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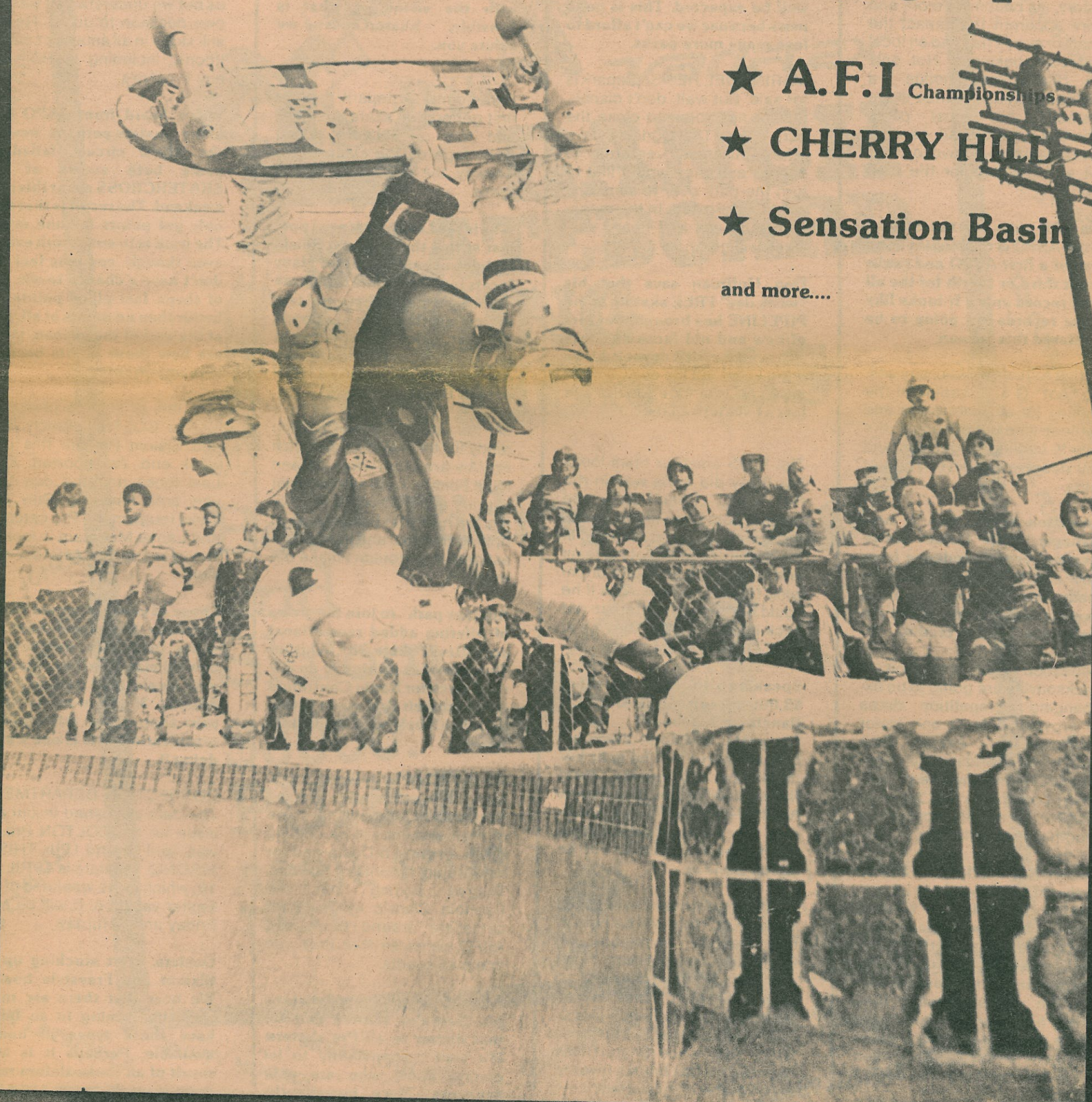
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WEEKLY GRINDERS

BY Anita Grynd

Now that the first ASPO is history, it's becoming more and more apparent the impact the amateur circuit has had on local skatepark business. Not only did SkaterCross notice a decided increase in their skate business, but most parks reported an increase as well, from skaters who "have to come out and practice for the next ASPO".

The 192 entry for the SkaterCross ASPO is the biggest entry ever of a first ASPO and ranks about third or fourth for the all time record entry. It looks like those records are going to be shattered this season.

Notice to the guy who was selling "hot" G & S wheels in the parking lot of SkaterCross and to those who bought some, the Law is coming to get you and you deserve whatever you get dude.

Sensation Basin has a new manager, Bob Cohn. We've received correspondence from Bob and it appears that he's really intent to make things happen skateboard wise, at the Gainesville, Florida facility.

Sensation Basin and Kona, in Jacksonville are going to be exchanging competition dates to provide at least one major skateboarding event each month in Florida. This non-conflicting arrangement between both parks will keep all skaters in a full program of monthly competitions.

The KONA/VARIFLEX Pro/Am is the "thing" that every body is talking about in the Eastern seaboard. It now appears that there will lots of entries from the West coast and the North-eastern part of the country. The Pro/Am will be a week long affair. So if you are planning to make the contest, make plans to do alot of skating. Of course we'll be covering the entire week.

The English Skateboard Assoc. started their Skateboarders of the Year Series 1981 at the ROMFORD Skatepark in London. Unfortunately, due to bad weather, (cold, windy and very, very wet!), only the bowl riding event was held and all others had to be cancelled. But their spirits are not dampened as they plan to have many more events this year.

The Rainbow Wave Skatepark in Tampa, Florida has been sold and rumor has it that it will be preserved as a skateboarding environment and additions may well be expected. This is good news because we can't afford to lose many more parks.

MARINA DEL REY Skatepark is for sale. But wait, don't despair, they're not about to close the park down. The Ogden's have other business ventures to persue and they would like to turn the park over to someone who's interested. In the meantime, business and heavy sessions will go on as always.

Don Hoffman says that his "week day" FREE skating at the PIPELINE has brought out lots of new and old faces and that, although he still doesn't know if it has helped his overall business yet, it is sure nice to see lots of skaters again.

The SIMS amateur team looks hot. They did quite well in the first ASPO. (Check story and results) Tom Sims finally decided to personally get involved in the putting together of his team and the results are quite promising for this season. Now if he could get his pro skaters to get back into things. Will they be at the COLTON Pro/Am?

Speaking of the same. There is a \$3,000 purse for the VARIFLEX Ranch Skateboard Spring Nationals. We don't know yet how the purse will be split but there are two events; Bowl Riding and Slalom. The date is April 17-18, Friday and Saturday. No Sunday competition due to the fact that it will be Easter Sunday.

The Fourth Annual SkaterCross Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the Reseda skatepark on Easter Sunday, between 11am and 2pm. All skaters having an all day session ticket will be eligible to win up to one month FREE skatetime at SkaterCross. Every year since SkaterCross opened, this has been a favorite event of the local skaters.

Think of this: SkaterCross was conceived on September 7, 1974, there were no parks even thought of in those days. Because of City and Local regulations and after several environmental impact studies, the park didn't open officially until February 23, 1977 (it was skated by many on December 76). Now after 250 plus parks that have come and gone, SkaterCross still remains in the vanguard of skateparks. Almost 18,000 members have come and gone, but the concrete remains, offering the unlimited challenges for those with the vision of what is possible. SkaterCross we salute you.

Paramount skatepark reports first generation skate business and lots of BMX'ers taking advantage on the clean walls. Anyway, the Roger's are still in there.

Why is the Lakewood (new) pool just sitting there almost finished but not yet skateable? Many locals to the park and others are drooling to get in there and tear the coping. It needs the finishing coat which we think might be coming soon, since the ASPO event is supposed to be held in the new pool.

On the injured list but getting ready for the VARIFLEX/Ranch Pro/Am are pros Allan Losi and Mike Folmer. Both with leg-foot injuries suffered while practicing. We hear that Losi was really ripping the pool and it would be ashame if he couldn't make the event.

Another park to join the group of offering added recreational activities is Skate City, Whittier. They are also putting in an off-road track for Radio Controlled cars and their first event is this month. Check their ad in this issue.

We got a call from Doug Hitch, from the Cascade Racing Assoc. to let us know that some of their skaters will be coming down for the La Costa and for the Magic Mountain Slaloms. They're hoping that the Capitola Classic will be held sometime around those two ASPO dates so that they can make all events.

A note to all sponsored skaters, 3A, SemiPro skaters and for that matter to all Pro skaters: It's your responsibility to let people know who are your sponsors. More importantly,

when you sign up for an event or check in, make sure that in the heat sheets your name and that of your sponsor or sponsors appear likewise. We've been getting calls from irrate sponsors who feel that we're leaving them out of the credits. Things being as they are, we sometimes have to guess as to your sponsor(s) and at times we make mistakes. But it's going to be your responsibility that the information is made available.

Mike Hirsch is no longer with VARIFLEX as an Amateur skater. The reasons for his leaving the team were not clear to us but we understand it was his own decision to do so. He will still skate in all amateur competitions, including ASPO, and any Pro/Am's.

We've heard from ASPO that many skaters, perhaps new to the ASPO circuit, failed to make both events at the SKATERCROSS event this past weekend. The result is that they only got points for one event. The trick is to enter both events even though you may feel you don't have a chance to win one of them; last place points are better than no points at all. And at the end of the season, you'll see how those points become very important.

Saw lots of skaters practicing for the COLTON Ranch Bowl and Slalom Pro/Am this past week end. As reported, Allan Losi looks doubtful due to a very sore knee/leg. Billy Ruff looks tough in the Pro category and Lance Mountain is looking very good in the Amateur division.

Those of you who would like to purchase those neat ASPO T-shirts (with out numbers of course) may do so by contacting your local ASPO park or ASPO directly. If you want to show your support for this amateur organization, this is one way of doing it.

CORRECTION DEPARTMENT: The date published in our last issue for the COLTON Pro/Am was April 11 and 12th. THIS IS WRONG! The date is APRIL 17-18, which is the weekend of the Easter vacation. It will be on a Friday and Saturday.

Dealers, start stocking up on Slalom and Freestyle boards. We hear that there are many requests coming in so far to have these types of boards available. Perhaps it is as a result of all those slalom races coming up this year.

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Chuck Garland
S.F., California

Surprise! We printed it Punker. Now don't you feel bad about saying all those nasty things about us. Your premise that all rippers are punkers might be challenged by guys like: Eddie Elguera, Neil Blender, Eric Grisham, Billy Ruff, Steve Hirsch, Brad Bowman, Dave Andrecht, Lance Mountain, just to name a few. There's plenty more. ED.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU

If it wasn't for SKAT'N NEWS, we wouldn't know anything of what's happening in skateboarding. You guys are really doing a great job and I just wanted to say so.

Also I would like to see more coverage of Slalom, Downhill and Freestyle. We have few pools where I live so we're into shooting hills and stuff like that.

Mark Megan
Olympia, Washington

We should be having more coverage of slaloms and downhills and freestyle this year as there will be several Pro and Amateur events soon. Capitola is coming up later this summer, then La Costa and Magic Mountain and we hope to get coverage from your area from the Cascade Racing Assoc. Keep posted. ED.

CRASH COURSE

I have two sons, both just getting into skateboarding and both taking quite a few falls. Is there any type of lessons available for the kids who are just starting.

We took them to one of the local parks and they were just afraid to get into the bowls with the bigger kids. Can you help me.

Mrs. Rosalie Ramos
Jacksonville, Fla.

You went to the right place Mrs. Ramos but perhaps under the wrong circumstances. Most skateparks have at least one or two local Pros or super Amateurs who can give your two boys some preliminary classes. Most often it takes about two or three classes to get the kids started and they don't cost very much.

I'm sure you're speaking about KONA Skatepark. Just talk to the manager and arrange for a couple of lessons and you'll see that it will really help the boys. Who knows, in a few months they might wind up having their pictures in this paper. ED.

FORGET ROLLERSKATERS

Listen, if we want to read about rollerskaters, we can buy a mag that features their scene. But what we're interested in is skateboarding and nothing else. So why don't you stop trying to imitate that other mag "Action-less" and give us just skateboarding. Your last issue that had BMX'ers wasn't too bad cause I'm into that also, but no more Rollerskaters. Keep us informed of Pro/Am's, your coverage is always great.

Tom Dempsey
Dracut, Mass.

I COULDN'T BELIEVE IT!

I just came across your December issue of SKAT'N NEWS, for the first time. My son went to one of his friends house and saw your paper. I guess his friend subscribes to it.

I didn't know skateboarding was that big or that there were organized competitions. I used to skate when I was younger, but that's a long time ago. I have a little boy who is still too young (4 years old) to skate, but maybe I will encourage him to pick it up.

I thought your paper is very informative and has unbelievable pictures. I was never able to do the things that some of these kids are doing.

Carl Sondheim
Matarie, La.

As we said before, surprise, surprise! You know, four years old is not too young to get them started. The "sport" has progressed alot and so has the safety equipment used. So before getting your boy started, be sure you check with your local shop or skatepark, as to the type of equipment available for his use. And if you like our paper, check out page 22, we've got a short form for you to fill out. ED.

Thanks for your reserved opinion Tom, but we feel that anything that goes on in a skatepark deserves to have coverage in our paper. As far as rollerskaters, they are as much a part of our paper as anyone else. Many of these guys are also skateboarders who found a better way (for them) to session on the walls. They are not your "disco jock" type of roller-skater. We're with you, they belong on that other mag. ED.

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LOCATION	DATE	EVENTS	PRACTICES	ORDER OF EVENT
SKATERCROSS 6734 Reseda Blvd. Reseda, Ca. 91335 (213)344-7040	MARCH 28	TIGHT SLALOM POOL	SKATERCROSS (a), MARINA (b), LAKEWOOD (c), SKATE CITY (d), BIG O (e), POMONA (f), PIPE LINE (g), COLTON (h), DEL MAR (i)	POOL 1A, 3A, P TIGHT SLALOM 1A, 2A, 3A Roller 1A, 2A
SKATE CITY 14330 E. Telegraph Rd. Whittier, Ca. 90604 (213) 946-1402	APRIL 25	KIDNEY POOL PIPE PASTING	SKATE CITY (a), LAKEWOOD (b), MARINA (c), POMONA (d), SE PIPELINE (e), COLTON	Roller 1A, 2A, 3A Park Team Doubles Roller 1A Roller 1A, 2A, 3A
PIPELINE 1777 W. Arrow Hwy Upland, Ca. 91786 (714) 981-6014	MAY 23	POOL TIGHT SLALOM	(a), COLTON (c), BIG O (b), LAKEWOOD (d), MARINA (e), DEL MAR (f)	Doubles Roller 1A, 2A, 1A, 3A Roller 1A, 2A, Park Team 1A, 3A, 2A
RANCHO MEDITERRANIA 22849 Coolley Rd. Colton, Ca. 92324 (714) 824-5850	JUNE 27	BANKED SLALOM POOL	COLTON (a), PIPE (b), LAKEWOOD (c), (d), DEL MAR (e), MARINA (f), SE (g)	POOL Doubles Roller 1A, 2A BANKED SLALOM 2A Roller 1A, 2A, 3A, 1A, 3A, 2A
LA COSTA (Location to be made available prior to event)	JULY 11	GIANT SLALOM DOWNHILL	DEL MAR (a), COLTON (b), PIPELINE (c), POMONA (d), BIG O (e), SKATE CITY (f), WOOD (g), MARINA (h), SKATERCROSS	Roller 1A, 2A, 3A Roller 1A, 2A, 3A, 1A, 3A, 2A
MARINA 12980 Culver Blvd Los Angeles, Ca. 90066 (213) 821-9997	AUGUST 8	KEYHOLE POOL BANKED SLALOM	MARINA (a), SKATERCROSS (b), SKATE CITY (c), PIPE LINE (d), COLTON	POOL Roller 1A, 2A, 2A, 1A, 3A, 1A, 3A SLALOM 2A Roller 1A, 2A, 1A, 3A, 1A, 3A
MAGIC MOUNTAIN (Details of entry & event available prior to event)	AUGUST 29	FLAT FREESTYLE GIANT SLALOM	SKATERCROSS (a), MARINA (b), LAKEWOOD (c), SKATE CITY (d), BIG O (e), POMONA (f), LINE (g), COLTON (h), DEL MAR (i)	Roller 1A, 2A, 3A Roller 1A, 2A, 3A, 1A, 3A, 2A
LAKEWOOD 5201 Faculty Ave. Lakewood, Ca. 90712 (213) 531-4855	SEPT. 26	POOL TIGHT SLALOM	LAKEWOOD (a), SKATE CITY (b), MARINA (c), POMONA (d), (g), SKATERCROSS (f)	Roller 1A, 2A, 3A Roller 1A, 2A, 3A, 1A, 3A, 2A
DEL MAR 15555 Turf Rd. Del Mar, Ca. 92014 (714) 481-0242	OCT 31	POOL BANKED SLALOM	DEL MAR (a), PIPELINE (b), POMONA (c), LAKEWOOD (d), SKATE CITY (e), MARINA (f), SKATERCROSS (g)	POOL 1A, 3A SLALOM 1A, 2A, 3A
BIG O 157 N. Wayfield Orange, Ca. 92680 (714) 771-2140	NOV 28	TIGHT SLALOM CAPSULE POOL	BIG O (a), SKATE CITY (b), POMONA (c), PIPELINE (d), (g), SKATERCROSS (f)	Roller 1A, 2A, 3A Roller 1A, 2A, 3A, 1A, 3A, 2A
POMONA PIPE & POOL 2455 N. Garey Ave Pomona, Ca. 91730 (714) 593-5990	DEC 26	HALFPIPE CROSS COUNTRY	POMONA (a), (b), COLTON (c), BIG O (d), SKATE CITY (e), LAKEWOOD (f), DEL MAR (g), MARINA (h), SKATERCROSS (i)	POOL Park Team, Doubles Roller 1A, 2A, 2A, 1A, 3A CROSS COUNTRY Roller 1A, 2A, Park 2A, 3A, 1A

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Minuba Masabumba, Zaire's Africa National Champion, did not win the overall giant slalom at the FORUM, but did manage to land a movie contract to star in the remake of the downhill racer.

Photo. W. Bolster

THOUSANDS SHOW TO THE INGLEWOOD FORUM TO SEE THE BIGGEST SPECTACLE OF SKATEBOARDING COMPETITION EVER. GOVERNORS, MAYORS, CITY OFFICIALS AND MANY OF THE HOLLYWOOD STARS SHOW UP TO CHEER FOR THEIR FAVORITE SKATERS...THEY WERE NOT DISAPPOINTED.

APRIL 1, 1981, WEDNESDAY
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THE FORUM

A capacity crowd of over 20,000 people were jammed in the

home of the Lakers Basketball and Kings Hockey teams to watch the biggest event ever in skateboarding.

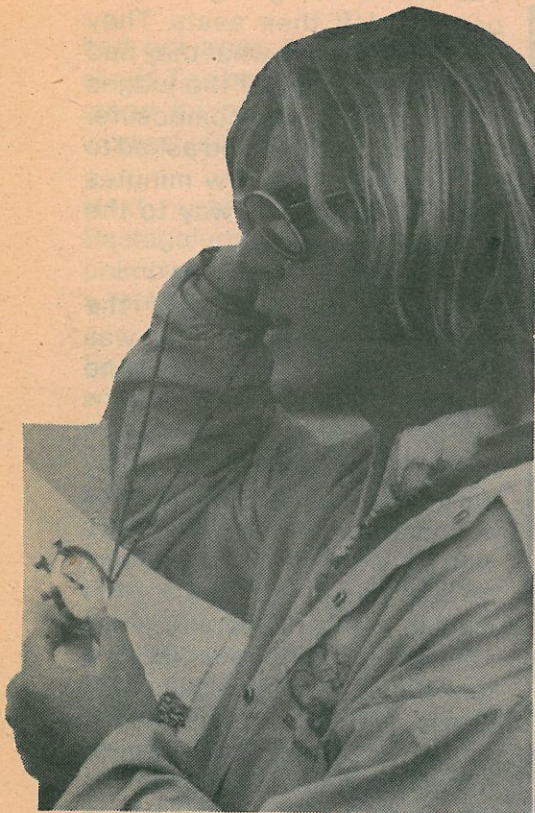
Earlier in the day, the "sold out" FORUM was besieged by calls from all over the country and as

far away as England, South Africa, Belgium, Australia and Mexico, from people wanting to know if there were any tickets available.

In fact, just before the competition started, it was rumored that scalpers were having a field day

outside in the Forum parking lot by getting as much as \$200 for one ticket.

Why was there such an enthusiastic response to be at this Skate Extravaganza? Well, why not?



Announcer D. David Mingus had a hard time being heard by the crowd, mainly because he chose to speak into a stop watch rather than into a microphone.

When you have names like Minuba Masabumba, Toshiro Mitsubishi, Sahid Tejri Shoh, Geosepi Cacliano, Sir Dudley T.S. Smithe, just to mention a few, representing 25 foreign countries and add to that the names of some of this country's top pro skaters like; Gnarl's Copinghime, Ole Skiptile, Darwheel Fagan, Trik Vari-switch and oldtimers like Mad Dog Zephyr, Brad Slogan, Henry Huster and others, and you've got the biggest show in town.

Add to that the \$25,000 prize money, and if you were there, you were square!

The mass media was there in force as well, including the Russian news agency TASS. They were specifically keen to cover every single moment of the event as they are planning to "invent the sport" in 1982.

The proceedings got started with the singing of our National Anthem. As a special treat and at great expense to the promoters of the event, the management brought in Mr. America... Steve Olson and his band of renown, to lead the 20,000 plus in a heart warming rendition of our National hymn.

Never has there been a more impressive rendition, in fact, in the words of Walter Cronkite, who was there covering the event for the CBS network, "it was a real tear jerker".

Steve has since been contracted to do all future Dodger and Ram's games.

Preparation for the event was no small matter.

Ramps, pools, pipes had to be built for the event. In fact the downhill ramp, which extended all the way down from the East end of the Forum, about 150 feet high all the way down to the floor, was built atop an entire section of seats.

This was spectacular to see for most of the people there, except for those who had seats right under the ramp and had to be content with just listening to the sounds of the skaters skating down the ramp and the roar of the crowd.

The pool, also was impressive, as it had to be dug out of the Forum floor. It was a perfect shaped pool, with a 30 foot radius, eleven feet deep and two feet of vert.

Unexpectedly, a concrete/cement crew and trucks were on hand to fill the pool up with cement once the competition was over, and try to return it to its hardwood finish, because the LAKERS, unexplicably, had made it into the NBA "playoffs" and they would be playing their first match later that night.

Still no logistical problem was too great to thwart tonight's activities.

Many of the six hundred entries had brought relatives and friends to the event. One such case was John Putz, who brought his 72 year old grandmother. She had been the source of inspiration to him in earlier years, as she had taught him all the basic maneuvers of pool and vert skating.

She was asked to do a demo for the crowd, but refused, since on the day before the event she had "ate it" at a back yard pool and her hip was too sore.

THE SLALOM

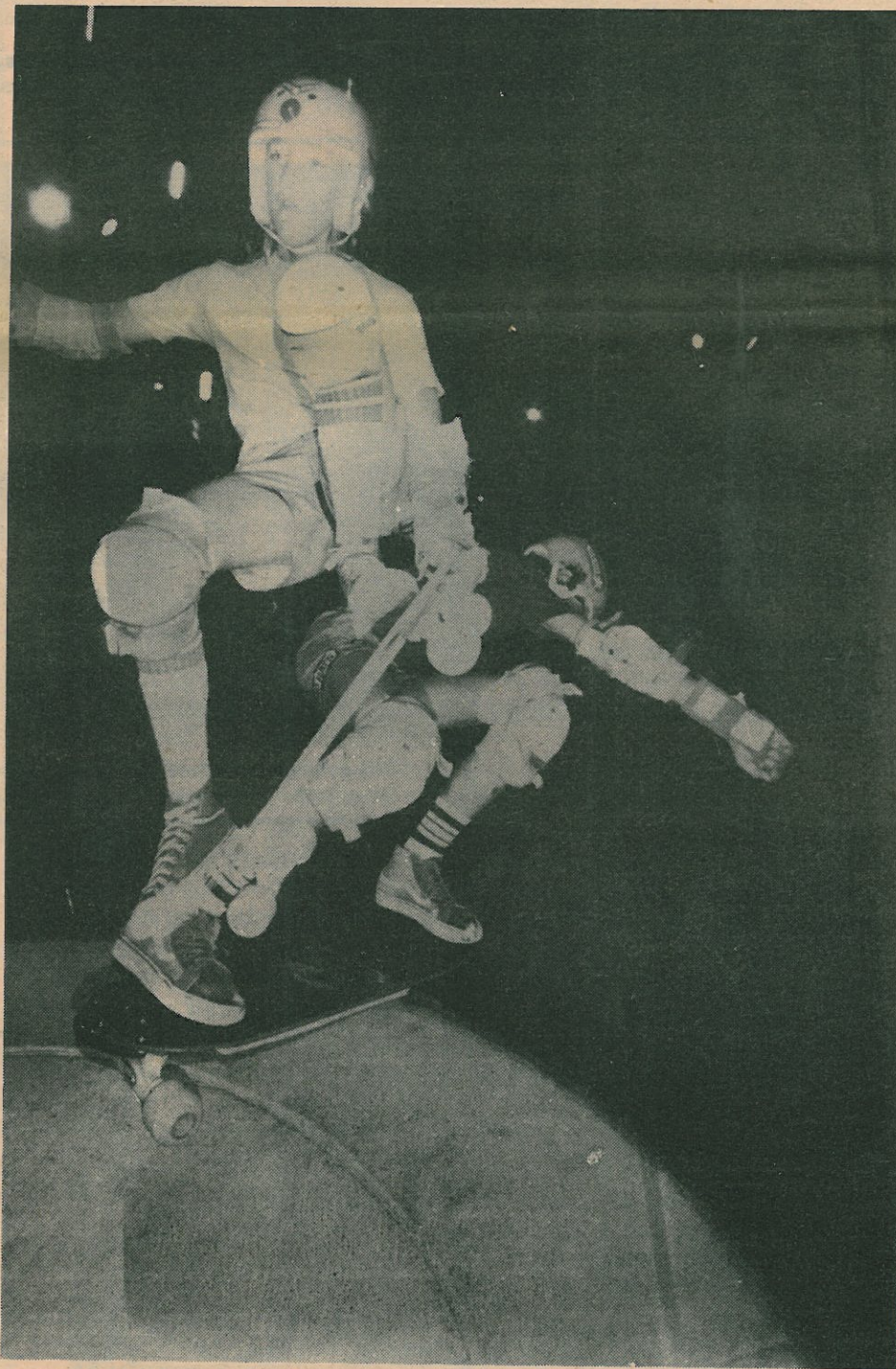
The day's program got started with the giant tight slalom run. There were 110 cones set up 3.5 feet apart on a dual run.

The first two skaters to go for it were Bonzo Talva and Spruce Logan.

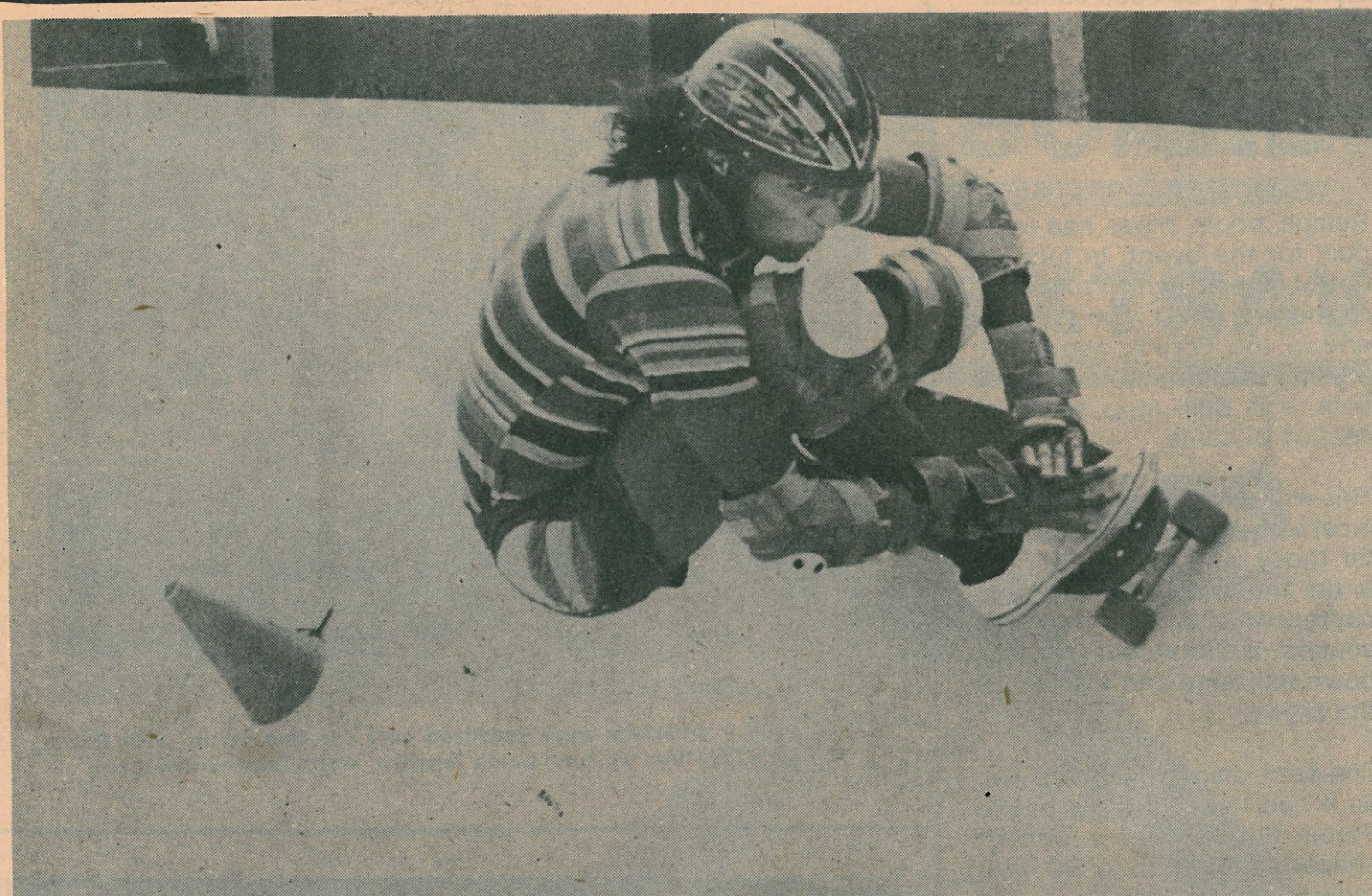
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THE A.F.I. Officials were outfitted just for this event with Paris-designed clothes by Jean Louis Trenant, world famous designer.



Ole Skiptile surprised everyone by doing his routine while Darwheel Fagan was still doing his. His comment: "I've got to catch a plane back to Sweden, so I can't wait". Photo. George Lucas



Manolo Fernando Arrias Gonzales Soto Valdez Smith, created quite a scene during the Giant Slalom event by refusing to make his run until the Tiajuana National flag was placed among the flags of all other Nations. He placed 3rd. Photo. Bent Brownie.

They both took off from the starting gates with a burst of power and somewhere around the 55th cones, they were both still on a dead heat. The crowd got on their feet and heard announcer Howard Cossell go wild. They (the skaters) were reaching speeds of over 55 mph and neither one of them was backing off. When they finally crossed the time-trap, Slogan emerged the winner with an unbelievable time of 02.3456 sec. Could anyone go faster?

Well it didn't seem possible until the second to last group of skaters came up to the starting gate.

There, all dressed in black, with a small patch on the upper left side of the chest, simply saying "Mother", sporting newly-dyed green hair and ultra slim "Cassio" shades, was Eric Trisham.

No one expected him to do well, but today was another matter. As he left the gates, such was his powerful push that he lost one of his tennis shoes. No matter, this was to be his run, and with a burst of speed and concentration he cleared the 110 cones in a time of 01.9349 sec. to win the event.

One sad note to this though, was the fact, that Eric generated such speeds that once he crossed the time traps, he for-



These are just a few of the thousands who weren't able to get tickets. They tried to "snake in" by posing as skaters. They were caught.

got to bail or get off his skateboard and wound up in the 17th row of "E" section on top of an elderly couple. In any event, the trip to the hospital must not have been too bad as he was given a check for \$5,000 for his efforts. This amount should be enough to take care in the replacement of his upper bridge and pay for the emergency treatment of the elderly couple.

THE POOL:

The next event was the pool event. This was "the" event that everyone had come to see.

It was rumored that several

skaters had been practicing never-before-seen tricks and that this would be the time for the unvailing.

And so it was that when the first skater dropped in, the tone was set of things to come.

Fast Eddie Chiguagua dropped in and immediately pulled off a double handplant into a back-side tail tap, then followed with an unbelievable no hands face plant into a 360 toe grinder. To complete his run he rolled out of the pool, got on top of the judges' stand and executed a axle-180 tail drop to the bottom of the pool!

The crowd was going mad, no one had left their seats. They could not believe what they had seen and as one of the judges finally gained his composure, he raised his hand and asked to be excused for a few minutes while he made his way to the men's restroom.

But wait, this was just the beginning, because next was the "master of despair" Dane Meters.

His opening routine was led by his infamous "acid roll", then as if someone had injected him with an extra shot of adrenalin, he bounced out of the pool into a fakie no hand coping slide, followed by a one foot ollie 360 rock n' roll. Well by this time the crowd was absolutely frantic and in fact, judge Don Huffman, fell of his chair and wound up in the pool. But this was no concern to Meters, as he continued to skate around Mr. Huffman, in fact at one point he pulled off a foot plant off Huffman's forehead.

At the end of his routine, Meters was overheard to say, "the surf was great".

But folks this was not the end, because in the wings waited little Steve Horseman. He had been quite silent throughout, and now it was his turn to make things happen.

He chose to start the routine by laying at the bottom of the pool on his back, with his legs stretched out in the air and his board perfectly balanced on his two feet. At that moment, the crowd grew silent in expectation. What would be the first trick. There was quite a roar from the audience but everyone remained still, waiting. Steve just lay there, as if meditating, getting ready for the explosion that was to come. Seconds passed by and yet no movement. He had the crowd in the palm of his hands.

Fifteen seconds had passed by and no movement yet. The crowd in quiet murmur was becoming anxious. When somebody on the side quipped, "why doesn't somebody go down into the pool and see what's with Steve". "Good idea" said Stalcy, his coach, and in he dropped to find Steve Horseman in a full-on sleep.

It seems that the night before, a bunch of guys had stayed over Stalcy's house listening to sounds from the Plasmatics, XXX, Search and Rescue and the Nose Bleeders and Steve

had not been able to get any sleep. Too bad cause we understood he had a great routine worked out.

Next skater was Bernardo Bastagalupi, seemingly unknown in the local circles, but a terror in Bologna.

Bernardo started his routine with back to back flip grinders into a canyon backside varial. Next he made a gay-rock n' twist 50/50 to a full-on vert grinder.

Well needless to say, this brought down the house, brought down the judges and their stands, brought down all the camera equipment and all the scoring tables.

It was an hour before Bernardo's score could be flashed, but when it did, it recorded him the winner of the pool event and made him \$10,000 richer.

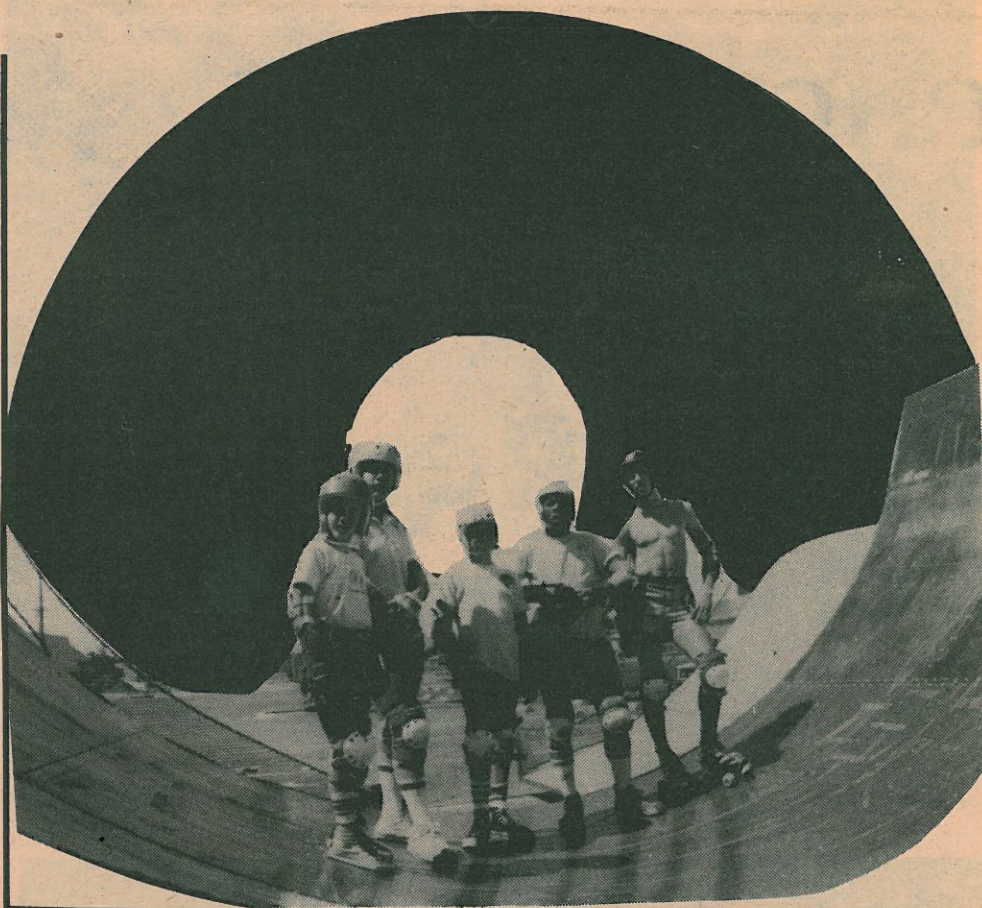
protect themselves in the event of a fall. One skater even padded himself completely with neoprene foam, and only his eyes were uncovered.

The pipe was a full 50 feet in diameter, with a 24 foot length.

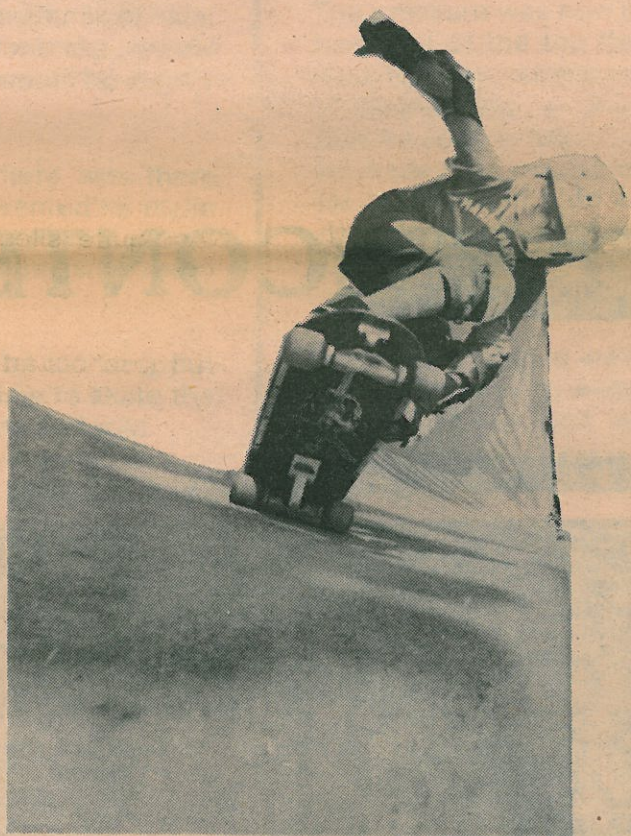
Each skater could enter the pipe and go for the total revolution or work his way by fakie-ing into it. A special 40 foot ramp was constructed for the entry into the pipe. Skaters had the option to use the entire ramp or start from a lower height.

A number of skaters made the attempt from about half way up the ramp and only managed to reach about 3/4 of the way up the pipe. It seem that no one was even getting close to the top, let alone in making a complete revolution.

Then came the "existable kid". The no fear, do anything for a



In front of "THE PIPE" is the team from Bulgaria.



Bernardo Bastagalupi, virtually an unknown skater from Bologna, Italy, surprised everyone by taking the First place in the pool competition. Here he is seen executing his famous "tail grinder", the trick that won it for him. Photo Cassius Clay.

THE PIPE:

This was the event for the dare devils. The first skater to make a complete 360 degree revolution would take the \$5,000 cash purse.

Those who had signed up for this event waited for the starter to give them the go ahead.

The attire for this event was quite unusual, as several skaters had special outfits on to

laugh kid. Give him a skateboard and ask him to do a pressure drop off the Empire State building and he'll ask you, what time?

The crowd settled down, as they anticipated the first skater to go to the top of the ramp. If anyone could do it, it would be he.

The spotlight was on him and on the ramp, nothing else. There were cries in the distant crowd of "don't do it"... "it's too dan-

gerous"... "you'll be killed", but nothing seemed to daunt his determination.

With one loud yell of "Banza!" the "existable kid" pushed down the ramp, through the transition and into the mammoth 50 foot pipe.

As if shot through a cannon, the "kid" climbed the left wall of the pipe, he was a blur. The audience held their breath. Now he had reached the apex of the pipe. Would he be totally on gravity? Would he make the 360 loop.

You bet! He made the loop, in fact he continued to go around the full pipe, one revolution, two revolutions, three!, four!, five!. No one seemed to be able to stop him. He was in perpetual motion. Nobody dared to go in the pipe and grab him!

Needless to say, "the Kid" was declared the winner of this event and the check for \$5,000 was given to his family, to help

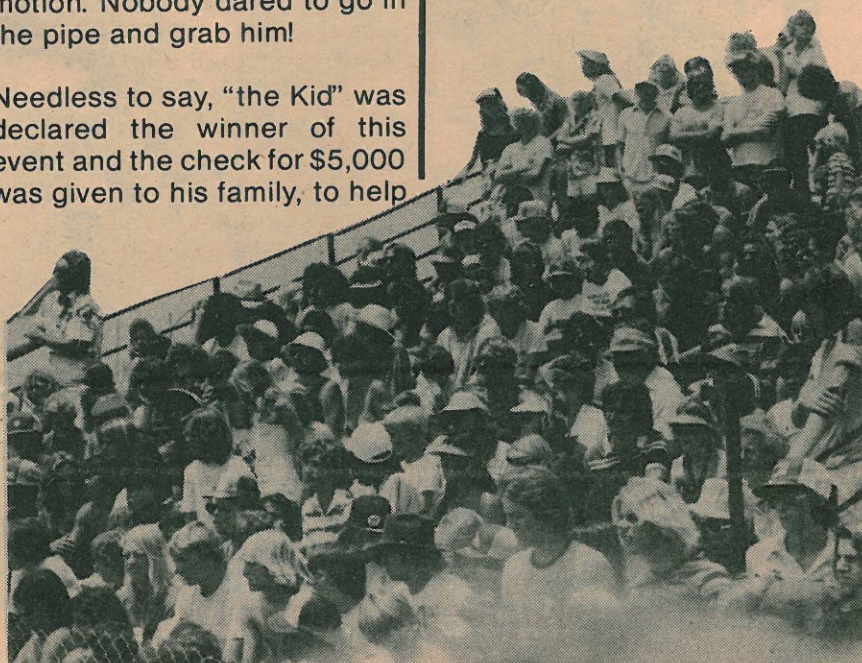
defer the costs of "the home".

The "Kid" will need some rest, but we're sure that he'll be back soon.

And so the A.F.I CHAMPIONSHIPS are now history. Young and old will remember APRIL 1, 1981 as the day that skateboarding made history at the FORUM.

Those of you who missed it, rejoice, CBS will be showing all of the action-packed competition this month, on April 31. Check your local listing for time.

We'll see you at the next A.F.I. Championships, next April 1, 1982.



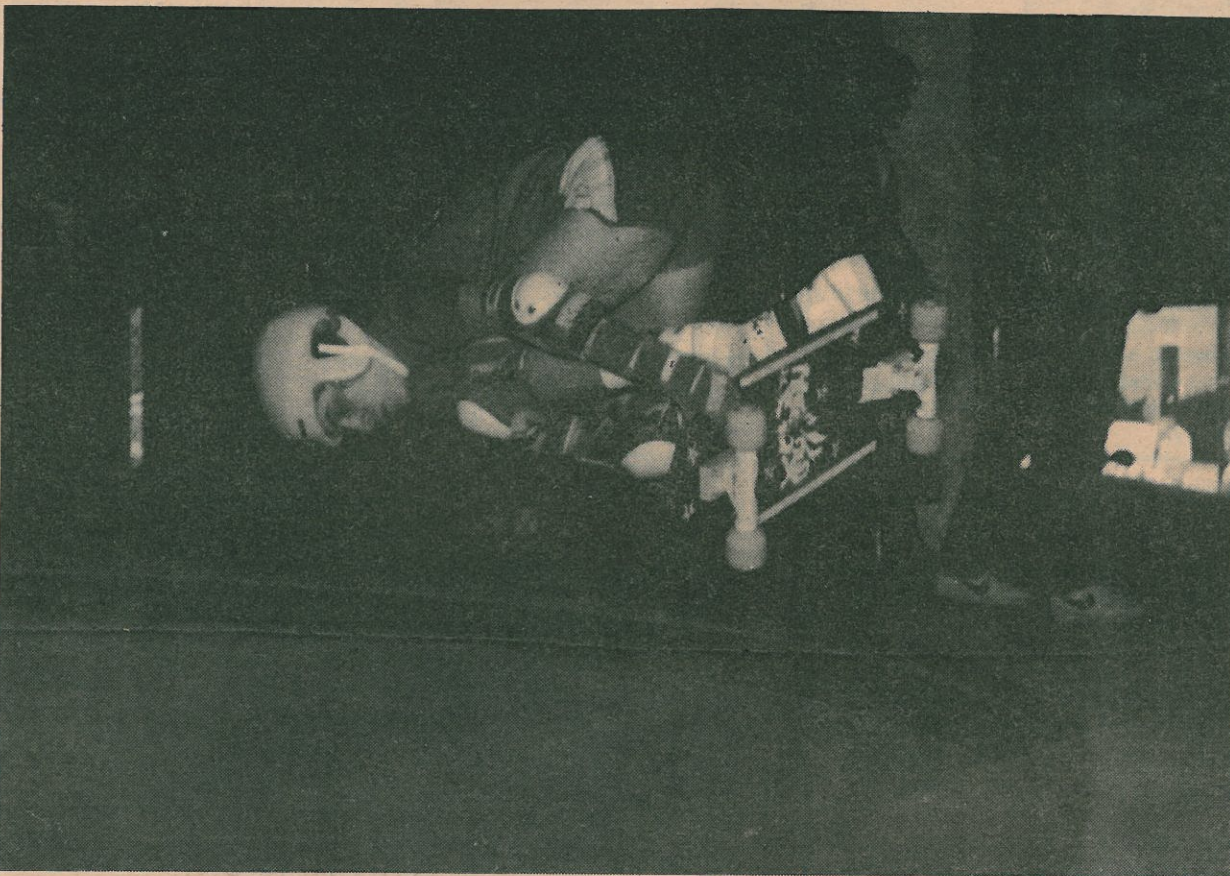
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CHERRY HILL

GIANT KIDNEY-

HALF PIPE

CONTEST



Jamie Godfrey took the second spot at Cherry Hill.

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THE ATMOSPHERE WAS INTENSE AND THE 40 SKATERS that showed up from all around the area were ready to show their "stuff" in front of an appreciative crowd.

The first event on tap was the kidney pool event. There was a surprising number of talent that showed up for this contest.

At stake, were the spots open for the CHERRY HILL Team.

Tom Groholski (SIMS) blasted into the scene with blazing backside ollies; Jamie Godfrey (POWELL/PERALTA) followed with a smooth yet bio style routine and Jeff Jones (VARIFLEX) showed off an ample assortment of bio aerials and gnarly stuff.

There was also a great conflict brewing up between local favorite Godfrey and Jones, winner of the last two events held here. It was a contest within a contest and the crowd would be in for a treat.

Every skater there was there because they wanted to make the first cut to a possible team spot, so everyone was really intense.

Warm up ran a bit too long, but when it came time to skate the crowd was ready and wild.

Four heats, ten skaters and two

rounds made up the program.

Jeff Jones (VARIFLEX) turned out to be the crowd pleaser, and getting them into a frenzy with his maneuvers. On the other hand Jamie Godfrey (POWELL/PERALTA) suffered several falls that relegated him to a second place tie with Groholski. They were followed by Mark Curra, Steve Herring and a young and aggressive Dean Godfrey.

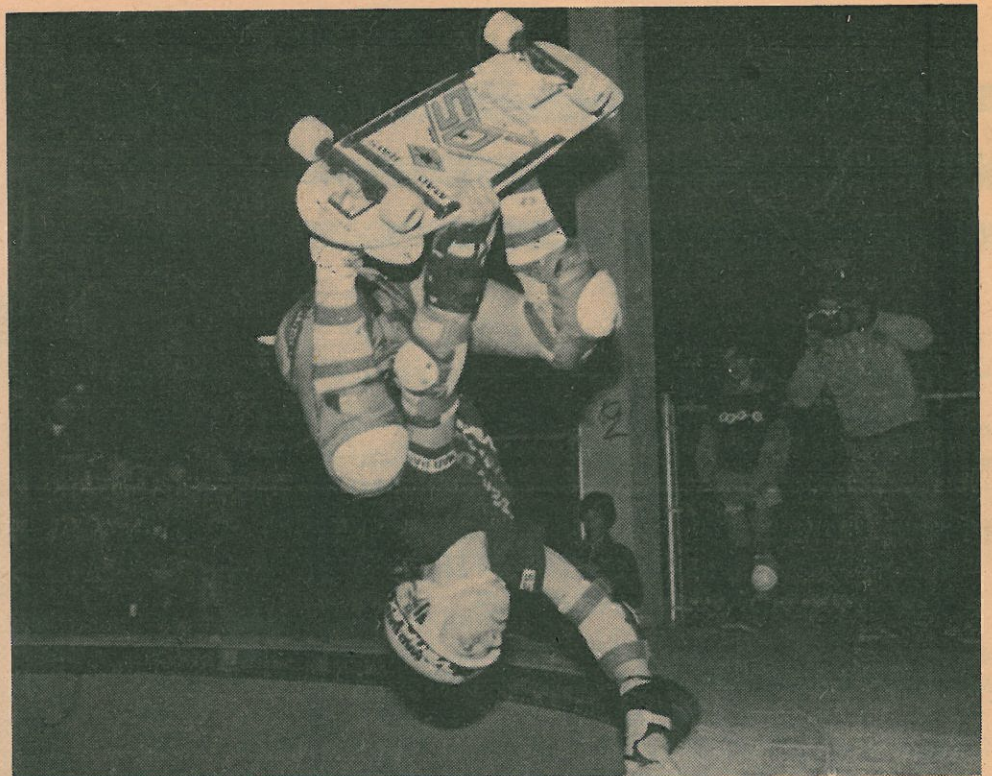
After a short intermission, the competition shifted to the half pipe event.

It started with Groholski trying to close the gap, by pulling off bio backside ollie flyouts from the 3/4 to the 1/2 pipe, totally blowing alot of minds.

Then Jeff Jones exploded, pulling off a near flawless run, consisting of layback varials, front side varials and a trick called the "Jones plant", that highlighted his run.

The pressure was now on Godfrey, one of the top three. He showed his confidence by acknowledging to the crowd that the contest wasn't over yet. He made a 3/4 to 1/2 pipe transfer, & bio front side airs that demonstrated his great style. Still, it wasn't quite enough to win the overall.

Mark Curra skated well, somehow managing to keep Steve Herring off his back, and little Dean Godfrey held his own among many other skaters.



Jeff Jones (VARIFLEX) won the Cherry Hill contest.

RESULTS

It was an excellent contest that proved that not all the hot skaters are in the west coast. This town has many up-and-coming skaters that soon will be making their mark among some of the top skaters in the world.

Results below.

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1. Jeff Jones (VARIFLEX) 89.75
2. Jamie Godfrey (POWELL/PERALTA) 84.00
3. Tom Groholski (SIMS) 83.75
4. Mark Curra
5. Steve Herring
6. Dean Godfrey
7. Paul Schneider
8. Mike Ryan
9. Barry Clemenich
10. Brad Constable
11. Keith Smith
12. Bill Parke
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JUST WHEN EVERYBODY WAS SAYING THAT PERHAPS THE WHOLE SKATEBOARDING SCENE HAD RUN ITS COURSE, ALL OF A SUDDEN, AS IF SOMEONE HAD JUST OPENED THE DAM GATES, OUT CAME 192, NEW AND VETERAN SKATERS, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FIRST ASPO OF THE SEASON AT SKATERCROSS.

Photos by: Paul Votava and Rusty Harris

RESEDA, CALIFORNIA
March 28, 1981

I guess everyone had the right to think that perhaps skateboarding was on its way out. The last couple of months, January and February and part of March had been very slow for most parks, as it usually is during this time of the year, but in some cases even more apparent this time around.

Well, this first outing of the ASPO Amateur Circuit, should encourage most, that in fact skateboarding is very much alive and ready to tackle another exciting season.

In fact, it looks like ASPO, this year, is going to be drawing entries from all over the country and from some foreign countries. At Reseda there were several entries from outside the Southern California area, from places like Arizona, Texas, Sweden, Portland and from Northern California as well.

The same energy and fever pitch of last year was there on this first day of the new season.

Already, old rivalries and new ones were apparent.

For example, while all of the participating parks seem to have put strong park teams together, once again it looks like the BIG O, SKATERCROSS, PIPELINE and COLTON Teams are going to resume their tenacious competition among each other for the coveted title.

Also, this year the POMONA PIPE & POOL Skatepark and the PARAMOUNT Skatepark have come into the league.

They and MARINA, DEL MAR, LAKEWOOD and WHITTIER, should keep the pressure all season long.

Today though, as far as the park team category, it was the SKATERCROSS Team that almost swept all four age groups.

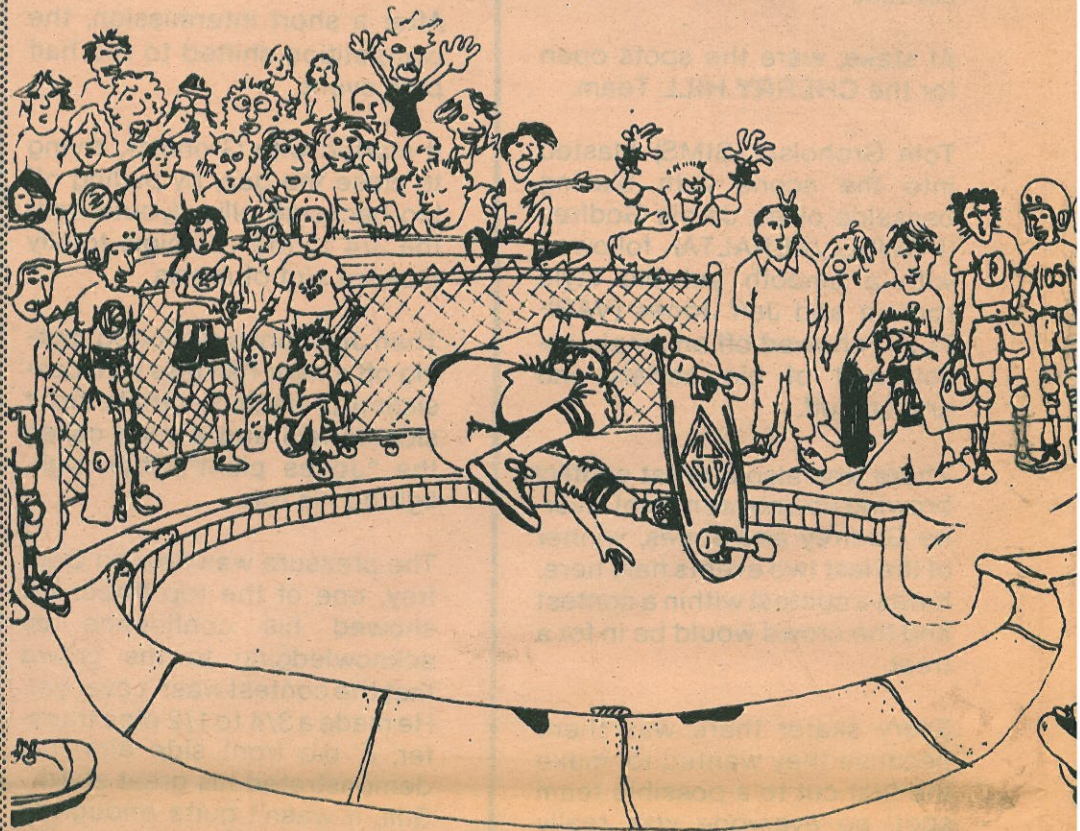
Brian Treanor, Les Pearlman, Greg Suver won five of eight events spread over the 12 & Under, 13-14 and 15-17 classes, and Rick Stine, skating in the Open class picked up creditable points by placing third and fourth in the pool and slalom events.

The 780 points for SKATERCROSS were 28 points higher than second place BIG O. In third it was the PIPELINE team with 754, narrowly beating the COLTON team with 752 and fourth.



Carabeth Burnside is now competing with the boys and doing quite well. She's 6th in the 2A overall standings.

ASPO # 1-



These four teams find themselves again in the thick of things, as they did last year, and it doesn't look like it's going to be any different for the rest of the year.

Fifth through tenth place went as follows: LAKEWOOD 728; MARINA 640; WHITTIER 633;

POMONA 594; DEL MAR 526; PARAMOUNT 517 points.

We should mention several other skaters who made a fine showing, namely: Tim Galvan (PIPELINE) who won the 15-17 Tight Slalom; Tim Metz (LAKEWOOD) who won the Open pool event and Andre Watts (MARINA), who is probably one of the two best Slalom skaters in APSO. He won the tight slalom event in the Open class.

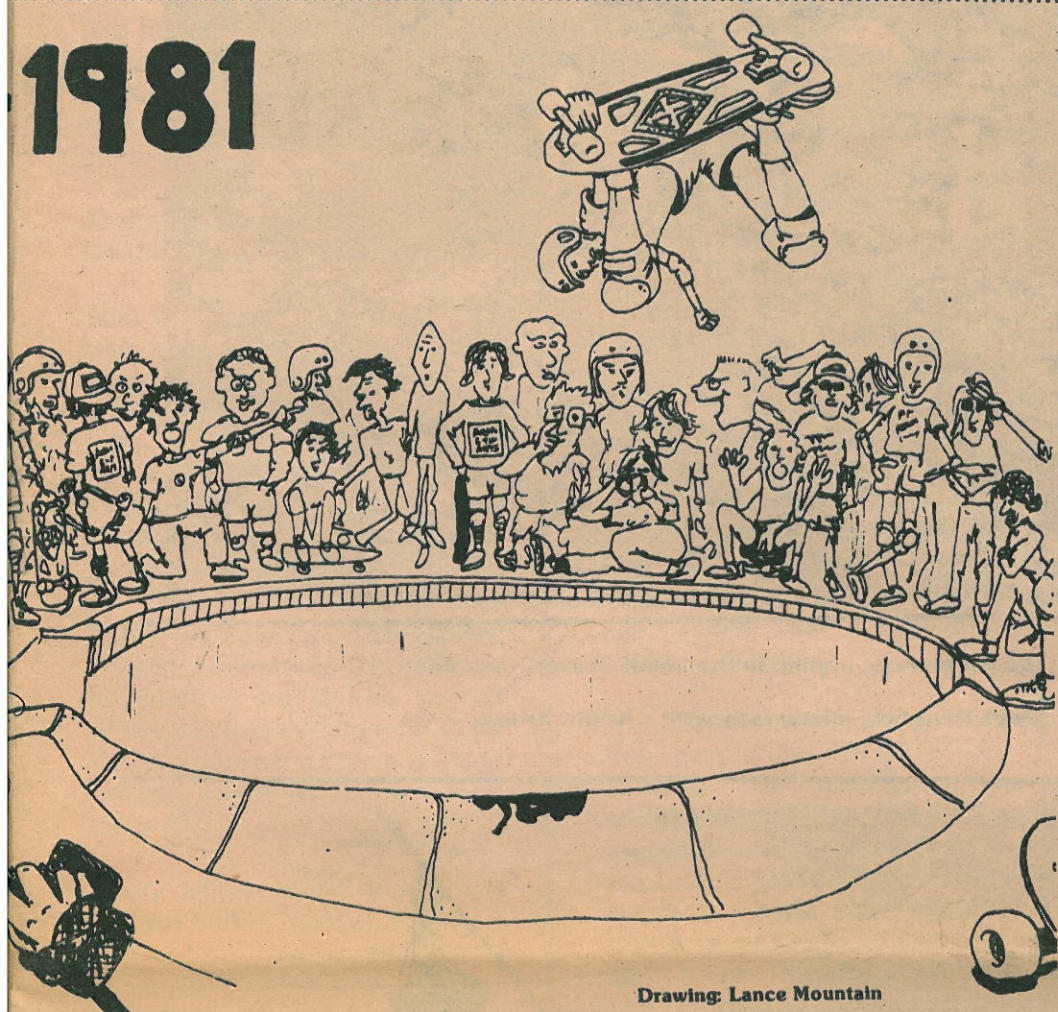
There were also many new faces in ASPO this year. Especially in the 1A class, and of course many skaters who competed last year have now moved up to the 2A & 3A classes

Some of those new skaters wasted no time to move into the winners circle. For example: Bill Braden won the 12 & Under, 1A Pool event, while Eric Jueden won the Slalom in the same class.

Don Wilcox and Glen Lew were respective winners in the pool and slalom in the 15-17 class, as were Dave Shartzter and Steve Lawrence, who won the

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Drawing: Lance Mountain

honors in the Open class.

A couple of exciting skaters made their debut in the 1A 13-14 class; Aaron Kahan and Rich Sherman. Aaron won the pool event and Rich won the Slalom.

Interestingly, all but one of the winners in the 1A division were first-time skaters in ASPO.

The 2A class is now made up of some of the hot skaters from last year's 1A divisions and the 2A skaters who have remained.

Many skaters in this class had not seen each other since last year's final event at BIG O. So it was kind of neat to see some old friendships and rivalries being renewed.

Jeff Grosso moved into the front of the class by winning the 12 & Under Pool event. Tim Metz, is now getting used to picking up more trophies as he won both events in the 13-14 class.

Eric Nash won the Slalom in the 12 & Under.

Chris Weddle picked up his first place ever in ASPO by winning the 15-17 Pool event, while Bill D'Angelo added to his collection yet another award for winning the slalom 15-17.

New face in the crowd of Open skaters, Ken McGuire won the

pool and Barry Fields took the fast honors in the tight slalom event.

The SEMI-PROS; the 3A class this year is going to be the most competitive division in the sport.

While G & S was obviously absent of representation, so far VARIFLEX, SIMS, MADRID, TRACKER, NHS, INDY, GULLWING, O ZONE, CASTER were well represented.

Quite a few of last year's 2A skaters have obtained sponsorships and fill the gaps left by those 3A skaters that moved into the pro ranks.

The gain in the 3A division of new skaters is going to make this class a formidable class to watch.

Jason Richardson, 12 & Under served notice that he's going to be tough to beat. He won both events.

Mark Rogowski (GULLWING/G & S) was in excellent form in the 13-14 class, beating out the likes of Chris Miller, Lester Kasai, Doug Cobalis, Paul Molina. Paul did manage to win the tight slalom event for the SIMS team.

In the 15-17 class there are some great skaters this year. They all have the potential to win any time any place. Guys like Bob Serafin, Todd Joseph,

Jim Coane, Eddie Meeks, Raul Escobedo, Mike Hirsch, Roland Cobalis, just to mention a few. But emerging in the forefront in the pool event, it was Lance Mountain (VARIFLEX) who put on two great pool routines to beat the local favorite Raul Escobedo (SIMS/TRACKER).

Bob Serafin (NHS/INDY) while not doing as well in the pool event, won the tight slalom. Bobby has to be one of the best all around skaters in ASPO, or for that matter anywhere. He may not be able to duplicate his unbelievable record of last year, winning every event but two that he entered, but you know he's going to be in there.

Another great all round skater is Brian Martin (SIMS and SIMS team coach). He won the Open slalom event and placed second to Rusty Morris (VARIFLEX) in the pool event.

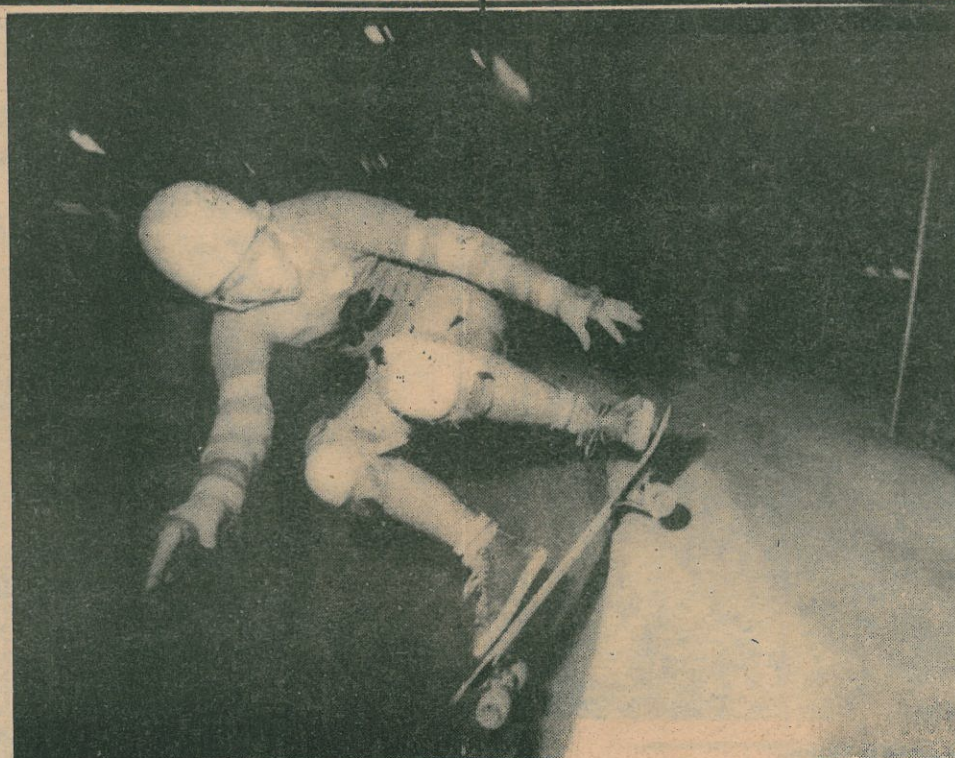
Moving into the "mad-men" classes, the Rollerskaters, this year it looks like some new faces will give the veterans a run for their money.

Bobby Chase (SKATERCROSS) continues to improve and be more aggressive. He won both events in the 1A Rollerskating class. But keep an eye out for Ricky Kaplan, Aaron McErlane, Bill Armstrong and others. They look hot.

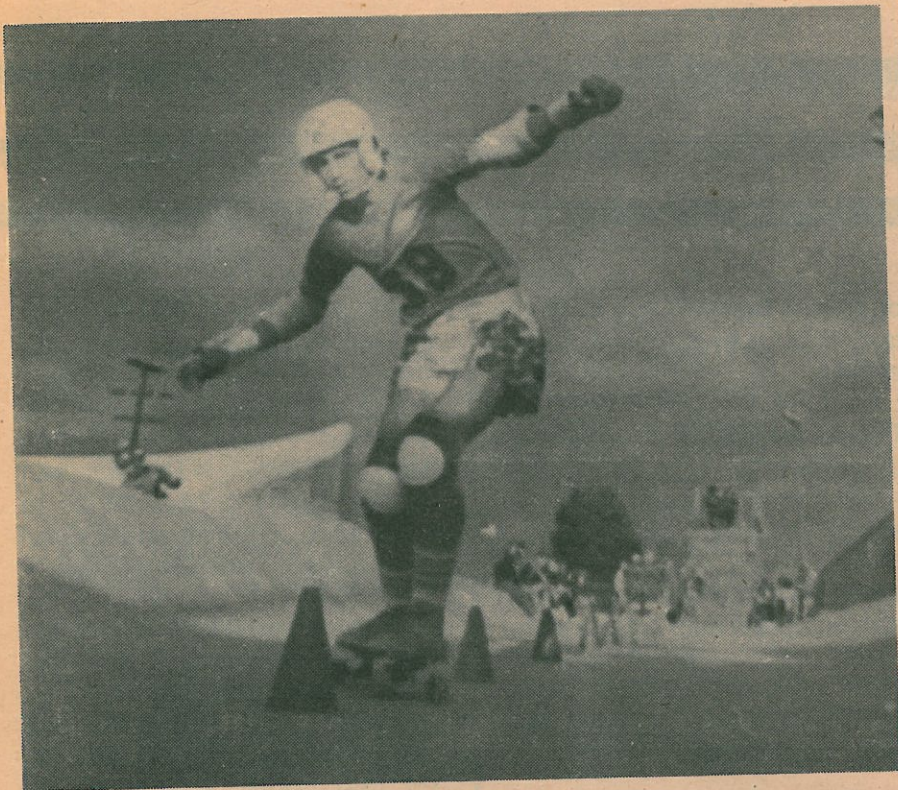
The 2A class had a short field this time around. Several skaters from last year have turned pro and others were not able to make the event due to injuries.

But Paul Votava was there and more radical than ever. What he may lack a bit on style, he makes up in daring, dedication and tenacity. He was hard to beat at his home park and we think that he'll be hard to beat at any park. He's going for it this year. He won the pool event.

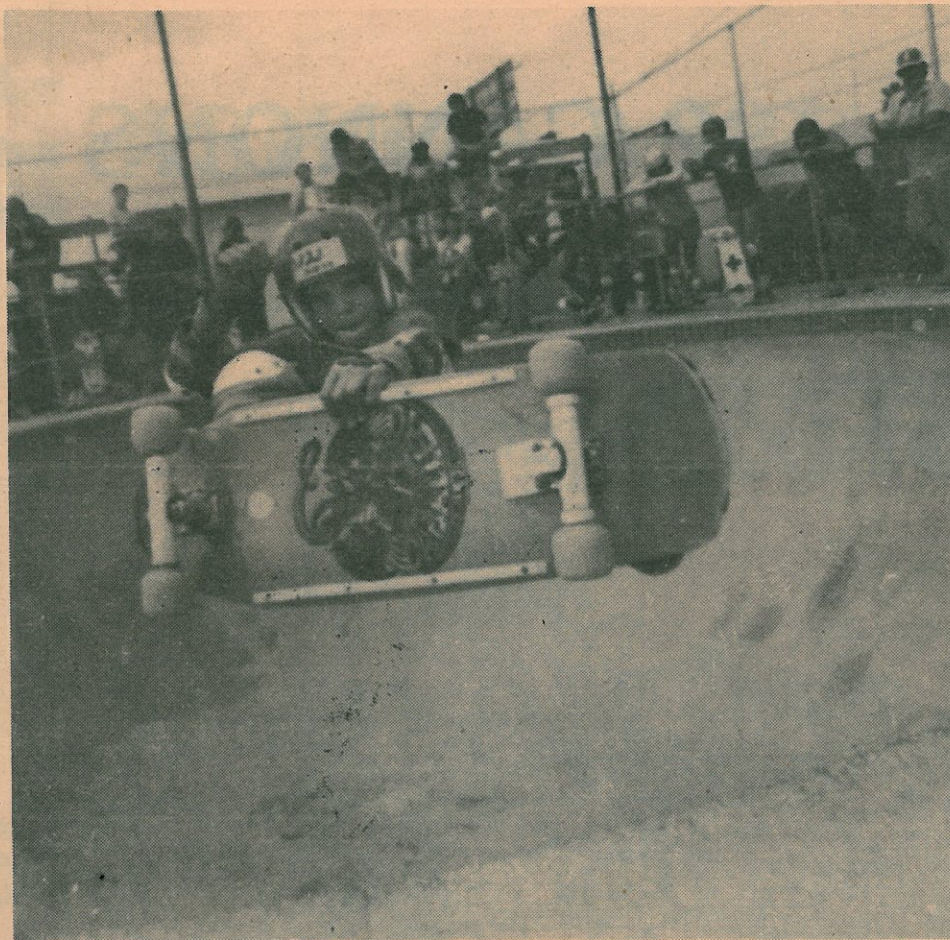
Another local skater, Jody Lofton won the 2A Slalom event. He's got the potential to give Paul a run for his money and even though Paul has helped him a lot in his progress, Jody looks like he's improving so rapidly that will give Paul and the others in this class a tough time.



Barry Fields leads the overall 2A Open class with two strong performances at Reseda.



Chris May, negotiating the 17 cones in the Tight Slalom at SkaterCross



Aaron Murray, stylish in the small SkaterCross pool.

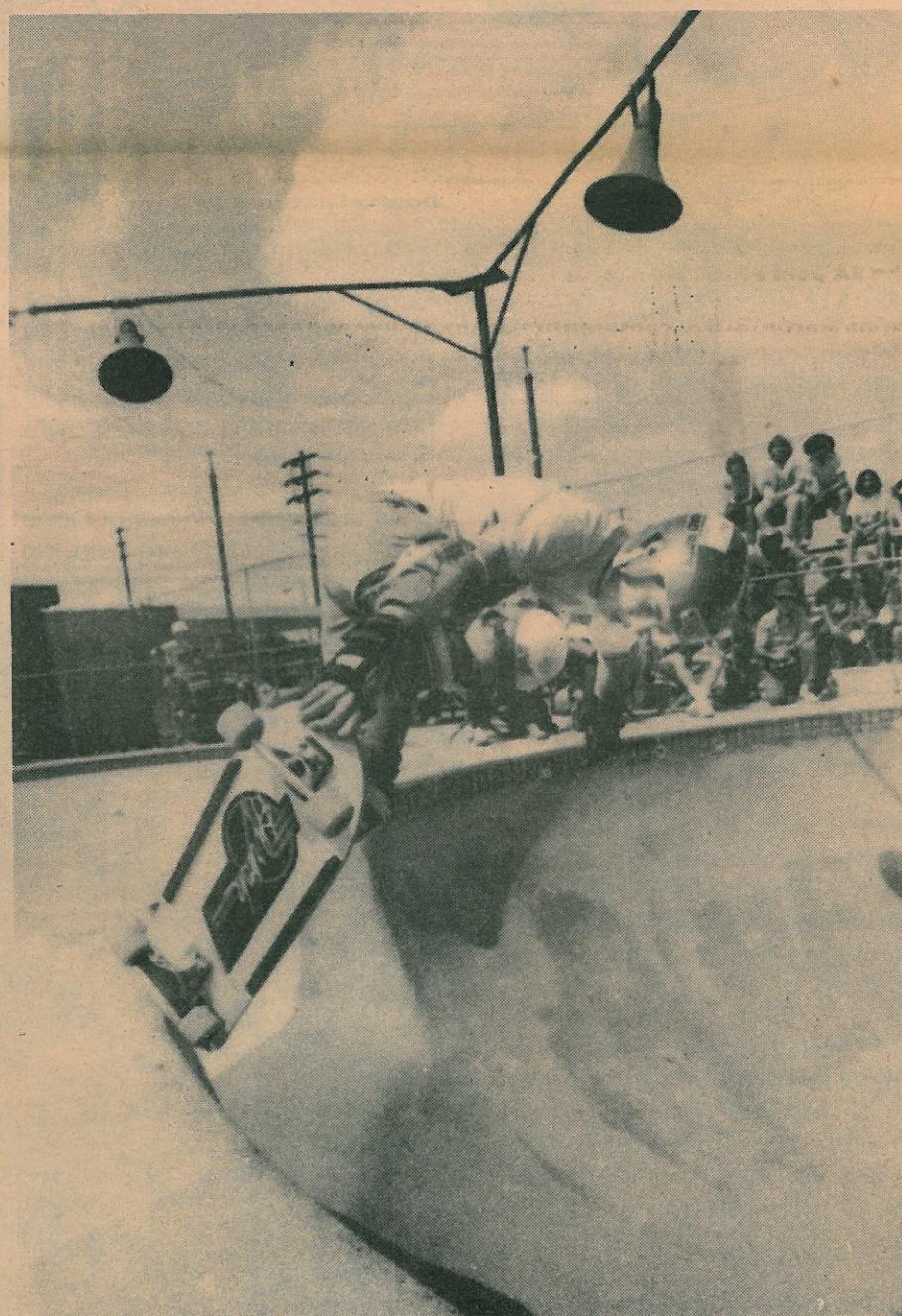
Jack Haughey, a new face with a bright future.

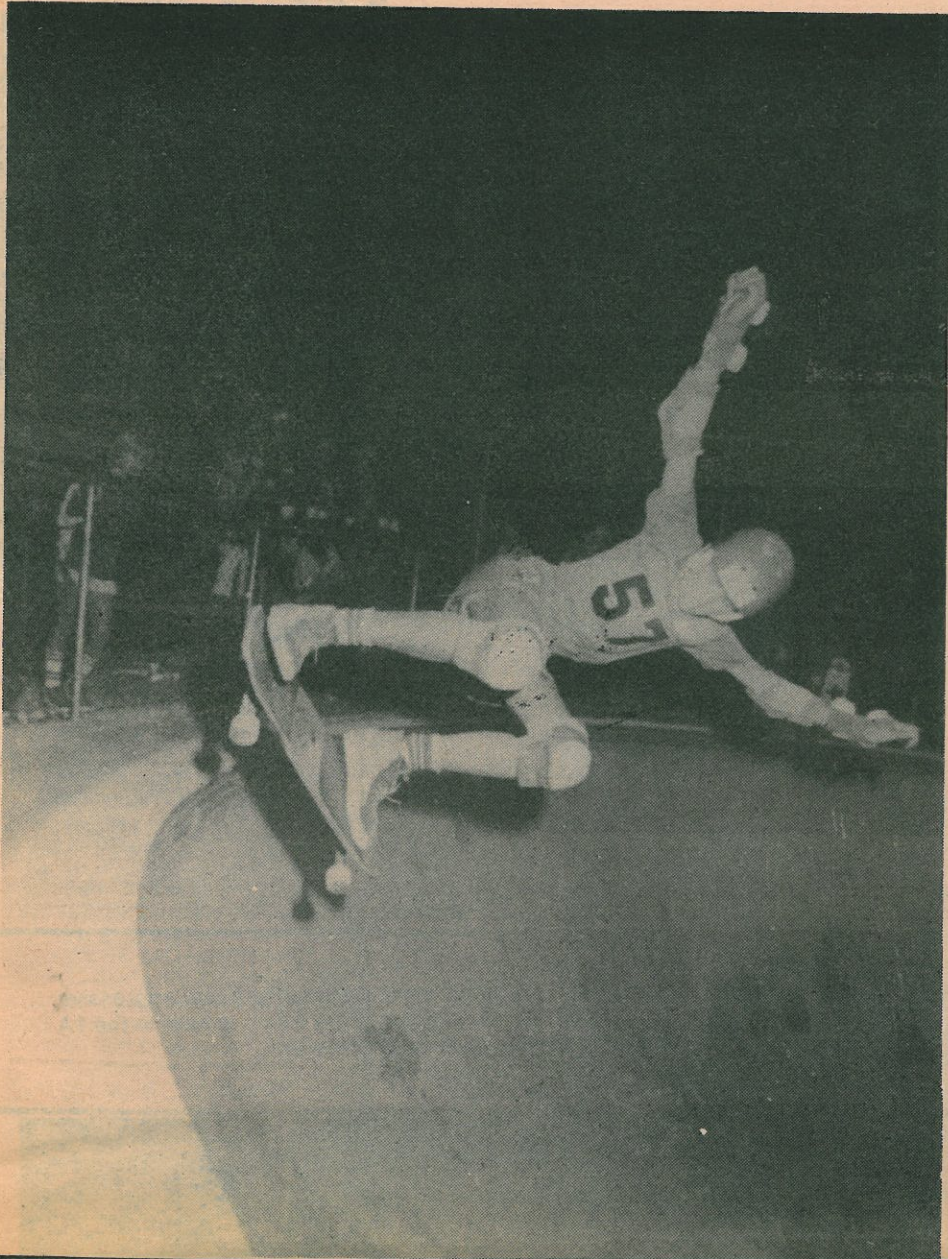


Beau Brown, slalom and downhill specialist for MADRID placed 2nd.



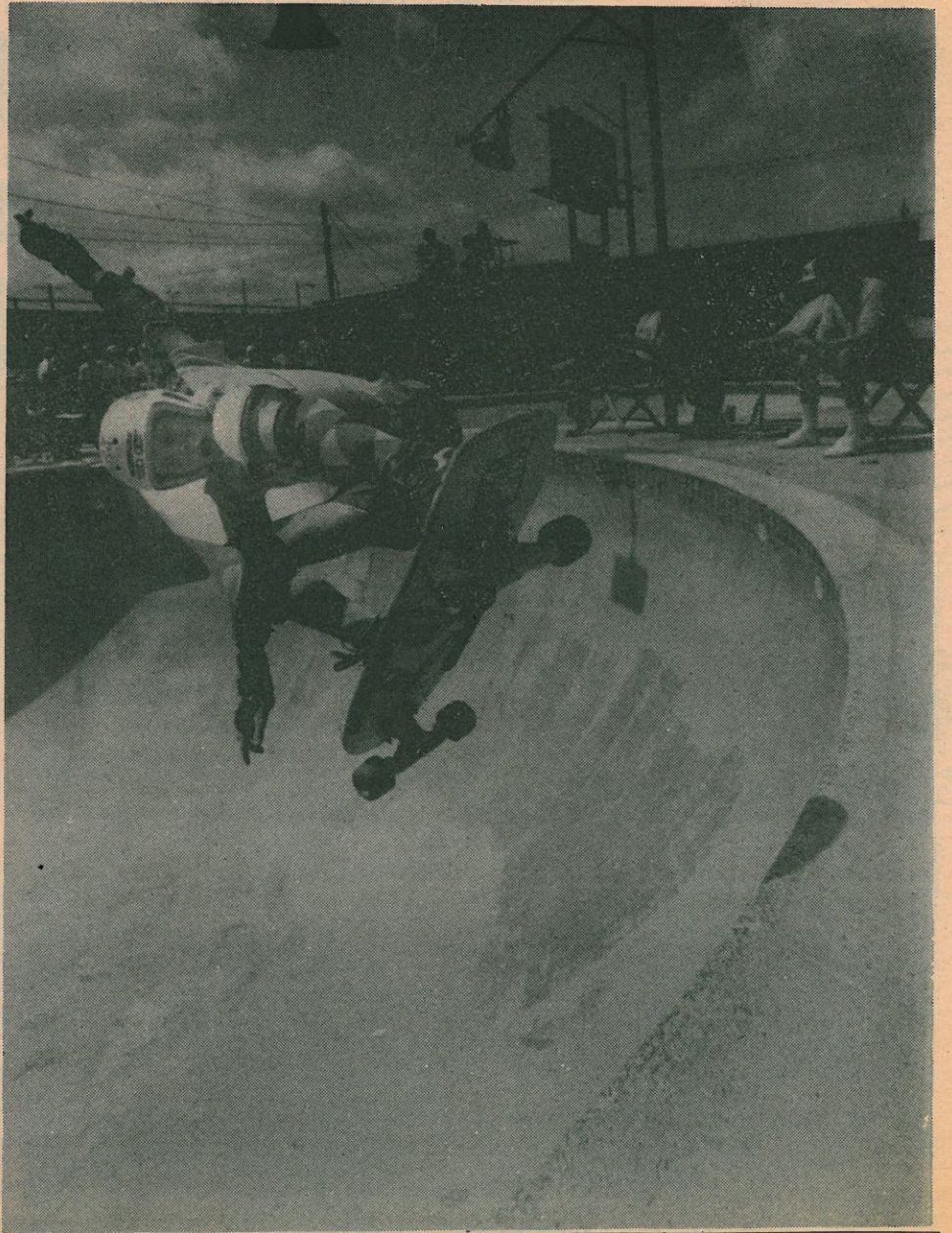
Nik Rosendahl, fast charger for the MARINA Team.





Tim Metz swept the Park Team class with a double win and also won in the 2A pool event. He skates two classes.

Brian Martin (SIMS) captured first in the Slalom and second in the pool. He's one of the better all around skaters in the 3A Open class.



Jerry Fenske pulling off a nice ollie air.



This year a new event was added to ASPO. The "Doubles Open". There is a limited entry of ten teams, first come first serve basis.

There were nine skateboard teams and one rollerskaters team. Only two of the ten teams looked like they had worked on a routine. Winners of this event, VOTAVA/LOFTON had it all together to win. Pearlman and Treanor also had worked on a fine routine, but when it came to the money run they suffered several falls that relegated them to sixth.

All others had spent very little time in developing a sound routine, but they were no less exciting.

This event had the crowd on the edges, and on several moments when a team of skaters slammed into each other, everyone got on their feet in anticipation of the worst. Fortunately no one got hurt and although there were several close calls, the event was definitely the most fun to watch. It's going to be a great added attraction to the ASPO season.

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SO THE FIRST ASPO IS IN THE BOOKS. 192 skaters came and had a great time, and lots of fun. There were no major injuries, although one skater did get a cut on his eye from a flying board. But when you consider that there were 191 other skaters in one facility, it's really amazing that nothing more happened.

Credit should go to all of the ASPO officials who helped run a very smooth event and to Pacific Search and Rescue

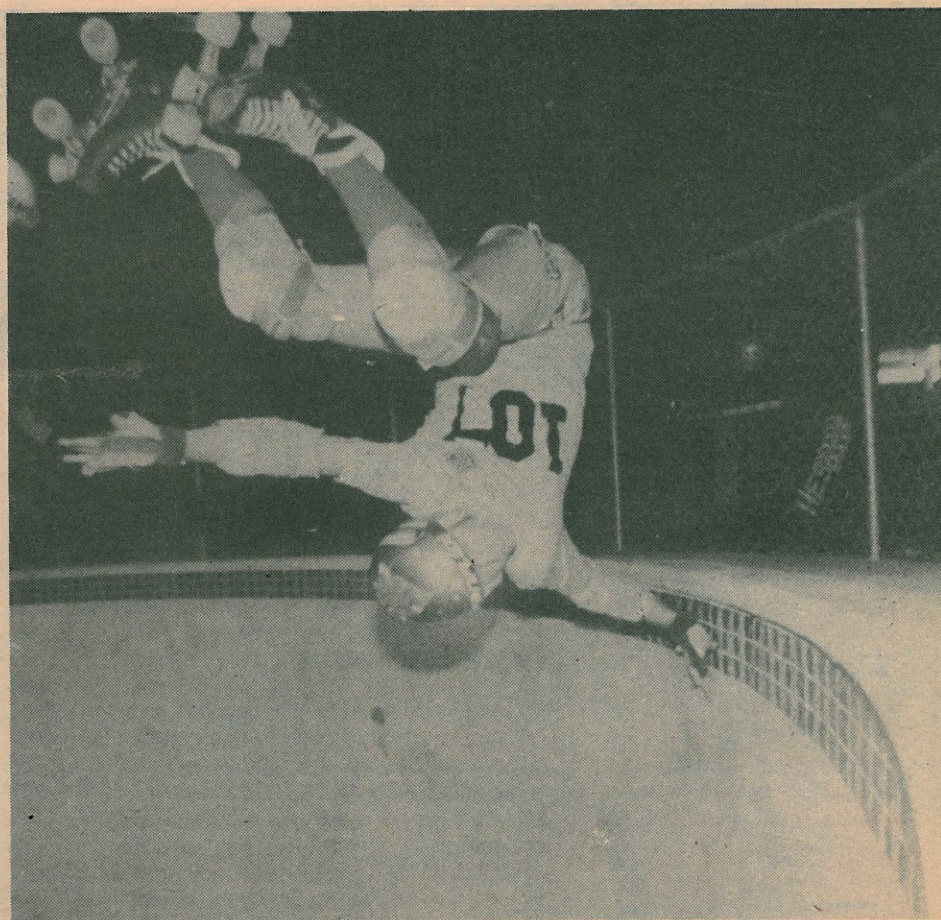
Team who took care of all scratches and tight muscles, and cramps all day long. They are part of the Scout program.

All indications point that this is going to be the biggest ASPO season ever. Certainly it is going to be the most colorful.

This year rather than award trophies as in the past, color-coded plaques are being awarded, bearing the class and age group and the new ASPO logo.



New to ASPO Ricky Kaplan (above) shows promise in the 1A Rollerskating class. Bill Armstrong, another newcomer is also one watch. Photo. P. Votava.



Top 2A Rollerskater, Paul Votava won the pool event with a super aggressive style (above) and Bobby Chase (below) is going to be tough to beat in the 1A division. Both skate out of SkaterCross. Photo Votava Sr.



T-Shirt, also color-coded for the different classes are issued as part of the membership program. Yellow for 1A; Red for 2A; Royal Blue for 3A and Tan for Rollerskaters. Each having their own competition number. The shirts also have the original ASPO logo and the new one on back.

Special thanks from ASPO goes to Gil Losi, who helped design and print the new logo on the awards and T-Shirts.

Next event will be at SKATE

CITY in Whittier on April 25. If you haven't yet joined the ASPO circuit, you've got time to do so. Don't be left out of the next nine months of unbelievable amateur and Pro competitions.

If you haven't received the 1981 ASPO schedule or you want to join ASPO write or call at P.O. Box 411, Woodland Hills, Ca. 91364, (213)345-7300.

See you at the next one.



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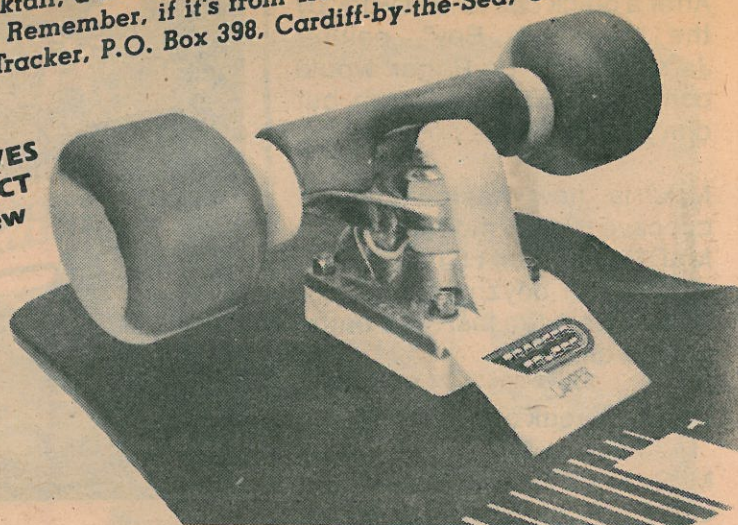
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2. Rickey Kaplan 190
3. Bill Armstrong 188
- Aaron McErlane 188
5. Haley Camp 186
6. Yves Batulaz 98

ROLLERSKATER 2 A:

1. Paul Votava 198
- Jody Lofton 198
3. John Tossi 190
- Craig Carter 190

NEWS FROM THE GULF

By Mike Apperson

Mobile's, Alabama-based skate park, The SKATE WAVE has its new half pipe ramp completed. Bio skate-sessioning by Mike Folmer and the local wrecking crew insure us all that it is hot! Soon there'll be an in-depth review of this newest landmark.

Speaking of Alabama, certain rumors are floating that Roger "the Kid" Hickey is heading out to Alabama to conquer all hills. After a quick call to MADRID, by the "Excitable Boy", neither Jerry Madrid or Roger would confirm the Eastbound trip, but don't discount the possibilities.

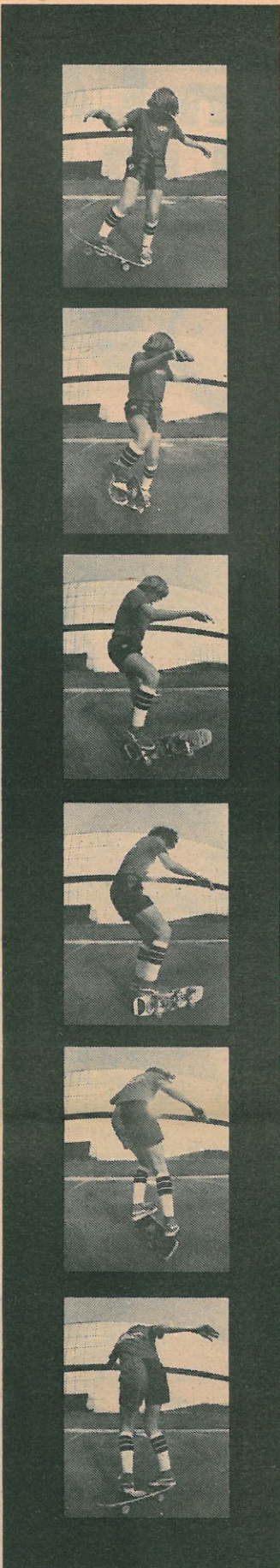
M.A. is now campaigning a concave Hickey model from the MADRID stable of fine sticks, and if both boyz get together, look out for ultra fast sessioning goings on.

Locals...break out your fast film.

McGuivens' Speak Easy is the GULF's Punk/Skate hang out. With the skate based band "The Jonnies" (Gull-member Steve Byars, Jim Benfield, and Fred "Vince" MacMurray) the Gulf crowd is in for a treat.

During a punk version of "Free bird", locals Don Muse, Spike (he wears a dog collar with 4 inch nails protruding), Debbie Lee & Katen Loose (local skattets) and the excitable boy had a record bust which consisted of thrashing 40 pop rock LP records.

If this wasn't enough, when all the lights suddenly went out, Mike surprised everyone



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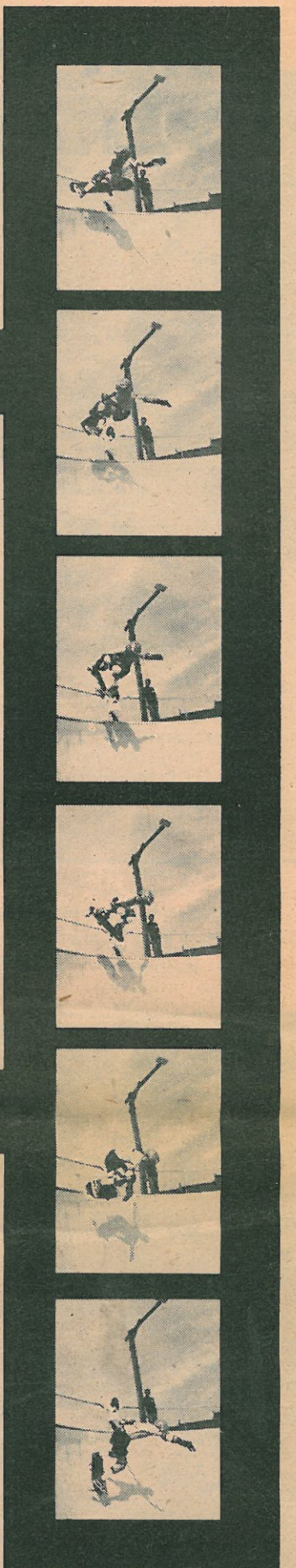
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(including the manager) when he suddenly pressure-dropped off the equipment and proceeded to chain saw a new Gullwing-wheeled M.O.D. pool cue. What this group has in store for next, no one knows.

With the VARIFLEX/KONA week of skating and the ASPO, with Downhills and Slalom and Freestyle events on tap, you have no reason to sit on your tail stall and complain that there is no skate action to enter. There is also a series in Texas and Alabama, so get with it and don't become a boob tube zombie.

Till next time (we've got to stop meeting this way) skate tuff or get out!

M.A.

ON THE COVER: Chris Miller skating for G & S shows his outstanding form at the SkaterCross pool during the ASPO competition.



SENSATION BASIN

3rd ANNIVERSARY

SKATE CONTEST

Photos and Story by
Bruce Hitchcock

THE SENSATION BASIN SKATEPARK IN GAINSVILLE, FLORIDA HELD ITS THIRD ANNIVERSARY SKATEBOARD CONTEST ON MARCH 14-15. THE FLORIDA SKATERS COULD NOT HAVE ASKED FOR BETTER WEATHER. IT WAS SUNNY WITH NO RAIN IN SIGHT AND THE TEMPERATURE WAS IN THE UPPER 70's.



John McGuigans, first in the pool and first overall at Sensation Basin.

Everything got under way on Saturday morning with a 10 am skaters' meeting. There after, the first event of the the day was the banked freestyle event.

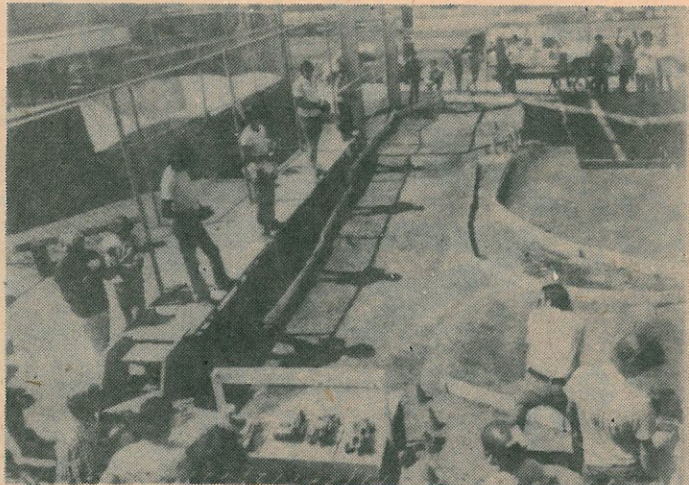
It was held in the freestyle run,

which is shaped like a square with smooth transitional walls that close it in.

The 14 & Under unsponsored
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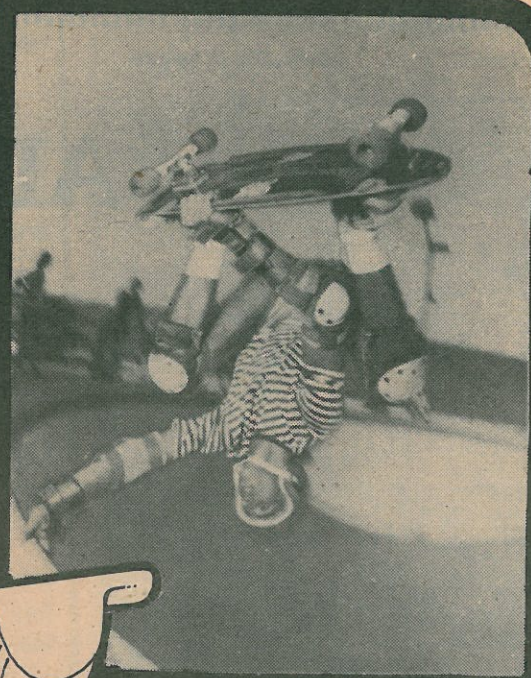
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SENSATION BASIN

group was first in each event. Kindra Owens, the little lady from Jacksonville's KONA park, skated her way into third place with 13.0 points. Ronnie King of Gainesville placed second with 13.5 points and Sam Myhre, also from Gainesville, took the first place title with 15.5 points.

In the 15 & over unsponsored group, all three top skaters were from the Gainesville area. Donnie Myhre finished in third with 16.5 points; Russell Grinder took second with 17.5 points and 19.0 points went to John McGuigans to win this event.

Noteworthy was John's disappearing act and INDY Flash, which had all the spectators rolling on the floor.

In the open sponsored group, Peggy Turner, the other lady from Jacksonville's KONA park, took third with 14.5 points. Gainesville locals, Peter Andrews (WALKER) took second and Chris Baucom (WALKER) won with 17.5 points

NEXT WAS THE POOL EVENT.

In the 14 & Under unsponsored group Ronnie King took third, Billy McCormick second, and the winner was Sam Myhre once again.

The 15 & over class John McGuigans was also a double winner. He was followed by Russell Grinder in second and Donnie Myhre in third.

In the open class, the WALKER team took all three top places. Third went to KONA's John Hodges, second to local Peter Andrews and first once again to Chris Baucom.

At 1:30 pm, after the lunch break, skaters and spectators alike returned to the park and the SNAKE RUN-HALF PIPE event was started.

The walls are 13 feet tall with 3 to 4 feet of vert. It was skated by hitting the first wall and the third wall like a half pipe.

In the 14 & under unsponsored class, Sam Nyhre kept his perfect record by picking up the win, his third of the day. Billy McCormick took second and Ronnie King third. Sam needed one more first to make it a clean sweep of all events.

The 15 & Over class saw Mike



Monty Nolder took second in the Pro class. Photo B.Hitchcock.

Tibot, a late entry, beat out John McGuigans and left Russell Grinder in third.

NEXT THE PROS SKATED the Snake Run.

This was the only event pros skated. The contest was plagued by lack of entries because most of Florida's pros had gone to California to participate in contests there.

Monty Nolder from Gainesville and Shaun Peddie from Tallahassee, were the only pros competing for the winner-take all cash prize.

Three runs were given to the skaters with the best two counting. Going into the final run, both skaters were tied, but Shaun edged Monty to win the event.

THE BANKED SLALOM event would close the Saturday competition. This event used a tight course which started in the snake run and ended in the "trench".

Sam Myhre made a clean sweep of all four events by placing once again in the 14 & Under class. Billy Mc-

Cormick was second.

Mike Tibot was the winner in the 15 & Over group in the unsponsored class.

Gainesville local, Keith Holleen (ROAD ROLLERS) won the sponsored class. Kenny Heath (SIMS) was second and Chris Baucom (WALKER) was third.

SUNDAY's events were started with an Open to all ages Freestyle event. Donnie Myhre took third, John Hodges got second and first went to another WALKER team member, Robert Rodriguez.

IN THE FUN EVENTS, Chris Baucom (WALKER) beat out Sam and Donnie Myhre to win the add-a-trick event.

IN THE DOUBLE SNAKE RUN event, the team of Ed Womble and Bruce Mason won. Peter Andrews and John Hodges were second.

The last event was the CROSS COUNTRY RACE. Once again the WALKER team took all three top spots. Peter Andrews first, Chris Baucom second, and John Hodges third.

The contest was great fun for everyone involved and a big success for the park's new manager.

The next SENSATION BASIN contest will be May 10th. The next FLORIDA contest is set for April 24th and 25th at KONA Skatepark in Jacksonville.

Bruce A. Hitchcock

RESULTS

BANKED FREESTYLE:

14 & Under

1. Sam Myhre
2. Ronnie King
3. Kindra Owens

15 & Over

1. John McGuigans
2. Russell Grinder
3. Donnie Myhre

Sponsored

1. Chris Baucom (WALKER)
2. Peter Andrews (WALKER)
3. Peggy Turner (Z-FLEX)

POOL:

14 & Under

1. Sam Myhre
2. Billy McCormick
3. Ronnie King

15 & Over

1. John McGuigans
2. Russell Grinder
3. Donnie Myhre

(RESULTS contd. Page 23)

Photo P. Chicchio



Shaun Peddie won the Pro Class.

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RAMP

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APR. 19 AT CRYSTAL PALACE
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UNITED KINGDOM

MAY 9-10 AT ANDOVER
ESA FREESTYLE
UNITED KINGDOM

MAY 16 AT WICKSTEED PARK
NEAR KETTERING
UNITED KINGDOM

MAY AT KNEBORTH
PARKRIDING/FREESTYLE
ESA EVENT

JUN. 7-13 AT BRANDS HATCH
SCOTTISH BOWLRIDING
ROCK N' ROLL SKATEPARK
SSA SPONSOR

JUN. 27-28 AT STEVENAGE

JUL. 5 AT SOUTHSEA

JUL. 18-19 ANDOVER CLUB
SKATEBOARD/ROLLERSKATE
ESA SANCTIONED

AUG. 16 AT ANDOVER

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ASPO PARK STANDINGS

1. SKATERCROSS	788
2. BIG O	760
3. PIPELINE	754
4. COLTON	752
5. LAKEWOOD	728
6. MARINA	640
7. WHITTIER	633
8. POMONA	594
9. DEL MAR	526
10. PARAMOUNT	517

PARK TEAMS

12 & UNDER - POOL

1. Brian Treanor(SKX)	100
2. Eric Berquist(BIG O)	98
3. Tommy Finch(COLTN)	96
4. Jeff Heath(LKWD)	94
5. Doug Graham(PIPELN)	92
6. Jason Parks(DEL MAR)	90
7. Aaron Murray(MRNA)	88
8. Albert Hale(PMNT)	86
9. Eric Riedy(PMNA)	84

SLALOM

1. Brian Treanor(SKX)	100
2. Tommy Finch(CLTN)	98
3. Doug Graham(PIPELN)	96
4. Eric Berquist(BIG O)	94
5. Jeff Heath(LKWD)	92
6. Aaron Murray(MRNA)	90
7. Jason Parks(DLMR)	88
8. Eric Riedy(PMNA)	85
9. Albert Hale(PMNT)	85

13-14 POOL

1. Les Pearlman(SKX)	100
2. Anthony King(BIG O)	98
3. Paul Young(PIPELN)	96
4. Ron Yerman(CLTN)	94
5. Bill Wahl(LKWD)	92
6. Mike Durand(MRNA)	90
7. Richard Armijo(SKTCTY)	88
8. David Eckles(DLMR)	86
9. Scott Kawa(PMNA)	84
10. Charles Peterson(PMT)	82

SLALOM

1. Les Pearlman(SKX)	100
2. Paul Young(PIPELN)	96
3. Anthony King(BIG O)	96
4. Ron Yerman(CLTN)	94
5. Mike Durand(MRNA)	92
6. Scott Kawa(PMNT)	90
7. Richard Armijo(SCTY)	88
8. Dave Eckles(DLMR)	86
9. Bill Wahl(LKWD)	84

15-17 POOL

1. Greg Suver(SKX)	100
2. James Murphy(MRNA)	98
3. Craig Allison(BIG O)	96
4. Tim Galvan(PIPELN)	94
5. Tom Steenbock(CLTN)	92
6. John Lucero(SCTY)	90
7. Chris May(PMNT)	88
8. Tae Ho Shim(LKWD)	86
9. Steve Yates(PMNA)	84
10. Ken Park(DLMR)	82

SLALOM

1. Tim Galvan(PIPELN)	100
2. Greg Suver(SKX)	98
3. Craig Allison(BIGO)	96
4. Ken Park(DLMR)	94
5. John Lucero(SCTY)	92
6. Tae Ho Shim(LKWD)	90
7. Chris May(PMNT)	88
8. Tom Steenbock(CLTN)	86
9. James Murphy(MRNA)	84
10. Steve Yates(PMNA)	82

OPEN - POOL

1. Tim Metz (LKWD)	100
2. Glenn Schewchuck(CLTN)	98
3. Rick Stine(SKX)	96
4. Dave Sheltman(BICO)	94

5. Kent Douglas(S. CTY)	91
5. James Bell(PMNA)	91
7. Andre Watts(MRNA)	88
8. Morris Solano(PIPLN)	86

SLALOM

1. Andre Watts(MRNA)	100
2. Kent Douglas(SCTY)	98
3. Glen Schewchuck(CLTN)	96
4. Rick Stine(SKX)	94
5. Tim Metz(LKWD)	92
6. Morris Solano(PIPLN)	90
7. Dave Sheltman(BIG O)	88
8. James Bell(PMNA)	86

1-A SKATERS

12 & UNDER - POOL

1. Bill Braden	100
2. Craig Richenburg	98
3. Greg Nichols	96
4. Eric Jueden	94
5. Wayne Shoemaker	92

SLALOM

1. Eric Jueden	100
2. Wayne Shoemaker	98
3. Bill Braden	96
4. Craig Richenburg	94
5. Greg Nichols	92

13-14 POOL

1. Aaron Kahan	100
2. Joe Hardy	98
3. Jack Ballard	96
4. Perry Fenske	94
5. Gary Colley	92
6. James Knuth	90
7. Brian Brannon	88
8. Scott Richenburg	86
9. Jeff Kibbe	84
10. Steve Lawrence	82
11. Scott Kearney	80
12. Don Garland	78
13. Rich Sherman	76
14. Rod Hernandez	73
14. Steve Phillips	73
16. John Knuth	70
17. Paul Hoskinson	68
18. Rob Heath	66
19. Ervin Obfenda	64
20. Paul Sudnow	62
21. Tim Otto	60
22. Gary Eschenbrenner	58
23. Gary Guesnon	56

SLALOM

1. Rich Sherman	100
2. Gary Guesnon	98
3. Bob Heath	96
4. Tim Otto	94
5. Jeff Kibbe	92
6. Aaron Kahan	90
7. Scott Kearney	88
8. Paul Hoskinson	86
9. Joe Hardy	84
10. Don Garland	82
11. Gary Eschenbrenner	80
12. Steve Phillips	78
13. Jack Ballard	76
14. Steve Lawrence	74
15. Ervin Obfenda	72
16. Scott Richenburg	70
17. Jerry Fenske	68

15-17 POOL

1. Don Wilcox	100
2. Jack Ranstrom	98
3. Luke McTool	96
4. Jeff Zepeda	94
5. Ken Koch	92
6. Jim Reynard	90
7. Fred Herrera	88
8. Charlie Chartrand	86
9. Jeff Croteau	84
10. Jack Haughey	82
11. Jeff Kus	80
12. Mike Guerra	78
13. Tracy Harrison	76
14. Carlo Nafarrete	74
15. Glenn Liu	71
15. Max Magnuson	71
17. Danny Jones	68
18. Sean Machu	66

SLALOM

1. Glen Lew	100
2. Tracy Harrison	98
3. Charlie Chartrand	96
4. Jeff Croteau	94
5. Ken Koch	92
6. Jeff Kus	90
7. Jack Haughey	88
8. Carlo Nafarrete	86
9. Jim Reynard	84
10. Max Magnuson	82
11. Jack Ranstrom	80
12. Luke McTool	78
13. Fred Herrera	76

OPEN - POOL

1. Dave Shartzter	100
2. Leo Ambrose	98
3. Enrique Esparza	95
3. Berry Cole	95
5. Ed Pettril	92
6. Wendell Gathers	90
7. Rim Dunbar	88
8. John Brunet	86
9. Ron Allen	84
10. Rob Rosales	82

SLALOM

1. Steve Lawrence	100
2. Shirley McElland	98
3. Dave Shartzter	96
4. John Brunet	94
5. Ed Pettril	92
6. Leo Ambrose	90
7. Perry Cole	88

2-A SKATERS

12 & UNDER - POOL

1. Jeff Grosso	100
2. Danny Weiner	98
3. Jeff Heath	96
4. Eric Nash	94
5. Dave Schneiders	92
6. Charles Pina	90
7. Youree Henley	88

SLALOM

1. Eric Nash	100
2. Jeff Grosso	98
3. Jeff Heath	96
4. Dave Schneiders	94
5. Youree Henley	92
6. Charlie Pina	90

13-14 POOL

1. Tim Metz	100
2. Mike Krueger	98
3. Jermy Fletcher	96
4. Noah Kempler	94
5. Chris Robison	92
6. David Bromberg	90
7. Sean Ambrose	87
7. Dave Espinoza	87
9. Chris Black	84
10. Mike Mills	82

SLALOM

1. Tim Metz	100
2. Chris Robison	98
3. Mike Krueger	96
4. Chris Black	94
5. Jeremy Fletcher	92
6. Dave Bromberg	90
7. Sean Ambrose	88
8. Mike Mills	86

15-17 POOL

1. Chris Weddle	100
2. Tracy Ebert	98
3. Bill D'Angelo	96
4. Ross Chun	94
5. Jerry Matta	92
6. Curt Chun	89
6. Carabeth Burnside	89
8. Troy Proffitt	86
9. George Sherman	84
10. Chris May	82
11. Rich Ito	80
12. Cameron Tabbytite	78
13. Mike Watson	76

SLALOM

1. Bill D'Angelo	100
2. Tracy Ebert	98
3. Chris May	96
4. Curt Chun	94
5. Chris Weddle	92
6. Carabeth Burnside	90
7. Ross Chun	88
8. Troy Proffitt	86
9. Jerry Matta	84
10. Rich Ito	82

OPEN - POOL

1. Ken McGuire	100
2. Emerio Martinez	98
3. Keith Stephenson	96
4. Barry Fields	94
5. Ronnie Mahaffey	92
6. Jon Fisher	89
6. Mark Bailey	89
8. Greg Godfrey	86
9. Jon Haas	84
10. Vince Udo	82
11. Adrian Lozano	80

SLALOM

1. Barry Fields	100
2. Adrian Lozano	98
3. Vince Udo	96
4. Mark Bailey	94
5. Ronnie Mahaffey	92
6. Keith Stephenson	90
7. Emerio Martinez	88
8. Jon Fisher	86

3-A SKATERS

12 & UNDER - POOL

1. Jason Richardson	100
2. Paul Hiniker	98
3. Mickey O'Gorman	96

SLALOM

1. Jason Richardson	100
2. Paul Hiniker	98
3. Mickey O'Gorman	96

13-14 POOL

1. Mark Rogowski(GLWNG)	100
2. Chris Miller	98
3. Paul Molina(SIMS)	96
4. Lester Kasai(SIMS)	94
5. Doug Cobalis(VFLX)	92
6. James Robinson	90

SLALOM

1. Paul Molina(SIMS)	100
2. Chris Miller(PIPLN)	98
3. Mark Rogowski(GWNG)	96
4. Lester Kasai(SIMS)	94
5. Doug Cobalis(VFLX)	92
6. James Robinson(PIPLN)	90

15-17 POOL

1. Lance Mountain(VFLX)	100
2. Raul Escobedo(TRKR/S)	98
3. Bob Serafin(NHS/INDY)	96
4. Todd Joseph(SIMS)	94
5. Jim Coane(INDY)	92
6. Eddie Meek(S. CRUZ)	90
7. Henry Matus(CLTN)	88
8. Nik Rosendahl(S. CTY)	86
9. Mike Hirsch(CLTN)	84
10. Roland Cobalis(MDRD)	82
11. Bobby DeCasas	80
12. Kimmy Wherland	78
13. Donald Wherland	76

SLALOM

1. Bob Serafin(NHS)	100
2. Henry Matus(CLTN)	98
3. Eddie Meed(S. CRUZ)	96
4. Roland Cobalis(MDRD)	94
5. Jim Coane(INDY)	92
6. Mike Hirsch(CLTN)	90
7. Todd Joseph(SIMS)	88
8. Bob DeCasas	86
9. Paul Escobedo(SIMS)	84
10. Lance Mountain(VFLX)	82
11. Kimmy Wherland(OZN)	80
12. Donald Wherland(OZN)	78

OPEN - POOL

1. Rusty Morris(VFLX)	100
2. Brian Martin(SIMS)	98
3. Rick Ringler(LKWD)	96
4. John Nakama(ENDLS SMR)	94
5. Larry Durand(S. CTY)	92
6. David Weaver(OZN)	90
7. Erne Brown(TRKR)	88

SLALOM

1. Brian Martin(SIMS)	100
2. Beau Brown(MDRD)	98
3. John White(TRNR/INDY)	96
4. Perry Fisser(BIGO)	92
5. John Nakama(ELS SMR)	90
6. David Weaver(OZN)	88
7. Rick Ringler(LKWD)	86
8. Rusty Morris(VFLX)	84
9. Larry Durands CTY)	82

1-A ROLLERSKATERS POOL

1. Bobby Chase	100
2. Yves Batulaz	98
3. Ricky Kaplan	96
4. Haley Camp	94
5. Bill Armstrong	92
6. Aaron McErlane	90

SLALOM

1. Bobby Chase	100
2. Aaron McErlane	98
3. Bill Armstrong	96
4. Ricky Kallan	94
5. Halim Camp	92

2-A ROLLERSKATERS POOL

1. Paul Votava	100
2. Jody Lofton	98
3. John Tassi	96
4. Craig Carter	94

SLALOM

1. Jody Lofton	100
2. Paul Votava	98
3. Craig Carter	96
4. John Tassi	94

DOUBLES

1. Lofton/Votava
2. Mountain/Pogowski
3. Martin/Murphy
4. Coane/Joseph
5. Stine/Escobedo
6. Pearlman/Treanor
6. McCool/Pina
6. Wahl/Shin

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KIDNEY POOL & PIPE PASTING

Sensation Basin

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1. Chris Baucom (WALKER)
2. Peter Andrews (WALKER)
3. John Hodges (WALKER)

PRO SNAKE RUN:

1. Shaun Peddie (WALKER)
2. Monty Nolder (VARIFLEX)

SNAKE RUN HALF PIPE:

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1. Sam Myhre
2. Billy McCormick
3. Ronnie King

15 & Over

1. Mike Tibot
2. John McGuigans
3. Russell Grinder

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1. Chris Baucom (WALKER)
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3. John Hodges (WALKER)

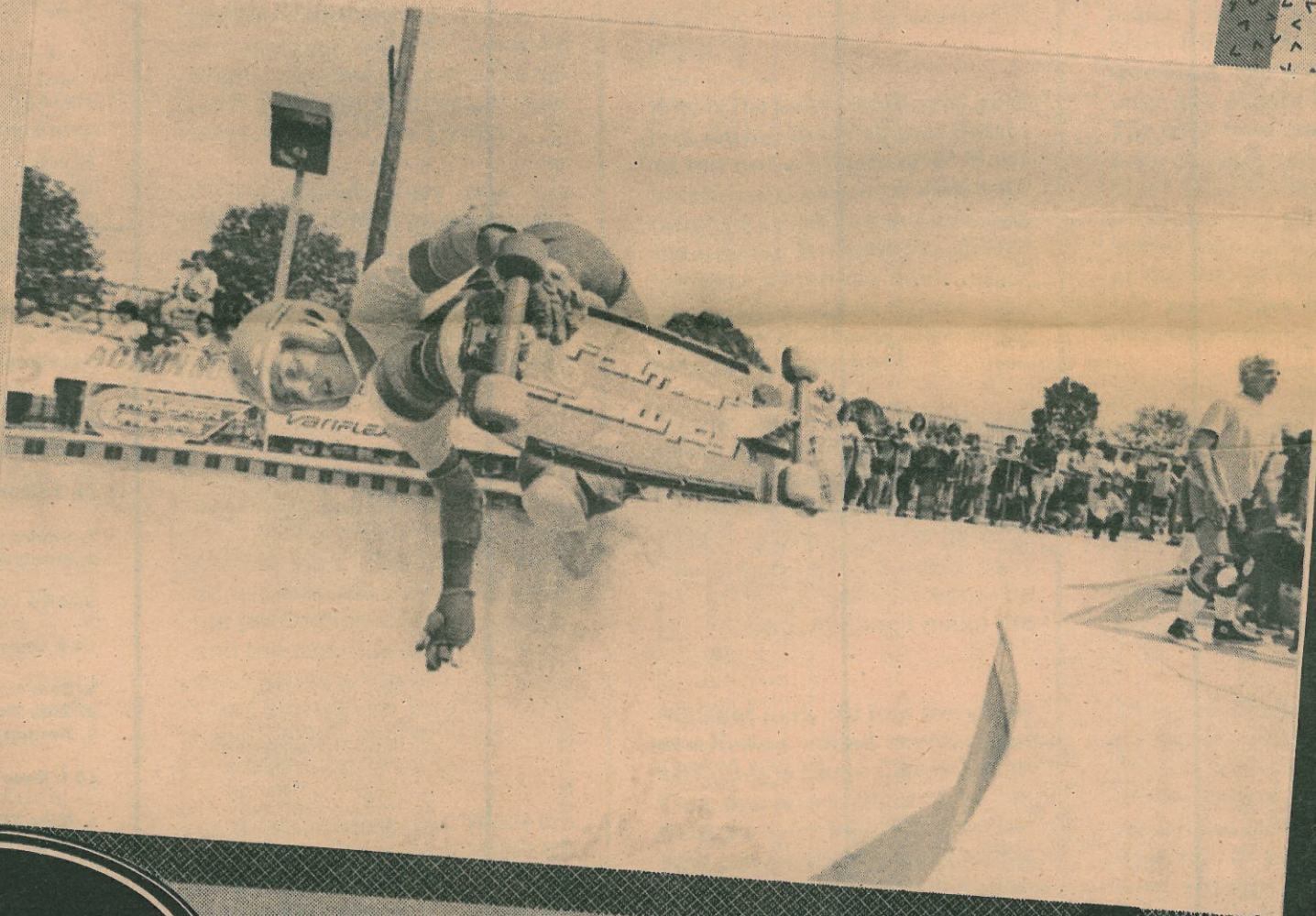
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