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WEEKLY GRINDERS

BY Anita Grynd

NOTICE: Both ValSurf shops, North Hollywood and Woodland Hills, have been victimized numerous times over the past few months by burglars. The culprits have consistently made off with the same type of merchandize, namely: Town & Country and Local Motion surfboards, O'Neill wet suits, Bolt jewelry, and Vaurnet sunglasses. Preventive measures have already been taken to insure against this happening again in the future. However, Val Surf is offering a \$1000. reward to anyone offering information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for any or all of the burglaries. Please call (213)769-3337. Let's get them!

TRACKER, the famous "trucks" company is coming out with a skateboard deck in about a month. You heard us right, they've got a new deck wich will bear the Tracker logo and will be called the 777. It's concave at the nose, tapering flat toward the back, has an 18 degree kicktail, seven-ply rock maple, wheel wells in the rear only, predrilled and should retail for about \$36.00. Also from Tracker now in production is their new Lappers, and red copers and bushings. They're busy down there aren't they?

The half pipe competiton at Lakewood Skatepark, will have a minimum Pro-purse of \$1,500. First place will probably make between \$500. to \$700. . The date is Dec. 7th, the day after their ASPO.

Speaking of the same, Lakewood is planning to have their "new pool" finished by the time ASPO rolls around on Dec. 6th. Joel Vest has indicated that the pool will open Dec. 1. for practice. It's supposed to be 11½ feet deep, with about 2 feet vert. Sounds hot!

New skateboard from VARIFLEX. It's a Stuart Singer, freestyle model 26" and 28" long. It's available now so place your orders for the season coming up. We understand there's going to be several Freestyle events in 1981.

Some of you would like to know that the NBC "Everywhere" show, which televised the final Gold Cup at pipeline reached approximately 170,000 Southern California households during its live showing. This figures to be about 400,000 people that watched it. Not bad,

just think if we could get this type of coverage more often. If you haven't written or called NBC, and you would like to see more skateboarding on TV, do it now! Write to NBC, 3000 Alameda, Burbank, Calif.

SIMS reports that sales of their three of the four "signature" models are running almost dead even. The LAMAR, ANDRECHT & BOWMAN models are selling within 3 percent of each other. Seems that all three guys are equally popular. Folmer's board just started shipping out, so there's not enough data to compare.

It looks like Eddie Elguera, top pro skater in the Gold Cup, and VARIFLEX Pro, will make about \$4,000. off the five-event series. This includes the money he will get for the "overall" spot, which figures to be about \$1,500.! Looks like Eddie will do some heavy shopping these Holidays.

Speaking of pay-offs, the way the final Pro-purse will break down is as follows: First, \$1,500.; Second, \$1,100.; Third \$700.; Fourth, \$500. Fifth, \$400.; Sixth, \$300.; Seventh, \$200.; Eight, \$150.; Ninth, \$100. and Tenth \$50. That's about \$5,000. to be shared among the top ten in the series. And they said it couldn't be done.

We understand from Don Hoffman, that there's still a few dollars left in the kitty, to use for preparation for the next Gold Cup.

We got a call from Phil Chioccio of Sensation Basin, in Gainesville, Fla. He has indicated that the park is up for lease and would like to see somebody take it over. The facility is one of the more beautiful in the country, which includes besides the skateboard runs; a neat pond stocked with fish and an out-door rollerskating rink and path. If you're interested you can contact Phil or call us and we'll put you in touch.

POWELL/PERALTA reports that they'll be coming out with new "camoflauged" T-shirts in the next few weeks. I don't think armor and ammunition is included, you'll just have to get that on your own. Stacy also informed us that the CABALLERO deck is ready and you can start placing your orders with your local shops. It'll probably come in candy-apple red and orange colors, with Steve's own "monster" logo. Also on tap for a new deck is Mike McGill, whose board should be ready in about five weeks. The colors will be the same as Caballero's, with some kind of "rocket-designed" logo. I guess Steve's into monsters and McGill is into rockets.

This is a quote from a piece in the Los Angeles Times a few days ago: "Skateboard enthusiasts and roller skaters aren't going to be particularly happy with the latest amendment to the county traffic ordin-

ance approved by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. At the request of Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess, the board prohibited the use of skateboards (also known as gravity boards) and roller skates on county roads, streets, highways, lanes or alleys with a grade in excess of 3 per cent." Now, isn't that fine! Resolutions and amendments get passed, yet did anyone in our industry know about it happening? I'm sure not. Which means simply folks that we are really disorganized! This law may be ok or maybe not, but the fact is that we did not have an input in the matter. It could have been worse and we would have just read it in the paper without properly having a voice as to what affects our industry. If this doesn't start you guys thinking of forming some kind of industry body or association to monitor and respond to matters such as these, nothing will, which will be kinda foolish.

We still don't know wether there's going to be a Gold Cup Awards or not. As we understand it, some people are for it and others are not. If any body cares, we think that there should be one. It was a great series, a great season and those that participated should be duly rewarded and acknowledged. We are for it.

Several skaters from England stopped by our offices a few days ago to let us know that skateboarding is still happening there and that the English Skateboard Association and the Government are going to give a good push to organize the sport. They've been encouraged by the ASPO scene here and would like more information regarding the running of the events. They also visited the ASPO offices and took a whole bunch of info.

At the last ASPO at Pipeline, there was a Television crew from Germany filming the whole event for a German Sports show. They could not believe the degree of ability by some of the skaters out here. They're going back with some heavy footage of vert and slalom skating.

KONA's October "Go for it" skateboard contest results, appear in this issue in the result section. Check it out. Their next contest will be December 13-14. It seems that this last one was a great success with over 400 people in attendance

We just finished a random sampling or survey of skatepark related injuries and the results are noteworthy. There's a less than one-half of one percent accident ratio of all skatepark skaters. This is truly unbelievable. When you consider that high school sports average between five and 10 percent accident ratio. Some insurance companies should make note of this. They have been negative on skateboarding in the past, this should en-

courage them to take a second look.

A word to the wise. Some of you guys who are waiting until just before Christmas to go into your local park or skate shop and get your favorite type of stick or equipment, should not wait so long. You should put your order now, because many shops are not going to carry a large inventory for the Holidays. Fears of another poor Christmas season like last year's have made many shop owners a little shy in ordering for this season. We suggest, you go into your local shop and let them know what you are going to be asking Santa Claus for Christmas, so they can stock up.

We knew that our illustrious Publisher was a "hot Baja racer", but we didn't know just how "hot" he was. It seems that this past weekend, Lou Peralta went down for his usual attempt at the BAJA 1000. While riding a section known as the "summit", on a long 23 mile stretch of sandwash, he looked down on his seat and saw flames between his legs. Quick thinker that he is, he bailed at about 90 miles and hour, laying it down in the deep sand. Within seconds, the bike, a 500cc tricked-out Honda looked like a well done piece of New York steak. Attempts at putting out the flames by throwing sand failed and as a result, Lou spent about three hours in the middle of nowhere in BAJA reflecting on the sanity of the whole thing. We've been trying to tell him that skateboards don't burn and they won't leave you stranded in the desert. You may be able to see the whole thing on TV, as ABC Wide World of Sports was there, filming that scene from their helicopter. Check your TV Guide for date and time.

It looks like there will be at least five major manufacturers/sponsors that will be picking up a number of Semi-pro and Pro skaters right after the ASPO final at BIG O. We have discussed the matter with several sponsors and they are hot to go after some of the 2A and 3A skaters, currently skating in the ASPO series. ASPO plans to have a kind of "draft list" of all available skaters in those divisions, for those who are interested.

Speaking of ASPO, the next one will be at Lakewood Skatepark, and it will be a "double points" event. So if you plan to catch up in the standings or stretch your lead, this is the event you've got to make. Besides, they'll have their new pool ready by then!

SKAT'N NEWS is putting on a special Subscription deal for the Holidays. Get one subscription at the regular price and the next one will be at half price. This way you can keep yourself informed and at

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THE PERFECT CURE



Sam: I've got an unbelievable headache. The pain is excruciating.



Stacy: Hey, bud, don't despair. It's your old equipment that's damaging your psyche.
Sam: Leave me alone.



Stacy: I'm serious. Try this Alan Gelfand deck and your headache and problems will disappear instantly!
Sam: Seriously?



Stacy: Just try it. It works.
Sam: Well, okay.

LATER . .



Sam: I feel great. This stick is unreal. My headache is gone.
Stacy: See what I mean.



Stacy: What have you decided?
Sam: I will get the Alan Gelfand deck.

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VOICES



Bill Furgeson's indy-air captured by Joe Juliano.

MICHIGAN IS HOT

Enclosed please find a few photos I wish to submit for your viewing. All photos were taken in the pool at Endless Summer skateboard park in Roseville, Michigan.

My name is Joe Juliano and I am 15 years old. The one thing I love to do most, besides skateboarding is take skateboarding



Another hot Michigan skater is Mike "spike" Blauvelt. Ph. Julian

photos. I hope you find these photos good enough to be printed, because Michigan is Hot!! and we need more exposure.

At your request I could furnish more photos, because this is only a small sample of the talent in Michigan.

As we say at Endless Summer, "boy do we RIP!"

Thank you.

Joe Juliano
St. Clair Shores, Mich.

Joe, we've been asking all along for you guys out there to keep us informed and send us pictures of what's happening. We had a suspicion that you guys ripped. We happy to print some of your pics. Ed.

'NEWS WHEN WE CAN GET IT

Dear Skat'n News.
You people are doing a great job at covering skateboarding. Since "Skateboarder" magazine changed its format, the skate crew up here in San Mateo try to read the "NEWS"

when we can get it. The latest issue we have is July 26, 1980 issue.

Campbell & Winchester skate-parks used to carry your publication, but Campbell closed, and Winchester doesn't carry it any more.

How much does it cost to subscribe? My friend who is in Utah, Jim Campbell, cut out the coupon. All the old ones say \$5.00 but I heard that the price was raised.

Last Friday, Dave Campbell (Jim's dad) got a call from Jim saying that the picture that he took of me at Winchester was published. My parents, friends and I wonder if you had extra copies of that issue and if you did, we could buy a few. Thank you.

Like I mentioned earlier, Skat'n News is one good publication. Maybe you can make it into a magazine.

Sincerely yours.

Wally Sueyoshi
San Mateo, Ca.

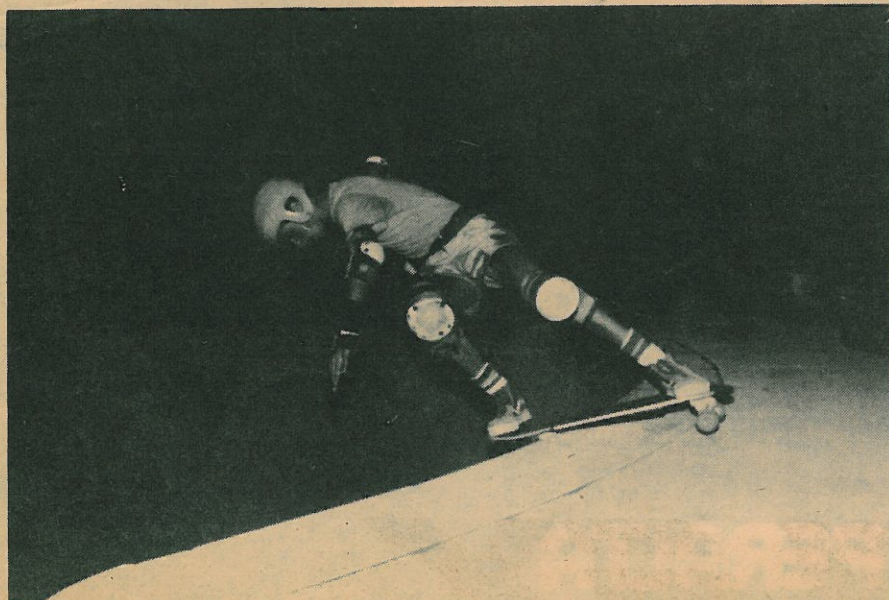
Wally, it's got to be pretty dry up there not to have our issues since July 26. You're right Campbell is closed so they don't have our paper, but Winchester still carries it. Perhaps they're just running out of it before you can get to it. You're right once again, the original \$5.00 subscription rate is now \$9.00. Inflation you know. The best way to make sure you don't miss any of our issues is to subscribe, but you know that.

As far as your picture, I believe it was published in the same issue with the Capitola Classic. Our young lady in charge of circulation will get it to you. Finally, thanks for the good words about our paper, and as far as turning it into a mag, well we're thinking right now to perhaps putting out a "quarterly" issue, that will have a magazine format with color and more features. ED.

MAKE MINE SKAT'N NEWS

As far as I'm concerned, you guys are doing a great job in covering skateboarding, especially amateur contests, cause that's where it's at. Since "Action lame" or whatever it's called, decided to bail out of skateboards, we follow what you print. Please keep it

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Joe Juliano, on a rock n' roll at Endless Summer.

Photo. Bill Ferguson

Eddie Elguera

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1980 GOLD CUP

REFLECTION OF GOLDEN MOMENTS

JUST AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR (1980), THERE WAS A LOT OF TALK ABOUT DOING SOMETHING FOR SKATEBOARDING, TO KEEP THE MOMENTUM ALIVE, TO KEEP THE SPORT ALIVE AND TO MAINTAIN THE ENTHUSIASM FOR THE SPORT. IN SHORT, THE WINTER MONTHS WERE GOING TO BE LONG AND IF THERE WAS NOTHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO, FOR THE SPRING AND SUMMER, THERE WERE FEARS THAT SKATEBOARDING WOULD TAKE A TURN FOR THE WORSE.

ASPO was still holding the Amateur interest up but since the previous year, there had not been a formal program for the Pros.

Contests, like the SKATE CITY, BIG O, SKATERCROSS, Pro/Am's were not drawing sufficient entries from the Pro ranks and from the sponsors. It had become a losing proposition for any park owner to stage an event or promote one.

Indeed, it's safe to say that the last few Pro/Am events had been at best a break even proposition.

Something had to be done to inject new life to the sport and make it a viable situation for all.

It was also recognized that, while the amateur circuit was doing great and attracting lots of kids to the sport, without an equally successful Professional program, it would be short lived.

There had been an outline for a Pro circuit circulated around some months back. It was the old PSA circuit that proposed the idea of holding Pro events throughout the skatepark system, which would award points for each event and that after the end of the season, those skaters with the highest points would share the moneys from the "pro purse".

Using this basic idea, many key manufacturers, park owners and people in the industry, got together to formulate such a program. The idea was to get as many people involved in one common cause.

Some of the major sponsors of this effort were: VARIFLEX, POWELL, SIMS & G & S. But, just as important, almost all manufacturers got behind the program.

The program would showcase Pro-level competition. Pools would be the events. And it would have the top skateboarders in the world

competing. This would be the most important series in skateboarding.

Thus the GOLD CUP was formed and the ball was rolling.

Because of its "first time" effort, the series was limited to a five-event series. Just to make it easy to put on.

The schedule called for OASIS to be the first Park to host the event; followed by BIG O, COLTON, MARINA, and the final would be at the PIPELINE.

The four major sponsors; G & S, SIMS, VARIFLEX and POWELL would each host one of the first four events in that order.

These parks were chosen for their popularity by the skaters and the type of pools they offered. Many Pros were acquainted with those terrains.

Don Hoffman was chosen Director of the series because of his long experience with competitions and his expertise in the sport.

A Board of Directors was also chosen which included key people in the industry. They would guide the Gold Cup staff to make sure all efforts were used.

After several months of preparation, promotion and lots of hard work, the first event of the series was ready to get under way. There were over \$23,000. in the kitty to make sure it happens.

OASIS G & S GOLD CUP

The G & S Gold Cup, held on June 21-22 was a success. As expected, there were a few minor problems, but of no major consequence, and by the time the contest got under way they were all ironed out.

Eddie Elguera (VARIFLEX) finished second and first year pro Geno Tocci (G & S) got a surprising third spot.

Another surprise in this event was Floridian and SIMS Pro, Mike Folmer. Mike placed fourth, after only a few short sessions of practice.

Rounding out the top five was Steve Hirsch (VARIFLEX), who looked very strong and had a very aggressive routine.

In the Amateur or SEMI-PRO class, it was local G & S skater Billy Ruff that took the win. This event proved to be the launching pad for him for the rest of the series.

Mike Hirsch (VARIFLEX) and Bob Serafin (NHS/INDY) made up the top three spots.

A young man from Texas, made his entry into the series, John (Tex) Gibson. He only placed tenth in this event, but would later show his "stuff" among the amateurs.

First to win a Gold Cup, was Micke Alba (G&S/INDY). He stunned the crowd and the judges with excellent routines that included the usage of the entire key-hole pool.

Micke was not the favorite going in, although he had won the Hester Series the year before. Guys like Dave Andrecht, Eddie Elguera, Brad Bowman, Duane Peters were considered more the favorites.

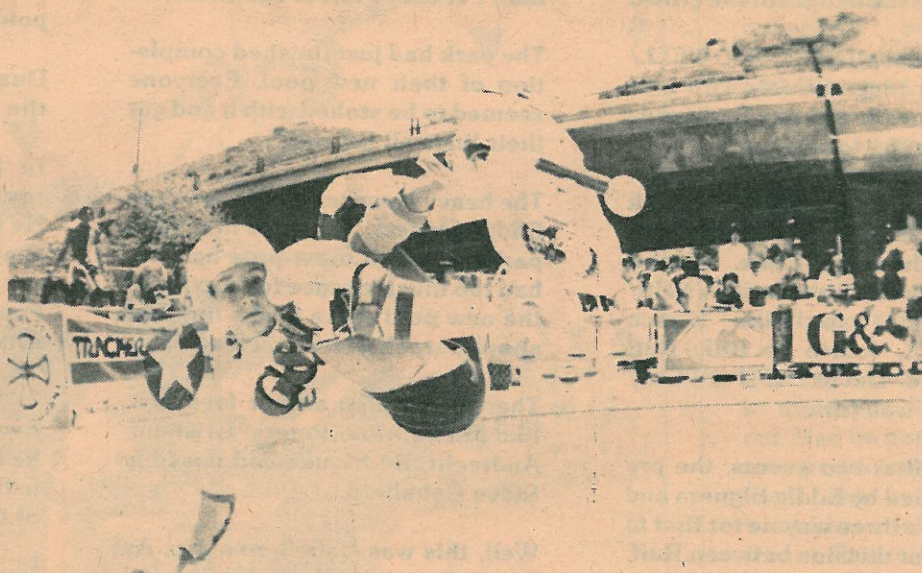
Micke surprised everyone and pulled off a tough win among the best.



Mike Folmer, all the way from Florida, came out during the summer just in time to get familiar with the Gold Cup pools. He learend quite well as he wound up in the 4th spot at OASIS, the first in the series.



Eddie Elguera took second at OASIS, in route to winning the series.



Billy Ruff (G & S) started with the lead at OASIS, which he was able to maintain for the rest of the series.

So, the first Gold Cup was in the books and everyone was very satisfied with the way it had gone. There were good vibes and the expectation that the next one would be even better.

BIG O SIMS GOLD CUP

The second event was held at the Big O in Orange. It was in July, in one of the hottest months of the year, yet for that weekend, the temperatures were mild enough to make it a pleasant week end of competition.

The Park came alive over the two-day event, with over 1000 people being on hand to watch some of the finest and most exciting pros in the country.

There were several dramatic moments that made this event memorable.

Like the nasty fall that Eric Grisham took at the bottom of the

Capsule, pool. Everyone thought he would not return to the competition. He looked to be one of the favorites to take the event.

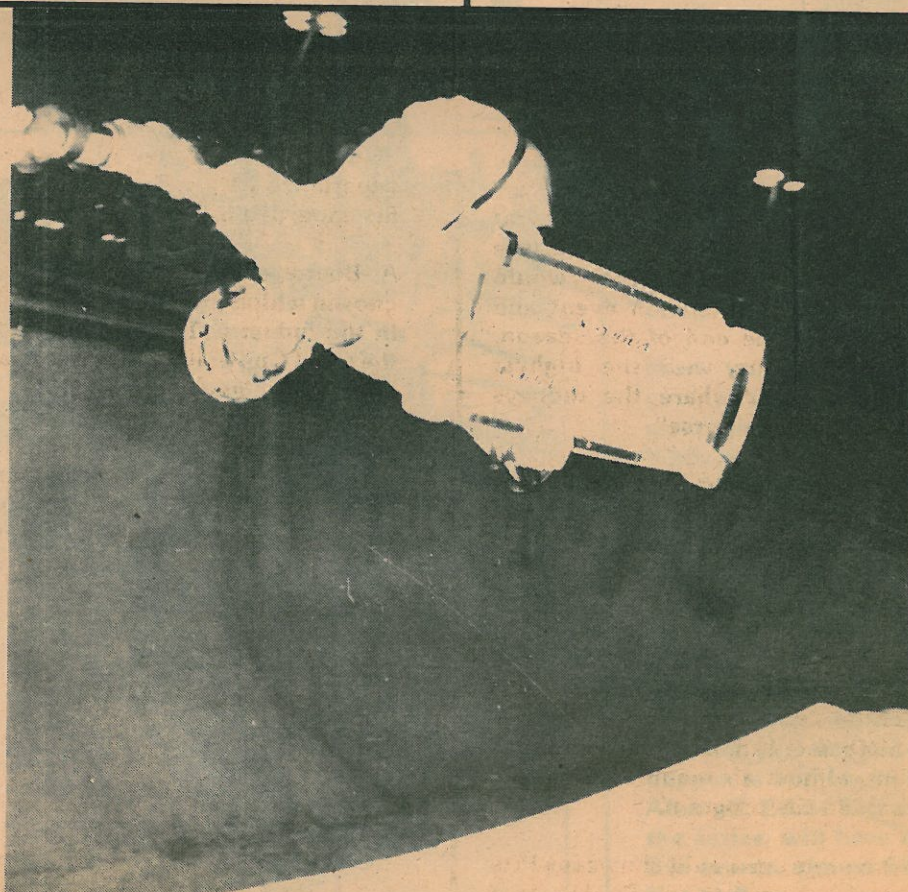
Steve Caballero's runs, seemed to be getting better and better every time. The crowd was really pushing him.

And of course, the last two winning runs of Duane Peters (NHS/INDY), that electrified the overflow crowd. It was his daring style and performance, with his back literally against the wall that made his win that much sweeter.

Eddie Elguera once again placed second, with consistency in his



Another G & S skater who started the series in good form was Geno Tocci, with a third place in the Pro ranks.



Lance Mountain (VARIFLEX) won the SIMS/BIG O Gold Cup in the Semi-Pro class.

runs and a couple new tricks. Like his "channel air footplant", he unvailed to the delight of the crowd

Steve Caballero (POWELL/PERALTA) placed third, with Eric Grisham fourth and Ray Rodriguez making up the top five.

Lance Mountain(VARIFLEX) took the SEMI-PRO division with lots of bio lines in the capsule. Second place went to Bob Serafin(NHS/INDY), third to Mike Hirsch(VARIFLEX, fourth to Billy Ruff(G&S) and David "Z"(POWELL/PERALTA was fifth.

After the first two events, the pro class was led by Eddie Elguera and there was a three way tie for first in the amateur division between, Ruff, Serafin and Hirsch.

COLTON VARIFLEX GOLD CUP

The Colton Ranch hosted the third of the Gold Cups on August 23-24. Fears of extreme heat and lots of smogg had the Gold Cup officials worried. Once again, nature lend a helping

hand and although it was hot and a bit smoggy it was bearable and it didn't seem to affect the skaters.

The park had just finished completion of their new pool. Everyone seemed to be stoked with it and got their lines all set up.

The heavy favorite in this event was Eddie Elguera. This was his home park, although most pros had not had too much chance to practice in the new pool since it was finished about a week before the event.

There were also aother favorites, like Micke Alba, Peters, Grisham, Andrecht, Rodriguez and possibly Steve Caballero.

Well, this was Caballero's day. As dramatic as it had been for Steve to make the final cut, so were his last two runs. He demolished all competition, and some how managed to draw from his guts, enough energy to take the win.

Previously he was put against the wall, just to try to make the five-man cut. He had one run left to beat out Eric Grisham who was holding fifth and the last transfer spot. A slight fall, hesitation or miss, would have left him out.

Much to Grisham's dissapointment Steve put on a near perfect run to make it into the final with extra points to spare.

Duane Peters once again picked up the runner-up second spot.

In third place was a surprising rookie, Mike Smith(DOG TOWN). He took to the new pool as if he had skated it for a long time.

Fourth was Bert LaMar(SIMS) and fifth went to Eddie Elguera.

Even though Elguera finished fifth, he still managed to retain his lead in the series by just 24 points ahead of Duane Peters.

In the amateur class it was the aggressive runs of John Gibson(CASTER) that earned him the win. Second place went to Pat Ngoho, followed by Billy Ruff, Bob Serafin and Mike Hirsch.

The Pro standing now had Elgue Peters and Micke Alba in the t three spots.

The Amateur class was still lead Ruff, but only five points ahead Serafin, who was also only fi points ahead of Mike Hirsch.

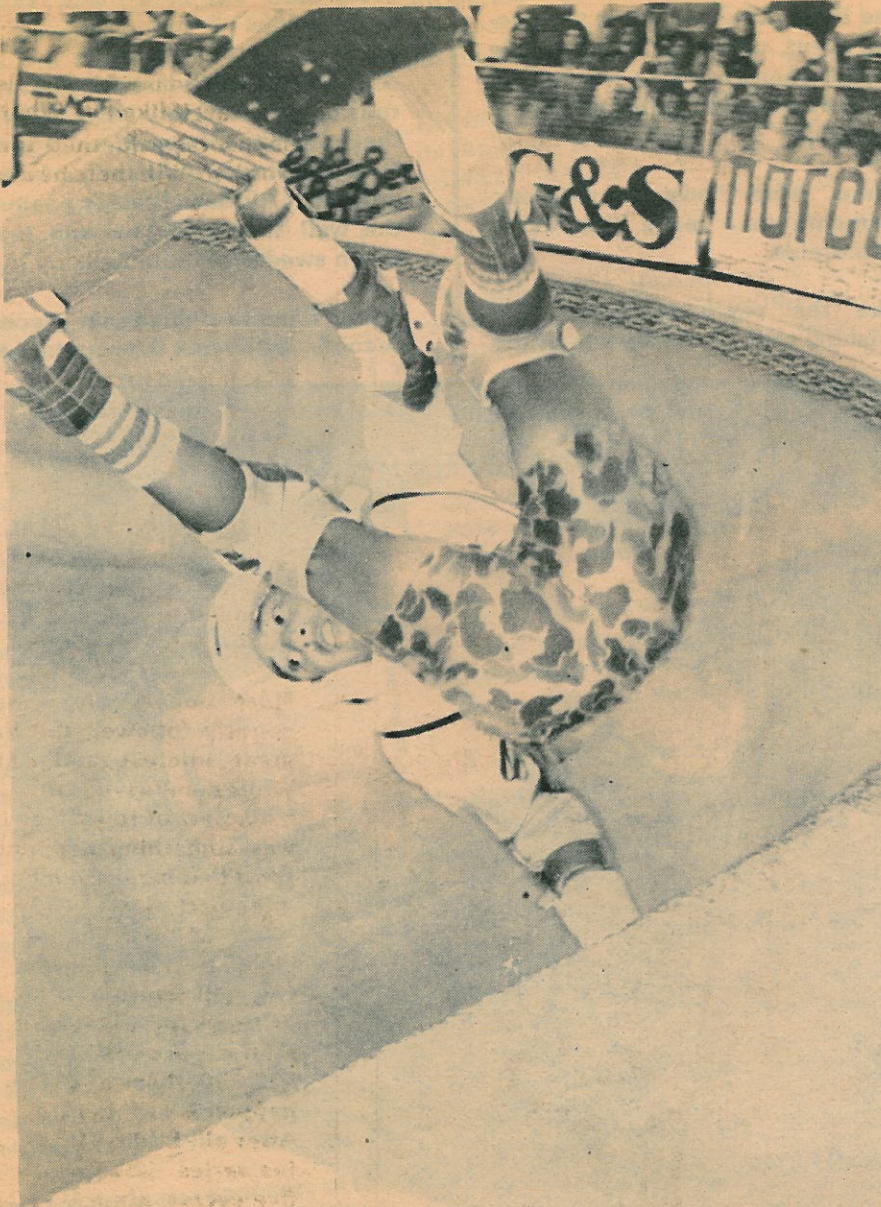
The Marina Gold Cup would be t showdown for both classes.

MARINA DEL REY POWELL/PERALTA GOLD CUP

It was September 27-28, scho had just gone back in session, b the energies of the Series were st at peak.

This was the place where almos every skater in the series had chance to do well. The Upper key hole is a well known pool.

Perhaps Bowman, LaMar, Peters



Steve Caballero (POWELL/PERALTA), came to the COLTON Gold Cup determined to win the event. He did after a long hot day of competition.



Mike Smith (DOG TOWN/INDY) placed third at COLTON, among some of the heavy weights, but did not fare as well at Marina.

Mike Smith, could have been considered slight favorites.

Eddie Elguera came into this event knowing that unless he put on an impressive performance at this event, he would have a hard time maintaining his lead over the hard charging ever-radical Duane Peters

Eddie didn't dissappoint anyone. He unveiled "five" new tricks and variations at this event.

Among them were: a pop-a-rocker, a fakie ollie 180 to a rock n' roll, a backside layback grind, a footplant fakie and his varial layback air.

That was enough to convince the judges and the crowd who should win the event.

While Elguera's win was impressive, Duane Peters second place performance at this event, didn't give Elguera much breathing room in the standings.

Duane came up with his rad. "acid-drop" that floored some people. Typical Peters.

Third place went to Brad Bowman (SIMS) who put his act together and performed to his ability.

Fourth went Bert LaMar and fifth to Ray Rodriguez.

In the amateur division, it was local pilot, Christina Hosoi. He was making take-offs and landings of stellar proportions. His backside airs were as high as any pro or amateur skater there.

John Gibson came back for a second place finish and Neil Blender (G & S) broke from the back of the pack to place third.

In the overall standings, Elguera still held the lead over Peters. He had to look to at least a sixth place finish at Pipeline, to Peters's first place, in order to hold on to his lead.

Billy Ruff's fifth place finish, although suffering from the flu, still kept him just ahead of Serafin and Hirsch.

PIPELINE GOLD CUP FINALS

We covered this event in our last issue, so all the details are not necessary.

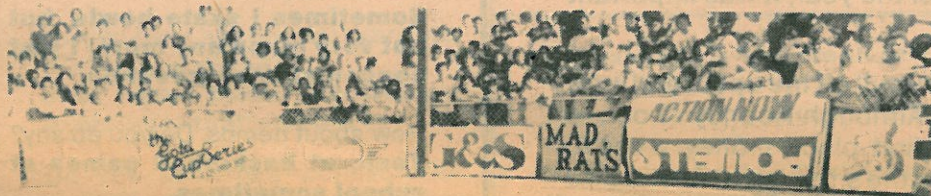
What bears repeating is that, this was one of the most exciting and contested events of the series.

This event proved that once and for all Skateboarding as a "sport" was just as exciting as any other National sport.

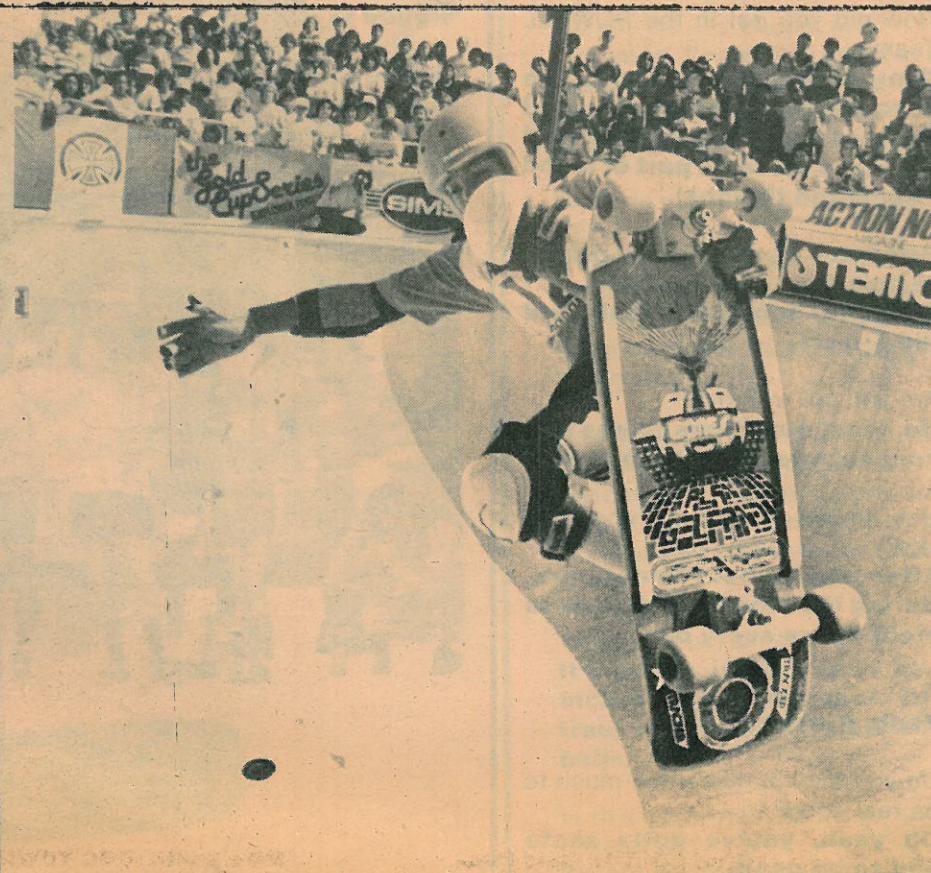
On Saturday, the NBC cameras captured some of the finer aspects of skateboarding. Those that saw the show "live" (wich we under-



Duane Peters (SANTA CRUZ/INDY) took second at Marina again.



Brad Bowman (SIMS) came from behind to take the third spot at Marina.



The best AMATEUR at the Marina Gold Cup was Chris Hosoi. Rad.

stand totaled about 170,000 household and approximately 400,000 viewers) were amazed with the sport.

Lots of activity and lots of people made up for a memorable weekend that culminated the Series.

The drama unfolded while most of the people were unaware of what was happening.

Elguera was on his last run, trying to make the SEMI-FINAL 10-man cut. Had he not made his final run a near perfect run, he would have not made the cut and most likely, would have left the door open for Duane Peters to take the lead and the overall spot in the series.

Elguera didn't fold, came through and although he finished fifth, still managed to win the series.

The winners of the day were Steve Caballero in the Pro class and Neil Blender(G&S) in the Amateur division.

Billy Ruff still captured the overall spot in the Amateur class.

And so, what can one say about this Series.

Was it better than expected? Did it help the "sport"? Did the skater like it? Did the thousands of people that saw it liked it? What about the sponsors? Did they think it was worth it? Will there be another one?

The answer to all the above, we think is in the affirmative. Yes!, it was the best ever. It ran well, it was the best showcase for the sport.

That it needs some revisions, some expansion, more publicity, a broader base. Yes, these need to be worked on.

But the ground work has been done. Some of the guidelines have been set. Now it's time to continue that momentum and improve on a good thing.

Most importantly, most of the country followed the Series with great interest and anticipation. While many wished they could have been part of it, still, at least there was something happening in the sport that made everyone feel good to be part of it.

Many are counting that the Gold Cup will return next season.

Perhaps there may be more money in the purse. Although the over \$23,000. that was put up to make it happen is nothing to sneeze at.

After all, Eddie Elguera, winner of the series, will have earned in the five events, almost \$4,000! Not bad!

FOCUS:

RODNEY MULLEN

Freestyler...

POWELL/PERALTA Team Florida

WE FIRST BECAME AWARE OF RODNEY MULLEN, WHEN WE COVERED THE OASIS PRO/AM FREESTYLE EVENT IN SAN DIEGO A FEW MONTHS BACK. WE LIKED WHAT WE SAW.

We were there with the pre-conceived idea that Steve Rocco, one of the premier freestylers in this country, had the whole thing wrapped up for the contest and we just wanted to make sure we had good pictures of him for our next feature. Since this was the first major Freestyle event of the year, it was important for us to give it full coverage.

Much to our surprise, we saw Rodney pull off the upset and walk away with the top prize of the day. Although Rodney chose to remain an amateur and thus, the first place money went to Rocco, still, his performance inspired the small but ardent crowd as much as it had impressed the judges and us.

We spoke to Rodney who appeared extremely shy for a guy who had just gone out and put on a very colorful and strong freestyle routine. Away from the limelight, he was a different person; reserved, quiet and almost overwhelmed by the whole affair.

Stacy Peralta, later confided that Rodney was the type of skater much like Steve Caballero, who doesn't say very much, kinda reserved until they have to perform. Then, all their energies are channeled to one thing, their skating.

Since Rodney lives in Florida, we decided to hook up a call to him at his home and taped this interview.

Rodney, where do you live?
Gainesville, Florida

How old are you and where do you go to school?
I'm 14 and I go to school at T.K. Young.

How long have you been skating?
Oh, about three and a half years I think.

Did you start with freestyle right away?
Yeah, mainly that.

Where?
Around my house mainly. There weren't any parks around.

Did somebody show you tricks or did you pick them up by just watching?
Alot was just from watching, but Tim Scroggs helped me alot quite a bit.

How long have you been competing in freestyle?
Oh, about three years I guess.

How did you get in the POWELL Team?

Tim Scroggs! He has the Scroggs board, you know, and he lived near where I lived and he asked me to be part of it and I accepted (laughs).

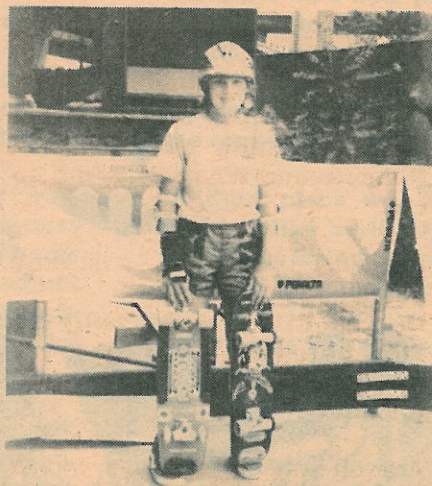
Before you started skating, did you participate in other sports?
I played some Baseball and did Karate.

Are you still into that?
No, I just quit those things and concentrate on skateboarding.

How much do you skateboard a day?
After school about three hours. During the summer alot...six to eight hours every day.

Every day?
Yeah, every day!

Do you think it takes that much to be real good?
Oh yeah, you've gotta skate alot to be good.



Where do you skate?
I have a three-car garage here at the house and also at the Park on Sundays.

What Park?
Sensation Basin.

Do you skate anything else other than freestyle?
Sometimes I skate bowls, but not very much any more, I just concentrate on freestyle.

How about demos. Do you do any?
Yeah, at basketball games at school sometimes.

What does your family think about your skateboarding?
Oh yeah, they really like it. It's good for me.

Do you have any brothers and sisters and do they skate?
I got two sisters and they don't skate (laughs).

What made you come out to California this past summer?
It was the Oasis Freestyle. Stacy (Peralta) called me and told me about it and people said I had a good chance to do good in it.

Were you real surprised as to how well you did?
Yeah, I was real happy!

Were you confident going in that you'd do good or were you just planning to have a good time?
I was pretty confident. Some people were saying I had a good chance to do well in it.

Who were some of those people?
Barry Zerisky of S.I.O. He kinda coached me. Also Tim Scroggs, he said I'd do real well...and just my friends.

Were you nervous before the competition?
Yeah, at first I was, like the first run. Then, after that, I felt alot better, after my second and third runs.

After you saw your first score (high 80's) did you think you had a chance?
Oh yeah, It made me feel real good, I knew I'd do well.

You beat one of the best freestylers in the country, Steve Rocco. Did you get a chance to talk to him?
Yeah! He was very nice to me.

Did he give you any pointers?
No. (laughing, as if it was a silly question to ask, which it was)

Now that you're back in Florida, what are you doing?
Just skating alot, everyday and just looking for contests.

Are there any contests coming up?
Yeah, there's a contest coming up during Thanksgiving. I think I'm going to turn Pro for that one.

Where is it at?
Sensation Basin.

Who is your biggest competition?
Tim Scroggs and Jim McCall. He's (McCall) getting very good again. He quit for a while. Also a guy by the name of Robert Rodriguez, he's hot!

Are they sponsored skaters?



Showmanship and good technical execution made Rodney Mullen the winner.

Yeah, you know that Tim Scroggs is with POWELL/PERALTA, and Jim is with WALKER Skates and also Robert Rodriguez, he's with WALKER.

Do you have plans for your future, like schooling?
I don't know, I'm going to go to College, I know, ...

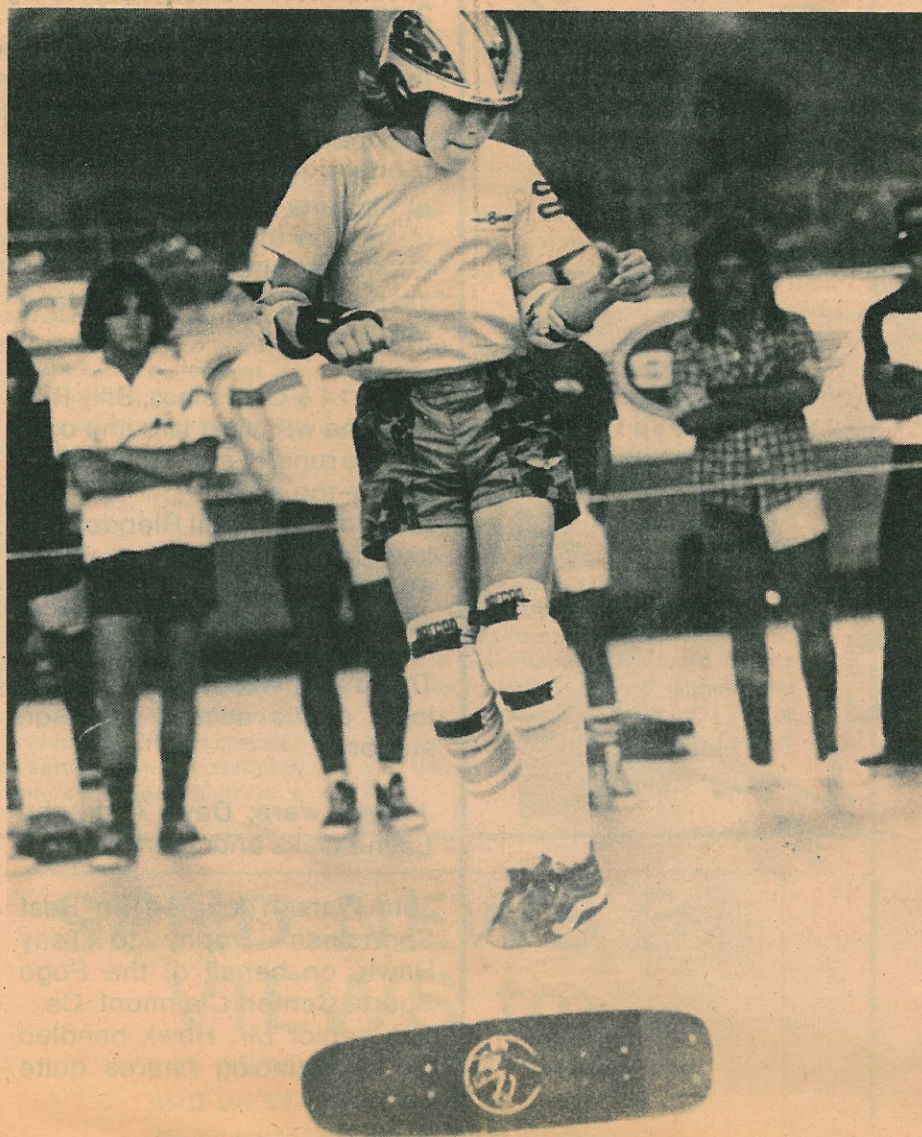
What grade are you in?
Ninth grade.

Well you've got plenty of time to decide right?
Yeah, I guess. I really don't know yet.

What else would you like to do in skateboarding?
As much as I could. I guess until I go to college, then I'll probably have to quit for a while. There's so much work in college you know.

Were you in Florida when the Variflex Tour came through?
Yeah, they were real hot! They adjusted to the park very well.

Would you like to see more West coast skaters come your way?
Definitely! It helps alot, it helps all the skaters. Like they were stoked, like it pushed them more to see how good they are doing and how good they can skate.



Rodney in action at the OASIS Freestyle, where he captured the attention of the crowd. Photo Rusty Harris.

What would you like to see with Freestyle?
I'd like to see more contests, lots more. Like there's more boards coming out now, the Rocco's and WALKERS and so on.

Do you think POWELL will do a board for you?
Oh I don't know. Probably for Tim Scroggs first, they are going to make a freestyle board for him.

Are you working on any new tricks?
Yeah, all the time.

Like what?
Well, it's hard to explain. There is this one...ok...you stand on the rail, you kick back and the board hits the ground and it pops-back, up to the rail.

That sounds hot!
Yeah, it'll be a good one.

Do you have any special exercises or do you work out?
Just do some stretching exercises, that's about it.

Do you think that working with weights may help you do other tricks, like hand stands and such?
Yeah, I been doing some push-ups lately. I'm working on an invert. I'm getting pretty good, I guess. You know...upside down! I'm almost making them,



Lots of practice and excellent balance make this trick possible. Ph. R. Harris

I'll have them in a week or so.

Are you planning to come back to California soon?
Yeah, maybe for Christmas if there's a contest.

There's been talk of a National Pro/Am. circuit that will have pools slalom, freestyle, ramp, all aspects of skateboarding in it. What do you think about that?
That would be great! It sounds really great. I'd probably just participate in Freestyle, I'm not allowed to enter Bowl riding.

Who doesn't allow you and why?
My dad, he says that when you have a time limit, you push too hard and you can get hurt.

Do you do any Slalom at all?
I used to. I'm pretty good at it. I won some contests and stuff. Then I quit doing it cause I got into freestyle.

What do you think of the POWELL/PERALTA Team?
Oh, Stacy is great!. He's so nice he helps me alot and POWELL is so big! I'm just trying extra hard to make Stacy happy and everything.

I think they're happy with you also. Do you think they might send you on tour soon, like demos and such?
Hopefully. I would like that alot It would be great to do that for them.

What size is your board?
It's seven inches wide by 26 inches long, with Tracker full-track mags. and POWELL roller balls.

Is that your main board or do you have others?
That's my main board. I have a 360 board, it's the same thing, except it's got mid-tracks and

360 wheels on back.

Do you think of designing your own board?
Stacy is making something for me now. It's like the same thing but it's almost square, like the nose is really blunt and the tail too.

Where do you think skateboarding is going to go from here?
I think it's just going up. It went down for a while, but it's starting to pick up alot. It died down in the summer because it got so hot out here. People are starting to come out now, little kids too. Alot more people now.

Alot of street skating?
No, not as much, I don't think.

How about ramps?
Yeah, alot of those around.

Are there alot of kids into freestyle out there?
No!(surprised), I don't know why.

Do you think it should be promoted more. Like and schools and parks?
Yeah, alot more, like schools. I don't know, schools think it's still too dangerous. I don't really think schools will go for it.

Have they ever seen you skate?
Yeah, I do demos at games there.

And they still think it's dangerous?
Yeah, some teachers think so, they are so wrong.

What would you say to a beginner skater?
Just keep on pushing and practicing. Don't ever really get depressed or mad, just keep trying.

RUFF & PHILLIPS WIN...

BANKED FREESTYLE

AT OASIS...

SAN DIEGO, CA.
Nov. 10, 1980

A small but hardy crowd saw thirty Amateurs, Semi-Pros and Un-sponsored, go at it, at the Oasis banked "snake" run.

This type of event has not been held before at Oasis, at least not in the ASPO events, but it looked like it would be a fun event to schedule for next season.

One of the things that makes it interesting is that the skaters really have to work hard to get all their bio tricks on the banked walls. Many have relied on the vertical walls to pull off all their tricks, so that when it comes to doing the same on the banks it becomes increasingly harder.

The event was mainly for the local skaters with two classes being run. The 13 & Under and 14 and Over class.

The event started early approximately 10:30 am and all trophies were passed out by about 2 pm.

In the 13 & Under class, it was the surprising Tim Phillips, who won the event over heavy favorite, Tony Hawk. Tony fell in one of his runs to lose the edge. In third in this class was Gary Eschenbrenner, followed by Jason Parks, Chris Black and Mike Province.

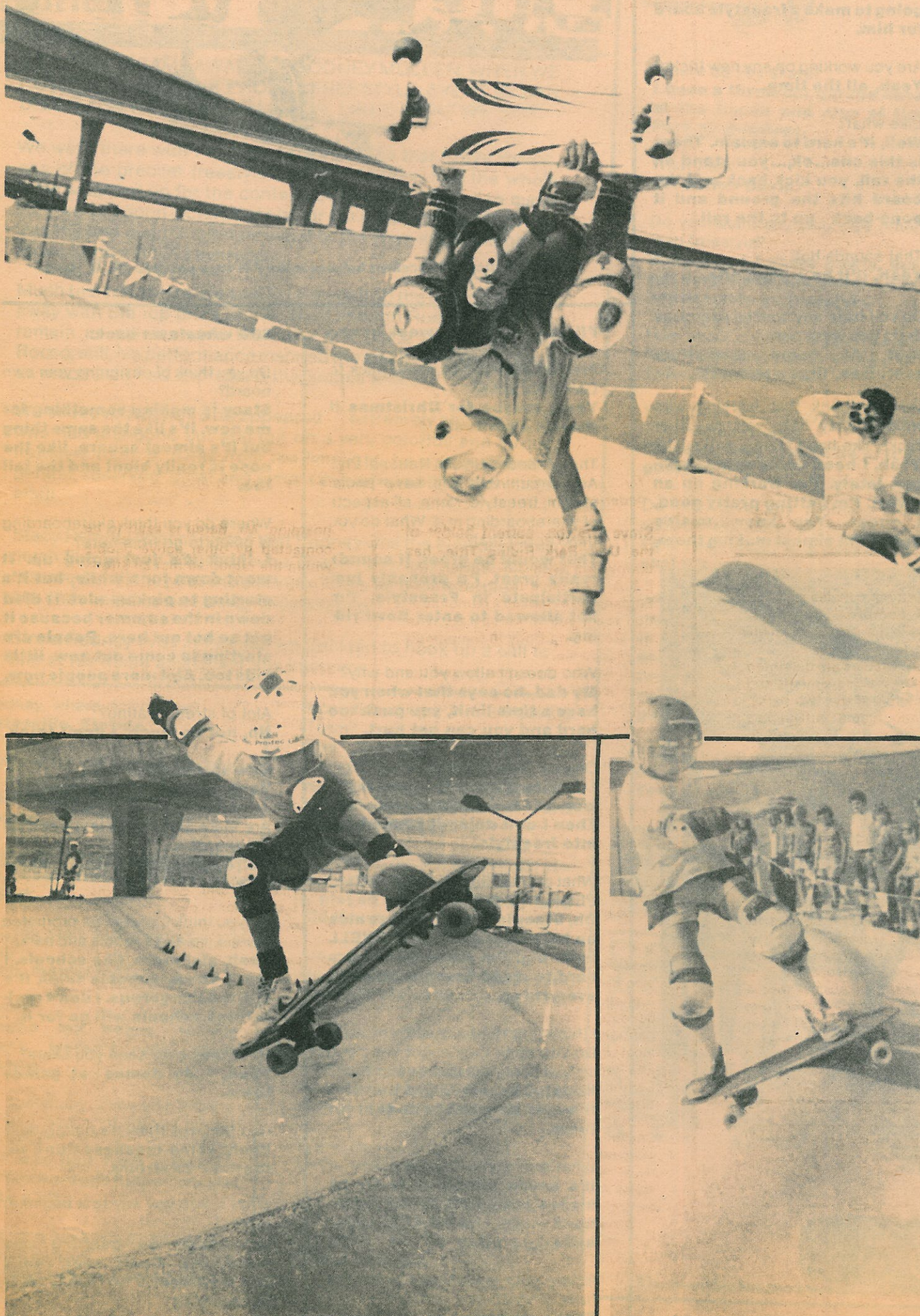
In the 14 & Over class, Billy Ruff took the win after two fine one-minute runs, to edge Richard Ito for the top spot. In third it was Neil Blender, followed by Mike Bartling, Tracy Funches and Robert Juarez in sixth spot.

The event was televised by a local public access television station.

Judges were: Dave Andrecht, Layne Oaks and John Watson.

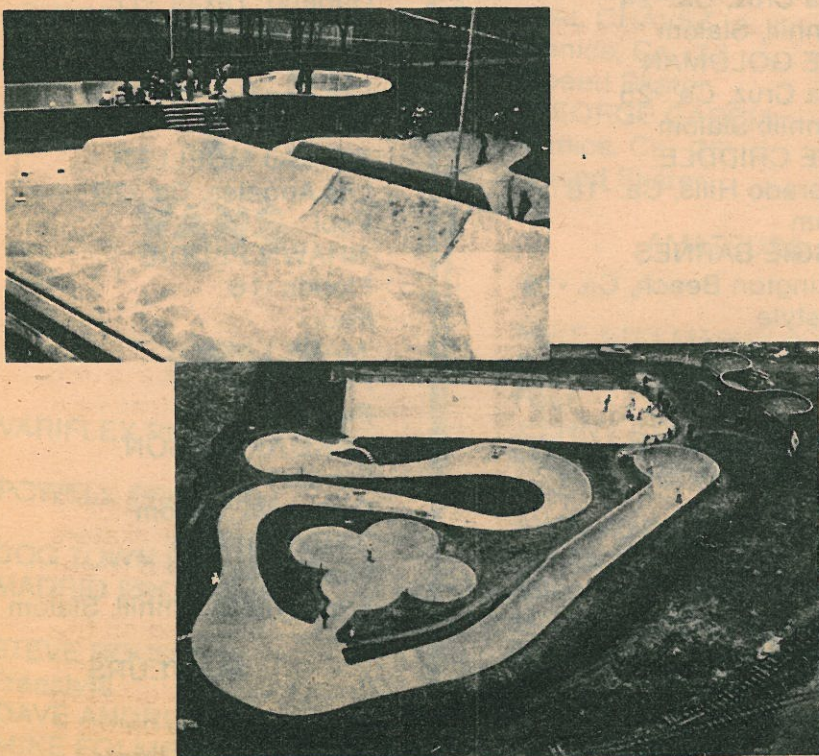
John Watson donated the "Best Sportsman" trophy to Tony Hawk, on behalf of the Pogo Sports Center, Clairmont, Ca. The senior Mr. Hawk handled the announcing chores quite capably.

Photos & Story by
Rusty Harris



Some of the Amateur skaters participating at the recent OASIS Banked Freestyle event were: (top) Billy Ruff (G & S) who took the 14 & Over class; Chris Black (above right) and Jason Park (above left) participated in the 13 & Under class, which was won by Tim Phillips, not pictured. Photo. Rusty Harris.

ENGLAND News



Two Parks in Stevenage for the Park Riding specialists.
Left - Bowes Lyon House Right - Aerial view of Knebworth.

PARK RIDERS GET SKATEPARKS MECCA

Two of the finest skateparks in England have co-ordinated their efforts to provide the E.S.A. with a unique park-riding training camp. Mr. Jim Hodgkinson E.S.A. Executive for the Eastern Region and Controller of the Bowes-Lyon Skatepark at Stevenage is uniting his efforts with the management of the Knebworth Skatepark, also in Stevenage. The relatively new Bowes Lyon Skatepark, built with the aid of a Sports Council Grant is rated amongst top bowl riders including the American Shogo Cubo, as having one of the best drop bowls in the country and also includes a mogul, half-pipe and freestyle area. The adjoining Bowes Lyon House provides an indoor "wet weather" practice area with facilities for advanced training and coaching.

Knebworth Skatepark, built at the stately home of the Hon. David Lytton Cobbold, was the venue for the first English Skateboard Championship in 1978 and provides an ideal setting for any National Event. The skatepark, built in a

delightful setting includes a clover-leaf bowl complex, half-pipe, massive snake run, two deep bowls and a large freestyle area.

The E.S.A. Officers are delighted with these latest achievements and the combination of the two parks, plus the indoor area, provides a training camp which is second to none.

Steve Gratton, U.K. Park-Riding Champion and Ted Lee, E.S.A. Executive from Basingstoke, will assist Jim Hodgkinson in the organisation of the new Park Riding Training Camp, which completes the establishment of centres of excellence for all six disciplines. Serious training and Team Trials will begin shortly and top park riders will be seeded for National Competitions.

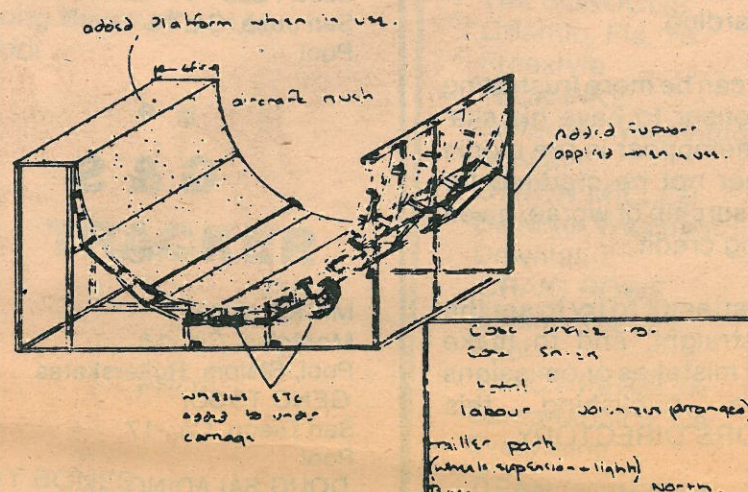
Local Clubs and Area Associations wishing to organise coach trips to the Stevenage Skateboard Mecca should first contact either Jim Hodgkinson on 0438 53175 or David Condi, Knebworth Estates Office 0438 812661.

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U.K. CHAMPION JOINS NORTHERN FORCE

Ramp (1/2 Pipe) under complete skating conditions



Transportable Demonstration Ramp designed by Steve Gratton, now under construction in Doncaster, Yorks.

Steve Gratton, current holder of the U.K. Park Riding Title, has teamed up with Jan Boylen, the E.S.A. executive for the North of England, to establish a demonstration team and to co-operate with the Governing Body in the pursuit of excellence.

Steve has the expertise and the qualifications of a real champion and he is respected by other skaters in that top echelon. Jan Boylen is equally well-known, not for his skating ability, but for his constant vigilance over E.S.A. affairs. These two personalities more than complement each other and provide further evidence that skaters and official organisers can work together to make real progress.

Plans are already underway to stage a number of skateboard demonstrations which will emphasise the current development, including the six various disciplines. Coaching sessions and Skills Award Days are also being planned, and the newly formed 'Yorkshire Team' will soon become a powerful force in competition. Jan Boylen has recently located a building suitable for use as a Regional Coaching and Training Centre, close to the town centre of Sheffield. The owners, Morrisons Supermarkets, have licensed Jan Boylen to use the premises on a peppercorn basis and Jan has lined up a number of ramps which will make a significant indoor training centre.

Steve Gratton is also busy seeking out other suitable venues in the North of England where a series of demonstrations and Skills Award and Coaching Days can be programmed. Steve and Jan are being assisted by the Sports Council Senior Regional Officer for Yorkshire & Humberside, Mr. Robin Baron, who has long been a supporter of skate-

boarding. Mr. Baron is keen to be contacted by other active people within the region so that all efforts can be co-ordinated. Mr. Baron can be contacted at Coronet House, Queen Street, Leeds, LS1 2PW. Tel. (0532) 36443.

In the Rotherham district Mrs. Jean Goodwill continues her fight for facilities. She told Arthur Howard, Chairman of the E.S.A. at an informal meeting recently, that local authorities do not seem to be aware that skateboarding is now a properly managed sport with a recognised Governing Body. She said that there was a great need for more youth development agencies to become involved in the organisation of skateboarding activities and that she was concerned for the great numbers of talented skateboarders who needed some adult supervision in order to provide opportunities for them to practice and develop their sport. Mrs. Goodwill appealed for "Friends of Skateboarding" in the North to "stand up and be recognised".

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TEAM DIRECTORY...

Or... Who is with Whom

One of the confusing things this past season, has been to determine which skater is skating for what team, or who are the sponsors that should be credited.

Sponsors have skaters on their team so that the company can benefit from any publicity their skaters receive as a result of skateboarding.

Nothing can be more frustrating for a sponsor to have his skater's name appear in the media and either not be credited for his sponsorship or worse, given the wrong credit.

So in an attempt to try to set the record straight, and to make right any mistakes or omissions we are publishing this SPONSORS DIRECTORY.

We've tried to contact all known sponsors. Some we've been unable to reach. If we left you out it was not intentional. Besides, this is only the first of many lists we'll be publishing and updating from time to time.

List is in random order.

POWELL/ PERALTA PROS

RAY BONES
Cerritos, Ca. -17
Pool, Pipe, Banks
STEVE CABALLERO
San Jose, Ca. -15
Pools
MIKE MCGILL
Newport Ritchie, Fla. -16
Pool & Ramps
ALAN GELFAND
Hollywood, Ca. -17
Pool & Ramps
JAY SMITH
Canoga Park, Ca. -17
Pool
TIM SCROGGS
Orlando, Fla. -17
Freestyle, Banks, Pool
JEREMY HENDERSON
London, England -18
Pool, Freestyle, Slalom
ROGER HICKEY (support)
Huntington Beach, Ca. -20
Speed, anything fast.

AMATEURS

DAVID ZAKREZWSKI
Tujunga, Ca. -16
Pool

TEDDY BENNETT
Huntington Beach, Ca. -16
Pool
JAMIE GODFREY
Elkins Park, Pa. -15
Pool & Half Pipe
RODNEY MULLEN
Gainesville, Fla. -14
Freestyle

SUPPORTING

Scott Foss
San Jose, Ca. 16
Pool

G & S

PROS

MICKE ALBA
Montclair, Ca. -15
Pool, Slalom, Rollerskates
GENO TOCCI
San Diego, Ca. -17
Pool
DOUG SALADINO
San Diego, Ca. -17
Pool, Freestyle

AMATEURS

BILLY RUFF
San Diego, Ca. -16
Pool, Freestyle
GREG WEAVER
San Diego, Ca. -15
Pool
NEIL BLENDER
Anaheim, Ca. -16
Pool
JIM GREY
Anaheim, Ca. -17
Pool
JEFF RONNOW
Anaheim, Ca. -10
Pool
LARRY BARDEN
Lakewood, Ca. -12
Freestyle
JAMES BARDEN
Lakewood, Ca. -15
Freestyle
PHIL JETTON
Rolling Hills, Ca. -15
Freestyle
DARREN BURKE
New Jersey -16
Freestyle
TRAVIS D'ARMEN
Texas -10
Freestyle

SANTA CRUZ

PROS

DUANE PETERS
Orange, Ca. -19
Pool, Slalom, Downhill

STEVE OLSON
Seal Beach, Ca. -19
Pool, Slalom, Downhill
JOHN HUTSON
Santa Cruz, Ca. -24
Downhill, Slalom
MIKE GOLDMAN
Santa Cruz, Ca. -25
Downhill, Slalom
DAVE CRIDDLE
El Dorado Hills, Ca. -18
Slalom
REGGIE BARNES
Huntington Beach, Ca. -19
Freestyle
STEVE ALBA
Montclair, Ca. -18
Pool
GEORGE ORTON
Salt Lake City, Utah -19
Pool
PETER GIFFORD
Palo Alto, Ca. -19
Pool
SCOTT PARSONS
Los Gatos, Ca. -20
Pool
TOM MERRICK
Carmichael, Ca. -18
Pool

AMATEURS

PAPO CAPIELLO
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Pool
BOB SERAFIN
Tustin, Ca. -14
Everything
EDDIE MEEK
Orange, Ca. -16
Everything
JASON RICHARDSON
Irvine, Ca. -10
Pool
CARABETH BURNSIDE
Orange Hills, Ca. -14
Pool
STEVE GARCIA
Seal Beach, Ca. 15
Freestyle, Pool
GERRY HURTADO
Anaheim, Ca. -21
Downhill, Slalom
CHRIS MILLER
Clairmont, Ca. -12
Pool
CHRIS BARKLEY
Newport Beach, Ca. -19
Downhill

GULL WING

PROS

DAVE ANDRECHT
San Diego, Ca. -20
Pool, Freestyle, Slalom
PAT WEAVER
San Diego, Ca. -19
Pool

STEVE SCHNEER
Los Angeles, ca. -18
Pool
STUART SINGER
Garland, Texas -17
Freestyle, Pool
ART DICKEY
Los Angeles, Ca. -19
Pool, Slalom
DEANO MUELLER
Los Angeles, Ca. -20
Pool
SHAWN PEDDIE
Florida -16
Pool
MARK LAKE
Florida -19
Pool
MIKE APPERSON
Florida -19
Downhills, Slalom
STEVE BYARS
Florida -20
Freestyle, Downhill, Slalom

AMATEURS

BILL RUFF
San Diego, Ca. -16
Pool, Freestyle
MARK BRANIECKI
San Diego, Ca. -19
RODNEY BARNES
San Diego, Ca. -18
Pool
MIKE STELMASKY
Spring Valley, Ca. -15
Pool
KENNY STELMASKY
Spring Valley, Ca. -13
Pool
BRAD JACKMAN
Los Angeles, Ca. -16
Slalom, Pool, Freestyle
RICHARD STOREY
Canada -16
Freestyle, Slalom, Pool
RICK TETZ
Canada -19
Freestyle, Slalom
RICH LIEN
Vancouver, Canada -17
Freestyle, Pool
MIKE BLAKE
Canada -18
Everything
CORY CAMPBELL
Canada -19
Barrel Jumping, Slalom, Freestyle.
SOPHIE BOURGEOIS
Montreal, Canada -16
Freestyle, Slalom

CASTER

PROS

CHRIS STROPPE
Sierra Madre, Ca.
Pool
TOM INOUE
Leucadia, Ca. -20
Pool

AMATEURS

JOHN GIBSON
Pasadena, Texas
Pool
SONNY MILLER
Rancho Santa Fe, Ca.
Pool

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MADRID PRO TEAM

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Freestyle
DAVE ANDRECHT
MIKE FOLMER
STEVE ALBA
MICKE ALBA
DUANE PETERS
DENNIS AGNEW

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POWELL AM. TEAM

DOG TOWN AM. TEAM
MADRID AM. TEAM

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KEN STELMASKY
BRIAN MARTIN
MARK ROGOWSKI
TONY HAWK
CARABETH BURNSIDE
DENISE DANIELSON
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GALE WEBB
JUDY OYAMA

-Z PRODUCTS

PROS

DENIS AGNEW
Venice, Ca. -18
Pool
JOSE CASTRO
Inglewood, Ca.
Pool
DENISE DANIELSON
Santa Monica, Ca. -20
Pool

RUSTY HAMILTON
Venice, Ca. -19
Freestyle
LEE CLEMONS
Culver City, Ca. -20
Rollerskate
SAL CHAVEZ
Venice, Ca. -33
Speed Skater
GEORGE GARCIA
Venice, Ca. -26
Speed Skater

AMATEURS

MIKE STELMASKY
Spring Valley, Ca.
Pool
KENNY STELMASKY
Spring Valley, Ca.
Pool
AVERY GRANT
Venice, Ca. -14
Rollerskate, Slalom
MARK NGOHO
Culver City, Ca. -14
Roller Skate,
MIKE COX
Atlantic Beach, Fla.
Pool
SCOTT GREEN
Atlantic Beach, Fla. -15
Pool

MADRID

PROS

ROGER HICKEY
Huntington Beach, Ca. -21
Downhill, Laydown, Slalom
PERRY FISSE
Balboa, Ca. -20
Downhill, Demos.
CHRIS LARSON
Freestyle
CHRIS CHAPUT
Freestyle
RUSS HOWELL
Freestyle
STEVE DAY
Freestyle
SKITCH HITCHCOCK
Freestyle
CHRIS HANES
Freestyle
TARA KAYLER
Freestyle
DALE SMITH
Freestyle

AMATEURS

RICK DENTON
Huntington beach, Ca. -20
Downhill, Slalom, Laydown

BEAU BROWN
Huntington Beach, Ca. -19
Downhill, Slalom
DON BAUMEA
Huntington Beach, ca. -22
Downhill, Laydown, Slalom
DAVE PERRY
Huntington Beach, Ca. -20
Laydown, Stand up, Slalom
ROLAND COBALIS
29 Palms, Ca. -15
Pool, Slalom
SUE SMITH
Long Beach, Ca. -12
Pool
CHRIS RENNIE
Redondo Beach, Ca. -15
Pool
PAUL MOLINA
Long Beach, Ca. -15
Pool

TRACKER

PROS

RAY BONES
Cerritos, Ca. -17
Pool
STEVE CABALLERO
San Jose, Ca. -15
Pool
JOSE CASTRO
Los Angeles, Ca.
Pool
STEVE EVANS
Upland, Ca. -22
Downhill
ALAN GELFAND
Hollywood, Fla. -17
Pool
TOM INOUE
Pool
KURT KIMBLE
Leucadia, Ca. -22
Downhill
Bert LaMar
Canoga Park, Ca. 15
Pool
MIKE MCGILL
Newport Ritchie, Fla. -16
Pool, Ramps
LEIGH PARKIN
Cardiff by the Sea, Ca. -16
Pool

DUKE RENNIE
Redondo Beach, Ca.
Rollerskate
JAY SMITH
Canoga Park, Ca. -17
Pool
GENO TOCCI
Spring Valley, Ca. -17
Pool
CINDY WHITEHEAD
Hermosa Beach, Ca.
Pool
TONY JETTON
Rolling Hills, Ca.
Pool
CHRIS CHAPUT
San Diego, Ca.
Freestyle
TIM SCROGGS
Orlando, Fla. 19
Freestyle
RICK FIKE
Bellerne, Washington -
Downhill
BYRON MILLER
Bellerne Washington
Downhill
CRAIG ROWE
Upland, Ca. -21
Pool
STACY PERALTA
Santa Monica, Ca.
Everything
DEAN GODFREY
Elkins Park Pa.
Pool
SUE SMITH
Long Beach, Ca. -12
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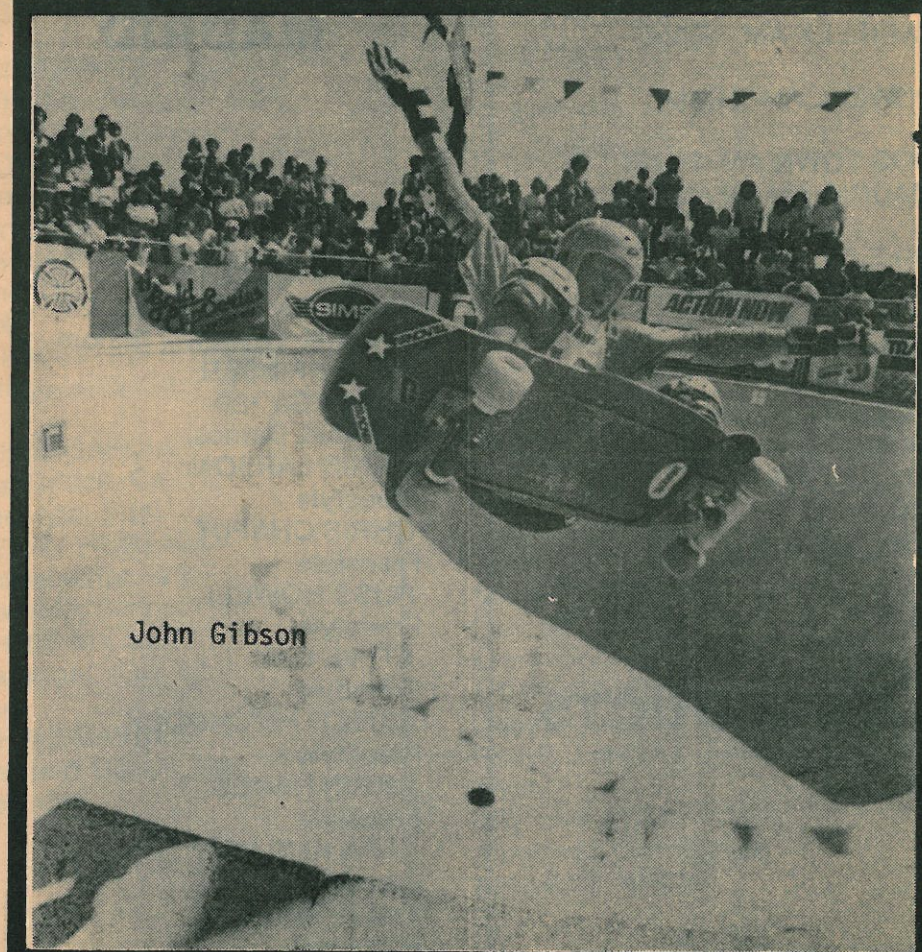
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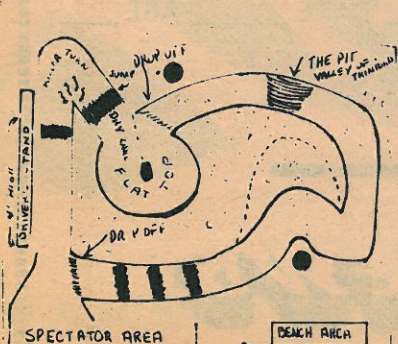
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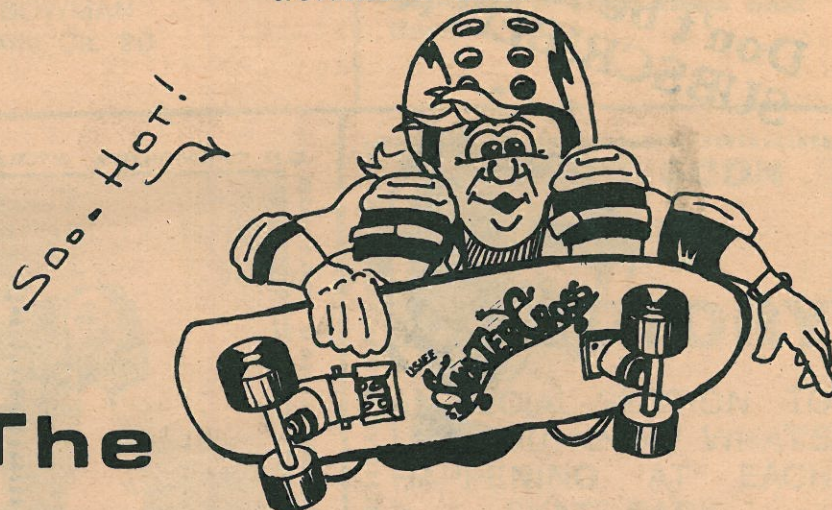
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EDITORIAL

What's in the Future?

How long does it take for any sport, to become a National pastime?

How long did it take for Football to become the multi-million dollar sport that it is today? For that matter, how long did it take Basketball, Tennis, Soccer, Bowling, Golf, and others?

Having done a bit of research and through some personal experiences, none of the above were instant successes at their inception.

They all went through some growing pains, not unlike the ones we're going through today in skateboarding.

They all had their "moments of truth". Those certain times when there were but a handful of dedicated committed individuals who stuck to it to make it happen.

For example. It wasn't so long ago, in the cold, hard winters of the Mid-West, that George Halas, better known as "papa bear", owner of the Chicago Bears, carted a handful of young men dedicated to make football a legitimate professional sport. They played wherever they could. Sand lots, fields, pastures, were their arena. And the money? If they made \$5.00 per game and got food, they felt lucky. Still, they loved the sport and they were willing to do anything for its acceptance. Because of their dedication, Football grew to what it is today. Yes there were many who thought it never had a chance.

A more recent example is the sport of Motocross.

It wasn't more than 15 years ago, that the sport was introduced to this country. There were no places to ride or race those bikes. There were many who thought it was just a fad and a pastime and it would soon go away. But yet, those who stayed, when everyone was leaving, those who were dedicated to make it into a National sport, made it what it is today.

I'm sure that today's number one Professional Motocrosser in the country, can't remember those hard lean years of organizing and planning. Yet, I'm sure he appreciates the fact that today he can earn upwards of \$200,000 a year, for being the best, as a result of those efforts.

Is it farfetched to think that skateboarding, as a sport, can be categorized in the same manner?

I don't think so. In fact, I know so.

Not when, at one time, this industry sold over 22 million skateboards all over the world! There are some strong ties there, that one day, if properly nurtured, will begin to pay off.

Perhaps, that one Pro Skateboarder, who one day will earn vast sums of money off the sport has not been born yet. Or may be he's just now getting into it.

But it's up to us now, to begin to lay the ground work for its future.

We may not reap all the benefits from its growth, to be sure, pioneers very seldom do. But it has to be done, if you believe in it.

I really get upset when some young and old people claim that the sport is dying. I think they lack vision and committment.

Skateboarding is exciting to watch. No matter if it's in the pools, banks, slaloms, freestyle or down hills. Skateboarding has all the elements to attract massive audiences. What are some of those elements?

It has the element of danger. While our safety record is better than any action sport, still one could get hurt. People like to watch sports that offer the slight chance of danger. It's human. It's American.

It has versitility. There can be experts in each type of skateboarding activity. Freestyle, Pools, Slalom, Down Hill, etc.

It has National appeal. As stated before, skateboarding has touched directly or inderecctly, almost every household in this country and throughout the world.

As a "sport", the participant must have dedication, do hard work and improve on his skills. Notable qualities to learn in life.

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2. Duane Peters 436
3. Steve Caballero 392
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5. Micke Alba 362

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25. Steve Schmeer 60
27. John Harris 55
27. Dennis Martinez 55
29. Alan Gelfand 34
29. George Orton 34
31. Pat Weaver 32
32. Brad Stradland 29

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1. Pattie Hoffman 500
2. Denise Danielson 451
3. Cindy Whitehead 360
4. Gale Webb 250
5. Leigh Parkins 185
6. Kim Adrian 85

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2. John Gibson 415
3. Lance Mountain 399.5
4. Mike Hirsch 393.5
5. Bob Serafin 391
6. Christian Hosoi 352
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8. Jim Grey 285.5
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21. Chris Crouch 127
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26. Mike Maxwell 105.5
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32. Jim Waataja 69
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1. Monte Nolder(VARIFLEX)

SPONSORED POOL 14-16:

1. Chris Baucom(WALKER)
2. Robbie Weir (WALKER)

POOL 17 & Over:

1. Billy Beaurregard(SCHMITT STIX)

HALF PIPE 14-16:

1. Robbie Weir (WALKER)
2. Chris Baucom (WALKER)

HALF PIPE 17 & Over:

1. Billy Beaurregard(SCHMITT STX)
2. John Hedges

FREESTYLE:

1. Rodney Mullen(POWELL/PERALTA)
2. Kenny Heath (SIMS)

BOWL & VERTICAL WALL:

14-16:

1. Kenny Heath (SIMS)
- 17 & Over:
1. Billy Beaurregard(SCHMITT STIX)

DOWNHILL SLALOM:

14-16:

1. Kenny Heath (SIMS)
- 17 & Over:
1. Billy Beaurregard (SCHMITT STIX)

DOWNHILL SPEED (open):

1. Kenny Heath (SIMS)

UNSPONSORED AMATEURS

POOL 13 & Under:

1. Brian Cox
2. Matt Rimes

POOL 14-16:

1. Tommy Redcay
2. Mark Shannon

17 & Over:

1. Joe Dunlop

2. Doug Doane

POOL Ladies:

1. Kindra Owens
2. Stacy Ramos

HALF PIPE 13 & Under:

1. Kevin Ball
2. Marty Ramos

HALF PIPE 14-16:

1. Pat Solomon
2. Clint Owens

HALF PIPE 17 & Over:

1. Dale Key
2. Doug Doane

HALF PIPE Ladies:

1. Kindra Owens
2. Stacy Ramos

FREESTYLE:

1. Robert Rodriguez

DOWNHILL SLALOM:

- Doug Doane
1. Doug Doane

GRINDERS...contd.

the same time be a big shot and give the other one to your favorite person for Christmas. Everybody wins.

MADRID Skates reports an increase in sales and orders of their "long boards", especially the 33" and 40" boards. Lots of people are now using them for beach cruisers, where two people can ride it together and have more fun. They also report a slight increase in regular boards as well. There are still a few "long boarders" around, skating at various parks. They are classic and fun to watch. SKATER-CROSS used to have a skater with a 44 incher who could do anything that a guy with a smaller board could do. He was unreal! His name? We forgot, but he was hot!

During the Holidays, SKAT'N NEWS will be doing a piece on "ramp skating" in the Oxnard,

Santa Barbara area. There are still lots of hot skaters in the area that even though they don't have a park near them any more they're still shredding on vert.

We hear that the ALVA boards will be out during the Holidays. It looks like the company will be back into the skateboard scene after leaving it for a while to dabble in roller-skates. We also understand that Tony Alva will be going to Guatemala after the first of the year, where he is very popular.

VOICES...contd.

up and don't you go covering some of the other fa sports.

How about some "ramp coverage"?

Tim (De-Void) Hinton
Forest Park, Georgia

I wouldn't go as far as calling other sports "fag", but don't worry, we're solid into skateboarding. ED.

EDITORIAL...contd.

These are all ingredients for a National sport.

Many of us have worked hard to make it happen. We've made the equipment better, safer, more durable.

But we must not stop there. We now must continue to support it and most importantly, we must get the word out to the masses.

This is one area where we've done very little. The time is now to put all our efforts to show the rest of the masses what skateboarding is all about.

That should be our goal for 1981.

Who knows, this next year may be the year which will be remembered by future skaters, as the year when a hand full of dedicated people, traveled around the country, for a few dollars, just "to make it happen" Yeap, those were the guys who made Skateboarding the multi-million dollar sport that it is.

That would be something!

The Wheel II

Johnnie / Tomado CC



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