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BY

ANITA GRIND

NOW that we're the only "full-on" skateboard publication in the world, we're getting a lot of requests for more coverage around the country. Recent letters indicate that there's a need for a lot of skaters, especially in the mid-west, to know what's happening. We've also received the same request from abroad. All we can say is that we're trying to bring you as much up to date info. as we can get our hands into. We don't put anything aside sent to us that deals with skateboarding. So keep your cards and letters, results, contest notices, whatever, coming folks...there's a lot of people that want to know about it.

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Don't be surprised if one day soon you're walking past your local newsstand and you see SKAT'N NEWS along side some of the other tabloids. Current negotiations are under way, which may bring about a distribution deal throughout the country. Already the paper is being distributed to all skate-parks in the U.S. and Canada, most major shops and lots of subscribers around the world. And it's only taken a year!

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Park owners are really getting fed up with Pros selling equipment at the local park parking lots. A new resolution is being worked out by Park Owners, whereby anyone caught doing their selling will be automatically expelled from said park and his name will go on a list for other parks to review.

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Ron Yerman, among others, had some of his equipment ripped-off at the recent Del Mar ASPO. With so many skaters around, some creeps had a field day. But in Ron's case, those idiots got more than they bargained for.

It seems that some dudes pulled into the parking lot and asked Ron to see his board and then took off with it. A gentleman who was driving up to the Golf Range saw the incident and took off after them, catching them at the signal. Thereafter, the gentleman got warmed up for his golf practice by teeing off on the thieves and beating the hell out of them. **BOTTOM LINE:** Ron got his equipment back, the gentleman felt pretty good about his deed and the creeps are now hanging around roller rinks.

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On the same topic, because so many skaters lost their equipment, if you have any information about someone who may have stolen equipment, let us or your nearest skatepark know about it. It will be treated in confidence and you may wind up with some kind of reward. And if you think this makes you a "narc", just think about how you would feel if it was your equipment.

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Tim Leighton-Boyce, who wrote us a couple of issues ago from England, reports a major change in the prospects for a major skateboard competition in the UK, this summer.

It seems that Tor Line, has made a commitment to be the sponsor for a two day event slated for August 30, 1980.

The Scandinavian shipping line will help sponsor the "down-hill" race, set for August 30th at England's National Sports Center at Crystal Palace and on the following day, the skatepark elements of competition will be held at the Rom Skatepark, East of London.

The top prize will be a Tor Line cruise to Sweden. Not bad at all!

Those of you who're planning to make the contest, contact ALPINE SPORTS in London for more info.

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Favorites to walk away with the holiday package from Tor may be: Rog Harvey, Paul Sulley, Jay Gayton or Jeremy Henderson, all vets of bio-vert wars. But don't discount some of the young amateurs who can turn it on when the judges are looking. Results will be

forthcoming we've been told.

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John Harris, no longer skating for SIMS, is now wearing the Northern Calif. colors of Santa Cruz/NHS/INDY. The folks up North are putting a massive effort in support of Pros and Amateurs in ASPO and GOLD CUP competitions. Some of the top amateurs in ASPO were representing the No. Cal. group.

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Details are still sketchy about the August 30, "down-hill" and "slalom" competition to be held in Northern California. The SANTA CRUZ/NHS/INDY sponsored event will be the biggest of the summer up there. We're expecting more details in the next issue.

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Also on tap for AUGUST 30, is the VANS/G&S Freestyle event to be held at the OASIS skatepark. Additional sponsorship is now being sought, but according to Steve Cathey, from G & S, it looks like it will "go" and hopefully will have the same energies of the Ocean-side events of years past. High costs to put on the Oceanside were the main reason why this year it will not be held there. It seems that the city wants a big cut. Still, freestyle interest is once again gaining.

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We hear the same song from other parts of the country. They still want Freestyle competitions. It seems more in line because they can be held almost anywhere, parking lots, shopping malls and auditoriums.

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The AUGUST 2, ASPO # 2, will have a tight slalom event, in addition to the pool event. So get out your thin gyrating stick and start practicing. If you don't have one, maybe get together with someone who has one and share it for the event. You want to be a top ASPO skater, you've got to skate everything man!

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Stacy Peralta reports on his recent trip to the Scandinavian countries in this issue. His report is enthusiastic. Check it out.

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The COLTON pool is now completed and skateable. First hand reports are that it came out great and that with the exception of the coping being a bit out too far, a situation which is being corrected this week, it will be one of the best pools around.

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In previous issues we have printed AUGUST 30-31 as the Gold Cup date at COLTON. This is wrong! The date is AUGUST 23-24, one week before, so mark this on your calendar.

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Geoff Phillips is no longer with GULL WING. Owner Walt Tiedge will resume all responsibilities for the company.

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Yes Virginia, Pomona Pipe and Pool, formerly New Wave, formerly Pomona Pipe and Pool skatepark, is once again in operation and doing just fine. They want everyone to know that all pools are open and ready for heavy sessioning.

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F.A.S.T. (the Florida Amateur Skateboard Tournaments) Circuit has cancelled the last three events of the season. Reason: "apathy". Skaters and promoters alike didn't show a lot of interest in participating and/or promoting the circuit. The July 12 event at Rainbow Wave in Tampa was cancelled at the last minute. Kit Traverso, operator of the facility said that he would continue to let skaters skate, but that he was not interested in holding any more competitions, this as reported by Richard Blalock, director of FAST.

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Many people have called ASPO to find out how they can draw such great interest in competitions. The answer is promotion of the sport, incentives for the skaters to compete on a regular basis (ASPO points, Gold Cards, Trophies, etc.) and the entire cooperation of all Park Owners involved. Without it, it's back to the same old song.

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GRINDERS

Over 600 paid spectators on Sunday and over 400 on Saturday, plus several hundred comps. both days made for an excellent turn out at the Gold Cup at BIG O. Terry Wolf, owner of the park and his wife Elizabeth, were delighted in view of the fact that they already have the bleacher space. Most other parks have to go out and rent them for the weekend, which cuts into the profit column. Perhaps it's time for the remaining parks to start thinking of building, little by little some bleacher space. It's great for the normal day traffic and of course excellent when having an event like the Gold Cup or ASPD or whatever.

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The CAPITOLA DOWNHILL CLASSIC is set for August 30. All contestants must be registered by 9:00 am on the day of the event or prior. The place is Monterey Ave. in Capitola Village, Ca. Where's Capitola you ask? It's part of the city of Santa Cruz, a stone's throw away.

First place is worth \$700., second \$350.; third \$250.; fourth \$150.; fifth \$100.; sixth \$75.; seventh \$50.; and eight \$35.

The Women's competition will be "winner take all" from the entry.

Early entry is \$30.00 and late entry (day of the contest) is \$40.00.

It's a standup downhill on a course of about 1/2 mile in length. Write Gary Tracey, P.O. Box 501, Capitola 95010.

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Looks like everybody's going to concave models. Newest in the market is the GRISHAM model from VARIFLEX. The next board from them is the Steve Hirsch model, which we understand will be out this week. Steve's picking up the first samples in Boulder, Colorado on the first leg of the month long VARIFLEX tour.

Who said that Tom Sims had joined a monastery and was living atop a mountain in the heart of Tibet. He was at the BIG O, with his dad Paul Sims watching the fine action at the last Gold Cup.

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BY JEFF VOEGELI

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- 1) STINGERS (ex: Caster/Inouye); By placing a relief in the side of the deck, the contour shape to the tail can be altered. This provides for a fuller nose for less foot sliding, while not losing any power, or control at the kick tail. This also reduces the weight of the deck.
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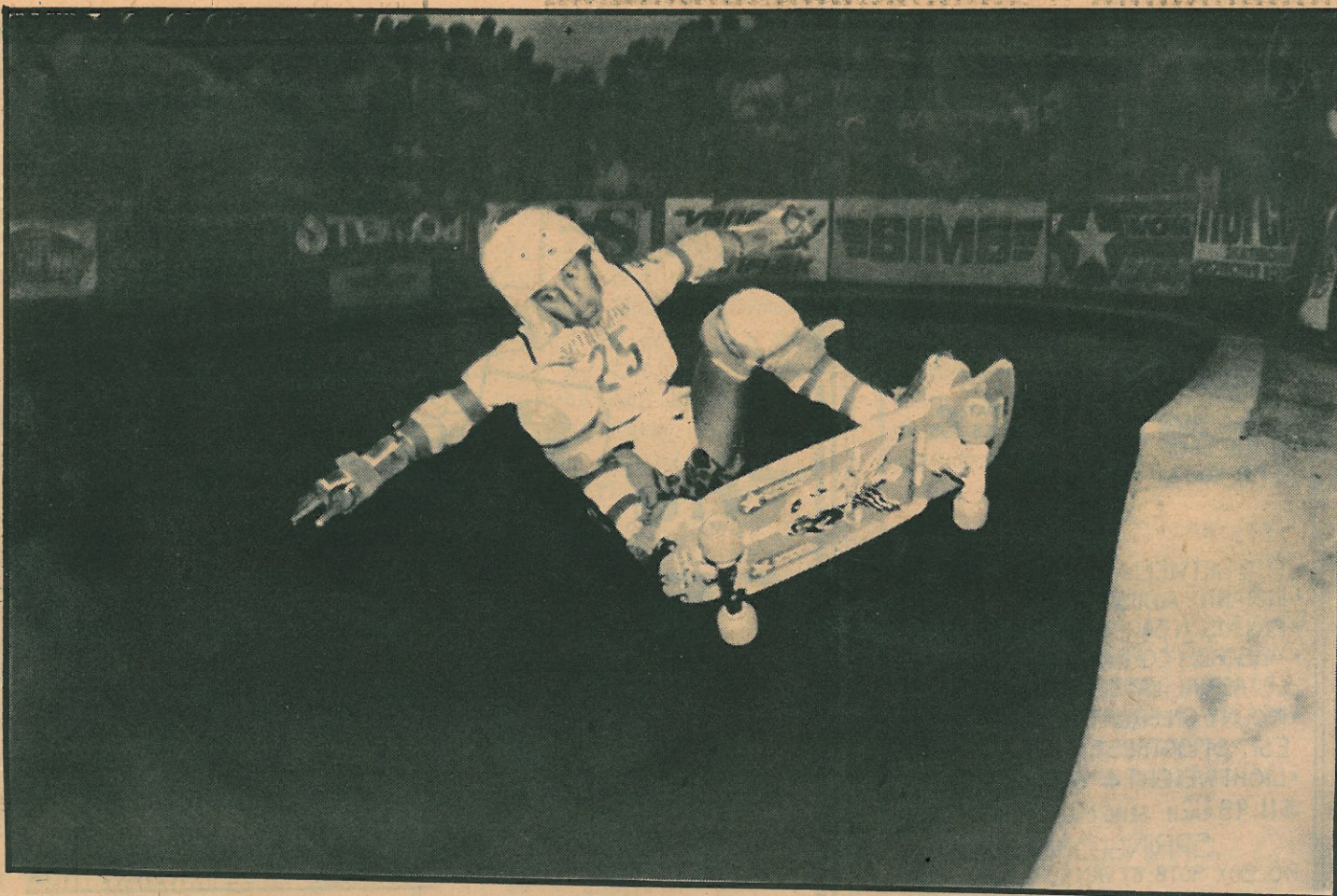
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Steve Caballero (POWELL/PERALTA) may have suffered from the long Pro program at BIG O GOLD CUP, as his tricks lost a little of their radness toward the end.

DUANE PETERS saves his two BEST RUNS FOR LAST

OVER 1000 SPECTATORS WATCHED THE MOST EXCITING PROFESSIONAL SKATEBOARD COMPETITION TO DATE. SIMS/GOLD CUP NUMBER TWO.

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THE BIG O SKATEPARK WAS THE SITE FOR THE SECOND IN THE SERIES OF FIVE PRO EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR THIS YEAR AS PART OF the GOLD CUP Series.

This becomes repetitious, but once again we've got to say that every event brings out more surprises and more excellent skating. And this was the best to date.

The winner?

Well, he started by qualifying second on Saturday. But then, it seemed that on Sunday, he was having trouble

putting it all together.

He got into the quarter finals by placing 7th in the 10-skater "cut".

The next "cut" would be for the top five skaters.

Once again, he had to run-off with two other skaters to make the final. Only two of the three would remain.

Then on the "Final", his first run (of three) was a total disaster, scoring him one of his lowest points, a 74.66.

The next two runs, would have to be near perfection if he were to figure in the top spot.

Well, it appears that DUANE PETERS (NHS/INDY/SANTA CRUZ) is at home in moments like these.

The harder the pressure, the better he performs.

If he were in a SWAT Team, he'd be the first storming through the door.

Everyone else was making their runs clean, pressing just enough to score high but not to blow themselves out of the top spot.

Duane, on the other hand started his second run as if his life depended on it.

If you were taking book on it, you'd probably give 10 to 1 odds, he would fall and blow it.

Every trick was on the verge of disaster.

Is there any doubt why they call him the "master of disaster"?

Not only did Duane Peters not fall, but he put on an incredible routine that got him the highest score in the entire contest.

His second run earned him a 92.33 and the third, (the best for the last) earned him a 92.66, high score for the meet.

The 185 combined points made Duane \$700. richer and 100 Gold Cup points toward the overall championship.

In second, with 184.33, only 2/3 a point less from first, was once again Eddie Elguera. Eddie now holds the overall lead in the Gold Cup with two seconds, with a total of 190 points.

In third place, with an outstanding performance, in only his second pro event, was Steve Caballero.

Eric Grisham placed fourth and Ray Rodrigues made up the top five in the Finals.

SATURDAY QUALIFYERS!

A total entry of 25 Pros and 35 Amateurs made the program.

Pros had to qualify by making their "compulsory" run and their "freestyle" run in the pool.

While the Capsule pool may have posted some problems in trying to make all the compulsory tricks, those that took time out to practice the mandatory tricks breezed through them, while others had great difficulty.

This caused skaters such as Allen Losi, Doug Saladino, Chris Strople, Steve Olson, to lose too many points in the compulsory, to qualify for Sunday's events.

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Joe Hardy came with the Lakewood boys and took First place in the Pool at Del Mar ASPO # 1, skating in the 1A,13-14 division.

ASPO#1 - 12 hours of unreal AMATEUR COMPETITION

UNBELIEVABLE, AMAZING, I DID NOT EXPECT THIS, THIS IS A FANTASTIC TURN OUT...THESE WERE SOME OF THE COMMENTS THAT WERE HEARD THIS PAST WEEK END AT THE FIRST ASPO AT DEL MAR.

JULY 12, 1980

OF THE 182 ENTRIES AND MAYBE 100 OR SO SPECTATORS, THAT WERE ON HAND THIS WEEKEND TO TAKE PART OF THE ASPO OPENER, not one complaint was lodged in the way the contest was organized or run.

Before-hand, preparation was made by Wayne Searle and his staff at DEL MAR, to run a smooth contest.

The amazing part and the credit that should be given to the Del Mar staff and the ASPO staff, is that as of Friday, the day before the event, estimates of entries were around the 100 mark.

That they were able to process 182 entries and about 120 new ASPO memberships and still start on schedule, at 11am. is short of a miracle.

If there's a negative to this affair, it is that you just can't run through 182 competitors taking 2 runs in 2 events in any less time

than the 12 hours that it took to complete this contest.

ASPO officials are now contemplating the idea of a two day affair.

In other words, if the entries continue at this rate, it may be necessary to run a two-day ASPO, Saturday and Sunday, to lessen the waiting period between runs.

It is a problem that all ASPO people are happy to face. Heretofore, the "big problem" was how to get kids to participate.

"Now that we seem to be getting the entries, we

look to a two-day affair and splitting up classes so that no one group has too long of a wait", announced Lou Peralta.

Other ideas, such as, running four separate events instead of two, and splitting skaters among all four, may be a way to cut down the length of each event.

The next ASPO at SKATERCROSS should give a better indication as to future events.

HEATS:

There's no longer a 10 and Under class, they have all been combined under the 12 and Under category. This did not seem to bother the skaters, especially Doug Cobalis. He picked up where he left off last season with a double win in the Park Team class, for his home park, The Colton Ranch.

Doug was followed by Chris Black(OASIS) in second in the pool event and Jeff Heath(LAKEWOOD) in the Slalom event.

No question that he is the skater to beat this season.

The Park Team 13-14 Pool event belonged to Dave Eckles(DEL MAR). He showed that knowing your own pool helps. He performed all his tricks with great control and style, using the entire wide radius of the pool.

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GOLD CUP

The compulsory routine makes up 25% of the skater's overall qualifying score, which makes it hard for a skater who does not do well in this phase to make up that many points in the freestyle part of it.

What's the solution for this disparity?

Work on your compulsory tricks because they count.

Saturday's qualifier was led by Powell/Peralta skater Steve Caballero, who finished with 116.66 points.

In second was Duane Peters, (SANTA CRUZ/NHS/INDY) with 113.66, followed in third by Eric Grisham (VARIFLEX) with 112.66.

Rounding out the top five was another POWELL/PERALTA skater, Mike McGill and in fifth, Mickey Alba, (G & S/INDY) winner of the OASIS Gold Cup.

Bert LaMar (SIMS), Steve Alba (NHS/INDY), Ray Rodriguez (POWELL/PERALTA), Fred DeSoto (VARIFLEX), Eddie Elguera (VARIFLEX), Steve Hirsch (VARIFLEX), Dave Andrecht (SIMS), Mike Smith (DOG TOWN), Brad Bowman (SIMS) and Mike Folmer (SIMS) made up the top fifteen qualifying spots.

In the AMATEUR division, it was POWELL/PERALTA skater David "Z", leading the way, ahead of Lance Mountain; newly acquired VARIFLEX skater, then Jim Gray (G&S), Eddie Meek (NHS) and Bob Serafin (SANTA CRUZ/INDY), who made up the top five.



"El Gato" Elguera (VARIFLEX) pulling off his newest trick; a channel-air foot plant. Ph. R. Harris

Qualifying for Sunday's finals were, Jamie Godfrey, Bill Ruff, Christian Hosoi, Tim Cunningham, Scott Foss, Mike Hirsch, John Gibson, John Ernst, Neil Blender, and in the last qualifying spot was Roland Cobalis.

SUNDAY AMATEUR SEMI:

At 3pm in the afternoon, three heats of five amateur skaters were run, each having two runs. The best of

the two would count. The five best scores would go right to the FINAL.

Tied for first, were Bob Serafin (NHS/INDY) and Lance Mountain (VARIFLEX) with same scores; 88.66.

There was no need of a run-off, as this was not for the "cut" spot.

In third was POWELL's David "Z", tied with G&S' Billy Ruff. The last transfer to the final was given to Mike Hirsch (VARIFLEX).

Notably different in this event, was the fact that all serious practice by skaters was done in the early part of the day.

Once the program began, all skaters would get one 15sec run to warm up.

So right after the SEMI, the top five were named and the Amateur Final was started.

AMATEUR FINALS:

As in all Gold Cup Finals, skaters get three runs, instead of two. The two best runs are combined and the highest total wins.

Lance Mountain (VARIFLEX) put on an excellent first and third run to earn him 176.66 points and first place, just a fraction of a point ahead of Bob Serafin (NHS/INDY) who took second with a score of 176.

Both skaters put on a great aerial display and, although at times their runs seemed a bit sketchy, they scored high enough to lead the way.

In third was Mike Hirsch, fourth Bill Ruff and fifth David "Z".

SUNDAY PRO QUARTER FINALS:

First heat saw Mike Folmer, Steve Hirsch, Freddy DeSoto, Mickey Alba and Eric Grisham all go against each other.

Topping that field was Eric Grisham who scored a 90.66 on his first run. The biggest point getting trick in his routine is his "varial channel jump" which he has down to perfection. It's an unreal maneuver.

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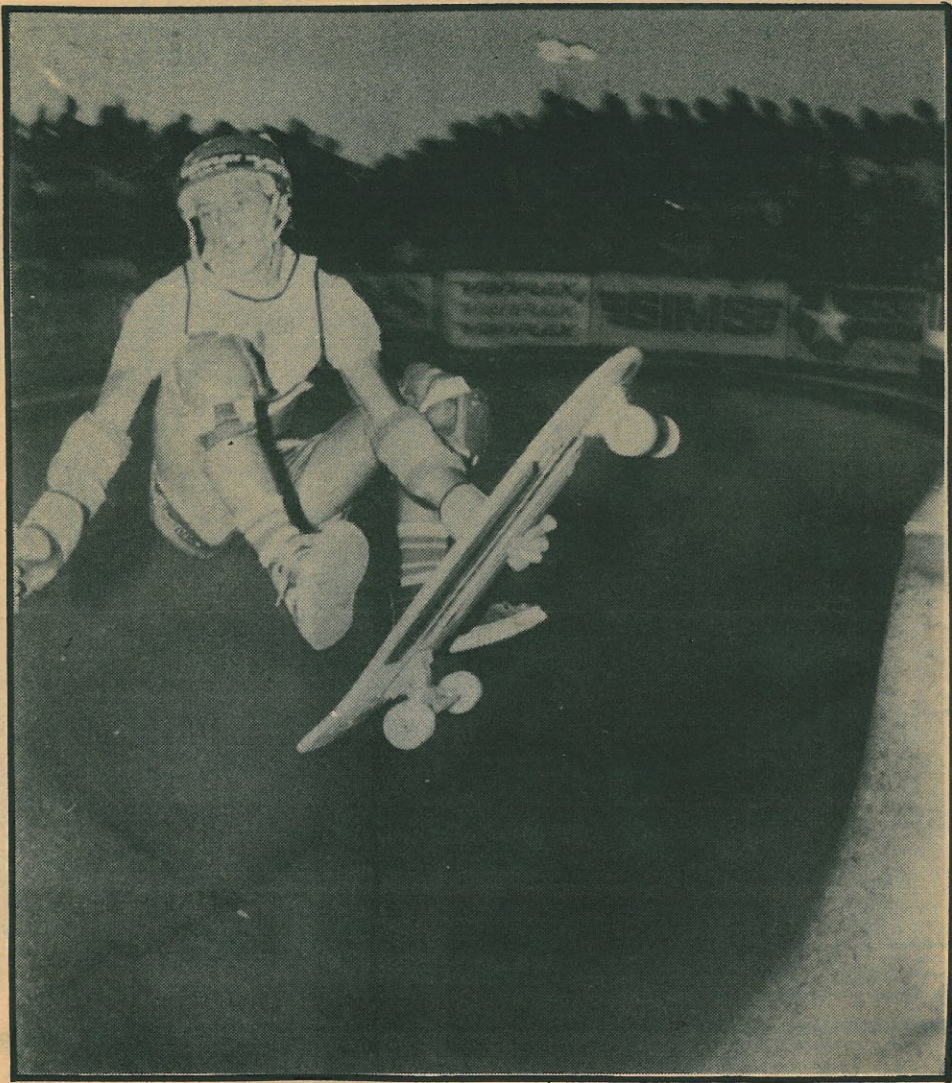
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Eric Grisham (VARIFLEX) here performing his "varial channel air" Eric won 4th place in the Gold Cup.

In the second heat, there was a tie for best score between Dave Andrecht and Bert LaMar, both SIMS teammates.

Dave's huge backside airs earned him 89.66 on his second run and Bert scored the same on his first run.

Dave's the guy that goes for the "big" trick which, at times, will earn him big points, but will also lose points if he doesn't make it.

Bert had a clean first run with channel airs and hand plants that were near perfection.

In the Third Heat, there were three big scores.

Tying with 91.00 were Steve Caballero and Eddie Elguera.

Steve had huge front-side and backside channel airs and a front-side hand plant, while Eddie pulled off a new trick; a "channel air to a foot-plant". You've got to see it to believe it.

Out of these three heats, the next cut to 10 was made. This made up the Semi event.

There was a tie for tenth place and a final transfer

spot to the Semi, between Brad Bowman (SIMS) and Steve Alba (NHS/INDY)

A run-off was necessary to break the tie and Brad emerged the victor.

PRO SEMI:

The First Heat was made up of skaters: Brad Bowman, Steve Hirsch, Bert LaMar, Ray Rodriguez and Eddie Elguera.

When you get to this point in the competition, you don't do anything different than what got you there, except you try to do it better.

Surprisingly, Ray Rodriguez was one of the top points skaters in this heat, as he performed his routines to the max. Excellent aeriels, channels, hand plants, roll-out tail stalls made up his routine, to earn him a 90.66 and tie him with Eddie Elguera.

Both skaters used their 2nd run to get them into the final.

The Second Heat, saw Mickey Alba, Duane Peters, Dave

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GOLD CUP

Andrecht, Eric Grisham and Steve Caballero go for it.

Topping that field was Steve Caballero, with front-side ollie channel airs, varial-hand plants, miller flips. His efforts scored the highest scores of both heats with a high of 92.00.

There was a three way tie with 90.00 each, between Mickey Alba, Eric Grisham and Duane Peters.

Caballero, Rodriguez and Elguera had qualified for the top three spots in the final, now there were only two more spots to fill, with three skaters to fill them.

A run-off was necessary and eliminated from the finals was Mickey Alba, who fell a couple of times to Eric's one fall and Duane's clean run.

PRO FINAL:

The stage was set. As we stated before, each skater would get three runs. The best two runs out of the three would make up the overall score.

Duane Peters made his first run, which was his poorest for the entire event. He earned 74.66 after several falls.

Then it was Eric Grisham. He had his "varial channel air" wired but the rest of his routine seemed a bit subdued. He made all his tricks clean, but certainly lacking maximum effort. He earned an 89.66 for his first run.

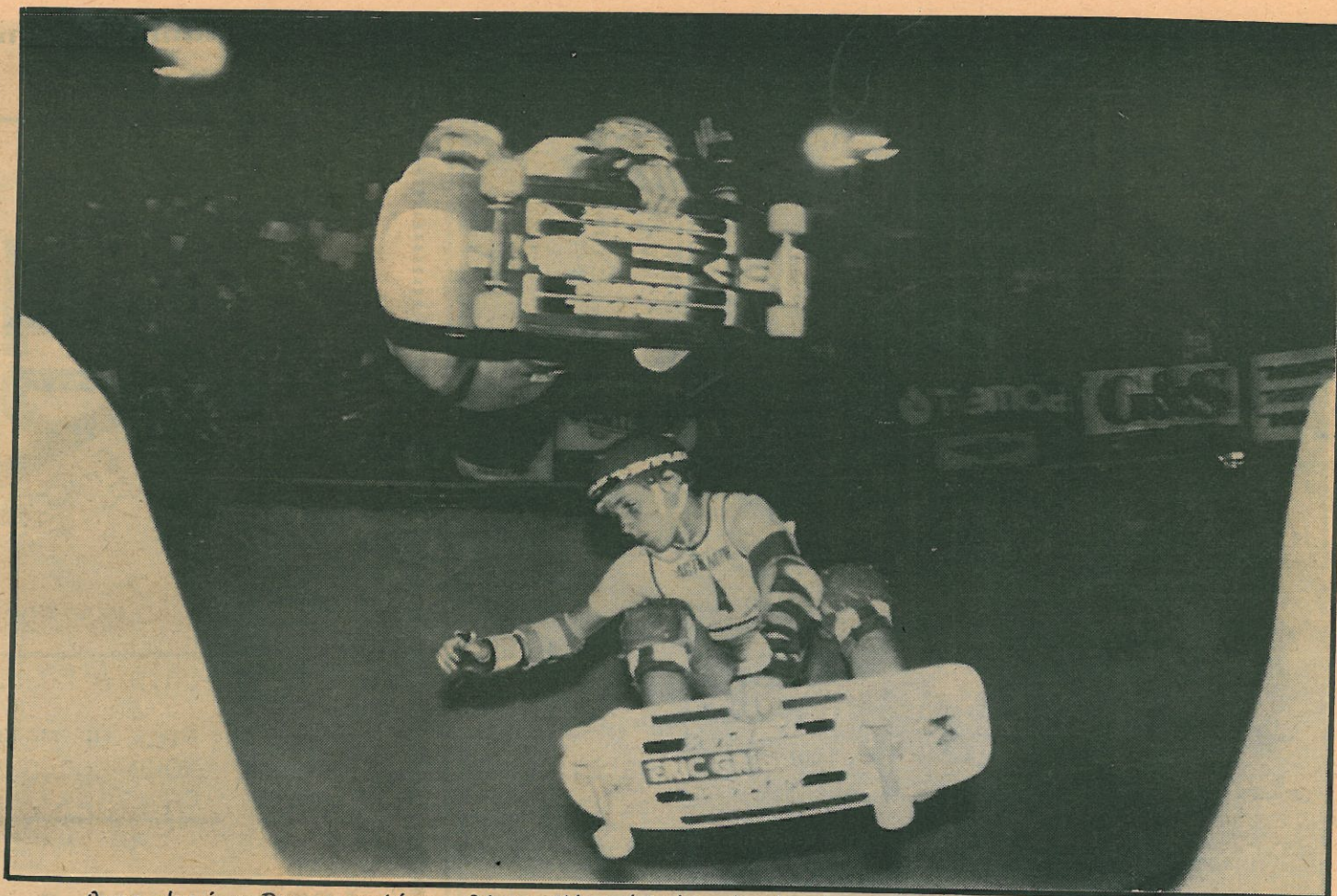
Eddie Elguera scored the highest of all first runs with a 92.00 by performing his routines as he had done in the spots before.

Ray Rodriguez also had a clean run but the extensions were not there.

Finally, Steve Caballero's first run was great with an outrageous hand plant, that kept him close to Elguera. Steve's score was a 91.00

On the skater's second run, Duane Peters served notice that anyone wishing to collect first place money had to get past him.

With his back against the wall, after a poor first



Once during Pro practice, Steve Hirsch's (top) wheels actually rolled on Eric Grisham's helmet. This time they both cleared it and won the Doubles at BIG 0

run, he had to make the next two runs count.

The "master of disaster" was on the proverbial cliff.

Every time he hit a wall, it looked like he would bail into a nasty fall.

His tail slides to the channel hip were outrageous, indy airs were two feet past coping and every trick was on the edge.

His score proved that this is what the judges were looking for as he scored a 92.33.

Under pressure, Eric Grisham came back for the second time with the same routine, but now pulling all stops. Extending every trick to earn top points. His score was a 91.66

Answering the calls was Eddie Elguera. He too made all his tricks, but you could feel that they were all pushed to the max. He got a 92.33, tying with Duane.

Ray Rodriguez bettered his first run, but not enough to really put him in contention. He had an 89.33

Steve Caballero looked like he made an identical second run to his first, yet he received a lower score of 90.33.

Now, the final third run had to be made.

While Duane had scored and excellent second run, he was still trailing by quite a bit because of his dismal first run. So, this had to be the one.

If he scored anything less than 90 points, he would not make the top three.

Well, the SANTA CRUZ/INDY skater saved the best for last.

He's got to be the best improvisational skater. He doesn't let you know what he's going to do next. Maybe he himself doesn't know. So when you watch him, the anticipation as to what's to come next is what makes his runs unique. The crowd sensed this.

What they got was Duane, pulling all the stops edging out for 45 sec. and, in the process earning the highest points of the meet for his third run; a 92.66.

The total combined points for his second and third run gave Duane 185 points total and first place, edging Eddie Elguera, with 184.33 by a fraction of a point.

Caballero got third with 183, fourth went to Grisham

with 181 and in fifth place was Rodriguez with 179.

During the awards, all top ten skaters were called up to receive their share of the purse and to be interviewed by D. David Morin for the television cameras.

Although these guys are fantastic skaters, they leave a little to be desired in public speaking.

Perhaps, team managers should spend some time with their skaters, coaching them in the fine art of articulating in front of a crowd.

If the sport is ever to grow, this is a must, which at times will be as important as the skating itself. Communicating with the masses.

For all results, check our "result" section.

The next Gold Cup is August 23-24 at the COLTON Ranch.

Their new pool is finished and it should prove to be an equalizer among all skaters.

The show still needs to be tightened up a bit, as some first-time spectators complained it's length. It's just too long.

Don Hoffman and the BIG 0 still put on a great show for a great crowd.

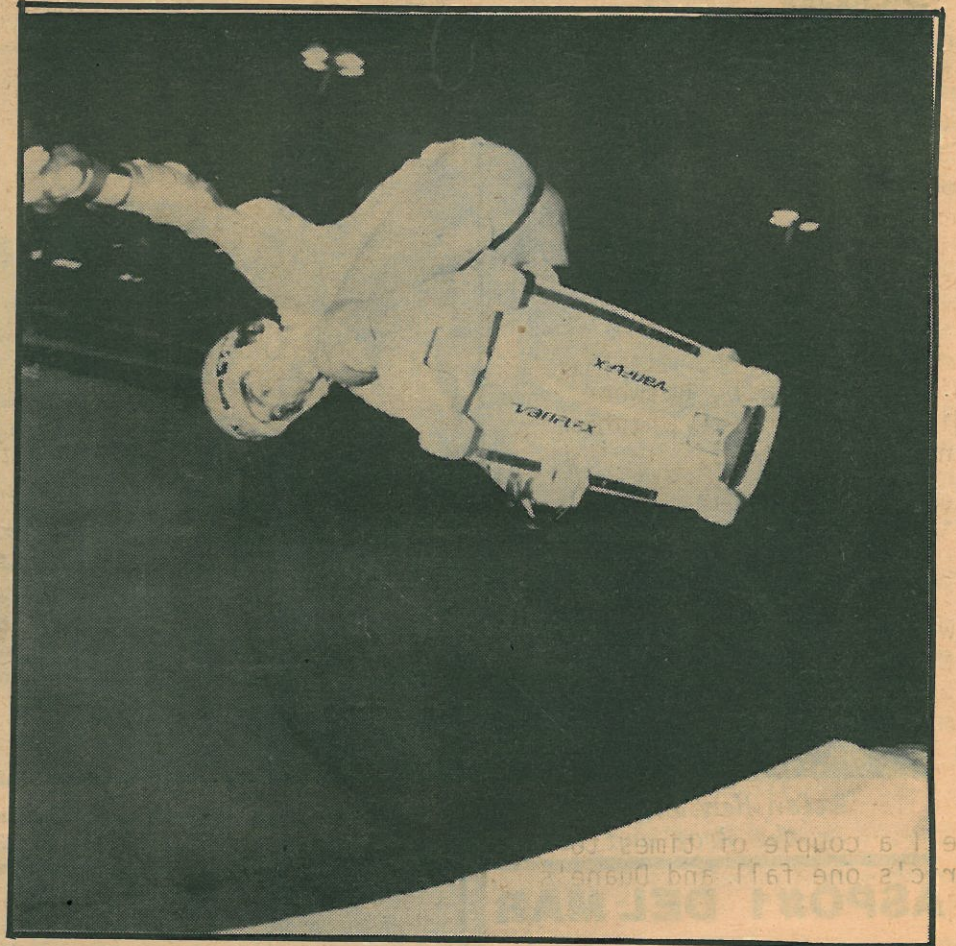
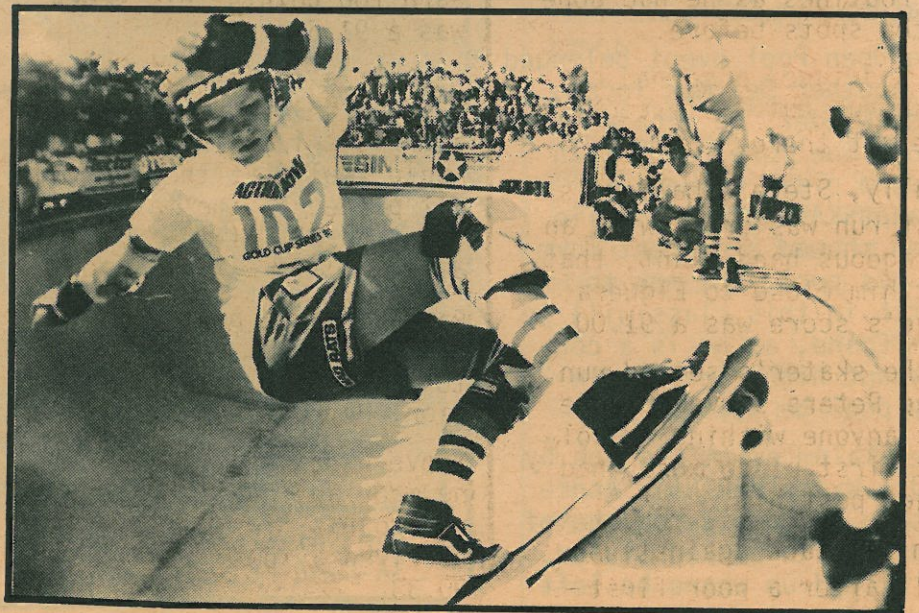
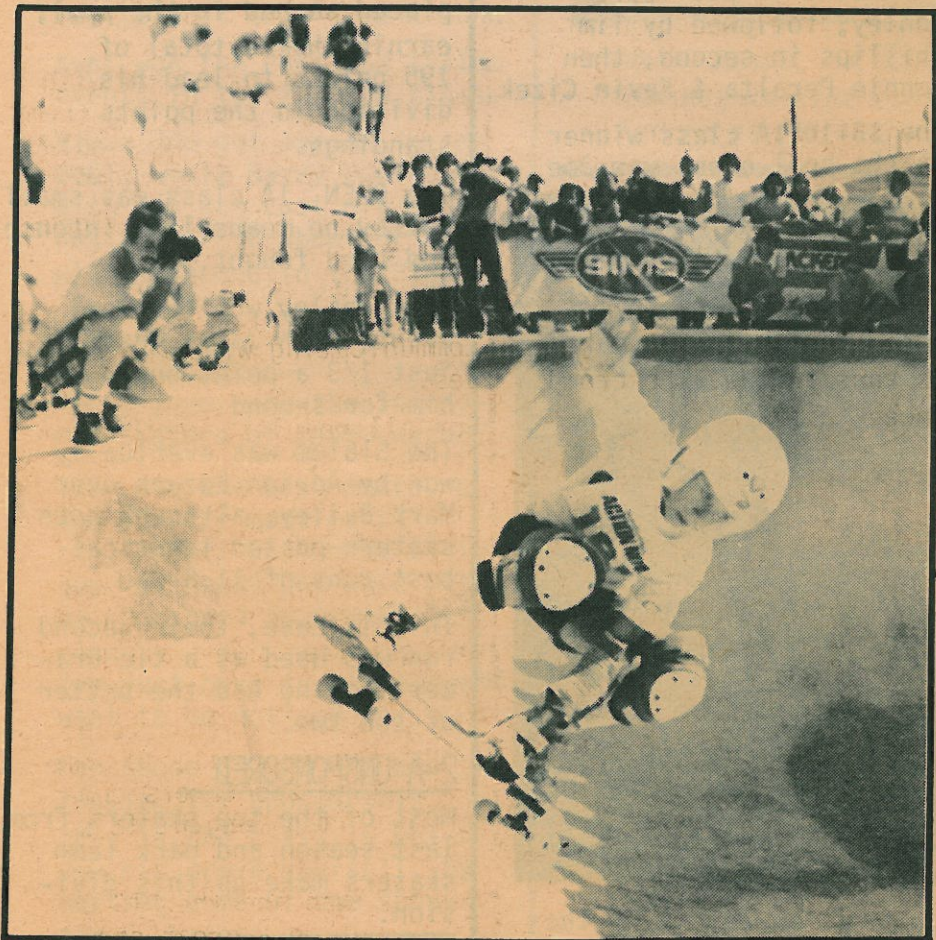
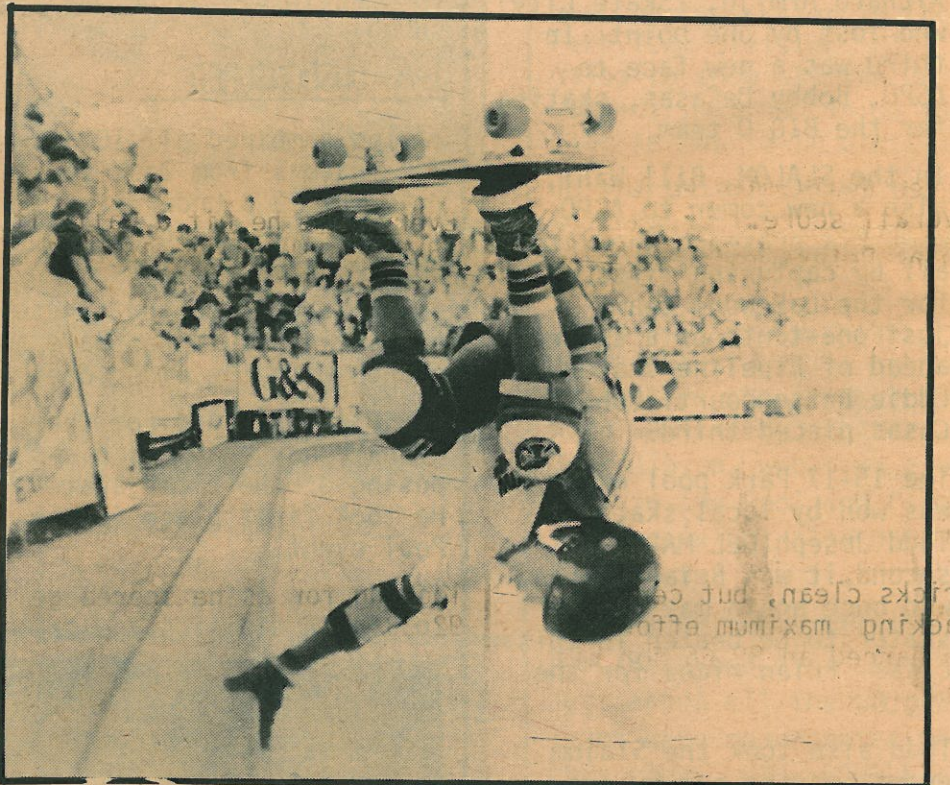
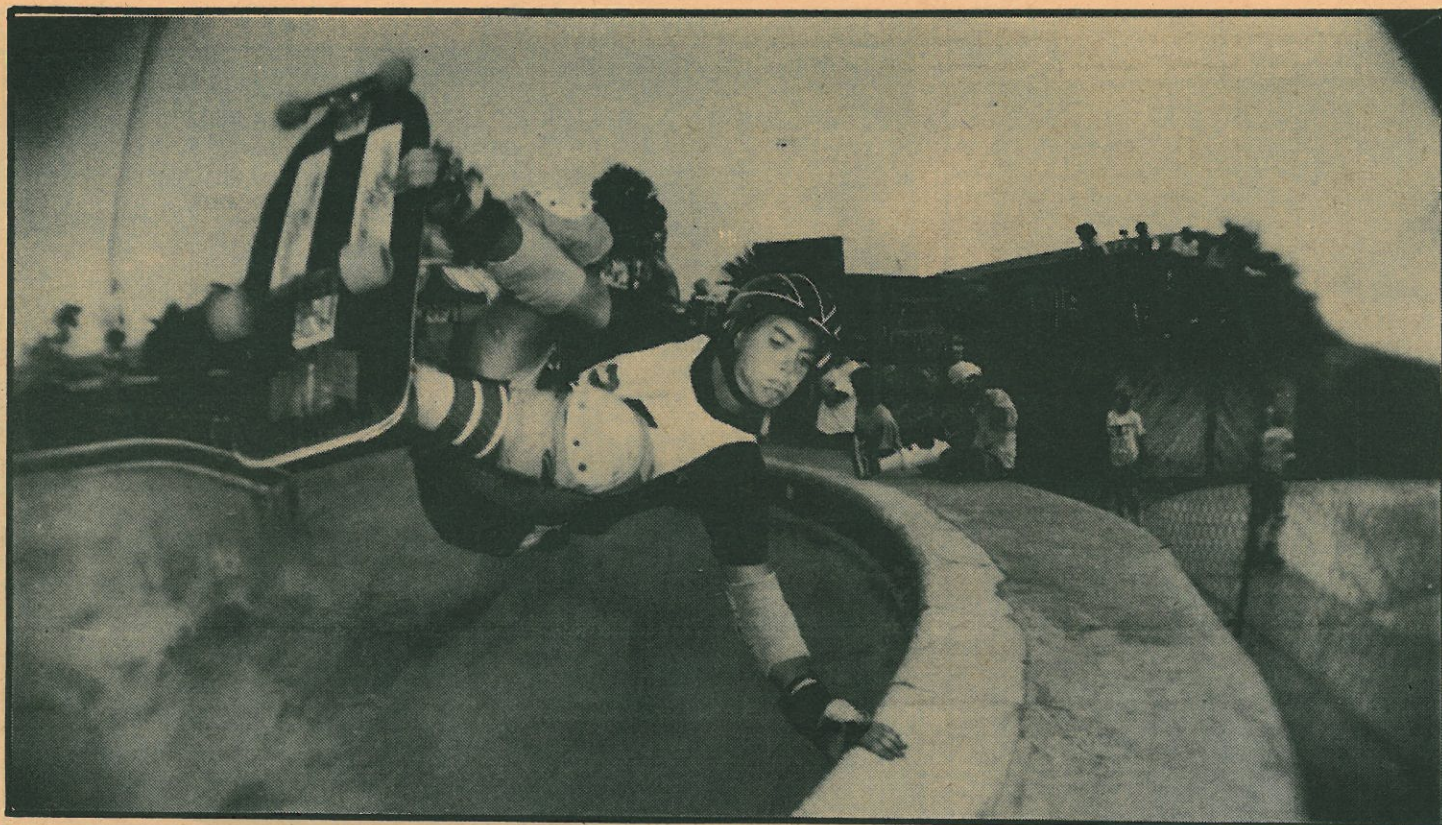


PHOTO SPECIAL: (CLOCKWISE, TOP) One of the nice surprises was to see Ray "Bones" Rodriguez figure in the top five in the Pro Gold Cup. The POWELL/PERALTA skater had an excellent routine put together. Lance Mountain (VARI-FLEX) took top Amateur honors in the Gold Cup with clean Indy airs (above right). Second in the AMATEUR division was SANTA CRUZ/INDY skater Bob Serafin, who lost by fractions of a point. Another VARIFLEX skater, Mike Hirsch below right, took 3rd place. Billy Ruff (below), G & S skater came up with a 'helicopter channel air' to get him fourth in the Gold Cup amateur.





Brian Henson, once again representing the BIG O Park Team, 15-17, took a second in the Pool and 5th in the Slalom, to place himself in 3rd overall in ASPO.

ASPO#1 DEL MAR

Second in the pool was Richard Armijo, (Skate City) who lost by one point. In third was a new face to ASPO, Bobby DeCasas, skating for the BIG O team.

In the SLALOM, Bill Wahl, also a new comer to ASPO made his presence known to all by capturing first place for the Lakewood team, just one-tenth of a second ahead of Pipeline skater, Eddie Bettencourt. Bobby De Casas placed third.

The 15-17 Park pool event was won by local skater Todd Joseph (DEL MAR). In second, it was Brian Henson, who once again may be the skater to be beaten in this class. Brian rides for the Big O.

Todd also took the Slalom event, edging out by one-tenth of a second, Pipeline skater, Tim Galvan.

The Open Pool event belonged to another Del Mar local, Owen Nieder. He managed to score one more point than second place winner Jim Coane (SKATERCROSS). While Owen showed excellent form in his pool, the man to watch in this class will be Jim Coane, as he is a consistent high finisher in any pool he skates.

The Slalom event was won by Andre Watts (MARINA). Andre has to be considered one of the best in Banked Slalom. He picked up where he left

off last season, taking the slalom event. In second it was Todd Smoke (BIG O) and once again Jim Coane (SKATERCROSS).

1-A UNSPONSORED

Having combined all 10 & Under skaters from last season into the 12 & Under division for this year, did not present a major problem.

There were fears that these young kids would not have a chance with the older ones.

Tim Phillips, did not seem to have any problems disposing of the older skaters. He took first place in the Pool event.

Tim is now going to change to the 2A division and try

his ability with the top boys.

Mark Putz took second in the pool and Chris Naylor third.

Lonnie Peralta placed 4th and Charles Descenzo made up the top five.

In the Slalom event, it was Chris Naylor. Chris participated last year in only a few events and still managed to take fifth overall. This year he plans to make every event, so he qualifies to be the guy to beat. In second it was Youree Henley, followed by Tim Phillips in second, then Lonnie Peralta & Kevin Cizek.

The 13-14 1A class winner in the pool event was Joe



Bob Serafin (SANTA CRUZ/INDY) current the leader of the 3A-Semi Pro division in ASPO. Ph. R. Harris

Hardy, from the Lakewood area.

Joe's win was not only unique and deserving, but it was also a great inspiration for all others, who at one time or another complained or put down the skating area to justify their own short comings. You see, Joe Hardy has no legs. He competes sitting on his board and pushing himself with his hands.

Still, he managed to pull-off backside airs, hand plants, inverts and other tricks that deservedly got him first place.

In second, it was Chris Lowe, followed by Lester Kasai.

In the Slalom event, it was Chris Lowe, posting the fastest time, followed by Mark Chase and Lester Kasai.

This 13-14, 1A class was the biggest of the day, having a total of 22 skaters signed up.

With the exception of one or two skaters that may be moved up to the 2A ranks, the class seems to be pretty evenly matched, which will make for an exciting season of hard fought competition.

The 2A 15-17 division was headed by John Kop in the Pool event and Jason LaFay in the Slalom event.

Jason seemed to get the best of the points, as he placed second in the pool, earning him a total of 195 points to lead his division in the points standings.

The OPEN 1A class was small but by no means less intense and hard fought.

Mark Bailey won the Pool event, with James Martell just 1/3 a point behind him for second.

The Slalom was eventually won by Adrian Lozano over Mark Bailey, although both skaters posted identical best runs of 11.5 sec.

In this case, their second run was used as a tie breaker. Lozano had the better of the two.

2-A UNSPONSORED

Most of the top skaters from last season and park team skaters make up this division.

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A newcomer from Lakewood took first place honors in the pool event.

Tim Metz edged out Paul Hiner from Carlsbad, by just one point, to get the first place trophy.

Tim also proved his ability in the Slalom competition as he once again took first place, just ahead of Doug Graham, from Clairmont. Chris Upson; from Manhattan made up the top three, in the 12 & Under, 2A class.

The 13-14 class had Mike Pacheco winning the Pool event and Paul Young the Slalom.

In the overall, Paul Young came out the winner as he posted a second in the pool to earn him 195 ASPO points and the lead in his division.

Rick Tracey lead all skaters in the pool event and finished third in the Slalom.

An excellent performance but not enough to earn him the first overall in his division.

That honor belongs to Scott Dreyer, who took a second in the pool and first in the Slalom, for 195 points.

Scott is new to the ASPO.

Kent Douglas showed, once again, why he was one of the top skaters in ASPO last season and looks to be the man to beat this time around.

Kent won the Pool and Slalom events in the 2A OPEN class.

Vince Udo got second in the pool, while Barry Fields, with his arm cast off and a nasty scar to show for it, placed second in the Slalom.

3-A SEMI PRO

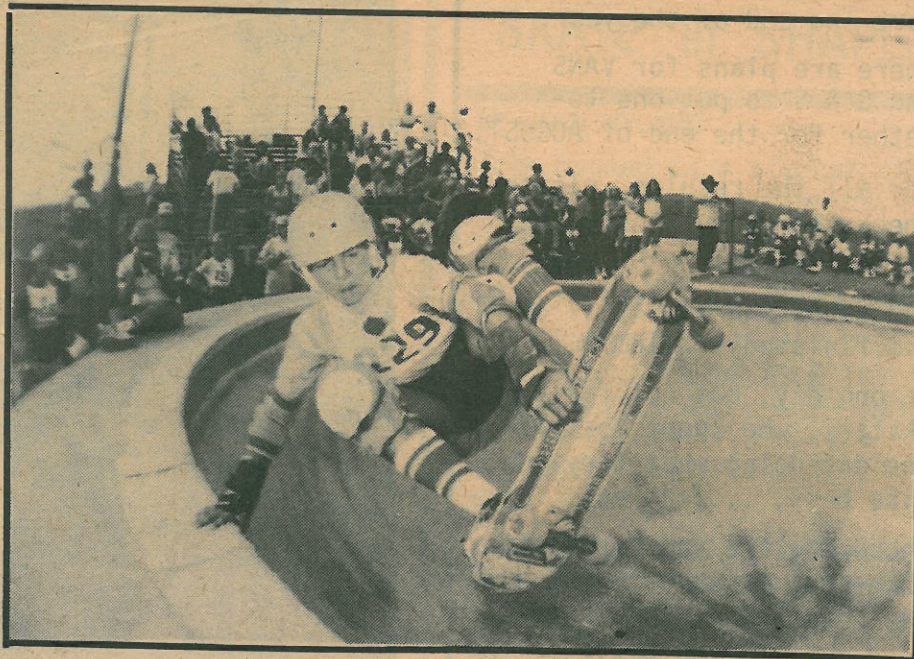
These guys were the Sponsored skaters of last season.

They are the best amateurs and for the most part, they're all sponsored skaters, although you need not be sponsored to skate this class.

You just have to be good and want to be noticed.

For those of you who are looking for sponsorship, this is the class in which you can prove yourself, by beating some of the sponsored skaters.

In the 12 & Under division, it was Chris Miller(NHS/Indy)



Bobby DeCasas, newest BIG O Team skater finds himself tied for 1st with Eddie Bettencourt(Pipeline) in the 13-14 class. Bobby executing a layback air.



Kevin Staab, 3A Semi Pro for TRACKER, establishing himself as real contender for the top ASPO spot. Action at DEL MAR ASPO #1. Photo. Rusty Harris.



Triple threat from the Stelmasky Family. Mike Sr. joined Mike Jr. and Kenny Stelmasky at the first ASPO at Del Mar, taking a second in the 1 A Roller Skating division. Some dads are not satisfied just to watch.

Ph. R. Harris

who took the top honor in the pool event.

Tony Hawk, newly sponsored by DOG TOWN, placed second and third went to Kenny Stelmasky(Z-PROD/GullWing/Wings).

In the Slalom it was Kenny on first, followed by Jason Richardson(NHS/INDY).. Chris Miller rounded the top three.

Bob Serafin(NHS/INDY) picked up the same momentum he had last season, by taking the pool event over Mike Hirsch (VARIFLEX). Kevin Staab, new TRACKER skater, took third.

In the Slalom, it was Bob Serafin once again, who now leads his division in overall points, and will be the man to beat.

Mark Rogowski took second and Greg Weaver(G&S) was third.

Now that Eddie Meek has done all he can to prove that he was the top skater in the Park Team division, he's going to show all the 3A skaters that he can do the same in the 15-17 class.

He started by taking the top spot in the Pool event and placing second in the Slalom.

While he garnished 195 pts. on his first event, he can only share the overall spot with CASTER/GYRO skater, John Gibson, who took a second in the Pool and First in the Slalom, also getting 195 points.

Looks like the battle is on for these two fine skaters.

Just about all the major Teams were represented in this class, G&S, POWELL, SIMS, VARIFLEX, NHS/INDY, TRACKER, MADRID, VANS, KANOA.

These same guys compete in the GOLD CUP, so there's going to be plenty of time for each to watch each other and try to best each other from event to event.

The OPEN class featured Sonny Miller(TRACKER), as he won the Pool event over G & S skater Jim Gray.

Third was East coaster and VARIFLEX skater, Mike Maxwell.

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CALENDAR

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- AUG. 2 @ SKATERCROSS
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Capsule & Pipe Pasting
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The VARIFLEX PRO

SEP. 27-28 @ MARINA
The POWELL/PERALTA PRO

NOV. 1-2 @ PIPELINE
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SEP. 14 (Open Date)

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SKATE in SHAPE

BY JOHN WYGAND

John Wygand is a student at the University of Florida, majoring in Recreation, and currently serving his internship at Sensation Basin Park.

SKATEBOARDERS, LIKE ANY OTHER ATHLETES, WILL BE ABLE TO SKATE BETTER AND LONGER AND have more fun if they are stronger, looser and in good shape.

Lifting weights is an excellent way to increase overall strength and muscle tone.

However, the primary concern of skateboarders should be to increase flexibility and cardiovascular endurance.

You will find that your tricks will come alot easier and the probability of injuries will lessen if you are stretched out and really loose when you skate.

Let's face it, your body gets into some radical positions when you skate, most of which you aren't used to. For a skateboarder to start trying to shred a pool without having first warmed up and stretched out is like starting a brand new car for the first time and revving the engine as high as it can go...the car has a good chance of blowing up.

It is also important to be

in shape when you skate, especially during the dead heat of summer. After all, the longer you can skate without getting tired, the more fun you'll have.

The heat makes your body work that much harder, so it is a good idea to be "ready" for your summer sessions.

It isn't safe to skate in the intense heat when you're not in shape.

Running, swimming and basketball are probably the best ways to increase your endurance and to sweat out the previous night's party.

Try to exercise in the cool of the evening and push yourself a little.

You will find that when everyone else at your favorite skate spot is wimping out, you'll still be going on.

Here's an outline of a warm up program used by the Sensation Basin Skate Club. You can substitute exercises and vary them to suit yourself:

- Jumping jacks
- Hurdler's stretch(ea.leg)
- Groin Stretch
- Trunk Twist & Arm Swing
- High leg kick
- Ankle twist
- Push-ups(arm's wide)
- Run(start with a mile)

Skate tough.

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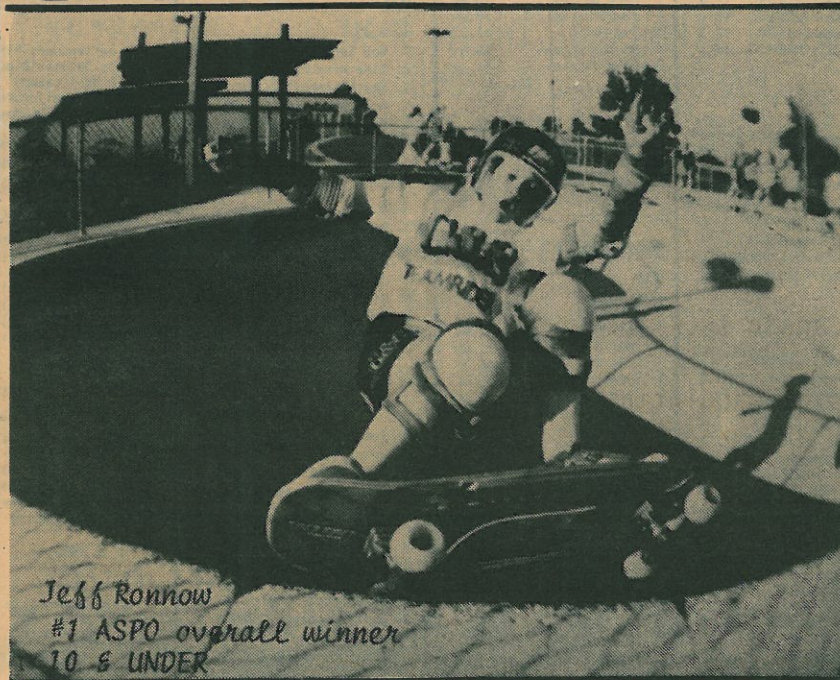
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RESULTS

ASPO #1 DEL MAR JULY 12, 1980

OVERALL ASPO POINTS AS OF JULY 12, 1980

1. BIG O	705
2. PIPELINE	682.5
3. LAKEWOOD	644
4. SKATE CITY	632.5
5. SKATERCROSS	631.5
6. COLTON	586
7. OASIS	554.5
8. DEL MAR	544
9. MARINA	472

PARK TEAM POOL

12 & UNDER

1. Doug Cobalis(COLT)	76.00
2. Chris Black(OASIS)	72.33
3. Daniel Weisner(SCTY)	70.66
4. Brian Treanor(SKX)	70.33
5. Eric Berquist(BIGO)	67.33
6. Chris Upson(MARINA)	65.66
7. Jamie Nelander(PIPE)	64.66
8. Jeff Heath(LKWOOD)	60.66

SLALOM

12 & UNDER

1. Doug Cobalis(COLT)	11.5
2. Jeff Heath(LKWOOD)	11.8
3. Eric Berquist(BIGO)	11.9
4. Chris Black(OASIS)	12.0
5. Daniel Weisner(SKTY)	12.1
6. Brian Treanor(SKX)	12.1
7. Chris Upson(MARINA)	12.5
8. Jamie Nelander(PIPE)	14.9

POOL

13 & 14

1. David Eckles(DEL MAR)	74.66
2. Rich Armijo(SKCTY)	73.66
3. Bobby DeCasas(BIGO)	73.00
4. Ed Bettencourt(PIPE)	72.00
5. Bill Wahl(LKWOOD)	66.33
6. Les Pearlman(SKX)	65.33

SLALOM

13 & 14

1. Bill Wahl(LKWOOD)	11.5
2. Ed Bettencourt(PIPE)	11.6
3. Bobby DeCasas(BIGO)	11.9
4. Rich Armijo(SKCTY)	12.5
5. Tracy Funches(OASIS)	12.5
6. David Eckles(DEL MAR)	12.5
7. Les Pearlman(SKX)	12.7
8. Chris Weddle(COLT)	13.5

POOL

15 & 17

1. Todd Joseph(DEL MAR)	84.33
2. Brian Henson(BIGO)	76.66
3. Tim Galvan(PIPE)	76.33
4. Tae Hoshin(LKWOOD)	74.66
5. Paul Kelly(MARINA)	71.66
6. Ernie Stearsman(COLT)	71.66
7. Raul Escobedo(SKX)	71.66
8. Hap Pontaneres(OASIS)	71.00
9. John Lucero(SKCTY)	69.66

SLALOM

15 & 17

1. Todd Joseph(DEL MAR)	11.5
2. Tim Galvan(PIPE)	11.6
3. Ernie Stearsman(COLT)	11.9
4. John Lucero(SKCTY)	11.9
5. Brian Henson(BIGO)	12.0
6. Tae Hoshin(LKWOOD)	12.1
7. Raul Escobedo(SKX)	12.3
8. Paul Kelly(MARINA)	12.5

POOL

OPEN

1. Owen Neider(DEL MAR)	76.00
2. Jim Coane(SKX)	75.00
3. Scott Fraley(PIPE)	74.00
4. Todd Smoke(BIGO)	74.00
5. Glen Schewchuck(COLT)	71.66
6. Andre Watts(MARINA)	71.33
7. Joseph Matta(SKCTY)	71.33
8. Gary Ramirez(LKWOOD)	70.00
9. Tim Dunbar(OASIS)	69.33

SLALOM

OPEN

1. Andre Watts(MARINA)	10.8
2. Todd Smoke(BIGO)	11.0
3. Jim Coane(SKX)	11.4
4. Scott Fraley(PIPE)	11.4
5. Tim Dunbar(OASIS)	11.9
6. Gary Ramirez(LKWOOD)	12.0
7. Glen Schewchuck(COLT)	12.4
8. Owen Neider(DEL MAR)	12.6
9. Joseph Matta(SKCTY)	13.0

UNSPONSORED 1 A

12 & UNDER

1. Tim Phillips	72.66
2. Mark Putz	68.00
3. Chris Naylor	67.00
4. Lonnie Peralta	65.33
5. Charles Descenzo	60.00
6. Youree Henley	59.33
7. Kevin Cizek	58.00
8. Richard Mellott	54.00
9. David Carter	51.66
10. Jay Biehl	51.66
11. Karl Trout	50.33
12. Marty Sandman	50.00
13. Phil Barba	46.00

SLALOM

12 & UNDER

1. Chris Naylor	11.6
2. Youree Henley	12.1
3. Tim Phillips	12.5
4. Lonnie Peralta	12.6
5. Kevin Cizek	13.0
6. Mark Putz	13.1
7. Richard Mellott	14.0
8. Marty Sandman	14.2
9. Charles Descenzo	15.0
10. Jay Biehl	15.0
11. Karl Trout	16.0

POOL

13 & 14

1. Joe Hardy	75.00
2. Chris Lowe	74.33
3. Lester Kasai	72.00
4. Martin Huerta	69.00
5. John Rodriguez	67.00
6. Ron Yerman	66.33
7. Richard Ito	65.33
8. Scott Kawa	64.33
9. Don Wilcox	61.66
10. James Cooper	61.66
11. Mike Durand	61.00
12. Chris Robinson	60.66
13. John Crane	60.33
14. Mark Miller	60.33
15. Jack Ranstrom	60.00
16. Mark Chase	59.66
17. Randy Bain	58.66
18. Gary Colley	58.00
19. Kirk Naylor	57.33
20. Guy Koch	56.66
21. Gary Carter	54.00
22. Tim Barnes	53.33

SLALOM

13 & 14

1. Chris Lowe	12.3
2. Mark Chase	12.5
3. Lester Kasai	12.9
4. Rich Armijo(SKCTY)	12.9
5. Kirk Naylor	13.0
6. Richard Ito	13.0
7. Chris Robinson	13.0
8. Ron Yerman	13.0
9. Jack Ranstrom	13.2
10. Joe Hardy	14.5
11. Randy Bain	16.0
12. Tim Barnes	16.9
13. James Cooper	19.0
14. Guy Koch	13.0(M)
15. John Crane	20.5(M)

POOL

15 & 17

1. John Kop	72.33
2. Jason Lafay	67.00
3. Leo Ambrose	65.33
4. John Treanor	64.66
5. Rob Thompson	63.00
6. Matt Richards	62.33
7. Charlie Lewis	62.00
8. Ken Yuponca	61.33
9. Ken Crane	61.33
10. Tom Nelson	59.00
11. Michon Neal	57.66

SLALOM

15 & 17

1. Jason Lafay	11.9
2. Matt Richards	12.0
3. Charlie Lewis	12.0
4. Ken Yuponca	12.0
5. Rob Thompson	12.5
6. Leo Ambrose	12.5
7. John Treanor	12.9
8. Michon Neal	12.9
9. Ken Crane	13.5

POOL

OPEN

1. Mark Bailey	70.66
2. James Martell	70.00
3. Joe Lucio	67.33
4. Adrian Lozano	64.33
5. Charlie Lewis	62.66

SLALOM

OPEN

1. Adrian Lozano	11.5
2. Mark Bailey	11.5
3. James Martell	11.9
4. Charlie Lewis	12.0
5. Joe Lucio	12.1

UNSPONSORED 2 A

POOL

1. Tim Metz	72.00
2. Paul Hiniker	71.00
3. Eric Berquist	66.00
4. Tommy Finch	65.66
5. Todd Drake	65.66
6. David Mollen	64.33
7. Chris Upson	64.00
8. Doug Graham	63.00

SLALOM

OPEN

1. Adrian Lozano	11.5
2. Doug Graham	11.9
3. Chris Upson	12.0
4. David Mollen	12.0
5. Eric Berquist	12.0
6. Paul Hiniker	12.1
7. Todd Drake	12.9
8. Tommy Finch	13.0

POOL

13 & 14

1. Mike Pacheco	78.00
2. Paul Young	77.33
3. Owen Neider	72.33
4. Dave Espinoza	66.00

5. Ken Park	65.66
6. Mike Krueger	64.33
7. Jeremy Fletcher	62.66
8. Gordie Somsel	62.00
9. Ernie Brown	57.66

SLALOM

13 & 14

1. Paul Young	12.1
2. Gordie Somsel	12.3
3. Jeremy Fletcher	12.5
4. Owen Neider	12.5
5. Ernie Brown	12.6
6. Dave Espinoza	12.7
7. Mike Kruger	12.9

POOL

15 & 17

1. Rick Tracey	74.33
2. Scott Dreyer	69.00
3. Henry Matus	68.33
4. Tom Steenbock	67.66
5. John Downs	66.33
6. Tom Michels	66.33
7. Shawn Goldsmith	66.00
8. Rick Stine	65.66
9. Gregg Stillman	63.00
10. Chris May	59.00
11. Bill Swartzbaugh	58.66

SLALOM

15 & 17

1. Scott Dreyer	11.5
2. John Downs	11.9
3. Rick Tracey	11.6
4. Chris May	11.7
5. Henry Matus	11.9
6. Shawn Goldsmith	12.0
7. Rick Stine	12.1
8. Tom Michels	12.1
9. Tom Steenbock	12.5
10. Gregg Stillman	13.1

POOL

OPEN

1. Kent Douglas	74.00
2. Vince Udo	73.66
3. Tom Steenbock	73.33
4. Marcos Monroy	71.33
4. James Murphy	71.33
6. Mike Pust	70.66
7. Bill D'Angelo	69.66
8. Scott Lehman	69.33
9. Kenneth Williams	67.33
10. Barry Fields	67.00
11. Alan Brown	66.66

SLALOM

OPEN

1. Kent Douglas	11.0
2. Barry Fields	11.3
3. James Murphy	11.4
4. Vince Udo	11.5
5. Marcos Monroy	11.5
6. Scott Lehman	11.6
7. Tom Steenbock	12.1
8. Alan Brown	12.3
8. Kenneth Williams	12.3
10. Bill D'Angelo	12.5
11. Richard Rose	12.5

SPONSORED 3 A

POOL

1. Chris Miller(NHS/SC)	84.0
2. Tony Hawk(DOGTOWN)	82.66
3. Ken Steelmasky(GWING)	81.33
4. Ky Lambert(VARIFLEX)	78.00
5. Tim Cunningham(VARI)	76.33
6. Dan Jorgenson(VARI)	72.33

SLALOM

12 & UNDER

1. Ken Steelmasky(GWING)	11.0
2. Jason Richardson(SC)	11.0
3. Chris Miller(S/CNHS)	11.3
4. Ky Lambert(VARIFLEX)	11.5
5. Tony Hawk(DOGTOWN)	12.0
6. Tim Cunningham(VARI)	12.0
7. Dan Jorgenson(VARI)	13.4

POOL

13 & 14

1. Bob Serfin(NHS/SC)	86.33
2. Mike Hirsch(VARI)	85.00
3. Kevin Stabb(TRACKER)	84.33
4. Greg Weaver(G&S)	83.33
5. Mark Rogowski(VANS)	81.00
6. James Robinson(CASTR)	76.3

SLALOM

13 & 14

1. Bob Serfin(SANCRUZ)	11.5
2. Mark Rogowski(VANS)	11.9
3. Greg Weaver(G&S)	12.0
4. James Robinson(CASTR)	12.0
5. Mike Hirsch(VARIFLEX)	12.0
6. Kevin Stabb(TRACKER)	12.4

POOL

15 & 17

1. Eddy Meek(SCRUZ)	86.00
2. John Gibson(CASTR)	85.33
3. Teddy Bennet(POWL)	84.33
4. John Tuist(G & S)	84.00
5. Bill Ruff(G & S)	83.66
6. Lance Mountain(VARI)	83.66
7. Jamie Godfrey(POWL)	83.00
8. Roland Cobalis(INDY)	83.00
9. Neil Blender(G&S)	82.66
10. Mike Steelmasky(DMAR)	82.00
11. Matt Cook(INDY)	81.66
12. John Ernst(SCRUZ)	81.33
13. Jamie Mosberg(SCRUZ)	81.33
14. Jim Waataja(SCRUZ)	80.00
15. Chris Rennie(MADRID)	80.00
16. Pete Poletta(CASTR)	79.00
17. Rusty StCyr(TRACKER)	76.66

SLALOM

15 & 17

1. Chris Naylor	190
2. Tim Phillips	190
3. Youree Henley	171
4. Mark Putz	171
5. Lonnie Peralta	170
6. Kevin Cizek	152
7. Charles Descenzo	144
8. Richard Mellott	140
9. Marty Sandman	122
10. Jay Biehl	120
11. Karl Trout	114
12. David Carter	64
13. Phil Barba	51

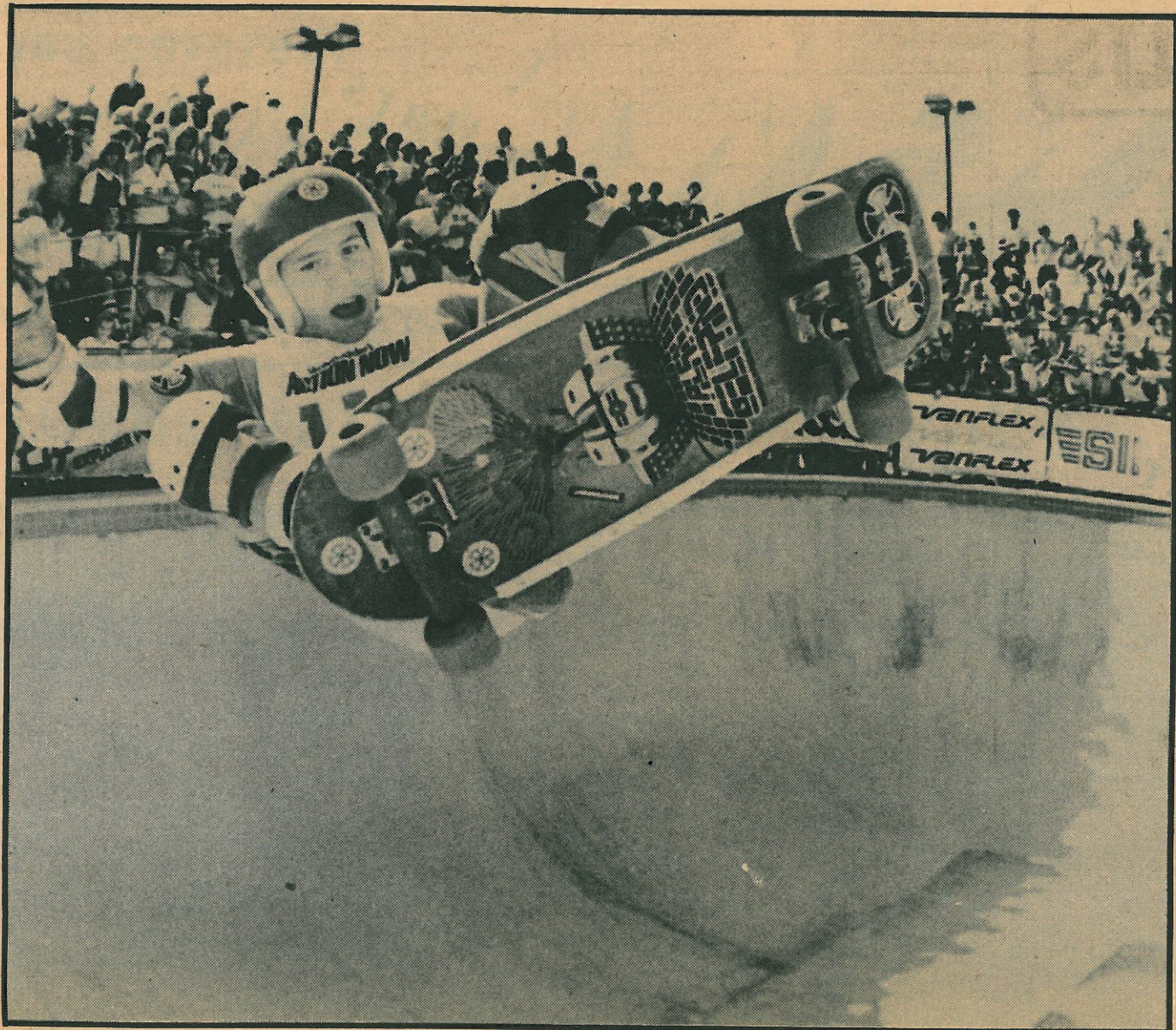
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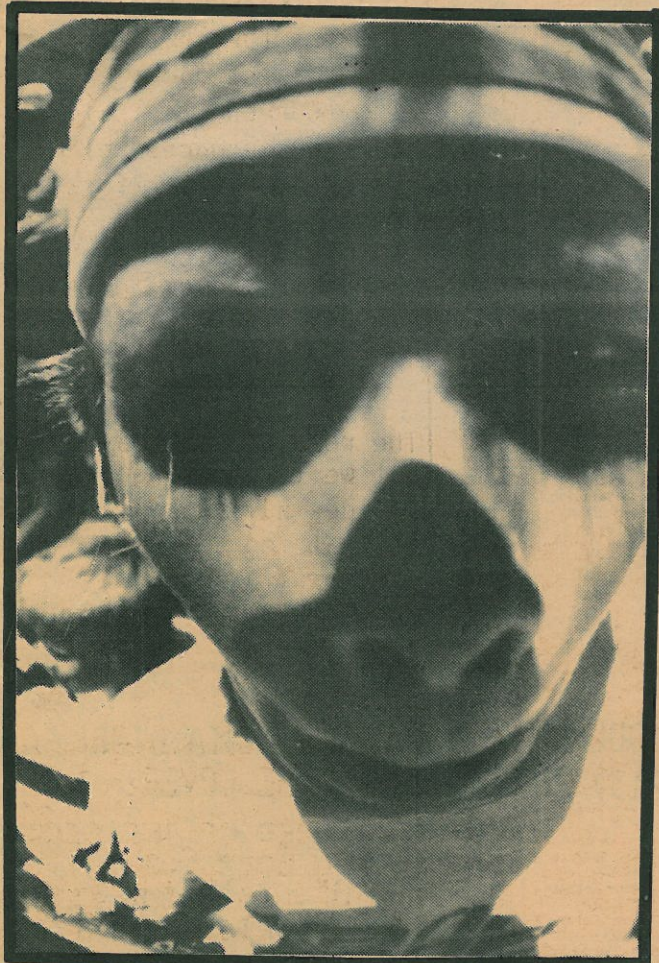
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