the Cameo Room bore out predictions that Friday's meet may prove perhaps the best all-around thriller vet presented at Compton.

Only the sprints fall short coe Cook, Bobby Morrow

and Ray Norton will not compete, leaving Ralph Alspaugh of Texas or Willie White of California the prob-

able favorite.

Eight 1958 winners will defend their championships -O'Brien, shot; Bob Voiles, javelin; Gutowski, vault; Shelby, broad jump; Charlie Dumas, high jump; Ancel Robinson, high and low hurdles; Southern, 440; White, 100. All but Dumas, however, face mighty rough going.

Napkin Notes

Vaulter Jim Brewer of SC won't compete at Compton be cause a new job conflicts Bobby Staten and Ted Smith, hampered by leg miseries, are uncertain . . . Don Bragg, indoor vault champion, regards 16ft. as the physical limitation but says the new buggy-whip glass poles may make 17ft. a possibility . . . In 30 winter and spring meets, Bragg has cleared 15ft. 71 times, including his record 15ft, 91/2in, effort, When Charlie Butt of the

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