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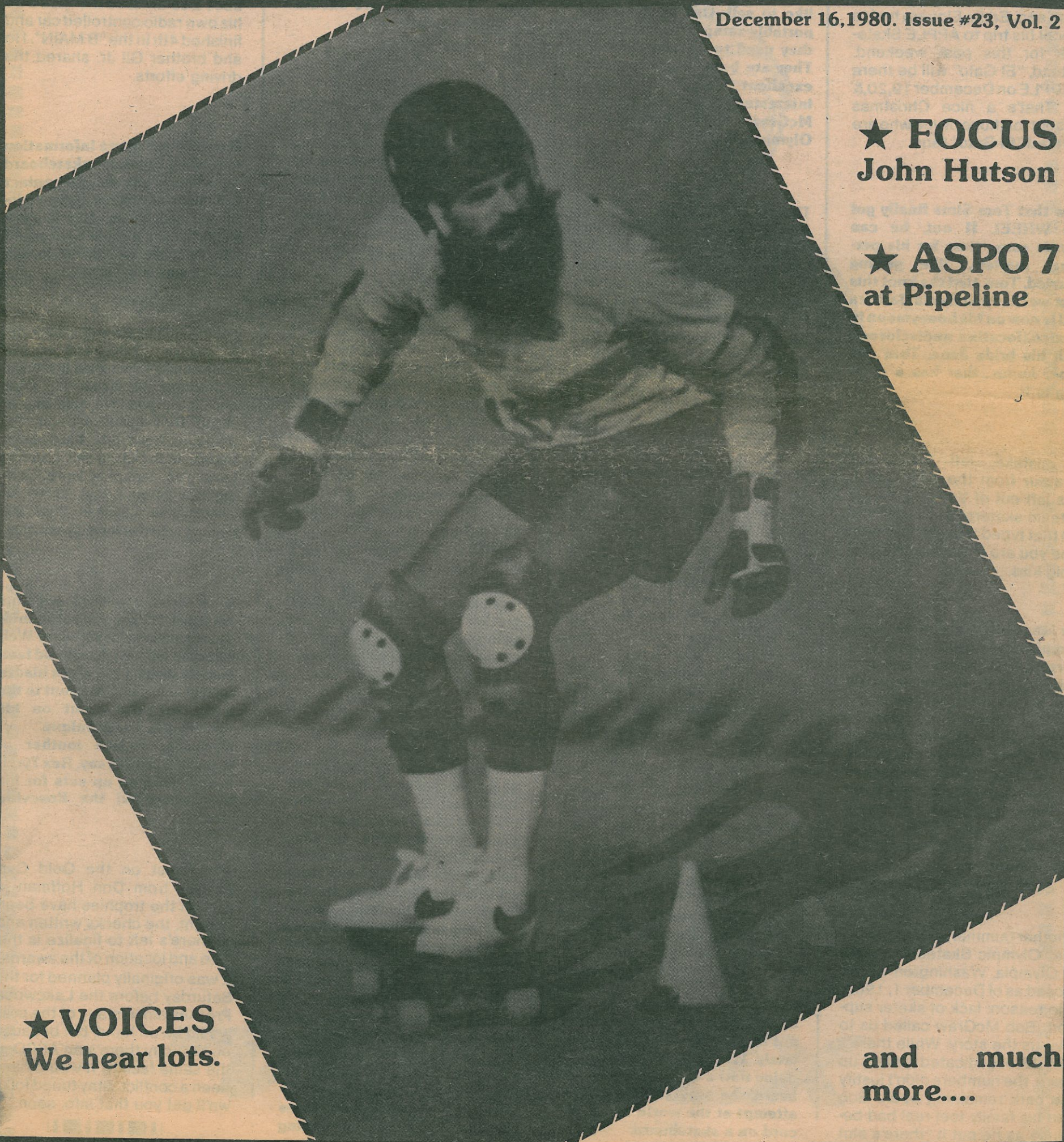
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at Pipeline

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and much
more....



WEEKLY GRINDERS

BY Anita Grynd

Due to the Lakewood Half Pipe contest coming up this next week end, Eddie Elguera had to cancel his trip to APPLE Skatepark for this past weekend. Instead, "El Gato" will be there at APPLE on December 19, 20, & 21. That's a nice Christmas present for those of you who are devoted "El Gato" fans.

Now that Tom Sims finally got the WHEEL II out, he can devote some time for his personal matters, like getting married. Tom tied the knot this past weekend in Santa Barbara and is now on his honeymoon in Mexico, (location undisclosed) with his bride Jane. Tom and Jane, humn...that has a good ring to it.

By mistake, Jeff Jones, hot amateur from the east Coast, was left out of VARIFLEX's list of team skaters. Sorry Jeff, the girl that typed that list says next time you are in town, she'll give a big kiss.

For those of you who keep complaining about East Coast coverage, all we can say, that once again, we had to pull nails just to get the Cherry Hill results. We couldn't get story or pictures from anybody. Perhaps some of you skaters can get on the local management's back to see that we get something. After all if you've got time to make those contests, they should have the time to send us the information.

Another bummer is that we hear that Olympic Skateboard Park in Olympia, Washington will be closed as of December 1, 1980. The reason: lack of skater support. Bob McGraw called us to give us the story. While there's still alot of dedicated skaters up there, the numbers didn't justify the park remaining open. Bob and his family feel real bad because as he put it "there's alot

of nice kids up here that are really dedicated to the sport and we hate to have to close". This means that skaters in the Northwestern part of the Country will have to drive down to Winchester (near San Jose) before they come to a skatepark. That is really sad.

Olympic skatepark has a couple of ramps that they would like to sell. One of them is a portable ramp with trailer that they used to do many demos. They are both firestone and in excellent shape. If you're interested you can write to: Bob McGraw, 8910 Martin Way, Olympia, Wa. 98506.

The SKATERCROSS "Holiday Finals" scheduled for January 3rd and 4th is still scheduled for that same date. Rumors of being moved up to December are not true. That event will also include a "Doubles" event on Sunday, right after the Pool event. The "Doubles" will be in both pools, while the Pool event will be held in the "blue" pool.

More on the SkaterCross event. In order to win the top prize and trophy, you must compete in all three scheduled events. The Tight Slalom and the Cross Country events will be held on Saturday, January 3rd, and the Pool event and "Doubles" will be on Sunday, Jan. 4th. Entry for all four events is \$12.00. We understand that there's a special prize for the skater with the most points. Check out their ad in this issue.

Gainsville's Slalom ace, Keith Hollien, caught the eye of photographer Tom Burton while practicing on the University of Florida campus and received a great half page spread in North Florida's, Gainsville Sun, newspaper. Those Florida guys don't miss much when going after publicity.

Speaking of the same, we have not heard from Mike Apperson lately. Wonder what that boy is doing now a days. Last time we heard, he was promoting an attempt at the world speed record on a skateboard.

KONA in Jacksonville, Fla. just had their annual Pepsi Challenge on November 28 & 29. We hope to have results and pics and story in our next issue.

G&S reports that sales of their 50/50 and 3/4 wheels are heavy and that their new Micke Alba model and the Pinapple model have caught on like wild fire. Those of you who want to put in your Christmas orders should do it right away.

Rusty Harris, SKAT'N NEWS photographer, took a few hot skaters to the Winchester area this past Holiday weekend for some sessioning and first hand coverage of the Northern California scene. His pics and story will be in our next issue.

Reports of skateboard sales at Skateparks Pro-shops are mixed. Some parks report that on certain days they'll do a ton of business while on other days, you could hear a pin drop. An recently conducted survey that we did, showed this is the same pattern experienced by other retail businesses. For example, the BIG 5 stores report big sales on certain days, while some weekends have been "very soft" indeed. No doubt that the current condition of our economy has alot to do with it. Still, we predict that the last two weeks before Christmas, all hell is going to break loose, so be prepared.

We're happy to hear from several communities that are very interested in putting together amateur skateboard and roller skate competitions in their public parks. It seems that they have seen various reports floated from the Recreation Department, that indicate that skateboarding is way down on the list on the most injurious sports. Heading that list is football, followed by soccer. Among the top in that list are "joggers". It seems that they are encountering lots of twisted and fractured ankles at their local parks, from people bent on getting in shape. Somehow it seems that an overweight person with weak ankles shouldn't be out there running

two or three miles. They should be getting their ankles in shape first.

UNBELIEVABLE BUT TRUE. Gil Losi Sr. (not Jr.) beat Eric Grisham at SkaterCross! How is this possible you ask? Well they were both entered in SkaterCross', Mini Baja, "off-road" races this past weekend and Gil Sr. took 3rd in the "A MAIN" to Grisham's 4th place finish. Alan Losi, also entered the race with his own radio controlled car and finished 4th in the "B MAIN". He and brother Gil Jr. shared the driving efforts.

If you've got some information regarding stolen skateboard equipment, you should contact the manufacturer or shop directly instead of us. It will save time and the people concerned will be able to attend to the matter much better.

We hear that Peru is really hot on ramps. There are several companies there who are mass producing all sizes of ramps and half pipes. We also understand that there are current plans and permits have been taken out to build a skatepark in Lima, the capital of Peru. Surfing has been heavy there for years, now I guess they are moving into the next dimension.

What does a guy do with his ANDRECHT model, in the middle of winter in Wisconsin? Well he takes off his wheels and fastens his sister's ice skate blades to his Indy's and goes out to the lake and works out on his winter slalom technique.

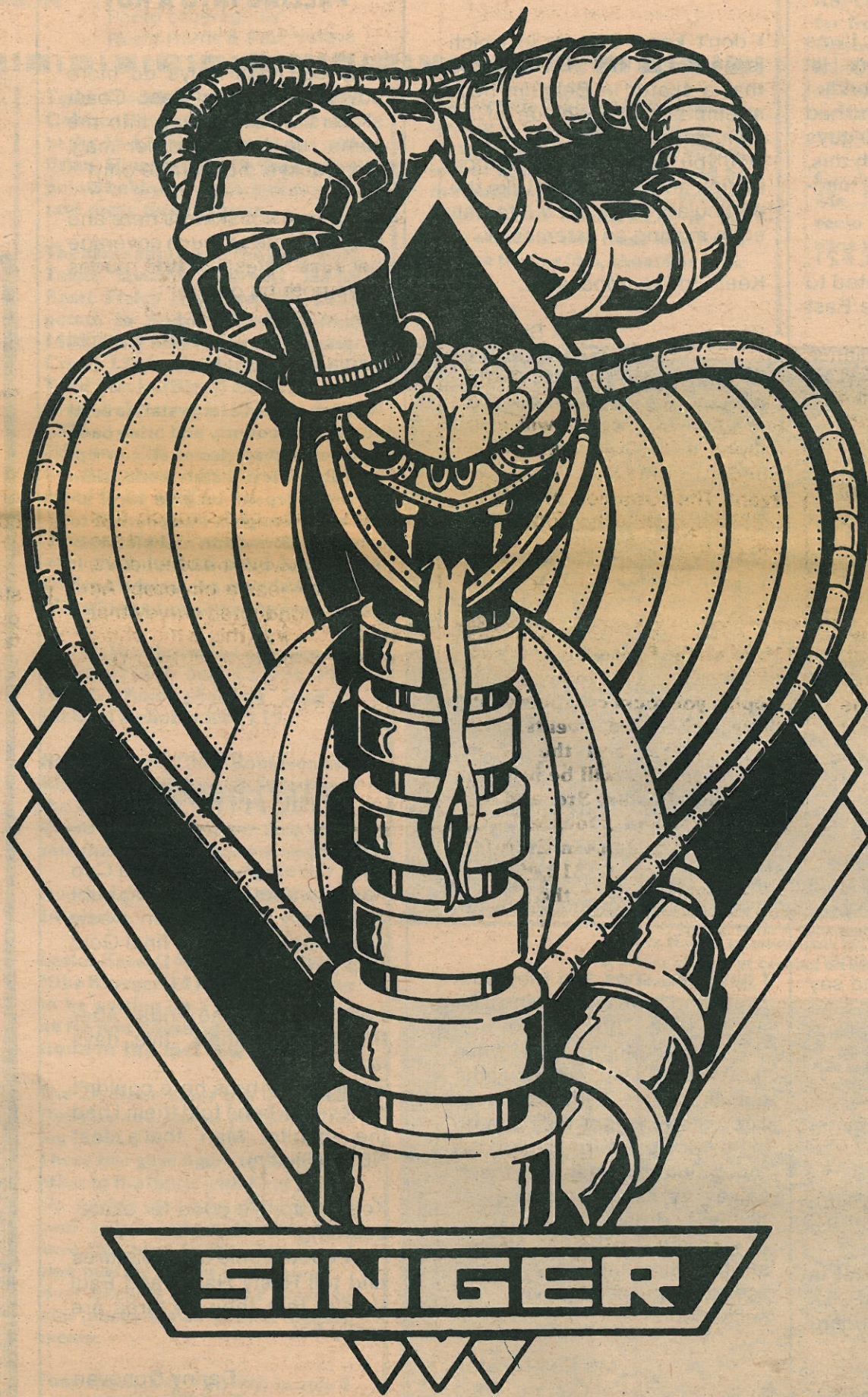
Necessity is the mother of invention as they say. Rex Tyrell is now making up sets for his friends around the Roseville area.

The latest on the Gold Cup Awards from Don Hoffman is that all the trophies have been bought, the checks written and all there's left to finalize is the date and location of the awards. It was originally planned for the Saturday before the Lakewood Pro/Am, since many of the pros would be on hand, but because on that day there's an ASPO at the same facility, it would have been a conflict. Stay tuned folks we'll get you that info. soon.

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RAMPS FIRST!

Your paper is totally rad!! I was introduced to it at Cherry Hill Skatepark (best in the world). I was totally stoked on it and had to get a subscription. You guys are doing a great job with this, ten times better than the magazine (Action Now).

You said in your Nov. 18th, #21, Vol 2. issue that you wanted to hear from skaters on the East Coast.

Well, recently here in Williamsport, we had 12 inches of snow. When my dad, brother and I went to shovel the driveway, my dad went berzerk when he found out that I was cleaning my ramp off first!!

Well, he's really not that bad and he's into my vert skat'n and DEVO! I've been skating with shorts and T-shirts in the 30 degree weather. It's a total stoke. The only drawback might be that my stick gets wet when it gets in the snow. But oh well, the energy is getting hotter.

Alot of people can feel the 3rd coming of skateboarding. It's gonna get big again! You bet on it!!

Excellent coverage on the Gold Cup Series. Totally rad! Your mag blows me over. I like seeing things soon after they happen. I could sit here all day and say how good your mag is, but time to go grind the cope. Keep up the great job.

PA- Rules

Phil Skuta

Williamsport, Pa.

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PS. East Coasters rip better in the cold!!!, DEVO -VARIFLEX rules, Hirsch Concave #1 board I'm stoked.

We've always said, first things first and in our book snowed-under ramps come before old driveways anytime. Keep up your skat'n energy, there's only six more months of cold, miserable weather. ED.

BELGIUM SPEEDSTER

I don't know exactly in which issue it was, but you reported that a skater in Belgium had attempted a speed run of 80 mph. and made it!

Dou you have any further information and if so I would like the particulars as I'm also interested in making an attempt.

Keep up the good work.

Derek Simmons
Southport, England

We had received verbal information from one of our contacts that the record had been attempted and made. Pictures and story were to follow. As of this date, we still don't have proof, so we must assume that the record is still open. If you're going to make an attempt, be sure to keep us informed. ED.

PUNK OUT

I'm sick and tired of seeing skaters depicted in the magazine as "punks" and Nazi's and hoodlums. I resent that and the impression they give to other people who don't know too much about skateboarders and the sport.

I have two sons and they both skate and have been doing it for a long time. They are not into the "punk" scene and while they might listen and enjoy the current music, they are more interested in what they can do in a pool or a ramp and the reputation they make for themselves as skaters, than as to how they dress.

If you guys (SKAT'N NEWS) start getting into that "punk" scene, you can cancel my subscription.

Mr. Phil Newton
Canton, Ohio

Mr. Newton, like every sport, we have a diverse group of people in skateboarding. The styles and manners in which they should behave should not be dictated by the

sport. While we feel like you, that most skaters are more interested in making their mark in the trenches, we've got to accept that there may be some who are into the "punk" scene or "new wave" and because of it they should not be left out of our coverage if they are part of an event. ED.

FALLING INTO A RUT

Why can't you guys do more coverage of the East Coast skaters. You're falling into the same rut that the other mag. did. Backyard coverage only!

We've got hot skaters here and they deserve as much coverage because West Coast dudes have nothing on us.

Jeff Fairchild
Saginaw, Mich.

We wish we had a large staff to send all over the country and bring back pictures and stories of all you rippers. But unfortunately, at this time we must depend on your local effort and from guys like yourself to send us information and pictures. Remember, we've said it before, if you've got the time to send it in to us, we've got the space to publish it. ED.

FAST COVERAGE

Your coverage of the Gold Cup has been hot all year long but I was really blown when I saw your coverage of the final Gold Cup at Pipeline.

I got my issue the Friday after the Sunday finals, five days later!

Some of my bros here couldn't believe it when I told them I had the results. Man that's fast NEWS(Skat'n).

Keep it up, it's good for skateboarding.

How about some color pictures and tell Rusty Harris and Paul Votava that their pictures are really hot.

Danny Donovan
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Thanks for the good words. It took the efforts of alot of people to get the last Gold Cup story out so fast. It was worth it if guys like yourself appreciated it. ED.

CHRISTMAS SLALOMS?

I plan to be out in California during the Holidays. I'm an avid slalom skater and wish to know if there are any contests scheduled during that time. Can you help?

Tom Nickodimus
Tulsa, Okla

As of this issue, the only contest scheduled during the Holidays is the January 3 and 4, SkaterCross contest. It's a tight slalom and cross country. Call (213)344-7040 for more information. ED.

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ASPO 7...THE PIPELINE

UPLAND, CALIFORNIA
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THE 1981 VERSION OF THE ASPO AMATEUR SERIES IS WINDING DOWN TO A TUMULTUOUS FINISH, WITH SEVERAL CLASSES STILL UP FOR GRABS.

THIS SEVENTH EVENT (of nine) OF THE SERIES AT PIPELINE DREW THE SMALLEST ENTRY OF ANY ASPO THIS SEASON.

Photo coverage by:
Rusty Harris & Paul Votava

Small that is by ASPO standards. Still, 156 skaters showed up!

Anywhere else in the country this would be the biggest contest ever, but as ASPO has been drawing upwards of 170, this event fell a bit short.

Exactly why there were few entries, we can only guess. One fact was there were only a couple of new ASPO members from Pipeline. Ordinarily, each park averages between 15 and 25 new members at each contest. Mostly from local skaters that just want to participate at their park.

This late in the season the \$10. membership fee may be a bit high to compete in just one event.

Perhaps next season there will be a pro-rated membership fee as the season winds down, to make it easier financially to enter some of the final events.

In any case, those that did show up, all 156 of them, were there with the same intensity as if it were the first event of the season.

The day started out to be one of those typical "badlands" days, full of smog and heat. But by noon, the Santa Ana winds picked up and cleared the air to reveal one of the most beautiful settings of this park...the mountains. They provide a grand backdrop for a great park. I dare say that on a clear day, there are few parks with better scenery.

SOME OF THE TIGHT RACES

The Park Team 13-14 class, has Eddie Bettencourt (Pipeline) in the lead but by only 41 points ahead of Bill Wahl (Lakewood) and 44 points ahead of Richard Armijo (Skate City).

The edge may be with Bill Wahl for the last two events, as he should be blazing at Lakewood for the next ASPO.

Todd Joseph (Del Mar) and Tim Galvan (Pipeline) are in a hot race in the 15-17 Park Team class, with Brian Hinson (Big O) just a few points behind. Only 56 points separate these three skaters.

The same applies for the Open Park Team division. Current leader Scott Fraley (Pipeline) has 1423 points to Andre Watts' (Marina) 1403 and Jim Coane's (Skater-Cross) 1394. Also in contention is Todd Smoke (Big O) with 1381 and Glen Schewchuck (Colton) with 1371.

Fifty two (52) points separate the top five skaters in this class. It's going to be wild!

Youree Henly seems to have enough points in the 1A, 12 & Under division, to keep his first place in the remaining two events.

The real battle may be between Jeff Heath (1145) and Charlie Pina (1144). Also charging hard is Richard Mellott with 1119.

Ron Yearman, Chris Robinson and Richard Ito will have to do battle to the end in the 1 A 13-14 class. There's only 53 points that separate these skaters in the standings.

Another close race is in the 2 A, 13-14 class.

Lester Kasai (1423) is just ahead of Mike Krueger (1411.5). Mike seems to be putting on a late charge, as as he has finished in good positions in the last few events.

The 2A Open class has both Kent Douglas and James Murphy battling it out.

These two guys figure to push each other to the limits with Kent probably having the advantage in the pool events, while Murphy may have the edge in the slalom and pipe pasting events coming up. Most likely it will come down to who places better in their weaker events.

Tony Hawk (DOG TOWN) is only 8 points ahead of Chris Miller (NHS/INDY) in the 3A, 12 & Under class. Close in third, is Kenny Stelmasky (Z Prod), who has a good chance to come from behind in the last two events.

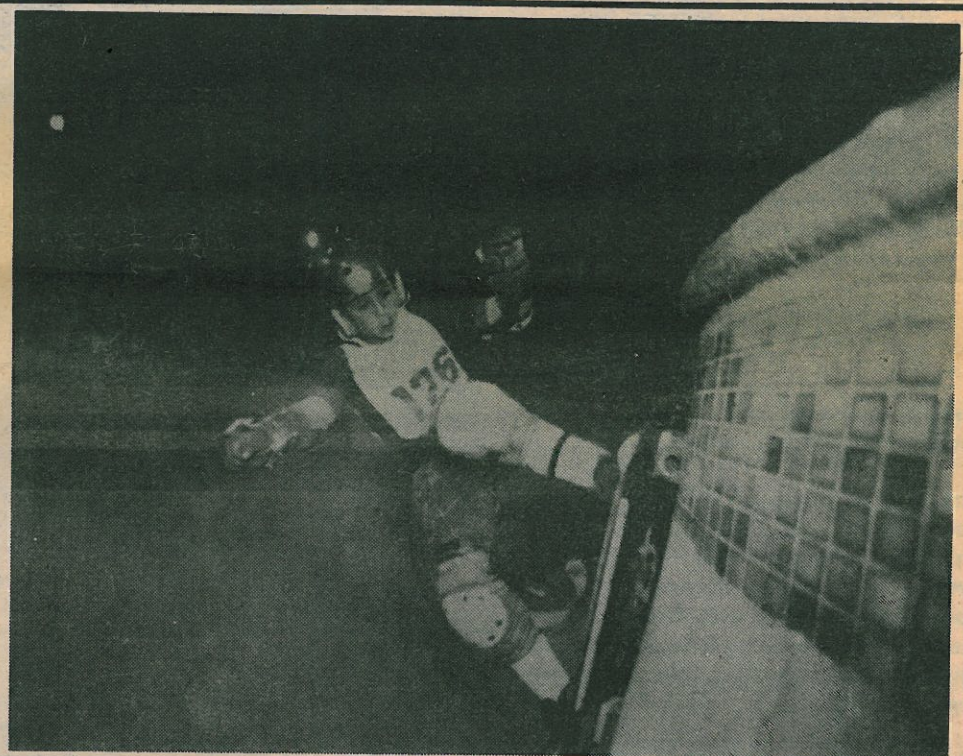
Bob Serafin (NHS/INDY) seems to be safe in the lead in the 3 A, 13-14 class. Unless he gets hurt or misses one or more events, he should be the leader at the end of the season. Mike Hirsch (VARIFLEX) is the only skater in this class who has a chance to pass him, should he blow it.

Another NHS/INDY skater is currently in the lead of the 3A, 15-17 class. Eddie Meek, seems to have a commanding lead over Billy Ruff (G & S).

Watch out! watch out! is the word from Rusty Morris (VARIFLEX). He got a late start in the season, but he's been charging hard the last few events. His double win this past ASPO puts him in fourth, not too far from current leader in the 3A Open class, Sonny Miller (Tracker). Rusty may make the "comeback" of the year, especially if he does well at the "double points" contest coming up at Lakewood.

Carabeth Burnside, Tracey Baldwin, Jamie Ide, and Pam Cass, all seem to be headed for the overall wins in their respective classes.

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Youree Henly (above) leads the 1A 12 & under class, but coming on strong is Jeff Heath (below).



THE PARK TEAMS:

For the first time this year, the SkaterCross Park Team lost the lead to last year's winner, Big O.

The Orange, California Park Team will be trying to duplicate their overall win of last season by placing strong in the last two events.

The odds are in their favor since one of the two remaining events, the last one, will be at their home park.

SKATERCROSS had been the leader for the better part of the season but personnel problems late into the series caused their poor showing.

Look out for PIPELINE, as they are now threatening to move into the second spot and past the Reseda team.

In reality, there are four parks that have a shot at the top spots. They are: BIG O (5409); SKATERCROSS (5361.5); PIPELINE (5349); and COLTON (5327).

The Lakewood ASPO coming up, should help any one of these teams as the "double points" can make up a lot of ground if the team does well in all classes.

THE PIPELINE ASPO:

The Overall park team winner was the Big O, with 740 points.

The interesting part of their win here was that Todd Smoke, was the only Big O team member to win an event. He won the slalom in the open class. Yet all of their skaters managed to place high enough in the standings to earn the top points and the lead.

This is what it's all about. Skaters don't necessarily have to win events but can skate consistently and finish in the top three to five spots everytime.

Second place in the Park team division went to the host park, Pipeline and third went to Colton. Lakewood, SkaterCross, Del Mar, Skate City, Marina and Oasis, followed.

THE WINNING SKATERS OF THE DAY WERE:

Park Team 12 & Und.: Doug Cobalis (Colton) in the pool and Tim Metz (Lakewood) in the slalom.

Eddie Bettencourt (Pipeline) took both pool and slalom in the Park team 13-14.

Park Team 15-17, was Todd Joseph (Del Mar) pool and Tim Galvan (Pipeline) slalom.

Open Park went to Rick Tracey (Skate City) pool and Todd Smoke (Big O) slalom.

In the 1A UNSPONSORED class, winners were in the following order by age groups:

Eric Nash in the pool and Jeff Heath in the slalom.

George Sherman pool and David Franklin slalom.

J. R. Luna had the pool wired and

Bob Seccia, who was there for the first time and (it was his first time ever in any kind of competition) took the slalom event and placed third in the pool. Bob's handicap did not hamper his tenacity and style.

Mark Bailey snagged the pool event while Greg Godfrey took the slalom event.

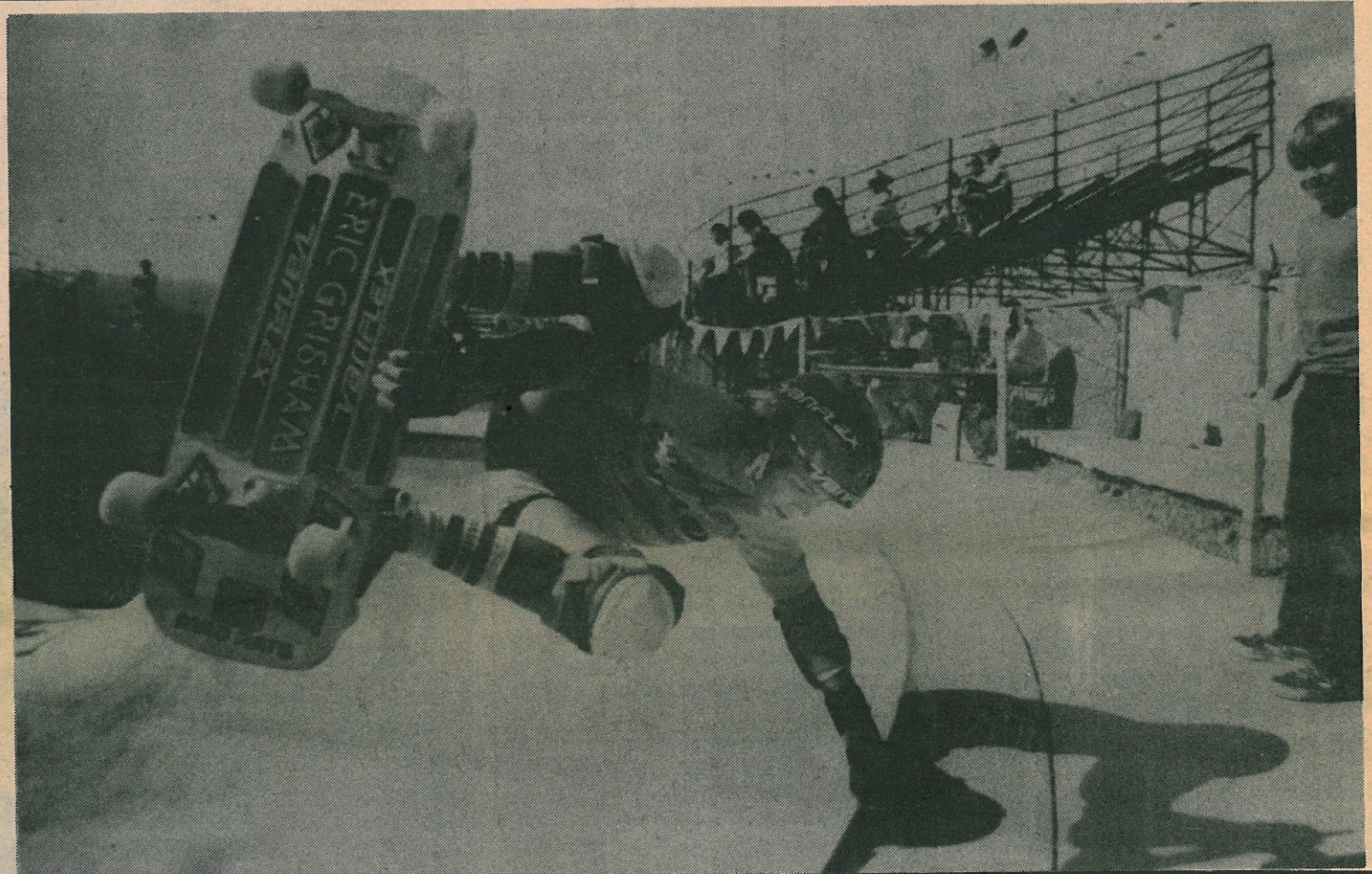
In the 2 A UNSPONSORED division, the winners were:

Eric Berquist conquered both events in the 12 & Und.

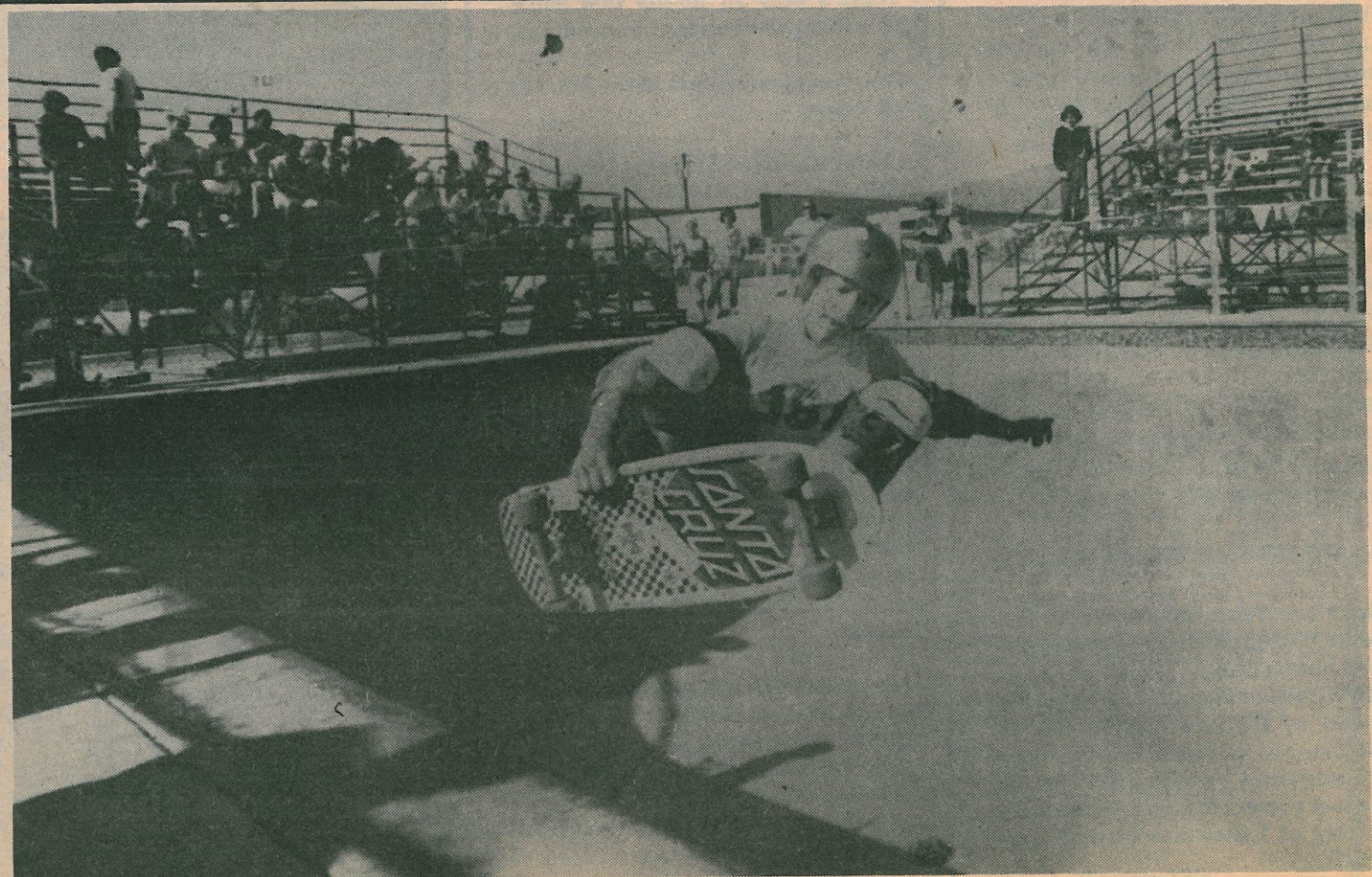
Dave Espinosa captured the pool while Geordie Somsel edged into the slalom win.

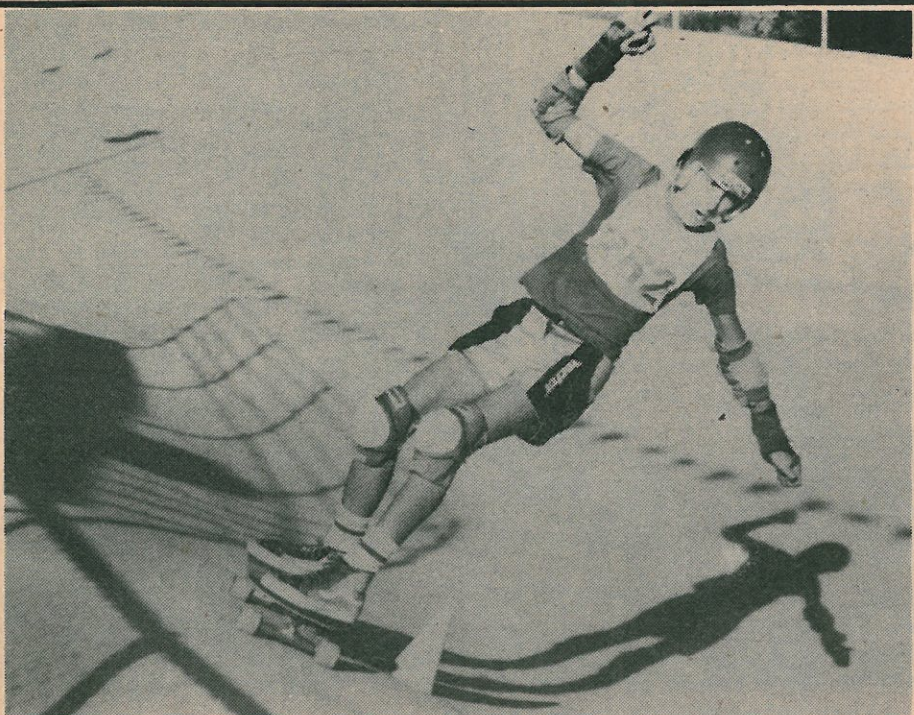
Rick Tracey moved over from the Park Team class to this class and won the pool and Scott Dreyer won the slalom 15-17.

John Nakama had the open pool under control and Kent Douglas made fast tracks in the slalom.

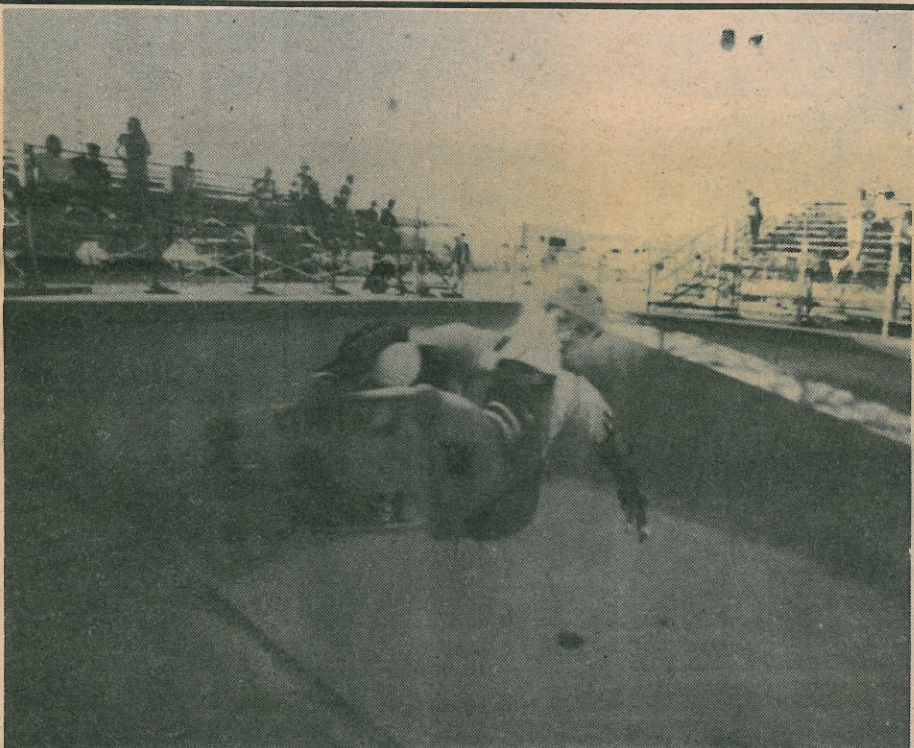


Mike Hirsch (VARIFLEX) finally put it all together to win the pool event at the Pipeline ASPO (above). Eddie Meek (SANTA CRUZ/INDY) still holds the lead in the 15-17 Semi Pro class. Photos. Rusty Harris.





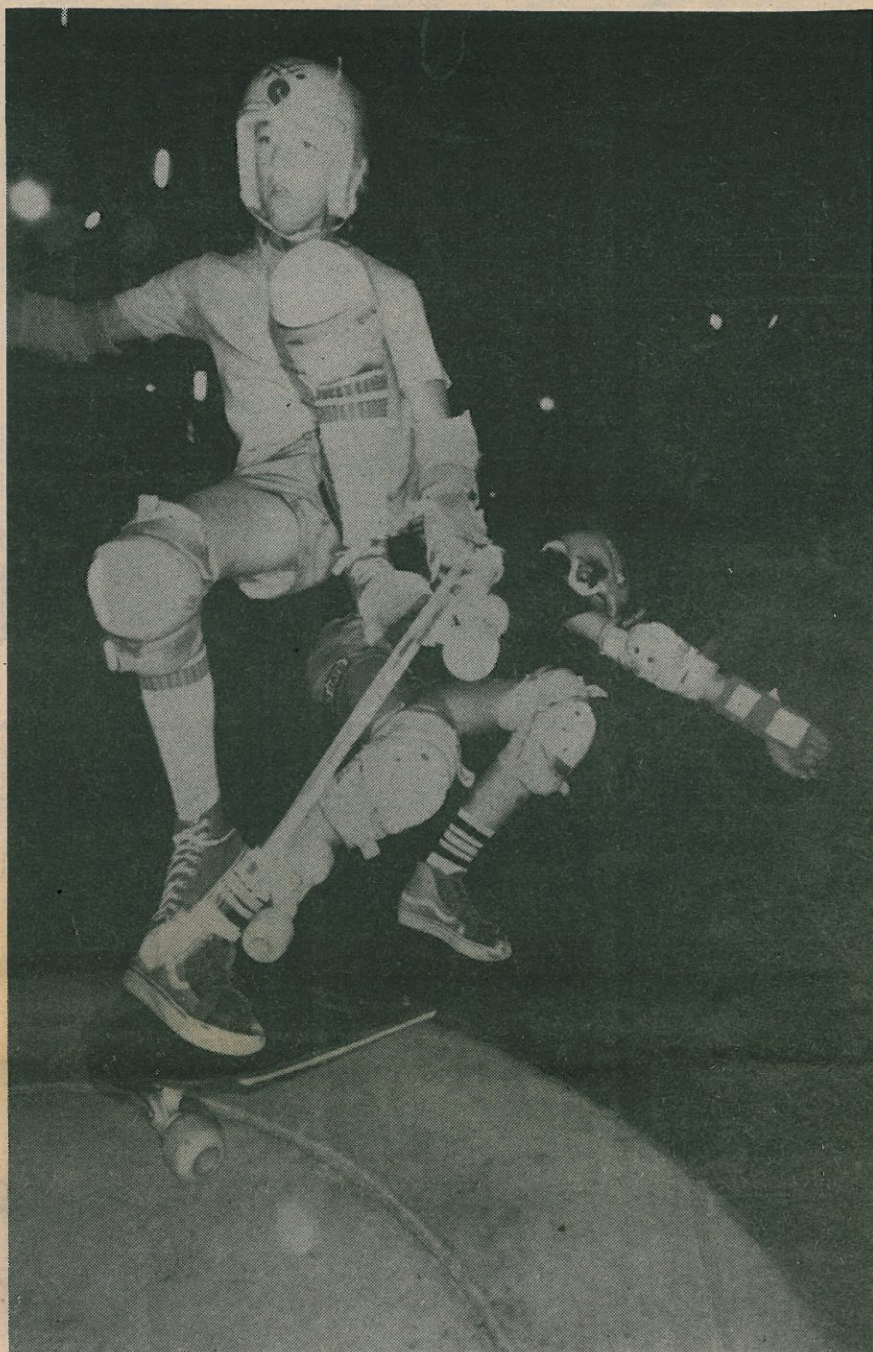
Tim Metz, first in the Slalom Park Team 12 & Under.



Dave Espinoza took first in the Park Team 13-14 Pool event.

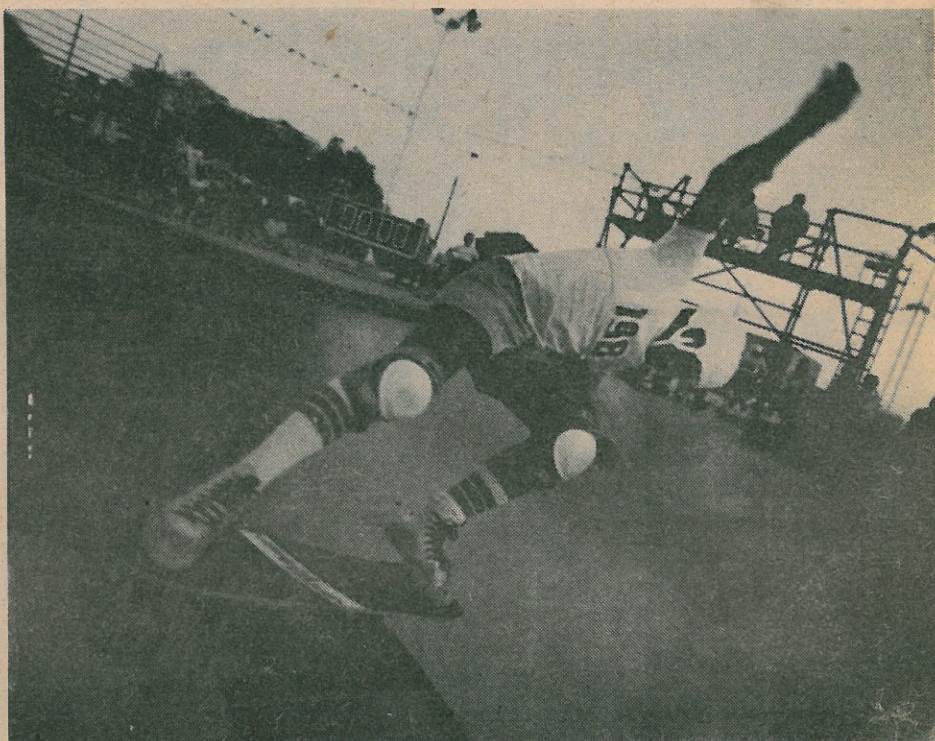


Gordie Somsel ripping the local grounds of the Pipeline twin pools.

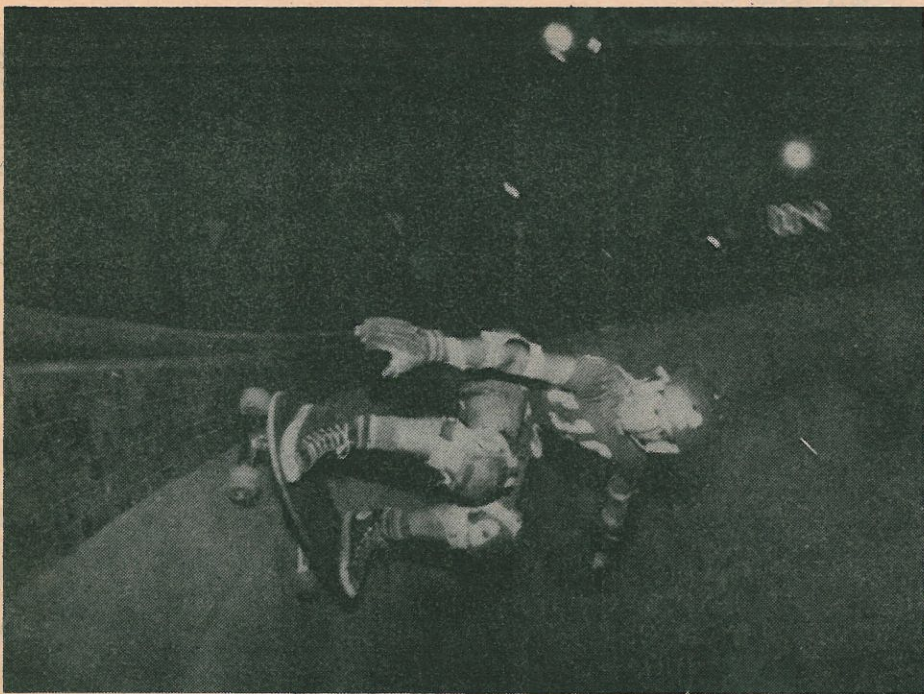


Teddy Bennett and Co. practicing for the next doubles event. In reality, this picture shows the imagination of our photographer and the things that can be done with "double exposure". Photo Paul Votava.

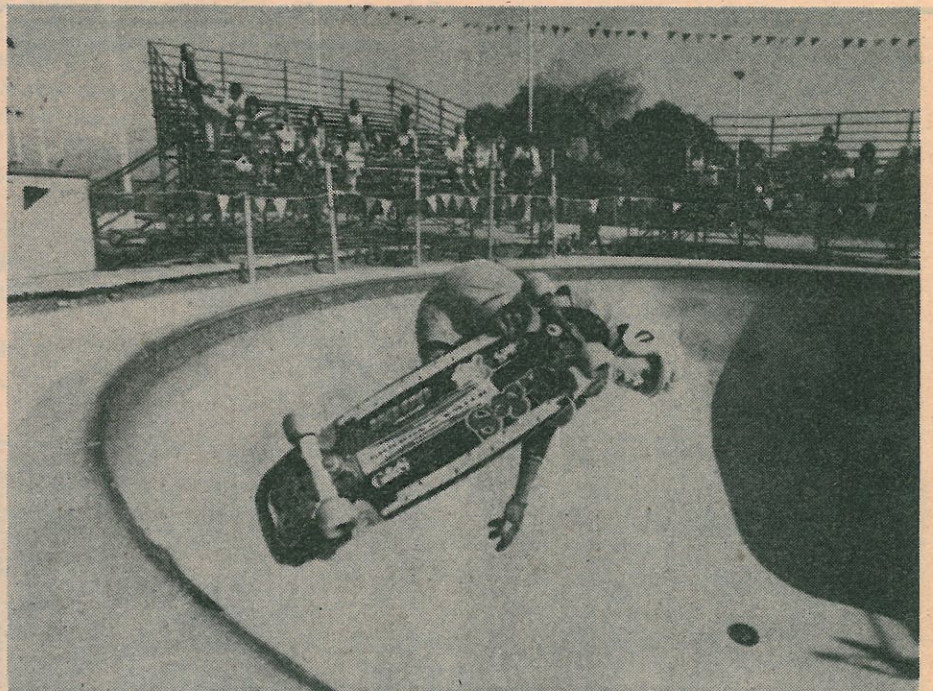
Henry Matus, COLTON's Team skater working the front hip of the twin pools. To the left of him is the round pool to the right the square.



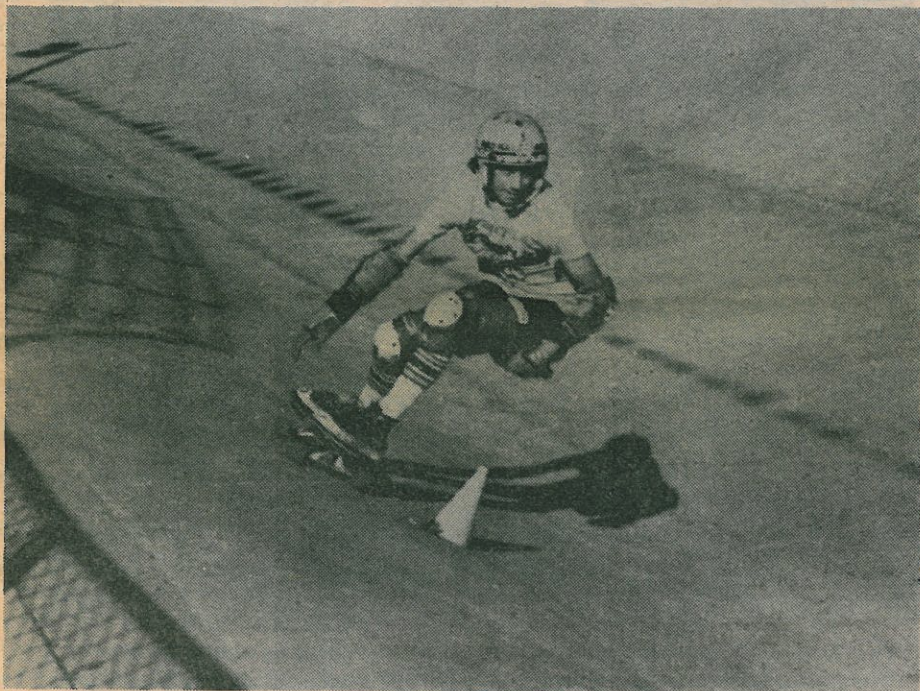
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Lonnie Peralta working on the edges of the huge Pipeline pool.



Brad Jackman , in flight at ASPO's 3A Semi Pro class.

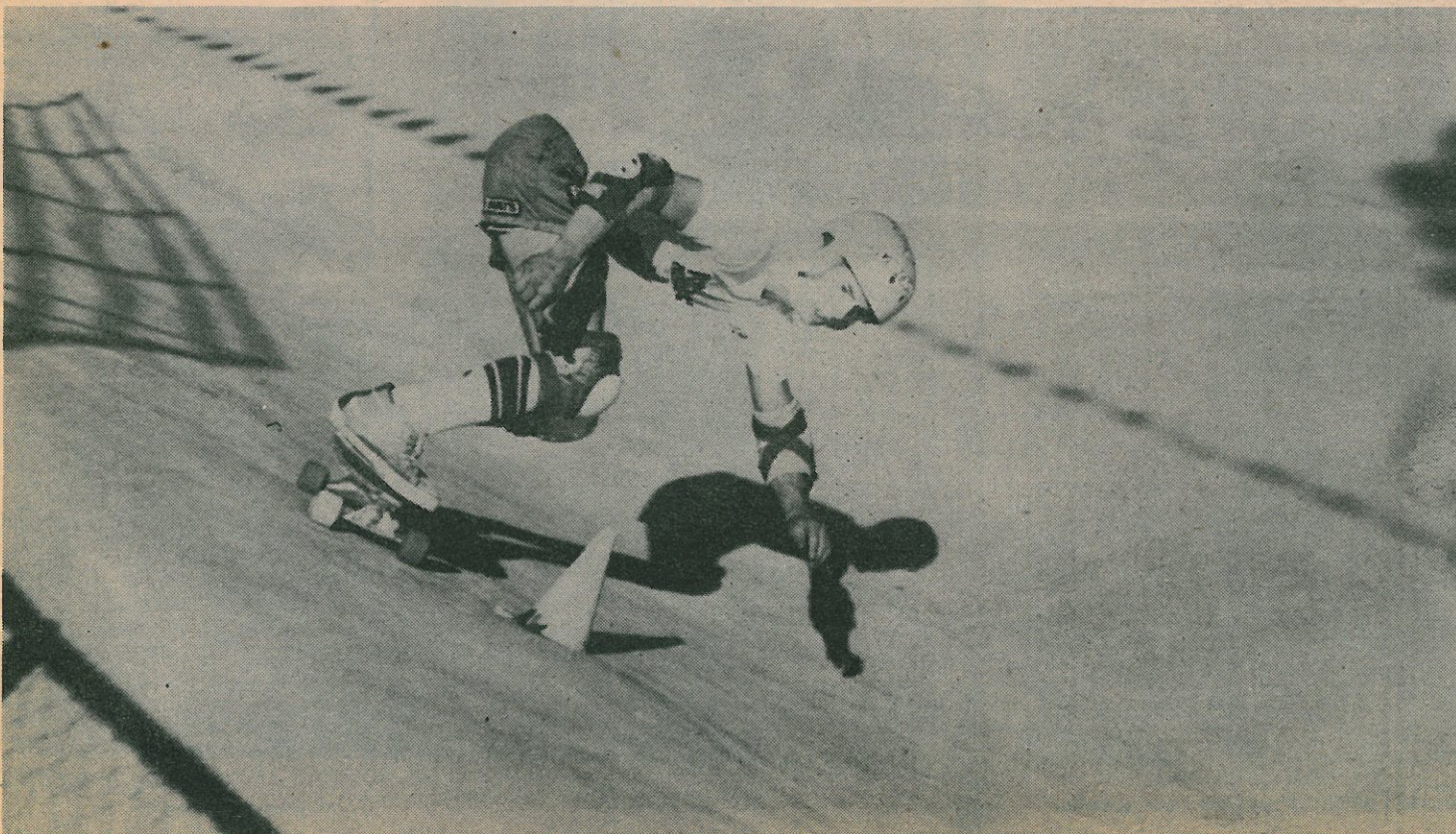


Ace pool skater, Lance Mountain, working on the banked slalom.

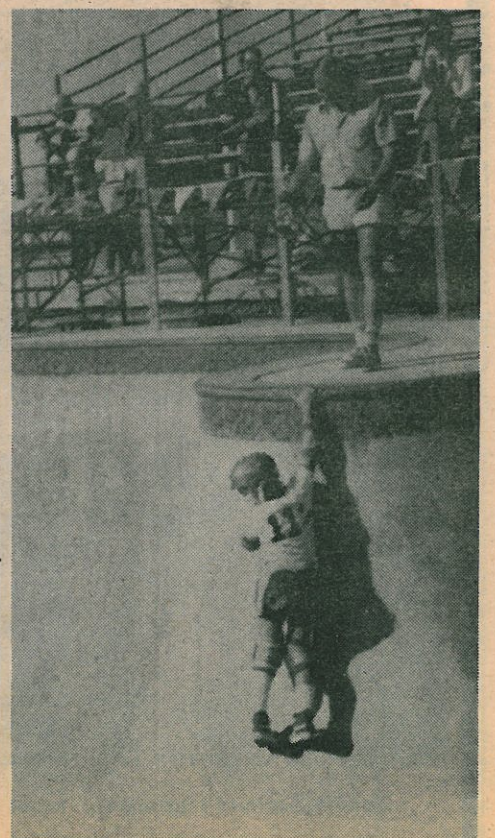


Joe Hardy using maximum effort to cut his E.T. at Pipeline's slalom.

Rusty Morris(VARIFLEX), flexing his muscles to capture the Slalom event. he also won the pool event.



Somehow this wasn't what Chris Black had in mind.



The 3A SEMI PRO DIVISION was as follows:

Winning the pool in the 12 & under class was Chris Miller (NHS/INDY) who also swept the slalom event. This little skater is ripping.

Mike Hirsch (VARIFLEX) finally pulled off a win in the 13-14 pool event, over class leader Bob Serafin (NHS/INDY). This was only Serafin's second loss in any event all season. He won the slalom.

Lance Mountain is back in ripping style in the pools. He won that event and Lawrence White (Big O) had the fastest time in the slalom. He's tough to beat at speed events.

Rusty Morris (VARIFLEX) made it two for two for the day. He's skating very strong for VARIFLEX.

Carabeth Burnside (NHS/INDY) can't be beaten, as she proved it today by taking both events.

The Girls Rollerskate class has Pam Cass solid in the lead

especially with her double win here today.

Winners in the men's Rollerskating classes were Dave Goldsmith (1A) winning both events and Jamie Ide (2 A) also capturing both events.

THE NEXT ASPO IS DEC. 6th at Lakewood Skatepark.

It's a "double points" event and it will be held (one of the events) in their new pool.

We understand that the pool will open on Dec. 1, for practice, but we suggest you call the park for more details.

It all should come down to these last two events. All the classes have lots of energy and many of the coveted top three spots in the standings are still up for grabs.

If you've never seen one of these contests, you owe it to yourself to make one. It's an all day affair but well worth it.



Micke Alba, well known G & S/INDY Pro, helped out in the judging department at the last ASPO. He also showed his eight wheel prowess. (Below) Bobby Chase.



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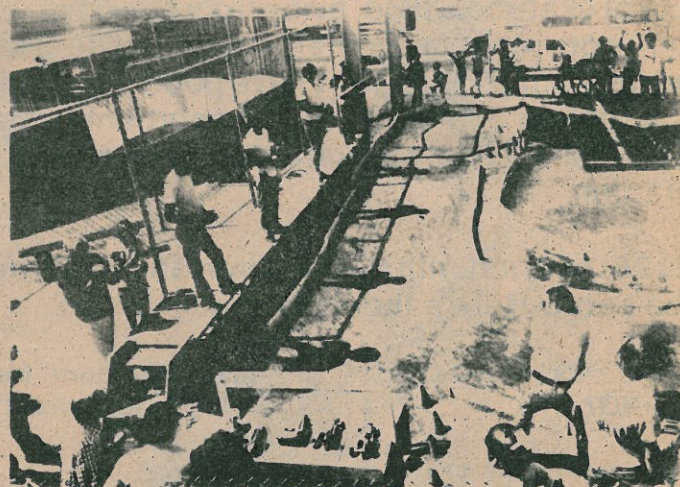


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FOCUS:

JOHN HUTSON Speed demon!

John Hutson, on of the premier downhill and slalom skaters in the country for many years, recently came out and showed everyone that there was still plenty of fire in him, by winning both the Capitola Classic and the Laguna Seca Downhills.

We've been wanting to catch John for a few months now. He has a busy schedule with work and family matters, but recently we caught up with him, late in the day at his construction office in Santa Cruz, where he also lives.

We felt it important that we start looking into the other aspects of skateboarding, away from the bowl riders, to offer more encouragement to all those skaters around the country that don't have pools or bowls, but who are just as dedicated to the sport and love the aspect of going fast on a skateboard. John Hutson is one of them.

John is 26, married with two children and is still heavy into the sport. Here's the interview:

JOHN, HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN SKATING?

Since I was about nine years old, so that's about....

A FEW YEARS BACK RIGHT?

Yeah, just a few (laughs)

YOU'RE MARRIED?

Yeah, my wife's name is Jeannie and I have two kids. A little girl three years old and a

boy that was born just this week! Let's see...the 19th of November.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Thank you.

WHAT KIND OF WORK DO YOU DO?

I'm a field coordinator on a construction site. I guess I'm an expeditor, I schedule materials and equipment. We're bulding a

hospital.

SOUNDS INTERESTING. HOW DID YOU GET STARTED SKATING? WAS IT IN DOWNHILLS RIGHT AWAY?

I started skating slalom basically. I started working for NHS, testing and designing equipment and competing in slalom races. It wasn't until Signal Hill in 1976, that I got into downhill. That's after I had been slalom-ing for about a year and a half. That was (Signal Hill) about my first downhill race and things just started from there for me.

I RECALL YOU DID PRETTY WELL AT SIGNAL HILL.

Well, I got second in the stand-up division, second to Mike Goldman.

YOU WERE ALSO AT THE LAST SIGNAL HILL, WHEN THEY HAD ALL THOSE CRASHES.

Yeah, it was the one in 1977 where I set the current world speed record for standing speed on a skateboard of 53.45 mph.

DOES THAT RECORD STILL STAND?

Yes, it's in the 1980 edition of the "Guinness Book of World Records".

DO YOU KNOW IF ANYONE IS TRYING TO BREAK IT?

Yeah, I am.

REALLY?

Yes, I'd like to break it again, in fact, I'm working on breaking it right now.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING TO ATTEMPT IT?

I'm thinking of doing it up here in Northern California, up in the Santa Cruz area. I'm in the process of working it out right now. Like as far as promotion and sponsorship to do it.

WHAT DOES AN EFFORT LIKE THAT USUALLY COST?

I'd say anywhere from a thousand to two thousand dollars, that's without the liability coverage. If I can get the liability coverage myself, that can run anywhere from \$500. to \$1,000. the rest is just operating expenses.

WHAT KIND OF SPEED DO YOU THINK CAN BE DONE ON A SKATEBOARD?

Gee I don't know...with the right equipment and the right hill...could go 85, 95, maybe 100 miles per hour. It would have to be the right hill.

IS THERE SUCH A HILL SOMEWHERE?

I'm not sure right now. I've been told there are hills where



John (above) right after his run, venting out. Photo. L.P.

people have gone 80 miles per hour, real fast! I've never seen these myself. I'm sure it's possible, if I can find the right hill. I'd need a good slope or 11 or 12 percent grade. Signal Hill, I think, has a 17 percent grade. Something with that grade and twice the length of Signal Hill, I could do 80mph easily.

Also it would depend on protective clothing and designing a suit that would not only protect but be streamline and aerodynamic.

WHAT KIND OF EQUIPMENT DID YOU USE AT CAPITOLA?

Standard trucks, Indy 151 and 169's and Krypton wheels. Red Kryptonics, 70mm. That's another piece of equipment that would have to be advanced the wheels, they have to be larger for speed runs of 80mph.

AND WHAT KIND OF BOARD?

Oh yeah the board. It's a light, custom-made proto type board of honeycomb and epoxy; aluminum, honeycomb epoxy, sandwich type of material...extremely light.

WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A DOWN HILL/SLALOM SKATER AND LET'S SAY A BOWL OR POOL SKATER. I KNOW THE DIFFERENCE IN STYLES, BUT WHAT ABOUT THE INDIVIDUAL HIMSELF?

I think the downhill skater likes to calculate his challenge. He is a person who would like to think things out. Also, he's got more of a goal in mind. Pool skaters are probably a little more abstract and freeform. Downhill and slalom riders have more finite goals. He'd like to set a certain speed or goal and work toward achieving that, then once he has done it he goes on to the next one. Not to say that bowl riders don't have goals, I sure they do, but not as finite.

WHO ARE SOME OF THE GUYS THAT YOU'VE COMPETED OR RACED WITH, THAT YOU ADMIRE?

Oh, I could go back a few years... you've given me plenty to say... but I guess the one that I really admire is Tony Alva, in racing.

REALLY?

Believe it or not, mainly because he had such an aggressive style. He had a real talent for it and he still does. He came

up to Capitola to race and showed some good form, of course the competition was extremely tough. I'm sure he was surprised to see how advanced the competition was. But Tony...(thinking) Hester, Henry Hester, another great slalom racer. Bob Skolberg, another model skater because of his aggressive attitude and also knowing what he wanted to achieve and he would go after it. Present day...I haven't seen too many kids come along that I'm familiar with.

DO YOU THINK THAT IS THE RESULT OF TOO MUCH EMPHASIS ON BOWL OR POOL SKATING, THAT THERE ARE NO REAL NAMES IN SLALOM AND DOWNHILL?

Yes, I think that during the skateboard explosion, or the "big fad" too much emphasis was placed in bowl or pool riding and it took away from the down hill or slalom aspect of it. It overshadowed it because of parks, pools, ramps. It faded for a while, but now it's coming back again.

IT'S AN ASPECT OF SKATING THAT IS JUST AS EXCITING RIGHT?

Right and I think it's one of the foundations that will go on forever.

HOW LONG WILL YOU CONTINUE TO SKATE DOWNHILL. IS THERE AN AGE LIMIT?

Not for me. There's no age limit other than what any other athlete would experience. As long as you are in condition and emotionally and psychologically prepared to take the risks and the challenge, you can do it.

IGUESS MENTAL ATTITUDE IS IMPORTANT, LIKE WITH A RACE CAR DRIVER OR SKIER. IT'S MORE CRITICAL.

Right. Your psychological attitude almost supercedes your physical capabilities. There are certain things you have to develop mentally that are more important and last longer than any physical attributes.

DOES TODAY'S SKATER FIT THAT BILL?

Well, yeah...kinda. Like I've not been too close in contact with skaters lately but it looks like they're maturing. For a while there was this thing, like...anything to be radical. And it's still that way as far as the bowl riders

are concerned. But I'm sure, even there, even though there's this image they want to project, like of a "punk rocker", like they have to have certain amount of maturity. Like calculating what they are going for. They just can't go out there and expect to make anything with out working it out.

WELL, THERE'S MORE ORGANIZATION IN SKATEBOARDING NOW A DAYS THAT PUT MORE DEMAND ON THE SKATERS, LIKE THE AMATEUR AND PRO SERIES.

Right, right. You have to have some concrete structure or a good mind to judge what you are doing, otherwise, you just ain't going nowhere. Skaters need to think about skating more.

TALKING ABOUT PUNK ROCKERS, WHAT KIND OF MUSIC DO YOU LISTEN TO?

Everything, punk, rock, new wave, Devo, classical. I really do like all music, I think it's great.

DO YOU STILL SURF?

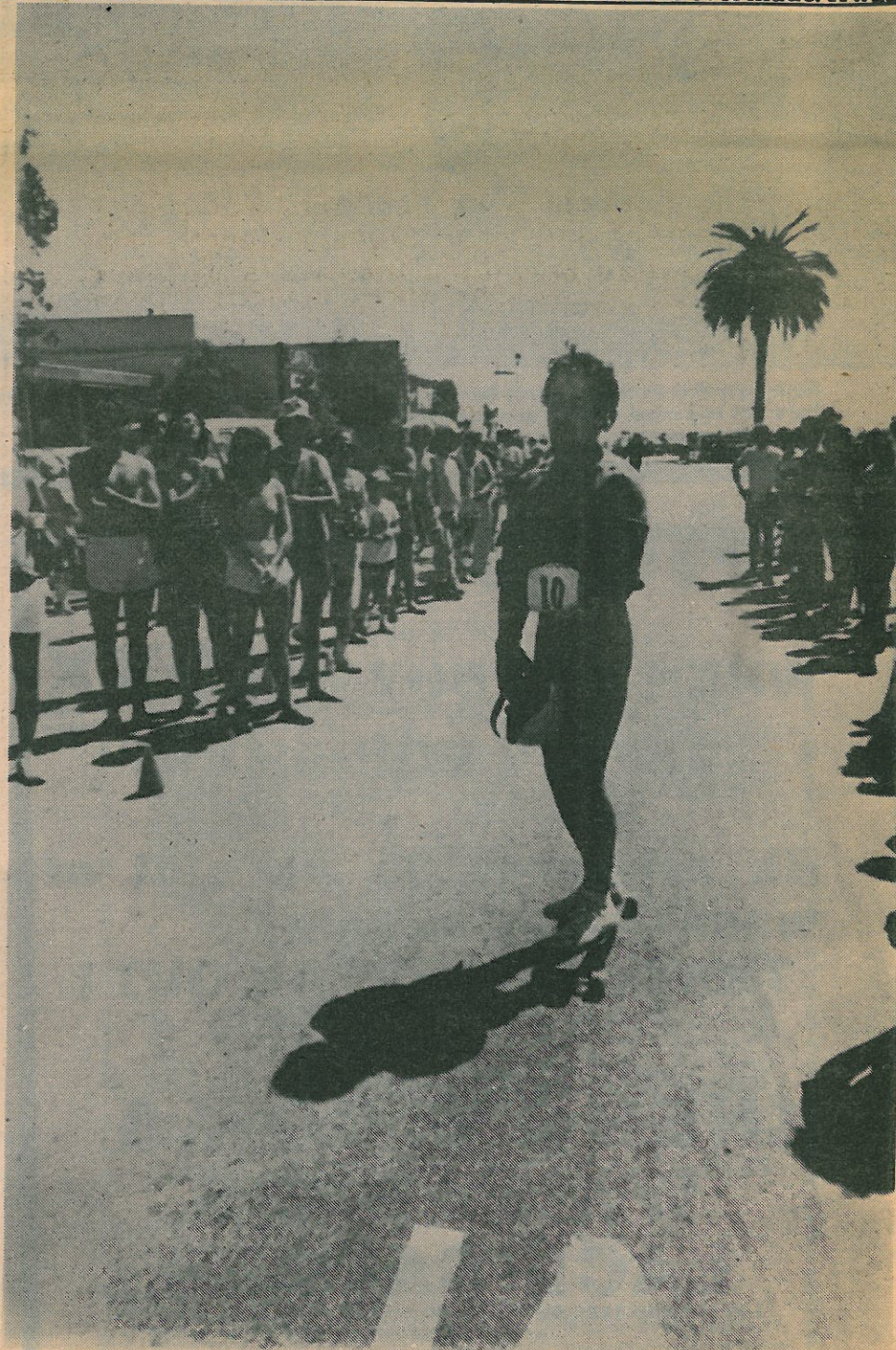
Oh, I love surfing. It's hot when ever I get the chance.

HOW ABOUT SKIING?

Haven't had too much time or money for skiing.

ARE YOU DOING ANY DEVELOPMENT WORK WITH NHS, LIKE A NEW DOWNHILL BOARD?

Yeah, I would like to. I'm planning on putting out a downhill board because as far as a slalom or a downhill board, they have never really been developed. When I was working at Santa Cruz, we developed probably one of the most sophisticated slalom boards ever made. It was



Although his runs last but a few seconds, John puts everything into them.

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the graphite-epoxy laminated boards. But as far as a downhill board, we never really got into that. I feel there's a market there. A "specialty" market, where there's so many people across the country that are interested in having a high quality downhill board. I'm looking to develop something in the near future.

WHAT'S A GOOD TIP FOR A YOUNG SKATER WHO IS JUST STARTING IN SLALOM OR DOWNHILL?

First start out with good equipment, that's important. When I say equipment, that includes safety equipment. That can't be

over emphasized. Aside from that, try to find out what area you want to compete in; slalom or downhill. Then try to work in perfecting a style. Look for style like someone you might want to imitate, then just work the hell out of it.

AND DEVELOP YOUR OWN STYLE FROM THERE?

Right, repeat and repeat and work and work and work. That's the only way to improve.

CAN A GOOD SLALOM SKATER BE JUST AS GOOD IN DOWNHILL? DO THEY COMPLEMENT EACH OTHER?

Yes, certainly, because you are concerned with efficiency of movement, the accuracy of your line and your concentration.

Most important, your concentration. That's fundamental to any part of skateboarding. Even more so in slalom. You've got to negotiate turns without hitting cones, yet cut close and maintain your composure. Once you lose that, it's hard to get it back.

I GUESS IT'S MORE CRITICAL THAT YOU DON'T BAIL OUT WHEN YOU'RE DOING SLALOM OR DOWNHILL.

Bailing out in slalom is pretty

difficult actually. Like when you have runs of 18 to 25 miles per hour, it's pretty hard to get off your skateboard at those speeds. So when you have difficulties, you really have to keep it together and that can be a problem.

THERE'S TALK OF NEXT YEAR EXPANDING THE PRO CIRCUIT TO INCLUDE SLALOM AND DOWNHILL EVENTS. HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THAT?

I think it would be a benefit to the sport for sure. I think that skateboarding foundations are in and on the streets. It's a basic aspect. The thing is speed. It (skateboards) lends itself to racing and for slalom and downhill. If skateboarding is ever going to get anywhere as a sport it will have to develop a strong program for racing downhills and slalom. I think it would really be exciting to see something like that happen.



Sometimes it even becomes casual when you win so often. Hutson, letting up at the finish line, knowing he's got the race well under control.

Photo. L.P.

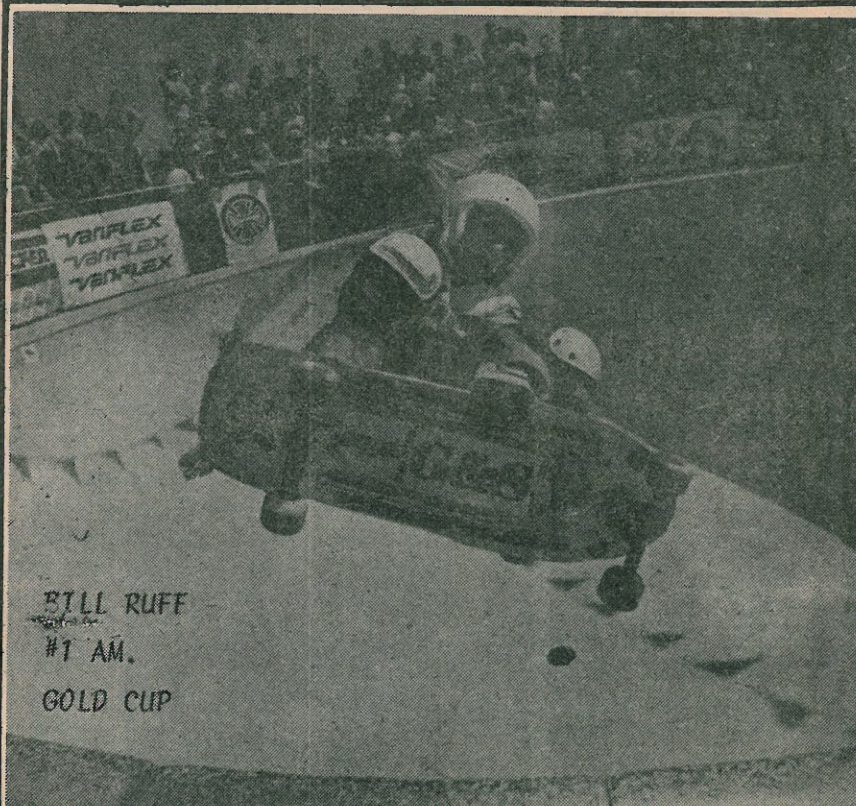
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Timing was provided by Mel Lewis, a local sporting good store operator and he and his wife Betty lent a great hand in making the event a success.

The competition started at 1:30 pm, after several delays and the fear of rain loomed.

There were two classes divided by age groups. The 13 & Under and 14 & over classes.

In the 13 & Under class, it was Austin Daniels, who set the

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A skater named Tim Smith sent this to us a month ago. We are constantly getting letters and pictures from all over the world. We totally appreciate all the response we get from you, and we try to answer all letters. Thanks to all those who have written us and thanks to all those who blaze on our equipment. Keep in touch and keep shredding.

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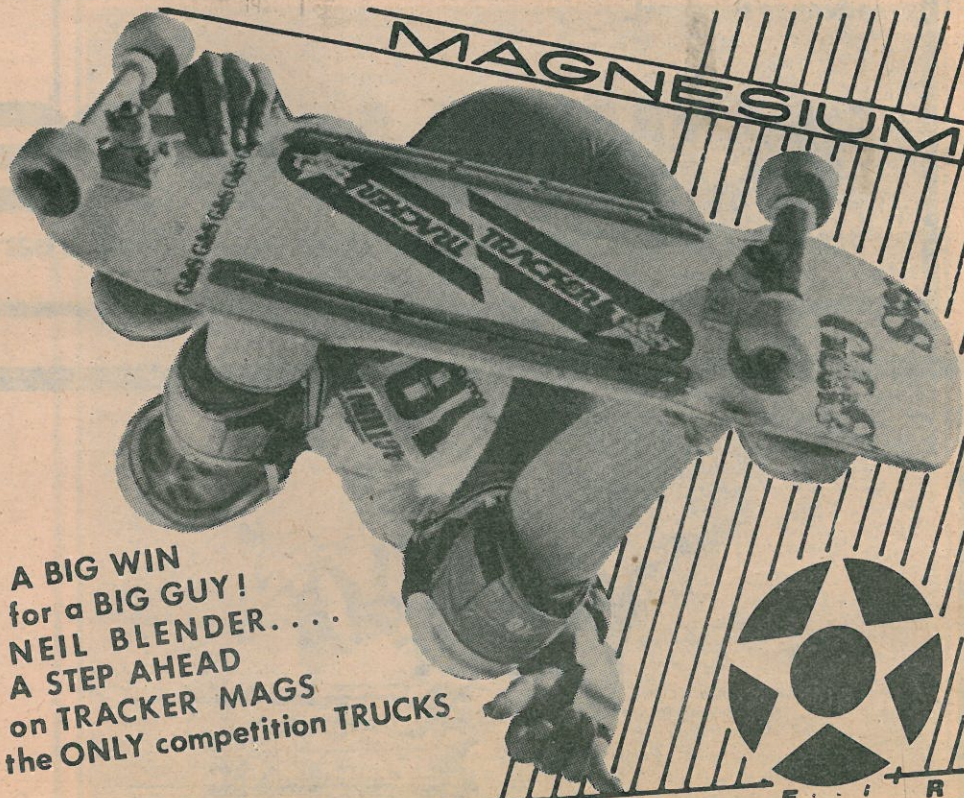
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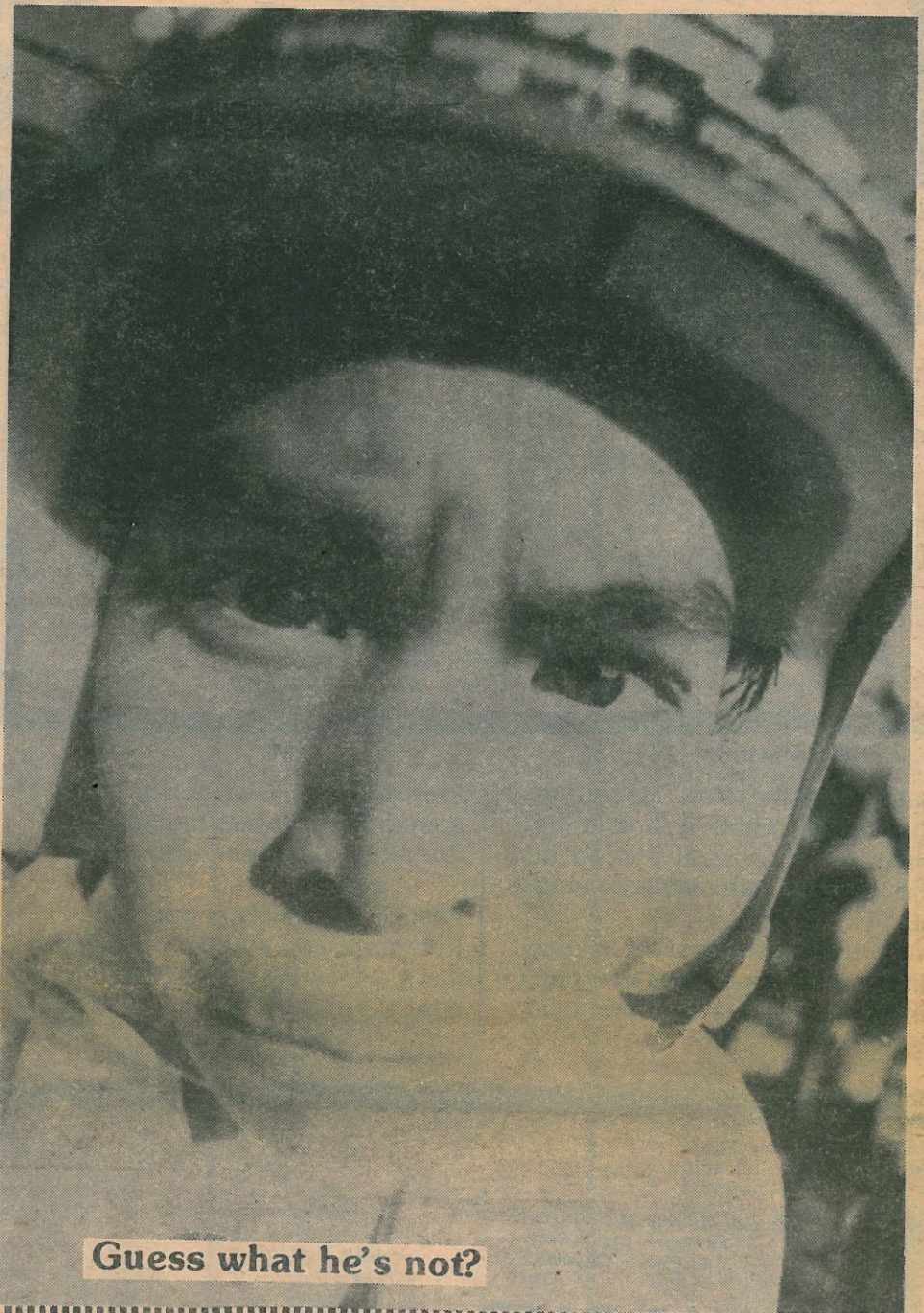
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pace from the start by setting the fastest practice runs in his class. He constantly timed in the low 18's with his best being 18.112.

Next skater to post excellent times was Nick Ramos who had an 18.234 for his best practice runs.

In the 14 & Over class, the speeds were faster because of the more experienced skaters.

Fastest in practice was Mitch Peterson, who broke the 17 sec mark by posting a 17.898 as his best practice run.

Also braking the 17 sec. barrier were Stu Oronato with a 17.921 and Carle Philipe, who came back after a nasty fall during one of his practice runs and posted a 17.967.

So much for practice, most skaters had a number of runs under their belt and they were now ready to go for the gold.

In the 13 & under class, it was Austin Daniels who was the first skater to make one of his two runs. He set a fast run of 18.091 sec.

Several skaters came after Austin but none was even close, until Lonnie Matuzak put on an incredible first run. Lonnie clocked a 17.982 sec. run that was to hold up above all competition.

Austin Daniels had a crack at it on his second run, but slid at about the 11th cone and had to settle for second place.

Nick Ramos finished third with 18.534 sec.

In the 14 & Over class, Stu Oronato set fastest time at the end of the first round. His time was

17.937.

Going into the second round, none of the skaters seem to be getting close to Stu's run, until Mitch Petersen made his run.

Mitch who had set fastest time in practice pull all the stops and made a perfect and smooth run that scored him an elapsed time of 17.776.

When Stu came back for his second run, he was still holding the second spot, but he wanted to beat Mitch for the top spot.

He took some extra pushes off the starting ramp and although it looked like he could have a chance to get the best time of the day, when the officials announced his time it was only a 17.953, slower than his first.

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1. BIG O	740
2. PIPELINE	730
3. COLTON	686
4. LAKEWOOD	668
5. SKATERCROSS	627
6. DEL MAR	622
7. SKATE CITY	590
8. MARINA	371
9. OASIS	260

OVERALL PARK TEAM

1. BIG O	5409
2. SKATERCROSS	5361½
3. PIPELINE	5349
4. COLTON	5327
5. LAKEWOOD	5073
6. DEL MAR	4884
7. SKATE CITY	4657
8. MARINA	4464
9. OASIS	3519

PARK TEAM OVERALL STANDING

12 & UNDER:

1. Doug Cobalis(COLTON)	1570
2. Brian Treanor(SKX)	1358
3. Eric Berquist(BIG O)	1311
4. Tim Metz(LAKEWOOD)	1308
5. Chris Black(OASIS)	1104
6. Mark Putz(SKT CITY)	1009½
7. Tchingz Tchaigadjeiff	874
8. Jamie Nelander(PIPE)	694
9. Todd Weake(DEL MAR)	580
10. Paul Hiniker(DEL MAR)	323
11. Doug Graham(PIPELINE)	326
12. Chris Upson(MARINA)	224
13. Daniel Weisner(S CTY)	170
14. Jeff Heath(LAKEWOOD)	163
15. Billy Braden(PIPELN)	140

13-14:

1. Ed Bettencourt(PIP)	1400
2. Bill Wahl(LAKEWOOD)	1359
3. Richard Armijo(SCTY)	1356½
4. Les Pearlman(SKX)	1269
5. Bobby DeCasas(BIG O)	1189
6. Nik Rosendahl(MARNA)	1110
7. David Eckles(DELMAR)	1054
8. Mike Kraeger(COLTON)	853
9. Tracy Funches(OASIS)	724½
10. Chris Weddle(COLTON)	303
11. Lester Kasai(BIG O)	190
12. Ken Park(DEL MAR)	165

15-17

1. Todd Joseph(DEL MAR)	1380
2. Tim Galvan(PIPELINE)	1353
3. Brian Henson(BIG O)	1324
4. Ernie Stearsman(COL)	1230
5. John Luceto(SKTCITY)	1177
6. Raul Escobedo(SKX)	642
7. Rick Tracy(LAKEWOOD)	546
8. John Downs(SKX)	540
9. James Murphy(MARINA)	519
10. Hap Pontanares(OASIS)	507
11. Chris May(LAKEWOOD)	451
12. Tae Hoshin(LAKEWOOD)	326
13. Paul Kelly(MARINA)	224
14. Clyde Hirakawa(MARNA)	190
15. Jim Coane(SKX)	161

OPEN:

1. Scott Fraley(PIPE)	1423½
2. Andre Watts(MARINA)	1403
3. Jim Coane(SKX)	1394½
4. Todd Smoke(BIG O)	1381
5. Glen Schewchuck(CLT)	1371
6. Tim Dunbar(OASIS)	1128
7. Owen Nieder(DEL MAR)	1050
8. Jerry Matta(SKT CITY)	750
9. Kent Douglas(LAKWD)	482

10. Rick Tracy(LAKEWOOD)	419
11. Gary Ramirez(LAKWD)	280
12. Ken Park(DEL MAR)	140

1A 12 & UNDER

1. Youree Henley	1294
2. Jeff Heath	1145
3. Charles Pina	1144
4. Richard Mellott	1119
5. Marty Sandman	901
6. Lonnie Peralta	879
7. Eric Nash	787
8. Jason Parks	773
9. Omar Ramirez	719
10. Chris Naylor	631
11. Jeff Grosso	555
12. Karl Trout	504
13. Craig Richenburg	481
14. Kevin Cizek	456
15. David Schnieder	333
16. David Carter	333
17. Fernando Viteri	324
18. Joe Barbera	172
19. Tchingz Tchaigadjeiff	165
20. Eric Zepeda	148
21. Ricky Dewitt	128
22. Jay Biehl	120
23. Randy Dewitt	64
24. Chris Elliot	60
25. Phil Barba	51

13-14

1. Ron Yearman	1095.2
2. Chris Robinson	1068½
3. Richard Ito	1042
4. John Crane	1008.2
5. Jack Ranstrom	939½
6. Joe Hardy	838
7. Tim Barnes	712.4
8. Don Wilcox	709
9. Don Pollard	648
10. Curt Chun	640
11. Mike Weatherbie	606
12. Sean Ambrose	585½
13. George Sherman	547.7
14. Mike Durand	537
15. Dave Bromberg	500.2
16. Kirk Naylor	467
17. Mike Miller	461
18. Mark Chase	445
19. David Franklin	444½
20. Jack Haughey	413.1
21. Alan Miller	373
22. Gary Carter	365
23. Randy Bain	320
24. Pat Muzingo	302
25. Tim Harris	290
26. Jeff Croteau	280.4
27. Dan Oberbeck	272
28. Cida- Das Lee	257.7
29. K. C. Cote	232½
30. Chris Dean	232
31. Gary Colley	209.4
32. Chris Lowe	195
33. Mark Miller	184
34. Mike Thomas	170
35. Scott Kawa	153
36. Kenny Koch	151
37. Vince Dennis	143
38. Paul Hoskins	126
39. Joe Tucker	121.7
40. James Cooper	111
41. Phil Simmons	109.7
42. Eddie Beneville	96
43. Guy Koch	89
44. Martin Huerta	85
45. John Rodriguez	80
46. Steve Irvin	72
47. Robbie Walton	60
48. Joe Burk	60
49. Gary Colley	38

15-17

1. Matt Richards	1256
2. Ken Yuponco	1169
3. Jason LaFay	1157
4. Rob Thompson	1149
5. Charlie Lewis	1081
6. Ken Crane	1028.2
7. Leo Ambrose	988
8. Ken Schafer	851
9. Keith Stephenson	665
10. Ross Chun	596
11. Tom Nelson	583.2
12. Eric Lockard	503
13. Steve Kittelstad	469
14. Michon Neal	361
15. Jeff Zepeda	348
16. John Cortum	326.2
17. Buck Kimbrell	294
18. Jay Moore	286
19. Terry Folsom	280
20. Rob Rosales	249½
21. Mike Ames	206
22. Bob Seccia	190
23. J.R. Luna	190
24. David Berry	180
25. Jay Dean	165
26. John Morgan	158½
27. John Treanor	157
28. Mark Hunter	156
29. Bob Rust	155
30. Mike Blackman	129
31. David Bates	127
32. Mike Williams	105
33. Tony Henderson	102
34. Dave Bedford	100
35. Ron Burks	95
36. Robert Juarez	68
37. Mark Edwards	48
38. Mike Johnson	42

OPEN

1. Mark Bailey	1385½
2. Charlie Lewis	1233½
3. Adrian Lozano	1155
4. Greg Godfrey	637
5. James Martell	526
6. Chih Tai Kao	513
7. Cesape Chaves	506
8. Ron Mahaffey	502
9. Kenny Koshiro	484
10. Ken McQuire	400
11. David Murray	338
12. Lynn Cooper	330
13. John Thompson	296
14. Ro-ert Juarez	234
15. Sammy Mendoza	224
16. Jim Moore	180
17. Joe Lucio	170
18. Tracy Harrison	167
19. Ed Petril	167
20. Fred Herrera	158
21. Perry Cole	152
22. Gerry Gagner	111
23. Greg Simpson	102
24. James Bell	90
25. Jim Moore	80
26. Brad Tucker	57
27. Mike Thomas	51

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12 & UNDER

1. Eric Berquist	1439
2. Paul Hiniker	1336
3. Anthony King	1326
4. Tommy Finch	1192
5. David Mollen	1025
6. Tim Phillips	927
7. Daniel Weisner	520
8. Jeff Partain	304
9. Chris Upson	247
10. Tim Metz	200
11. Doug Graham	163
12. Jamie Nelander	158
13. Todd Drake	152

14 Scott Hughes 90

13-14

1. Lester Kasai	1423
2. Mike Kraeger	1411½
3. Paul Young	1241½
4. Jeremy Fletcher	1196
5. David Chernoff	1144
6. Ernie Brown	1066
7. Chris Weddle	743
8. Ken Park	681
9. Gordie Somset	609
10. Dave Espinosa	563
11. Mike Pacheco	540
12. Alex Anderson	320
13. Owen Nieder	175

15-17

1. Rick Tracey	1440
2. Henry Matus	1353
3. Tom Steenbock	1270
4. John Downs	1193
5. Chris May	1188
6. Scott Dreyer	1023
7. Shawn Goldsmith	848
8. Rick Rosa	542
9. Tom Michaels	451
10. Rick Stine	433
11. Jim Mitchell	303
12. Mark Jones	201
13. Paul Kelly	148
14. Greg Suver	132
15. Gregg Stillman	124
16. Clyde Hirokawa	100
17. Larry Durand	76
18. Bill Swartzbaugh	57

OPEN

1. Kent Douglas	1489
2. James Murphy	1448½
3. Bill D Angelo	1272
4. Barry Fields	1266
5. Vince Udo	1254
6. John Nakama	723
7. Marcos Monroy	710½
8. Jeff Greyak	618
9. Tom Steenback	467
10. Kenneth Williams	396
11. Eric Rosendahl	331
12. Pepe Torres	303
13. Scott Lehman	292
14. Alan Brown	214
15. Mike Pust	156
16. Richard Rose	57

3A

12 & UNDER

1. Tony Hawk	1500
2. Chris Miller	1491
3. Ken Stelmasky	1432
4. Danny Jorgenson	1189
5. Jason Richardson	1027
6. Jeff Ronnow	410
7. Chris Hosoi	280
8. Ky Lambert	265
9. Kelly Rosecrans	185
10. Tim Cunningham	156

13-14

1. Bob Serafin	1585
2. Mike Hirsch	1445
3. Mark Rogowski	1340
4. Kevin Stabb	1042
5. Greg Weaver	1035
6. James Robinson	418
7. Don Szabo	171
8. Steve Garcia	156

15-17

1. Eddie Meek	1413
2. Bill Ruff	1287
3. Neil Blender	1284
4. Lance Mountain	1188
5. Roland Cobalis	1145
6. Lawrence White	1113
7. Mike Stelmasky	1048
8. Brad Jackman	951
9. Matt Cook	688
10. John Gibson	543
11. John Tuisl	464
12. Chris Rennie	369
13. Teddy Bennet	324
14. Mark Jones	279
15. Jim Waataja	216
16. John Ernst	210
17. Peter poletta	187
18. Jamie Mosberg	131
19. Jamie Godfrey	123
20. David Zakrzewski	85
21. Darrin Price	72
22. Tim Sweet	51
23. Rusty St. Cyr	40

OPEN

1. Sonny Miller	1345
2. Gerry Hurtado	1291
3. David Weaver	1211
4. Rusty Morris	1017
5. Jim Gray	637
6. Mark Braniecki	603
7. Brian Martin	540
8. Mike Maxwell	497
9. David Stevens	340
10. Gil Losi	290
11. John White	190
12. John Kop	175
13. Steve Schmeer	175
14. Cody Letsinger	148
15. Rusty Hamilton	100
16. Jeff Jones	95
17. Pat Love	95
18. Victor Perez	85
19. John Miller	80

1A

15 & OVER

1. Carabeth Burnside	1580
2. Lisa Foreman	1100
3. Sue Smith	940
4. Shirley McLeland	351
5. Gale Springer	95
6. Joanna Field	90

1A ROLLERSKATE

1. Tracy Baldwin	1436
2. Bonny Chase	1283
3. Rick Klover	1012
4. Dave Goldsmith	800
5. Richard Powell	570
6. Mike Stelmasky	555
7. Mike Shaughnessy	370
8. Bill Armstrong	350
9. Joe Ramon	266
10. William McKinley	170
11. Jason Jolly	138
12. Ed Hussey	100
13. sean sanlos	76

2A ROLLERSKATE

1. Jamie Ide	1526
2. Paul Votava	1436
3. Craig Carter	1431
4. Greg Hild	1397
5. Jim Darby	692
6. Marty Carter	510
7. Dale Calvert	370
8. Avery Grant	304
9. Daniel Sweeney	171
10. Jim Klopner	80

GIRLS ROLLERSKATE

1. Pam Cass	1375
2. Sue Feldman	1155
3. Penny Fritts	920

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15 & Under:

1. Tom Growholski
2. Robert Cislick
3. Mark Curren
4. Harry Kallet
5. Hectic Simons
6. Jeb Barkenkish

16 & Over:

1. Jeff Jones
2. Dave Rysduyk
3. Chris Carter
4. Cody Letsinger
5. Bill Parke
6. Dave Dunigun

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Johnnie Tomado CC



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