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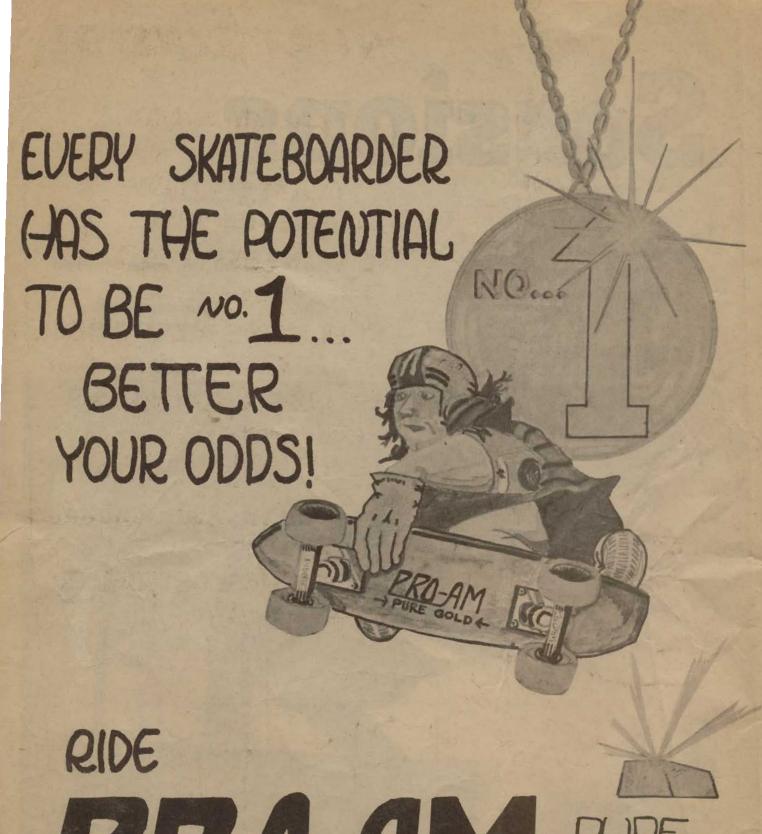
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WHEN PRACTICING, try to use the basic rules that will be used in competition. This way you will not have to adjust your racing to new rules.

DON'T "UNDER PRACTICE".

Try to ride harder courses and ones that you don't make the first time. If you practice on hard courses, the contest course will be easy for you and you can work on perfecting rather than learning the course.

TRY DIFFERENT SURFACES. No two surfaces are exactly alike. Practice on smooth as well as rough so you will be familiar with all of them.

EXPERIMENT WITH DIF-FERENT EQUIPMENT. What you are riding may be the most important aspect of your racing. Most pros do not use the same set up for every type of racing.

ALWAYS PRACTICE WITH SAFETY GEAR. You'll be surprised how much confidence you can gain with safety gear. Get used to wearing it so you will be comfortable with it in contests.

DEVELOP YOUR OWN STYLE. What works for someone else may not work as well for you. Try different styles until you find one that is comfortable and working for you.



TEAM SPOTLIGHT

THE U.A.S.A. TEAM

The United Amateur Skateboard Association team has been together for a little over three months. This team was not put together by any one manufacturer but by an association of many. As a team, they represent the skateboard industry as a whole and do demos for the various manufacturers who do not have a team. Many years are in store for this team with many trips planned to different contests, parks, and even a trip to Hawaii. Currently, the team meets twice a week. On Saturdays, they have a inter team contest at various parks. Being a fairly new team, they are still on the rise and proving themselves. It will not be this way for long though, since the ability of the team is constantly improving and is being noticed by many. With the riders they have and the plans for their future, this team has no place to go but up!

A Special Thanks UASA Team Sponsors Being a relatively new team, we want to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors who have so generously helped us get off to a great start. Members of the team range in age from 11 through 18, and we feel we have great potential. The opportunity to represent amateur skateboarders everywhere is a great priviledge and we appreciate our sponsors enthusiastic support which is also an endorsement of the sport. Powerflex The United Amateur Skateboard Assoc. Team Sincerely, Lotus Hobie Premier Helmets Lazer Doug Dolan Norcon Helmets Mark Gifford Gull Wings Chris Hart Todd Lewallen Skate Pads Bushwakker Marty Collins Kip Gloves Van's Tennis Shoes Ronnie Davis Dale Arden Powell Corp. Teri Lawrence Dave Foster ACS Brent Lewallen Surf Rider Bobby Sheets

CHRIS HART

AGE 18 BIOLA COLLEGE - FRESHMAN

Chris is the team manager. He is a strong competitor in both the slalom and pool events. Many years of insane riding are ahead for Chris.



TODD LEWALLEN

AGE 12 Walker Jr. High - Grade 7

Todd is an outstanding jumper and has great slalom potential. He has only been riding for 6 months.



MARTY COLLINS

AGE 13 MARSHALL JR. HIGH - GRADE 8

Marty is a very strong freestylist in his age catagory and has great pool riding ability. A definite hot in years to come.



TERI LAWRENCE

AGE 15 MILLIKAN HIGH SCHOOL -GRADE 10

Teri is the female representatives of the team. She is mainly a pool rider and is showing interest in slalom.



BOBBY SHEETS

AGE 15 KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL -GRADE 10

Bobby is a good all-around rider. He is confident in the pools, shows good style in slalom and looks smooth in the freestyle area.



DAVID FOSTER

AGE 15 LA PALMA JR. HIGH - GRADE 9

David also is a good all-around rider. His strong point is the pool, with slalom as a close second.



DOUG DOLAN

AGE 17 CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL -GRADE 11

Doug is showing considerable improvement in slalom and pools. With his usual good move's in freestyle.



RONNIE DAVIS

AGE 15 GILBERT HIGH SCHOOL -GRADE 10

Ronnie is an excellent pool rider. He is a strong ramp rider and is a definate hope in statom.



BRENT LEWALLEN

AGE 14 LA PALMA JR. HIGH - Grade 9

Brent enjoys girls, pipe and slalom. Being 6'1" he finds pipes to be a little crowded.



DALE ARDEN
AGE 11
LOS COYOTES - GRADE 6
Dale is the youngest member of the team. He likes to ride the pipe and will have plenty of years to work his way to number 1.



Skateboarders — safety equipment not only protects but promotes confidence as well. The UASA Team suggests that safety equipment be used at all times when you skate.

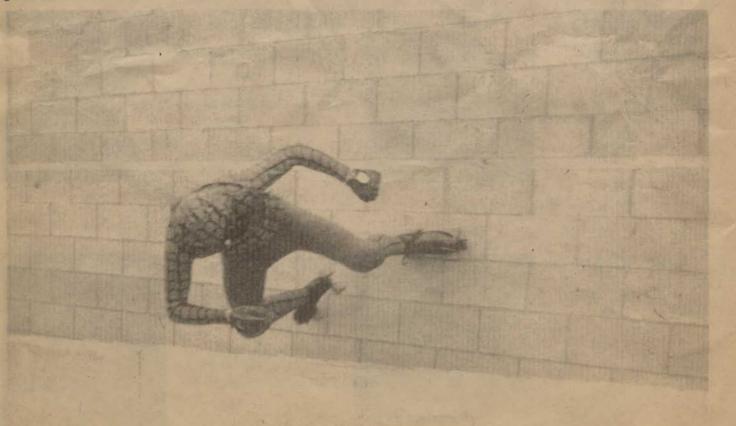
Any questions regarding skateboarding can be directed to any UASA team member at P.O. Box 5157, Buena Park, Ca. 90620.

MARK GIFFORD

AGE 18 SAVANNA HIGH SCHOOL - GRADE 12



Mark is a roller skater, with definate signs of becoming the best. Pipes and pools are his specialties. Here's Mark at Skatopia showing his spiderlike abilities. Mark can be seen at various skateparks throughout the southland on any given weekend.



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Contest Results



CONCRETE WAVE RESULTS

(SNAKE)

GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

	FREESTYLE	POOL	BANK SLALOM	SLALOM
GIRLS	SUZETTE OWENS	BUNNY PRICE	ELAINE POIRIER	BUNNY PRICE
10-UNDER	SQUEAKY HAYNE	ERIC DRESSEN	ERIC DRESSEN	ERIC DRESSEN
11-12	DAVID DOLLETTE	ROB RUSK JOHN BOUSLOG	TODD LEWALLEN	REGGIE PENDLETON
13-14	THOMAS SPRATT	JIM AKIN	DAVE CRIDDLE	TOM MERRICK
15-16	MATT BARDEN	STEVEN OLSON	WARREN SELLERS	DAVE CARRASCO
17-OLDER	RUDY DURAN	GARY ATKINSON	DON BOSTICK	HARVEY HAWKS

SILVER MEDAL WINNERS

TARA KAYLOR	ELAINE POIRIER	BUNNY PRICE	DANEAN BOUKATHER
DAVID PEGUEROS	DAVID PEGUEROS	FRANK SALAZAR	DAVID PEGUEROS
ROB RUSK		ROB RUSK	ROB RUSK
JIM AKIN	RAY RODRIGUEZ	TOM MERRICK	DAVE CRIDDLE
CHRIS LARSEN	ERIC GROFF	STEVE OLSON	STEVE OLSON
STEVE DAY	HARVEY HAWKS	HARVEY HAWKS	DAN EWELL
	DAVID PEGUEROS ROB RUSK JIM AKIN CHRIS LARSEN	DAVID PEGUEROS ROB RUSK JIM AKIN CHRIS LARSEN RAY RODRIGUEZ ERIC GROFF	DAVID PEGUEROS DAVID PEGUEROS FRANK SALAZAR ROB RUSK ROB RUSK JIM AKIN RAY RODRIGUEZ TOM MERRICK CHRIS LARSEN ERIC GROFF STEVE OLSON

BRONZE MEDAL WINNERS

	GIRLS	BUNNY PRICE			ELAINE POIRIER	
	10-UNDER	ERIC DRESSEN	MICHAEL AKIN	DAVID PEGUEROS	FRANK SALAZAR	
l	11-12	REGGIE PENDLETON		BRYAN ROBERTS	BILL KETTLER	
ı	13-14	TONY SHUTTS	DAVE FOSTER	DAVE FOSTER	DAVE FOSTER	
	15-16	JOHN WALKER	JOHN WALKER	JAY MCNAMEE	JOHN WALKER	
	17-OLDER	DAN EWELL	PAUL BUTLER	DON O'SHEI	DON BOSTICK	
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4th PLACE FINISHERS

	FREESTYLE	POOL	BANK SLALOM (SNAKE)	SLALOM
GIRLS	LAURIE MCDONNELI			TARA KAYLOR
10-UNDER	FRANK SALAZAR		MICHAEL AKIN	MICHAEL AKIN
11-12	CRAIG FLACK			TODD LEWALLEN
13-14	JOEY O'CONNOR	ROB HENLEY	JIM AKIN	JOEY O'CONNOR
15-16	WARREN SELLERS	GLEN REDMOND	JOHN WALKER	STEVE ENOS
17-OLDER	TONY HOWLETT	DARREL MILLER	CHRIS HART	CHRIS HART

The Point System - How It Works

Points toward State and National Championships are earned through participation in UASA sanctioned contests. The total combined points needed to qualify for the State Championships is 25.

The total combined points needed to qualify for the Grand National Championships is 50.

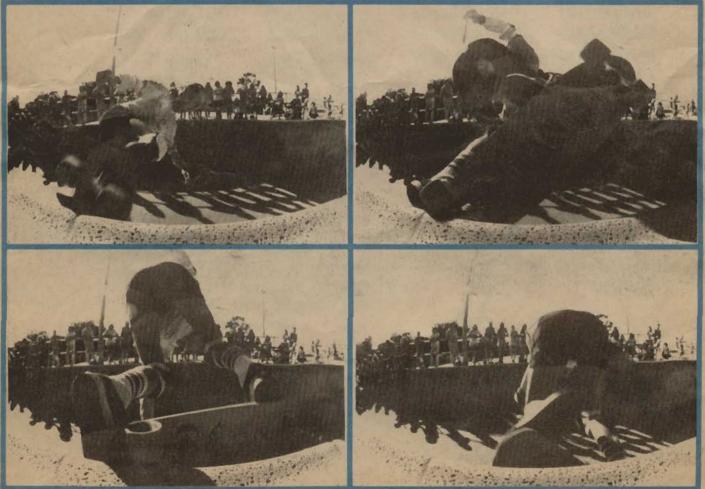
First place earns - 10 points Second place earns - 7 points Third place earns - 4 points Fourth place earns - 2 points

The overall winner in any category or age group is based on points earned (explained above), plus 1 point for each opponent competed against in any one event!

Example: 11-12 age group

1st place in slalom - 10 points plus 15 competitors in event - total of 25 points

To be an overall winner, you must enter all events in a contest.



"Jim Akin, a G & S axle grind in sequential motion"

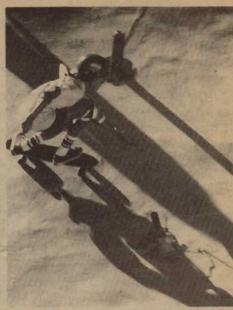
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"Santa Cruz rider making the spot in the banked slalom event"
PHOTO: JOHN T. BIRD

MORE CONTEST PHOTOS



"Morgan Bostick, even with his showmanship, still didn't qualify"



"Jim Akin, cutting off the tenths with style."

PHOTO: JOHN T. BIRD



"Young David Pegueros executing a jump before the crowd"
PHOTO: JOHN T. BIRD

Overall Winner ERIC DRESSEN

GIRLS

10-UNDER

11-12

ROB RUSK

13-14

JIM AKIN

15-16

STEVE OLSON

17-OLDER

BUNNY PRICE

ERIC DRESSEN

ROB RUSK

JIM AKIN

STEVE OLSON

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United Amateur Skateboard Assn. What we're all about —

Having assumed the role of organizing and promoting amateur skateboarding, our stated purpose is to expand and promote it worldwide with an eye to the Olympics, and to provide the organization through which business, individuals and amateurs will best be served in the achievement of common goals and to stimulate public sentiment to these ends. Our daily goal is to explain and promote amateur skateboarders and to serve our members as individuals or as groups. Safety is an integral part of the UASA and through UASA a direct liaison and open lines of communication provide an opportunity for discussions of problems common to skateboarders and the manufacturers, distributors, dealers, etc. The establishment of amateur competitions, hopefully with the cooperation of skateparks throughout the country is the first major project. Many excellent and talented amateurs will have the opportunity through local, national and world-wide competitions to achieve recognition and develop their skills. A complete record for each UASA member entering competitions, with the results and his standing as an amateur will be kept, which will be valuable upon consideration for Olympic participation.

Summary of purpose

- · the acceptance of skateboarding in the Olympics
- · to encourage interest and participation in safe skateboarding
- the establishment of national and international membership.
- provide promotional assistance to new and/or small segments of the industry
- supplement and complement the work of existing organizations
- local, national and eventually worldwide amateur competitions through the combined efforts of business people, skateparks, the skateboard industry and skateboard enthusiasts everywhere.

Here's what the UASA does all the time!

- · Compiles statistics and information for members, individuals and business.
- · Publishes the newsletter, "Sessions," with articles and photography by and for skateboards.
- Offers low cost advertising and related services.
- · Organizes and promotes amateur competitions and events
- · Offers low cost umbrella insurance to members unable to secure it elsewhere
- Makes available all contest results and information.
- · Holds seminars and meetings for those interested in what's happening in skateboarding.
- · Works to sell the purposes and goals of amateur skateboarding.
- Works to get action on safety improvements.
- Assists in skateboard industry promotion.
- · Stimulates better relationship among members.
- · Answers mail and telephone inquiries.
- · Makes contacts for members in other cities or countries.
- Conducts safety clinics, workshops and campaigns.
- · Speaks as an organized voice in national and international decisions affecting amateurs.

For further membership information or application please write United Amateur Skateboard Assn. P.O. Box, 5157, Buena Park, Ca. 90620 or call: area code 714-994-2955.



Skateboarding news from Europe

by Bill Wilson

EUROPE'S OUTLOOK

Bill Wilson is a professional skier living in Germany since 1970. He has been actively involved in ski and skateboard shows, contests and demonstrations since 1975 and is presently coeditor of Skateboard Magazine out of Munich, West Germany. He was one of five freestyle judges at Long Beach last year. He will be working in the coming month on organization of European chapters of the UASA and skateboard industry promotion in general.

Bill Wilson Land haus Eberbichl 824 Konigssee W. Germany

Skateboarding grew out of surfing and for years has been predominantly a beach centered sport. The surfing influence can be seen all through the skateboarding scene and although surfing orientation has been responsible for so much of its development, it is time now to step not away from but beyond sidewalk surfing toward full development of the whole sport of skateboarding.

Skateboarding has already grown beyond the coastal areas and moved inland and across continents whereby expanding its own orientations. As the sport grows and travels, it is going to change. As with any sport, the competition scene is one of its most important aspects and the very essence of competition is going to help carry the sport to its limits and beyond.

People in general, i.e. the common public, have always shown tendencies to adhere to that with which they can identify most readily and the inland, dryland and mountain land public will always have trouble identifying with a sport such as surfing. Although here in Southern California, surfing is common it receives little or no publicity elsewhere in the country and as long as skateboarding carries a surfing identity it is going to be a difficult task to promote. Simply because of the nature of the sport, the wider geographical area covered, and the larger public interet, skiing is many times the industry any coastal sport could produce. Research and study has already begun comparing skateboarding more to skiing simply because of the nature of both sports. In the different disciplines the common elements of course vary, but in the downhill racing events there is so much shared in

common by the two sports that skiiers are continually finding their summer and off season answer to their sport in skateboarding. It is time now to stop and realize the new directions of the sport.

To promote skateboarding in Europe one need only take the time to research the sport attitudes of Europeans and he will see that even more so than Americans, they are race and speed oriented. Even non-participants can see and understand race competition of any kind. It does not take a trained eye to see who wins a race.

With the many complications and experience demanded by freestyle competition, it is logical that it is always going to require more time and different systems to develop for the public. As was seen in Long Beach last year at the championships, the international competitors even though they had to race a seperate class, could at least perform in public, whereas even they would have to put on an all to shabby performance in freestyle if pitted against the American Pros. These were the best in their respective countries had to offer and after two years could still not even begin to compete in freestyle internationally.

The whole concept of race is within reach of everyone, especially in the mountain areas where skiiers are used to dealing with speed sometimes considered much too risky for the beach area oriented skateboarder.

Racing is also more a measure of the product performance than freestyle. We will always be prone to argue the outcome of any freestyle competition but no one, not sponsors or racers, can argue with electronic timing devices. Racing has international appeal and has much more chance for international standardization than freestyle.

Speaking as a professional skiler in Europe for seven years now, I must say that in comparsion to freestyle, racing is where the promotional future of the sport lies. I hardly want to see freestyle lost, in fact I'm a freestyle skiler, not a racer, but would have to be blind not to see where the financial and promotional future lies in the industry.

Freestyle will always have its place and should not mean that we should misplace proper emphasis where it truly belongs.

> Bill Wilson Skateboard Magazine, West Germany

Safe & Insane

By Chris Hart

We can all comprehend the feeling of our favorite pool being torn down. Many have gone through this experience. First it's the hassle with the cops, then the bulldozers. However, few imagine the sight of his local skatepark being shut down. That's right! Skateparks have not only been a major factor in the advancement of skateboarding, but also in the upgrade of equipment and the opening of the publics general awareness of the sport. Now there is the threat of, not only your park, but many parks closing their doors to the radical new skateboard generation.

Once parks are closed, it will be back to the streets, which are already illegal to skate in some areas of the country and will soon be outlawed in the remaining parts. So unless you know that "secret spot" that the cops haven't found yet, or have an empty pool in your backyard, all of your involvement in the sport will have been a waste.

The reason is simple, too many accidents. Too many people are getting hurt, not only on the streets, but in the parks also. Insurance companies are threatning to close their policies to the skateboard scene. Some companies already have! They will not insure a park when the risk of accidents are so high. During the last year, there have been 188,000 injuries and 300,000 are predicted for next year.

The answer is up to the individual rider. Each person must do what he can to prevent accidents. These are some ways in which you can be involved.

First, know that the board you are riding is safe. Every board should have grip tape or some type of non-slip surface. Your trucks should be securely fastened on your board with either three or four bolts, depending on the pattern of the base plate. Trucks also should be adjusted tight enough so that

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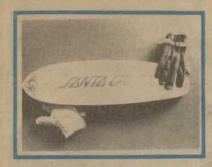
they will not develope "speed wobbles" when you get going fast. Your wheels should not have excessive wear and should be held snug on the truck by the nut, so that it doesn't wiggle.

Second, wear the proper safety equipment. A helmet, which doesn't fall foreward when you shake your head, leather gloves, elbow pads and knee pads are essential safety gear and should be worn any time that you ride. Wrist braces and padded shorts are also equipment that is commonly worn. Long pants and long sleeve shirts can also be helpful as long as you are positive that they will not hinder your freedom of movement. Every skateboarder has his own "weak spots" that are vulnerable to injury, so make sure that you have the gear that is going to protect you the most.

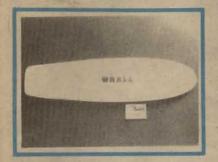
And last, warm up. Take a few easy runs when you start to ride. You might even want to stretch out a little before you ride as you would in other sports. We all know that "getting intensely radical" is the aim of many top riders, and I am not against this, but make sure that you are warmed up and confident before you start to try new tricks or start on that radical ride. Doing this will greatly decrease the chance of an unneeded injury.

So remember, when you ride, know that your board is safe, wear the safety equipment that will protect you most, and warm up when you start to ride. We need to keep the parks open, so get involved. The future of skateboarding is up to you!

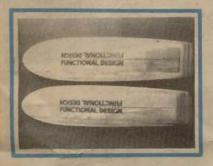
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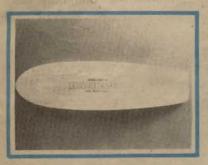
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'FRONTSIDE WHEELING AT SKATOPIA'S POOL"

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Invader at Skatopia's Pool

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"WHEMPER" ANDERSON AGGRESSIVE FRONTSIDE

Skatopia, Photo: Jim Max



GARRET CHICK AGE 15 FLYING AT UPLAND PIPELINE

Photo: Jim Max

SESSIONS PROFILE SQUEAK ATTACK

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Squeaky is a 10 year old package of dynamite ready to explode at any given contest. Out first glimpses of Squeaky was at the U.A.S.A. Concrete Wave contest in which he walked away with first place honors in the freestyle event. Squeaky was born in Cincinnati, Ohio on March 5, 1967, and has been into sports for years. At age 7 he was involved with Moto-cross (motorcycles), but a year later, found skateboarding to be more exciting. Currently riding for Banzai products, he has done many demos for both Banzai and J.C. Penneys. Here is a list of his accomplishments in the last two years:

NOV. 76 - Cresent Park, Marietta Ca. - 1st place freestyle, all ages.

DEC. 76 - Cresent Park, Marietta Ca. - 2nd place, overall competition

FEB? 77 - Cresent Park, Marietta Ca. - 1st place, overall competition

MAY 77 - Renette Park "B" division champion 1st place freestyle, 1st place slalom 2nd place sprint races

SEPT. 77 - Sunshine South Surf Shop, Le Mesa, Ca.

1st place ramps racing.

OCT. 77 - United States Skateboard Assoc.

California Championships

2nd place slalom 3rd place bank slalom
6th place freestyle

OCT 77 - National Skateboard of El Cajon 1st place freestyle

NOV. 77 - United Amateur Skateboard Assoc.

Concrete Wave contest

1st place freestyle.



These are just of his accomplishments in his life and he will definately not stop here. Once, when asked by channel 7 news, if he was a hot skater, his reply was "You wouldn't be talking to me if I weren't!" This sums up the aggressiveness and style of our 10 year old spotlight, and with an article like that, how can he help but be radical.

NEXT MONTH'S PROFILE: GARY ATKINSON

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