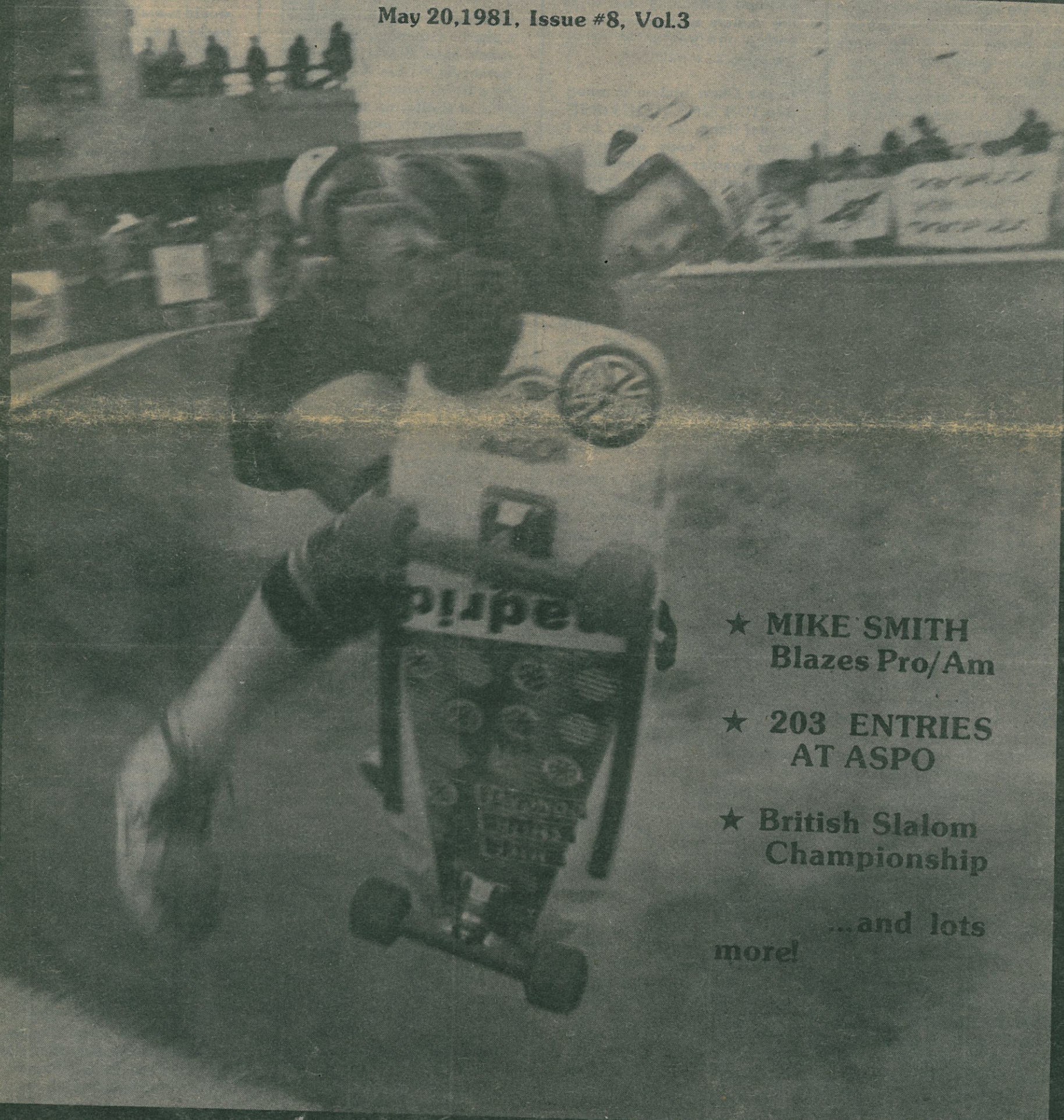


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...and lots
more!

WEEKLY GRINDERS

BY Anita Grynd

Tim Leighton-Boyce, our sometime correspondent from England visited the Skate City ASPO. He was totally amazed to see the number of skaters at one contest (203!). This was especially gratifying for him, since the week prior to the ASPO he had visited several So Cal parks, to find few skaters. What he didn't know is that the week before an ASPO, all skaters skating in ASPO try to get as much practice as they can at the host park, and so few of them stay around their home park. He thought that skating was "gone and done with". Not so Tim.

Tim says that the ROCK'N ROLL Skatepark, in Livingston, Scotland is everything that everybody had hoped it would be. While the facility might be a might compact or small, once the skaters start skating it, they really go wild. Anyone making a trek across the "Big Pond" this summer must try to make a point of skating that park.

The Fifth Annual Florida Van, Surf and Skate Expo is scheduled for June 12, 13, & 14 at the West Palm Beach Auditorium. Event coordinator Gary Propper will again be featuring a strong skateboard segment featuring Freestylers Rodney Mullen and Jim McCall with a Half Pipe demo by Mike Folmer and Mark Lake. For the fifth straight year, the Master of Ceremonies for the entire 3-day extravaganza will be Bruce Walker, of WALKER SKATES. In addition to skateboarding, the expo also features continuous surf films, customized vans, product booths, windsurfing displays, fashion shows, a bikini contest and much more. Rounding out each day of the expo will be evening concerts by major rock n' roll bands. The expo is open to the public.

MIKE SMITH, skating with his new MADRID signature model, ripped the Colton/Pro-Am pool and won all the marbles at the Ranch's Variflex Pro. Mike had super runs, that moved him right through the "double elimination ladder. See story in this issue.

The Losi's were happy with the result of their Pro/Am at the Colton Ranch, although it didn't come easy for them. Rain problems plagued them all week end, starting on Friday night. The scheduled Saturday Finals were cancelled due to rains, for Sunday. This cost them lots of spectator revenue, as Sunday was Easter Sunday, and I'm sure many chose to stay with their families. Our hats go off to them for pulling it off under very strained conditions and to all the skaters who were patient and put on a great show despite the adverse conditions.

In the Giant Slalom competition TOM SIMS TOOK FIRST!. Is that right!, No it can't be, it must be a copy off an old Skateboarder issue that somebody sent us as a press release. Well in fact, the press release is quite accurate and most recent. Yes, old Tom's still got it in him, as he posted his Giant Slalom win in the "Offshore King of the Mountain" snowboarding competitions at Boulder, Colorado on April 13, 1981. In fact Tom also placed 3rd. in the Aerials contest and 3rd. in the Freestyle event. Who said he had retired from all active competition and was one of the biggest cattle owners in Santa Barbara?

The WALKER Team: Shawn Peddie, Chris Baucom, Peter Andrews, John Hodges and Robert Rodrigues are all planning a California Summer Tour. Any skate-rats interested in providing temporary sleeping space or back yard pool and ramp sessions for the crew can contact Bruce Walker at PO Box 626 Melbourne Beach, Fla. 32951 or call him at (305) 723-9420 soon.

The Canadian International Amateur Skateboarding Championships are set for the week of July 14-19. The week's program will include competitions in Freestyle, High Jump, Barrel Jump, Giant Slalom, Downhill Speed Run, Half Pipe, High Aerials, Banked Bowl and 360's. If you can last through all those events, you can be our hero. For more information, call Monty Little at (604)937-0449 or (604)435-1444, or write to Canadian Pro-Am, Po. Box 2039, Vancouver, B.C. Canada. V6B 351.

The Second Georgetown Youth Center skateboard contest is set for May 16, Saturday. It will start at 1 pm. with practices in the morning of the event and

Friday night. Entry is \$3.00 for two age groups, 15 & Under and 16 & Over.

All skaters are invited to make the event and if you need a space to stay, you can contact Leighton Lord at (301)856-7523. I wonder if Leighton checked this out with his folks before making this invitation. Anyway, full coverage and pictures and results in our next issue, if Leighton survives all his house guests.

UNUSUAL REQUEST DEPT. Calvin Groening, (his letter didn't have address or phone number so we don't know where he's from) wants Super 8mm film of California Skating. He would like to purchase such film from anyone who has decent coverage of Freestyle or Vert skating. Since we can't give you where to contact Calvin, you may respond to SKAT'N NEWS and when Calvin reads this, he'll remember to include his address and tel. number next time.

MARINA Skatepark will host a Bowl Riding (Upper Keyhole) and Banked & Tight Slalom, contest on May 9th. There will be 100 points possible for winners and the "Overall" will be determined by the skater with the most combined points for all three events. Classes 13 & Under, 14-16, 17-20, Un-sponsored and Sponsored. Call Marina Skatepark, at Marina Del Rey, Calif.

VANS is still heavy in the demo schedule. They just finished a week long demo session at KNOTT's BERRY FARM, and now they head for the Anaheim Convention Center, May 2 & 3, at the Health and Beauty Show (we know that all VANS skaters were considered good looking, but beautiful?), then on May 9th they will do a demo at the VANS store in Orange; May 16 at the Upland City Parade, May 20th at La Merced Intermediate School, then on to the Tijuana, School for wayward girls, the Home for the aged Skaters and ...just kidding.

CHERRY HILLS famous Eastern Skatepark and more famous for its almost perfect Egg Bowl is closed. It's sad to see another fine park close. The reason is once again, "not enough skaters to be able to stay open". Which means that you've got to support your local park if you want to keep it open. This is a crucial year for many parks, especially THIS SUMMER. It has not been a

good winter and many parks are just hanging on for the summer business. If you want to keep the parks open and room for competitions, YOU'VE GOT TO SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL PARK and that means from paying for your sessions, to buying your skates and helping keep it in good shape. Otherwise, it will all be history and back to drawing board.

Believe it or not, there are certain manufacturers that would actually like to see all the parks closed and go back to the street, back yard pool skating. Of course what they fail to realize is that all that street scene Pre-Park era, was what gave skateboarding such a negative press. What with all the street accidents, injuries and yes deaths, skateboarding has been trying to "live it down" for years. Thanks to the park system, it has proven that skateboarding is fun and SAFE.

It looks like Del Mar Skate Ranch, in Del Mar California will be hosting a Pro/Am on the weekend of August 15-16. It will be a BOWL and STREET STYLE Freestyle event. The Pro pool will be used for the bowl event and the parking lot will be used for the flat freestyle.

TRACKER's Dave Domini has been coordinating this and working hard and hopes that others will jump in and help make that event a success. Both Pros and Amateurs will run through qualifying rounds in both events on Saturday, with Sunday being the Finals day. More detail as to entry and purse in our next issue.

There's a conflict of dates between the ASPO at La Costa on July 11 and the Laguna Seca downhill. It seems that the Northern California promoter of the Laguna Seca event booked the track for that day, while not being aware of the ASPO date. ASPO officials can not change the ASPO July 11 date of their event because permits have already been taken out and the poster has already been made available to most of the country and in Europe. They are considering dropping the PRO event, unless an arrangement can be made and just run their normal Amateur program. Too bad, because there are far too few events for pros of this kind, and it's ashamed that both events have to happen on the same weekend.

EDITORIAL

WHAT CAN WE DO?

No doubt you have heard or seen these past few months, the demise of a number of skate parks. Some, that seem to be solid for years to come. Most recently, Cherry Hill.

This park was one of the most popular in the country, yet IT TOO CLOSED!

Why, we must ask ourselves? Why should a park, that has brought many skaters such good times and appeared to be so successful, had to shut down down its doors.

Likewise, many other parks have gone through the same fate.

Well, it's no coincidence that the apathy and attitudes of many skaters has had something to do with it.

For example, how many of you out there have found ways to skate at your local parks and not pay?

How many of you have tried to rip off the park? How many have sat back and watch others destroy park property, and not say anything, because it wasn't cool to "narc" of someone.

We're not going to put all the blame on the skaters for some of the park problems.

Poor designs and management are also a contributing factor and so is the poor state of our National economic situation.

But, as skaters, we could have done something that would have alleviated the problem.

How about you manufacturers? How many times did you get all uptight and even indignant because your "team" skaters had to pay to skate? Did you ever consider selling to the park your product at a "special skate park" discount? No? Then why should you expect a special discount for your skaters.

How about you parents? How many times you drove up to the park dropped off your kid(s) and didn't come back for six or eight hours to pick them. Did most of you ever concerned yourselves what they were doing? Did you think to ask the park management if they ever needed help

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with those kids? You figured that the five or eight dollars you gave your skater to spend was a cheap babysitting fee and that was all that was important.

How about some park owners? Many just got in it for the "bucks" and nothing else. Once things started to get tight, many dropped out fast. Those that remained, have had to cut back on help. With that they also cut back on their enthusiasm of promoting and advertising and making the skatepark look inviting.

So whose fault is it?

It's our fault. All of us. We all had a hand in it. But it's not too late. Not while there's still a few parks around, a few skaters around and a few manufacturers making product.

How about a meeting of the industry? Perhaps on a regional basis. Then move on to a National Council.

How about parents, skaters, park owners, manufacturers getting together and "talking it out".

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PRO SHOP EMPTY!

Dear Skat'n News: Hi, love the mag, good articles and pictures. I didn't write to compliment you but to relate some very terrible news. Yesterday I went down to Cherry Hill Skateboard Park to skate and when we got there the park was closed!!!

I looked on the door and the pro shop was empty!!! My father, interested in finding out the reason for the closing asked a neighbor (to the park) for the owner's address, which was 10 minutes away.

We went to check it out and ask the owner. When we got there nobody answered the door and in back under his porch was all the equipment usually at the park. (tables, chairs, etc.)

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VOICES

I just wanted to tell you that Cherry Hill is closed! (for now at least) I wish you tell all your readers, I only traveled 100 miles, but other people travel much further to get there. I didn't want them to waste gas from a bum trip.

Most people get their info from SKAT'N NEWS, so if you don't mind get in touch with Thrasher and ask them to print a small message.

I hope someone will pick up the mortgage and run the park. I hope so, Cherry Hill is the best!

Steve Deitz
Springfield, N.J.

P.S. I need to buy a SIMS Roco, but no shop around here carries it. Will you ask SIMS for the name of the shop that carries their boards and let me know?

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

I regret to inform you that the FAMED and CRAVED by many, Cherry Hill Skatepark, the one with the PERFECT transitions and smooth skating surface, the home of the BIO, EGG BOWL, has closed down. (bummer)

SKATERS, it's our job to make the sport grow and prosper.

If there's anybody who would like to get the Park going again please do so, it would be greatly appreciated by many.

Sincerely,

Mr. Bill
Cherry Hill, N
East Brunswick, N.J.

If you're bummed, just think how we feel, when we get all those issues returned. Not because of the cost of shipping but because we lose contact with many devoted skaters who read our paper as a result of getting it at the park. We hope you guys can spread the word out and keep in touch with us as to your skating scene. Just because there's no park there now, it doesn't mean that you don't deserve coverage of what you're doing. ED.

THE AFI CHAMPIONSHIPS (unedited)

Deer Skat'N Noos:

T reel injoied reedin yor ritin about the 1981 Skatebord World Xtrawvanganza AFI Champeon shippis. I can cleerly reember standin in the longst line I had evr had too stand on, jest to git too tikits. Sense I beein from B7 Idaho, I reely felt out of plase.

Evrybody wuz so tan I felt the blak goat en a herd of wite goats

As the kontest gwat undr way, I wuz so bewilder too see sutch dangerus triks beeng preformd.

I had too cloze mu l's almost evrytim. I wuz speshily empresed with Ole Skiptile atemtid hiz enormus 14 ft back-side heir entoo a 480 faky flep entoo a 15ft narlee grynder. I wuz awl so emprest with the slawlom and piep xibitshons.

Wel, I see by the ol klok on the ol wol that et is time too milk Besy and old Mr ED.

Senserlee Yors Troolee
Ralf Nader
Orange, Ca.

P.S. I'm shore glad I gawt my tikits four the nixt kontest.

You're lucky you did get them, because we heard that right after the AFI Finals, tickets went on sale, and they are now sold out. And by the way they have moved the event for next year to the L.A. Coliseum. By the way Anita Grynd would like to become your pen-pal. ED.

THE MAYPOLE CLASSIC



I promised you I would get some photos together, even if they're not the best I've ever seen.

The photos enclosed basically display the skating situation in New Zeland.

Only one pool and more interest in mucking around on banks. Then there's freestyle and I found a "maypole" that it's totally rideable. Check out the photo. You hold on to the rope and go around in circles, holding on to your board for aerals and letting go to land.

Vertical skating is begining to pick up a little even though winter is almost here. I think there will be some interest next summer.

By the way, I want a Steve Hirsch interview.

Steen Webster
Auckland, New Zeland

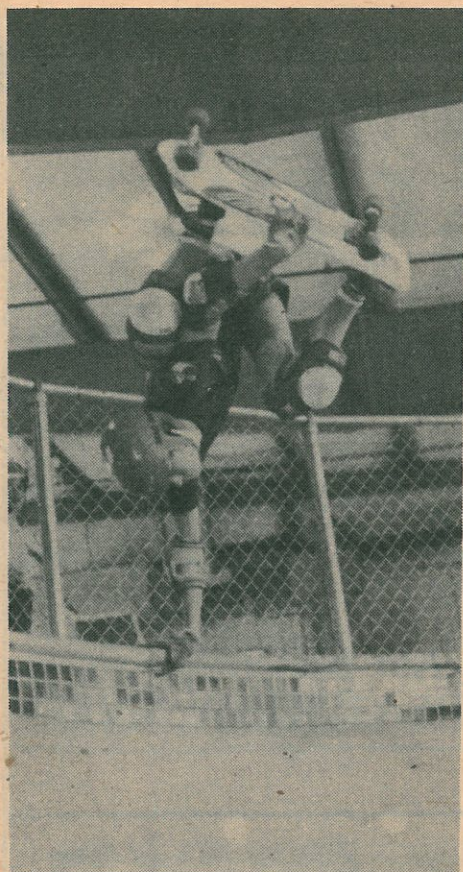
Can you tell us if the maypole has any kinks? Looks like a hot maypole. Who designed it? ED.

"AIRS"

Here are four pictures of "airs" in the Keyhole at Surf'n Turf, in Greenfield, WI. Please write a good article on the park because it is the best park in the mid-west. Two of the pics are "layback airs" that I can do. The park is going out of business.

David Brinn
Photos by
Rusty Joe Medrow
New Belin, WI.

No article we can write can do justice or better for the park, than what you and others write in your letters. That's what's all about. Getting the support and dedication from local skaters like yourselves. Keep sending us stuff about the skaters and the park, hope we can help it stay open. ED.



David Brinn at Surf'n Turf.

Hil How's it going in California land? Thanks for printing my letter (Igloo pools and other lies) in the March 24th issue. But I thought I should reveal the real situation in Winnipeg, so I'm writing again.

Everybody is talking about street skating coming back, but we hadn't realized it had gone anywhere!

Up here it's always been street skating, with fun and progressive freestyle being the main concerns. (and I wouldn't have it any other way)

We do have a couple of half pipes and two free parks, which were constructed by the goverment due to our petitioning, but 90% of our time is still spent on the streets.

As evidence of our hot skating here, we offer you Vic Ilg, whose best in 360's is 124!. Another, Peter Bent, can jump 17 barrels, and Steve Hamish totally blazes horizontal in the freestyle division! Be watching for them at MAGIC MOUNTAIN

this year.

Anyway keep your paper great! We Canadians salute you, keep blazing.

No I'm not the same guy that was selling old folks swampland in Florida. Besides you don't have any proof.

I think it is so hot the way you print photos that skaters send in, the skaters get as much out of the mag as they put in. IT'S GREAT. What happened to your interviews. I miss them. How about a Steve Caballero interview?

Calvin Groening
Winnepeg, Man.
Canada

We look forward to seeing your hot skaters during the summer and at Magic Mountain. Thanks for your support and keep us posted. And yes, we have proof! There's a little old lady from Pasadena that says she knows you. ED.

COMING OUT OF THE COLD

Here's my third letter to you and I'm writing again to let you know what's happening in skating over here. (Maryland)

The weather is getting warmer (70's) and skating is doing pretty good, especially here in Columbia. There are some pretty good ramps to ride, both quarter and mostly half pipes. Crofton International Skatepark had a fire in the pro shop and I was told that people are skating it for free until the building is repaired or replaced. I'm going to check it out soon.

Speaking of skateparks, about a week ago me and Jeff Stebbenne went to Cascade Skatepark. It closed about a year and a half ago and some construction company bought the land. We used to skate it alot, so we decided to go down and chek it out.

As fate would have it, the park has been bulldozed, except for the slalom run which used to be used to learn new tricks, because of its gradual incline. It had about 4 to 5 inches of dirt and all we brought was a push broom. So we found a hoe and we cleared a 13 foot wide part to ride. We worked on it for about two hours, then we ripped it. It was great and brought back many memories and good times. Sorry to see it go. A word to the wise. SUPPORT YOUR PARK!

Any skater coming to the Maryland area let me know, call

me at (301) 730-2978.
Boost Freestyle.

Tim Morris
Columbia, MD.

You win our golden "Shovel and Bucket" award of the month. ED.

THANKS FOR THE HELP

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped with the contest at the VARIFLEX Pro/Am, especially all those sponsors who contributed banner space money.

A special thanks goes to David Weaver, Brian Martin, Bill Hanes, Lance Mountain, Steve Hirsch, Mark Rogowski and many others who helped us get the park in shape after the rains on Saturday night. I'd also like to acknowledge Gwen and Dan Jorgen sen, Jan & Paul Hirsch, Mrs. Finch and all the local kids who helped throughout the weekend.

All my gratitude goes to my partners at VARIFLEX for allowing me to spend all the money I did, to make the Pro purse worthwhile.

Gil Losi
VARIFLEX

MR ED SAID IT

Recently I have observed some totally insane hot pics on the "hot locals" from Surf'n Turf. While observing the hot pics of my good friends I also read what Mr. ED had to say.

He mentioned that any skater from Surf'n Turf is welcome to send in some hot skate pics into SKAT'N NEWS.

I read in SKAT'N NEWS that all one must do is take some pics in black & white and send them in and they will get in the paper. So, I have enclosed a few pictures of myself that I feel are hot. These pics are me- Joe Weissman- and they were photographed by my friend "Rusty" Joe Medrow, at Surf'n Turf. Please feel free to print any photo.

Thank you for taking the time out to read what I had to say.

SKAT'N NEWS is the HOTTEST!

Joe Weissman
Greendale, Wisc.

You asked for it you got it. Hot pics Joe. ED.



Joe Wiseman, Surf'n Turf.

MIKE SMITH... NUMERO UNO AT THE VARIFLEX PRO/AM

RAIN-DELAYED VARIFLEX/COLTON PRO/AM BRINGS OUT THE BEST OF ALL SKATERS FOR A GREAT SHOW.

Colton, California
April 24-26, 1981

Story By Lori Peralta
Photos By Rusty Harris

OF THE 23 ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED PROS SLATED TO ATTEND THE PRO/AM AT COLTON, ONLY 16 SHOWED UP.

Notably, skaters such as Alan Losi, Dave Andrecht, Steve Hirsch suffered minor injuries during practice or prior to the event that kept them out of this second Pro/Am of the season.

Of the 16 pros that entered, only eight would make the cut into the final "double elimination" head to head round. But on Friday there would first be a 12 man cut. Missing that cut were: Fred DeSota, Brad Bowman, Geno Tocci and surprisingly, Steve Caballero. They all missed the cut by less than 2 points.

At the end of the Friday night cut, we saw Duane Peters in first, followed by Eric Grisham in second and eventual winner Mike Smith in third.

The Sunday Finals saw a change in the schedule of events. Normally the Amateur event is run prior to the pro run. But due to rains of Friday and all day Saturday, and threatening skies on Sunday, it was decided to run the pro event first and get it out of the way, in the event that the rains would return.

Making nice comebacks in pro competition, were Steve Olson

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Mike Smith (MADRID) went undefeated in the "head to head" competition to post a well deserved win. Photo R. Harris.

and Steve Alba. They did well, but not good enough to make the 8-cut. In fact they both tied for 9th place.

Also not making the cut were Ray Rodriguez and Mike McGill who finished 11th and 12th respectively. On Friday, they showed excellent form by finishing 5th, and 6th in the same order.

The 12 and 8 cuts were run in the normal scoring fashion. Skaters with the higher scores in their two runs move into the top spots.

After the 8-cut was made however, the manner of the competition was changed to the "head to head, double elimination" type of competition.

This means that after a skater loses twice in a bracket, he is out of the contest.

Matching of the head to head competition was done by putting the skater who qualified 1st in the 8-cut, against the 8th place skater; 2nd place against 7th place; 3rd, vs. 6th and so on. Each match would get two runs apiece. The best score of the two runs would determine the winner of that bracket.

In the first round, it was Eric Grisham vs. Mickey Alba. Alba beat Grisham by 2/3rds of a point and sent him to the "Loser's" bracket. One more loss and he would be out.

The other match was Mike Smith defeating bert LaMar,

then Mike Siegfried over Billy Ruff and Duane Peters advancing over Neil Blender.

Now all the losers would compete against each other and the next elimination would be made.

Next to go again was Grisham against LaMar.

Eric's first run was scored an 84.33; 1/3 lower than Bert's 84.66. The second run would determine the winner of this bracket. Grisham had a bad day, after a good showing in the qualifying rounds, and after falling in his second run, he was out of the competition, with Bert LaMar advancing to the next bracket.

Then came two G & S skaters, pitted against each other. Bill Ruff went against Neil Blender. Bill's first run was an 81.00 to Neil's 86.33. Bill's second run was not any better so Neil continued on.

This put Bill in 8th place and Grisham in 7th.

Onto the "winners" bracket, it was Mickey Alba vs. Mike Smith Mickey lost by one point.

Next it was Duane Peters who barely defeated Mike Siegfried.

Both Mike Smith and Duane Peters automatically advanced to wait for the winners of the LaMar vs Alba; and Siegfried vs Blender round.

Alba defeated LaMar by one point and Siegfried beats Blender, relegating Neil to 6th place and \$125.00 and Bert to 5th and \$150.00.

Once again in the winners bracket, it was Mike Smith handing Duane Peters his first loss and Siegfried defeating Mickey Alba. This was Alba's second loss, so he was out and in fourth place and with \$200.00 in his pocket.

Since both Siegfried and Peters had lost one apiece, they had to go against each other to earn the right to go against undefeated Mike Smith.

Both skaters tied in their second run, so they had to go back to their first run scores. Ziggy's first score was not as good as Duane's so he lost and wound up in 3rd place with \$300.00.

THE FINAL round of elimination was next.

I must say, I have never seen

Mike Smith (CASTER) skate better. He was "on" and he certainly proved himself this day. He rips so watch out!

Highlights of this event: Could Smith skate all day undefeated or would the "Master of Disaster" push him into another run?

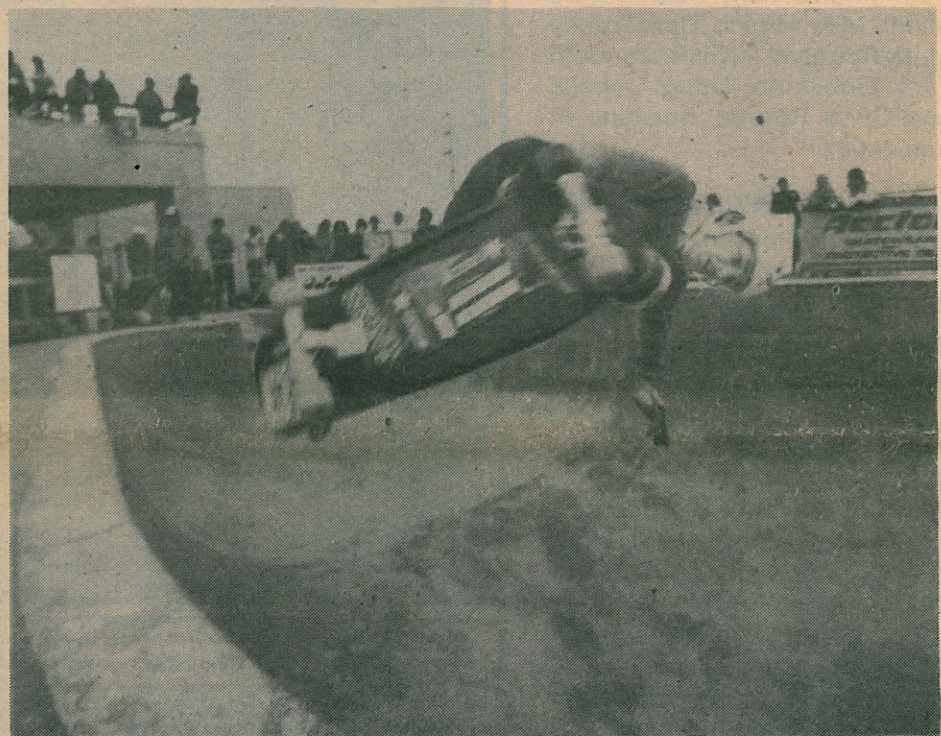
Mike's first run was an 84.33 to Duane's 85.33. Duane had put the pressure on as he likes to do. But Mike was not about to fold. He came back with a score of 86.33. Highest score given all day (Blender also received a similar score earlier)

You could sense the anticipation on Duane's and his Sponsor's (INDY/NHS) faces as the scores were given out. Duane scored an 86.00, 1/3rd less to send him to second place and take the \$400.00.

The winner of the day and \$600.00 richer was MADRID's Mike Smith, sporting his new model that is sure rise in sales as a result of this impressive win.



Mike Siegfried (VARIFLEX) skated strong for a third place in the Pro event. Bert LaMar (right) is working back into form. Duane Peters (below) patented trick got him a second place overall.



GIRLS EVENT:

There were only five girls entered. Both Pros and Amateurs skated together.

Pattie Hoffman took the pro honors with two incredible runs. Not far behind was Carabeth Burnside. Denise Danielson, placed in 3rd (second Pro) edging out Joanna Field. Leigh Parkin placed fifth.

Pattie received \$100.00 for first Pro, while Carabeth received first place trophy in the Amateur class.

DOUBLES:

There was a poor turnout for this usually very active class. There were only two teams.

The so far unbeatable team of Steve Hirsch and Eric Grisham was not there. Instead, Eric had to team up with Steve Caballero to go against Billy Ruff and Mike Smith.

For a while, it was doubtful if Eric was going to find a doubles partner. He was going through them like water.

First Hirsch fell and bruised his kidney during practice earlier in the week. Then Allen Losi, who was schedule to skate with Eric, re-injured his hip and in fact had to be taken to the hospital for a check up. He was out.

Next choice for Eric was Dave Andrecht. Dave suffered an ankle injury that kept him out of any double practice.

It looked like Eric may have to drop out of this event, until Steve Caballero stepped in to form the doubles team.

They went against a formidable team of Ruff and Smith, who looked like they gave Caballero and Grisham a good run for their money.

Well, good but not good enough to win the \$100.0 first place money. Ruff and Smith settled for the \$75.00 for second.

THE AMATEURS:

There were a total of 30 amateurs entered. Only 16 would make the cut on Friday to move into the finals on Saturday, postponed to Sunday.

Many of these skaters were familiar faces from ASPO.

AN INTERESTING NOTE:

ASPO made a decision to allow any 1A or 2A skater to skate against the 3A skaters who usually skate in the Pro/Ams. In the event that any 1A or 2A skater finished in the TOP FIVE spots, he would automatically be moved up to the 3A class in subsequent ASPO events.

This move was made to give the host park every chance to have as many entries as possible for any major event. As it turned out, none of the 1A or 2A skaters that entered even made the 16-cut.

Those first 16 spots were filled by 3A skaters. Among them were John "Tex" Gibson qualifying first, followed by Christian Hosoi, Bob Serafin, Lance Mountain, Todd Joseph, Paul Molina, Tony Hawk, Chris Miller, Mike Hirsch, Rick Tracey Mark Rogowski, Nik Rosendahl Tank Robinson, Doug Cobalis and Chris Rennie, finishing in that order.

The 8-cut was then made. This left Hosoi, Serafin, Mountain, Joseph, Hawk, Hirsch, Rogowski and Meek.

Now it was the "head to head" competition, as done in the Pro class.

The first skaters to go were Tony Hawk vs Eddie Meek. Hawk proving to be on the money. Then it was Lance Mountain against Mike Hirsch. Lance won. They were followed by Rogowski who beat Serafin, and Hosoi scoring an upset over Todd Joseph.

THE LOSERS Bracket saw Hirsch and Serafin were winners over Joseph and Meek. Todd placed 7th and Eddie placed 8th.

The WINNERS Bracket had Tony Hawk & Lance Mountain, Mark Rogowski & Hosoi battling it out.

Mountain and Hosoi advanced still undefeated, leaving Hawk and Rogowski to skate against the winners of the LOSERS bracket.

A loss by Hawk, Serafin, Hirsch, or Rogowski would mean they are out of the competition.

Advancing after this match up were Hawk and Rogowski. This left Bob Serafin in 5th place and Mike Hirsch in 6th.

Now the two undefeated skaters, Mountain and Hosoi went against each other with Lance retaining his undefeated streak.



The winner of the Amateur division was Lance Mountain (VARIFLEX) He was unbeaten in the head to head competition. Christian Hosoi(SIMS) (below) got close to winning it all but fell short going against

Mountain in the final round. Ph. Harris.



Hosoi had suffered his first loss and he now was to wait for the winner of the Hawk & Rogowski match up.

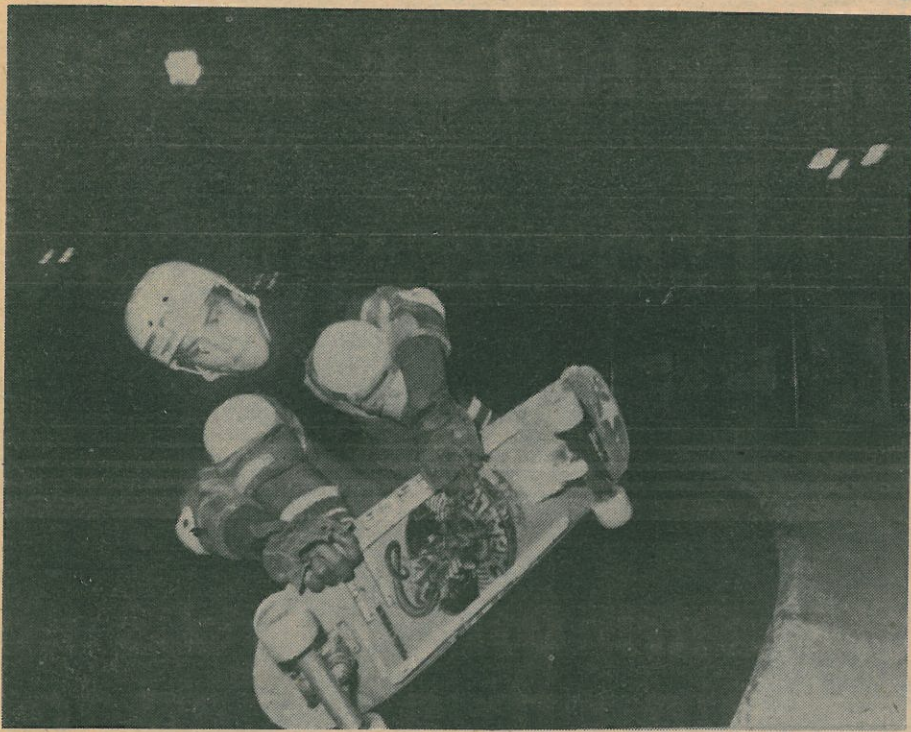
Hawk won and this left Rogowski in 4th place.

Tony Hawk now had to go against Hosoi, both with one loss apiece. Hosoi won and this left Hawk with a very creditable 3rd spot.

(Watch out for this guy in subsequent contests, he's improving at a terrific rate).

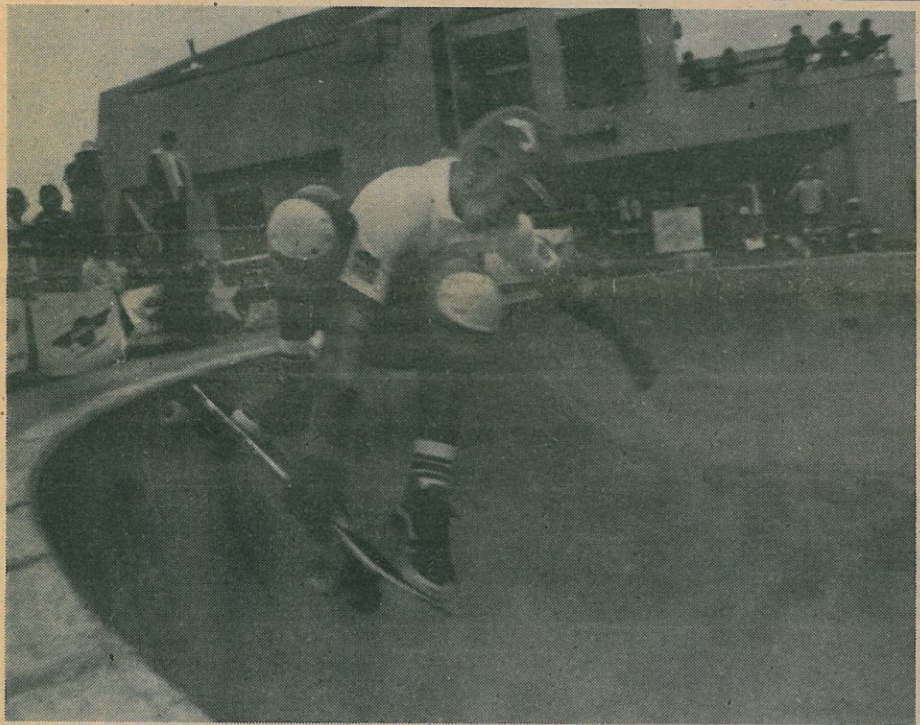
Now in the final it was Hosoi going against Lance Mountain. If Hosoi lost again he was out, if Lance loses, he would then have one more round.

Lance Mountain (VARIFLEX) was perfect all day, and although Hosoi put on lots of pressure, the little SIMS skater could not move Mountain from the top spot in the amateur class.



Henry Matus, local Colton skater, frontside air.

Mark Rogowski in varial-flight. Photo Rusty Harris.



SLALOM:

This Pro/Am was billed a Pool and Slalom event. Unfortunately, the entry for the Slalom is not as big as the pool event, but it was no less exciting.

The Ranch has one of the best Slalom runs around and one that tests the ability of all.

In the Amateur division, Brian Martin (SIMS) beat Rick Howel (ICK STIKS) who placed second. Henry Matus, a local Ranch skater placed 3rd. and John Hawthorne taking 4th. They all received trophies.

The Pro Slalom saw Steve

Evans beat out local favorite Bill Hanes. Steve's 9.1406 sec. was fastest. In third place, was Hanes' VARIFLEX Teammate and recently turned pro, Gil Losi Jr. He collected the \$100.00 third place money, while Hanes picked up \$200.00 and Steve Evans took the \$300.00 first place cash.

Taking fourth was Steve Olson.

Despite all the unforeseen problems with the weather, it was an excellent Pro/Am that had everyone stoked.

The next VARIFLEX Pro/Am is in July at KONA, Jacksonville Florida.

EDITORIAL

(contd.)

The parks in the Northeastern States can choose a common place to have a meeting of this kind. So can the parks in Florida and the South, and the Southern California parks as well.

This has to happen withing the next few months, otherwise, as we see it, **THERE WILL BE NO PARKS AROUND** this time next year.

While some shortsighted people may think that it's just as well, most know that without the skatepark system being the focal point where the optimum skating is being done, then

there will be no skating at all. Then we will have reverted back five years, to the street days. The days of the "bad" publicity for skateboarding.

SKATN NEWS will take the first step. We will coordinate the first Industry meeting sometime this summer. Before we do, we would like to hear from everyone concerned. Skater, park owner, parent, manufacturer or anyone just concerned on what's to happen with skateboarding in the next six months.

We want to hear from you.

Believe it or not, things can change if we work together, otherwise, the final episode has already been written and it's not a happy ending.

Lou Peralta

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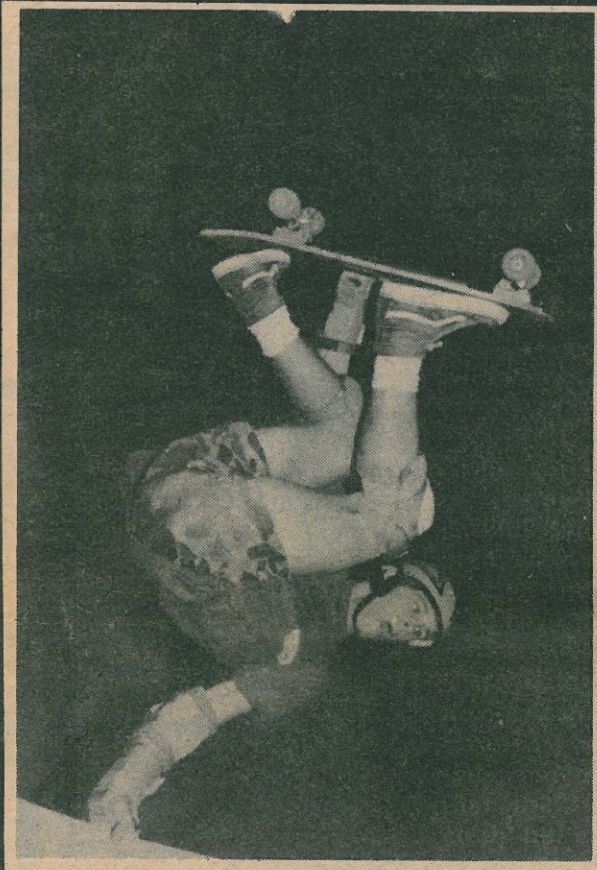
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SPRING TUNE-UP

Getting ready for the 1981 GLSA season are : 1.) Ward Cramer, the newest addition to the Endless Summer Team; 2.) Bill Munck, who is being closely looked at by CASTER skateboards; 3.) "Bio" Bill Fergusson, now skating for VARIFLEX. The 1981 schedule for GLSA will be published in the next issue. Photos. Joe Juliano.



Chris Moore (above) and Bill Fergusson working out for the coming GLSA Series.



Bill Fergusson (above) and Bill Munk both strong prospects for future pros.



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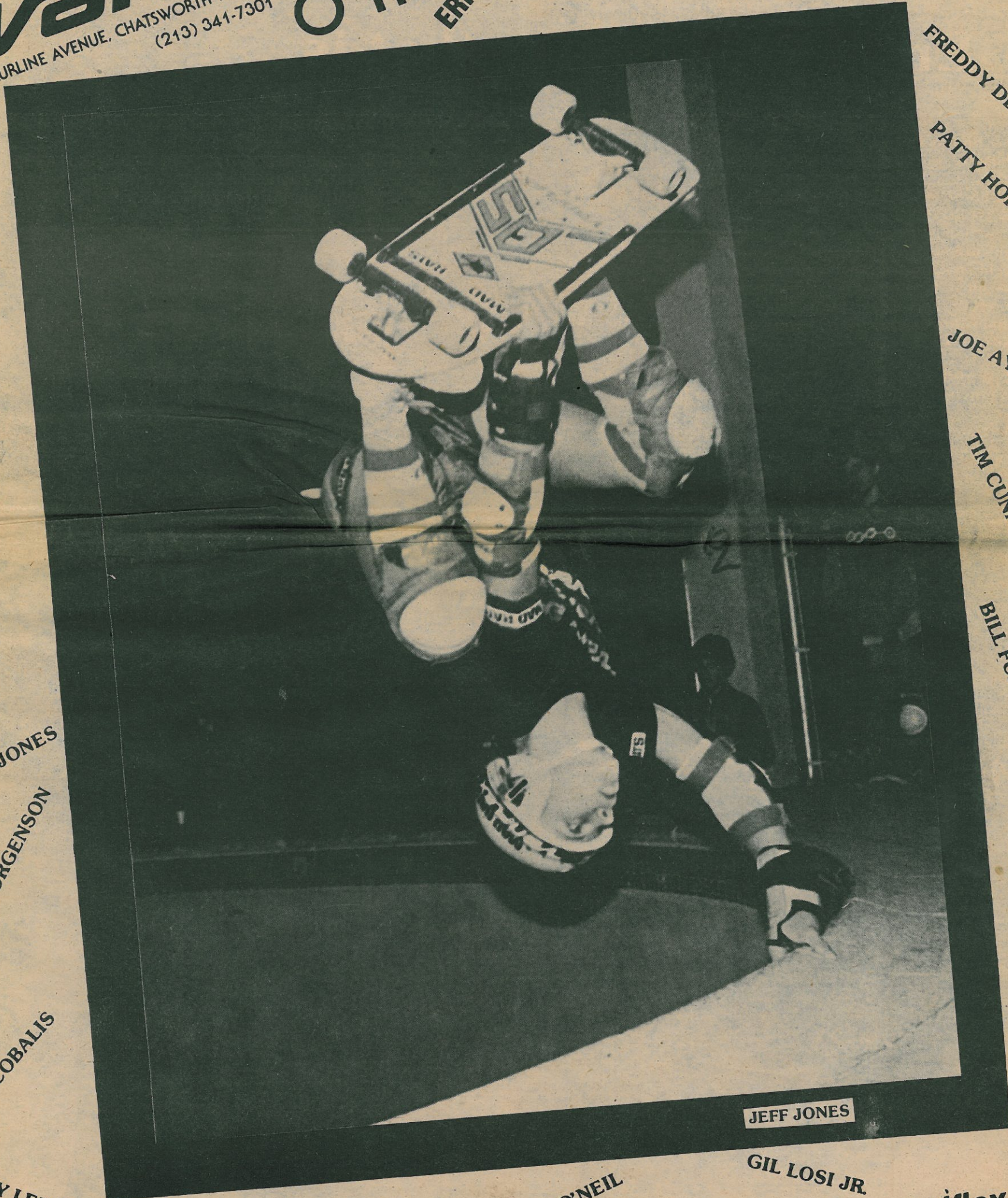
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THE BOYS OF SUMMER

Endless Summer that is...

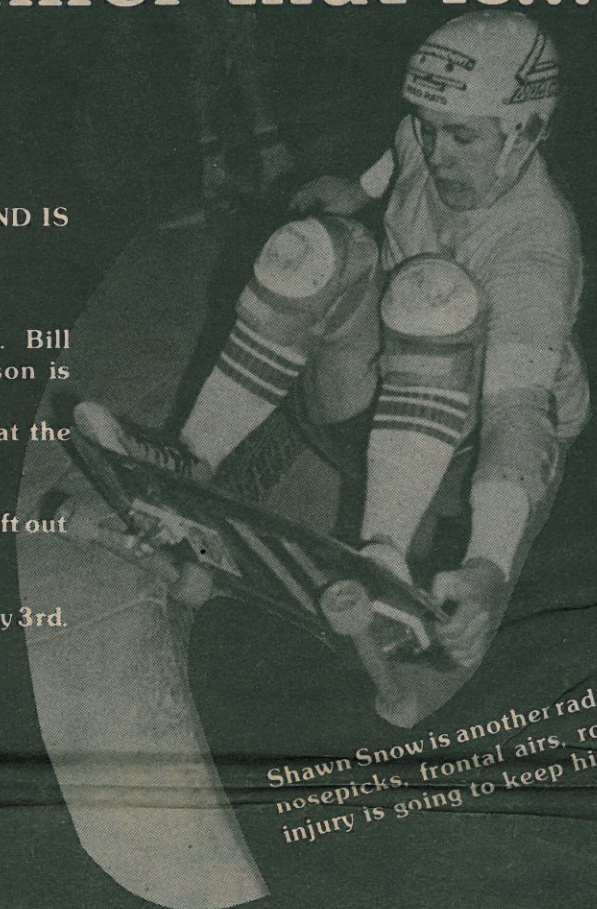
Story & Photos By
Joe Juliano

ENDLESS SUMMER HAS ONCE AGAIN REOPENED AND IS BACK TO RIPPING NORMAL.


After a cold winter we're ready for a totally hot summer. Over the winter, two skaters were finally sponsored. Bill Fergusson is now riding for VARIFLEX and Jex Harrison is skating for SIMS. It's about time some of the major sponsors realized that the Mid-west is worth looking into.

There are a other radical Endless Summer locals which I left out of this article, but will write about in the near future.

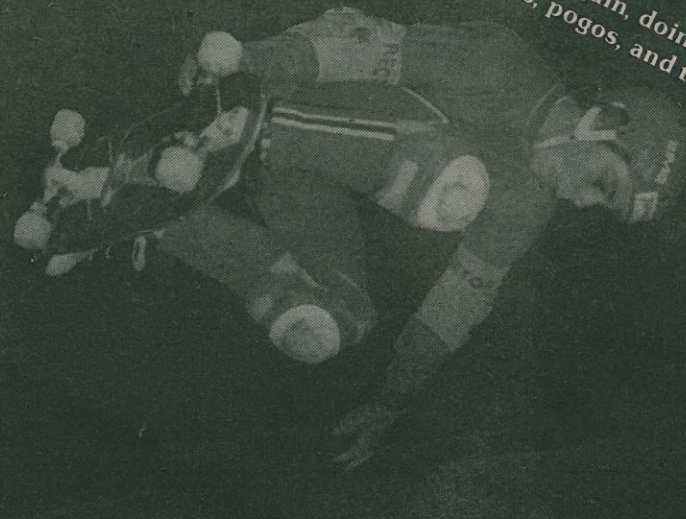
The first contest of the 1981 GLSA is coming soon, on May 3rd. Pictures and stories will follow.



After a winter of hockey, Bill Munk is getting back into the flow of things. His inverts and footplants are radical and his backside airs rip.



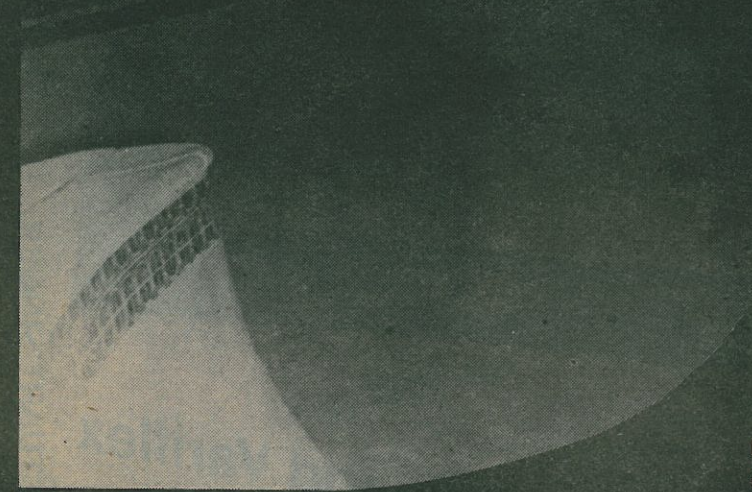
Shawn Snow is another radical E. S. local, ripping such moves as nose picks, frontal airs, rock n' rolls. Unfortunately, an ankle injury is going to keep him out of skating for a while.



Mike "Spike" Blauvelt is ripping once again, doing such radical moves as sweepers, layback rollouts, pogos, and totally insane layovers.

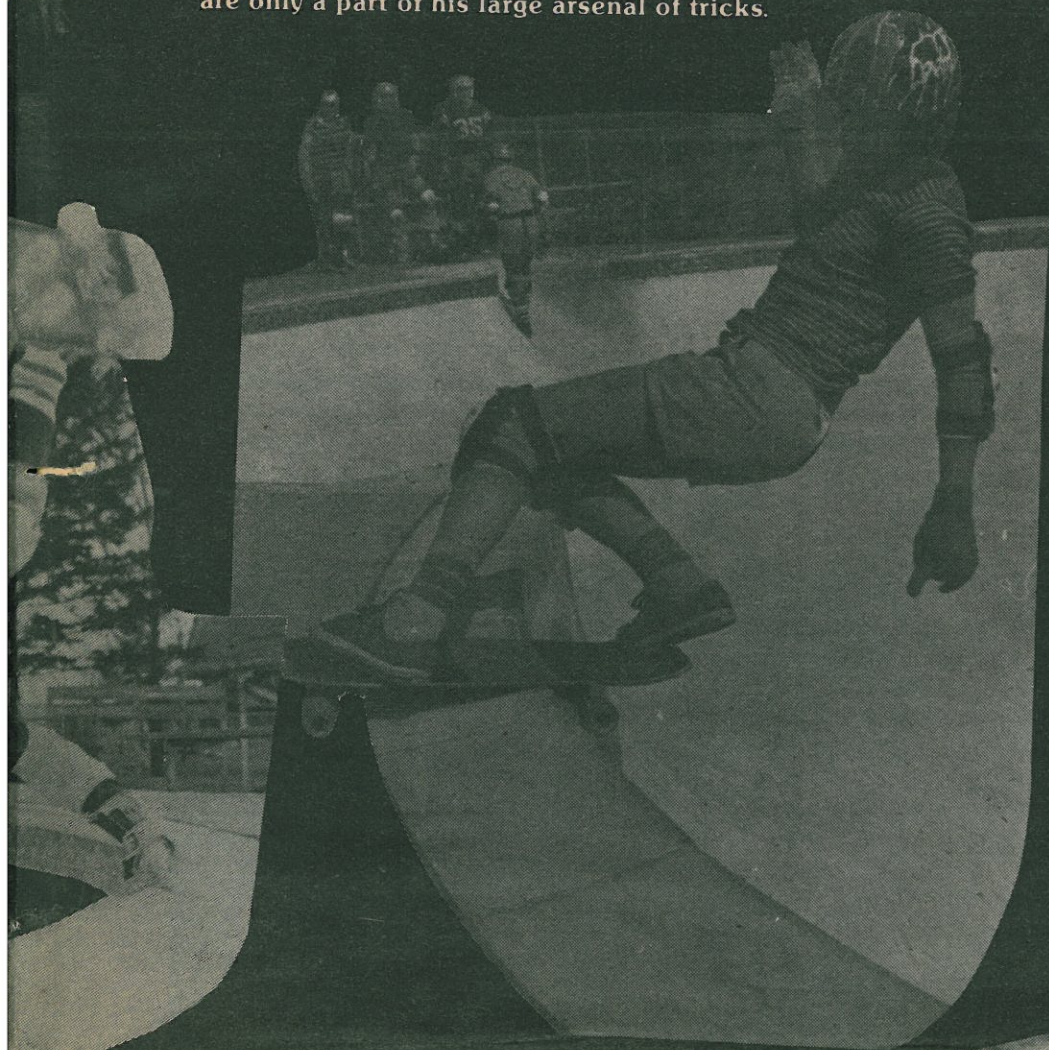


An always Elgueros tricks.

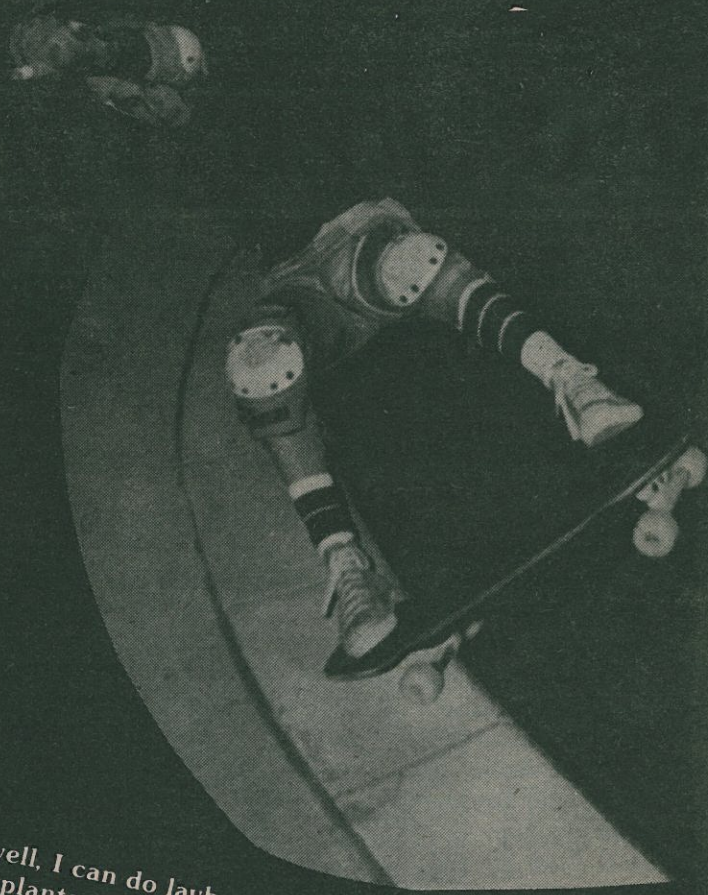


Bill Fergusson is as constant and bio as ever, ripping such tricks as reverse hand frontside airs, fakie footsies, bio backside airs, backside ollies and many other modern moves.

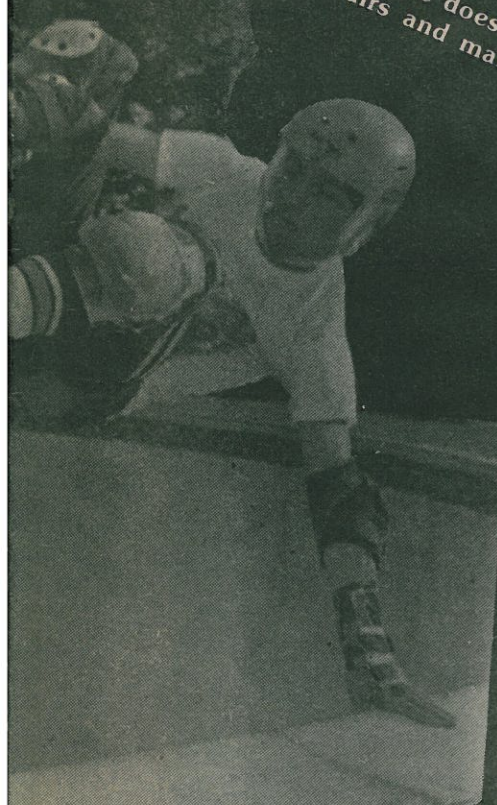
Chris "OP" Moore always seems to be getting better and better. Frontal rocks, tailstands, frontside tailslides, and layback airs are only a part of his large arsenal of tricks.



ME, well, I can do layback airs and rollouts, backside airs, fat footplants, inverts and some other tricks.

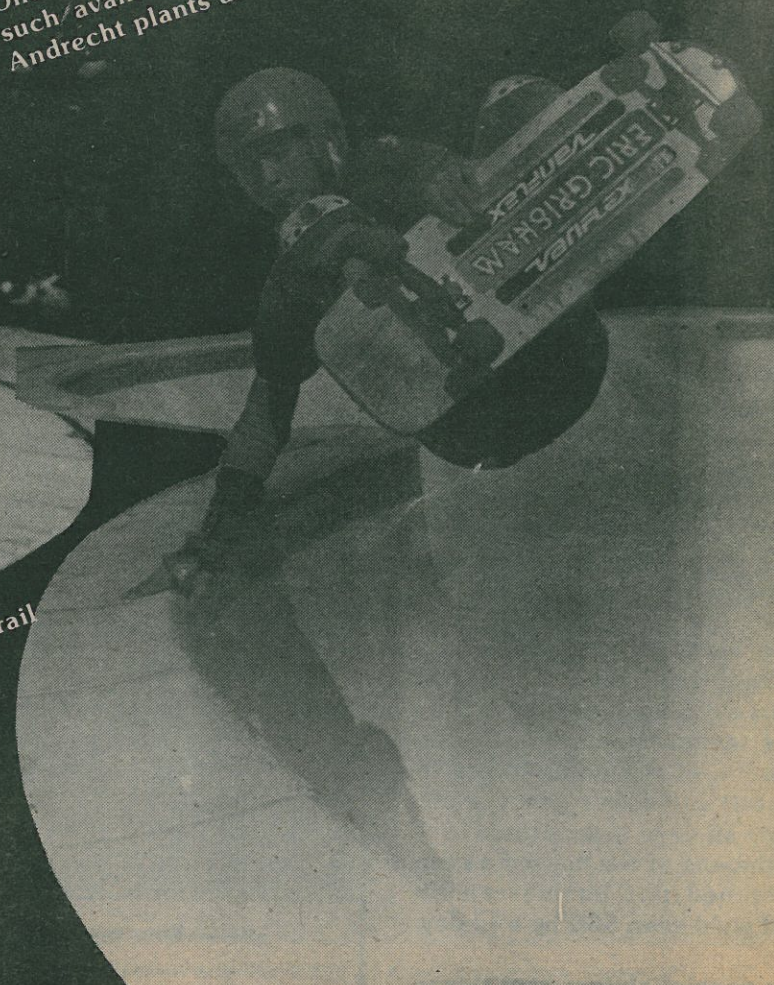
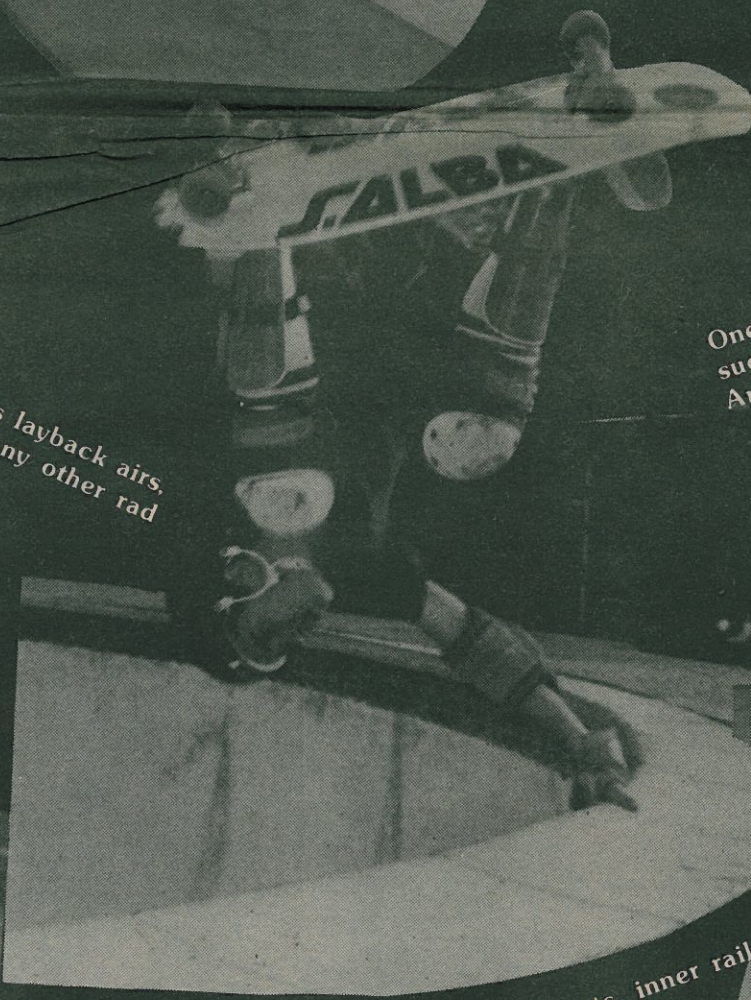


One of the rad skater is Mike Dooley. He does layback airs, frontside and backside airs and many other rad



One of the midwest's smoothest skaters, Ward Cramer, does such/avante-garde tricks as layback variats, backside airs, Andrecht plants and much more.

Don "the Animal" Sieracki rips Andrecht plants, inner rail inverts, ollies and front side airs.



THE BRITISH INDOOR SLALOM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Meadowbank, Edinburgh
Scotland
February 21, 1981

THE 1981 BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION SEASON GOT OFF TO A GOOD START ON FEBRUARY 21 IN SCOTLAND. THE EVENT, STAGED BY THE SCOTTISH SKATEBOARD ASSOCIATION WAS THE FIRST BRITISH INDOOR SLALOM CHAMPIONSHIPS- A UNIQUE EVENT, IN THAT NOBODY CAN THINK OF A SIMILAR COVERED COURSE-FACILITY ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE U.K.

The site in question was the concourse underneath the main stand in Scotland's National Sports centre at Meadowbank, Edinburgh, which provides a super smooth 400 feet long flat surface.

Dust can be something of a prob. with this kind of location and despite the efforts of officials and competitors (or some of them) the surface was still quite slidy on the day. When I spoke to some of the English skaters about this later on, some considered that the dust had affected them and caused them to hold back but, it's worth noting, others, including the eventual overall champion, merely commented upon the speed of the surface itself.

The most significant thing about this contest was not, the site however, but the fact that the top slalom talent of England and Scotland were all present.

Some of the routes for the journey north chosen by the English skaters involved some very unpleasant modes of transport and at least one, Frank Wheeler, seemed to have suffered in competition as a result of an overnight/no sleep train ride but everybody had made the effort. This was particularly encouraging for the organizers of the rest of the year's events.

First event of the day was a straight 50 cone, 1.5m flat course run against the clock. This tested the pump and the stamina of the competitors to the full and didn't give the officials an easy time either. By the end of the day we'd seen 429 timed runs, but in fact it felt as if we'd seen 500 by mid day.



Lucian Westwood was the best British Junior Slalom and won the Championship at Edinburg, Scotland.

beginning to get going. The course, which was set by officials from both England and Scotland, came something of a surprise to the down-south skaters, who are more used to running giant downhill courses at the Brands Hatch race course near London, than a mixture of straight and staggered on the flat.

Two ski style gates were the subject of particular criticism from some very experienced skaters who considered the straight line they dictated rendered one cone redundant. Some of the skaters were not that experienced, however, and these gates justified their existence by sorting out the men from the boys. Several competitors blew it when the gates in question disrupted their rhythm and caused them to miss a cone.

The third and final event of the day, when things really got going, was the head to head event.

Again the seasoned competitors came to the fore through careful study of the rules combined with their unquestioned skating ability.

A carefully devised knock-out system allowed the two fastest losers from each round to go forward to the next heat with the winners, thereby ensuring that the two hottest skaters could not eliminate each other at an early stage of the competition, before the final. Those who had mastered the necessary tactics, took a careful first run to ensure a safe time before really going for it on their second run.

The head to head is an event that has been run at the South Bank, at Brands, at Hyde Park and which will continue to be run wherever British slalom racers meet.

Martin Sweeney went against Chris Charalambous and this time around Sweeney won. In fact Martin took home the overall title as well.

In England, the provision of parks at an early stage resulted in a split of skaters into several different categories. Most went for parkriding and are now finding life a little hard but others stuck to the other phases of skateboarding. The English skaters do very little else but practice slalom

and the result was seen at this event.

The Scottish skaters have a reputation as all around skaters rather than specialists. Until this year they hadn't even had one decent park and tended to split their time between limited facilities that existed and slalom and freestyle.

There are of course exceptions; Neil McCrindle deserves mention. He is a Scottish slalom freak who gave some of the London skaters a very good run for their money.

It'll be interesting to see if there have been any developments by the time the Scottish Assoc. pays a return visit to a contest organized by the slalom recers own club, "Cream Soda", at Brands Hatch on May 9th.

The SSA would like to thank all the competitors and officials who made the inaugural event possible and Surrey Skateboards, Variflex and Alpine Sports for thier support.

RESULTS:

Super Slalom 50 cones:

Junior Class

1. Lucian Westward (Eng.) 15.015
2. Ralph Gilhooly (Scot) 15.473
3. John McNeill (Scot) 16.871

Senior:

1. Martin Sweeney (Eng) 11.835
2. Chris Charalambous(Eng)12.27
3. Neil McCrindle (Scot) 12.819

Head to Head (30 cones best of three runs)

Junior:

1. Ralph Gilhooly (Scot)
2. Lucian Westward (Eng)
3. Colin McInnes (Scot)

Senior:

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3. Francis Wheeler (Eng)

Special Slalom (Mixed/staggered course)

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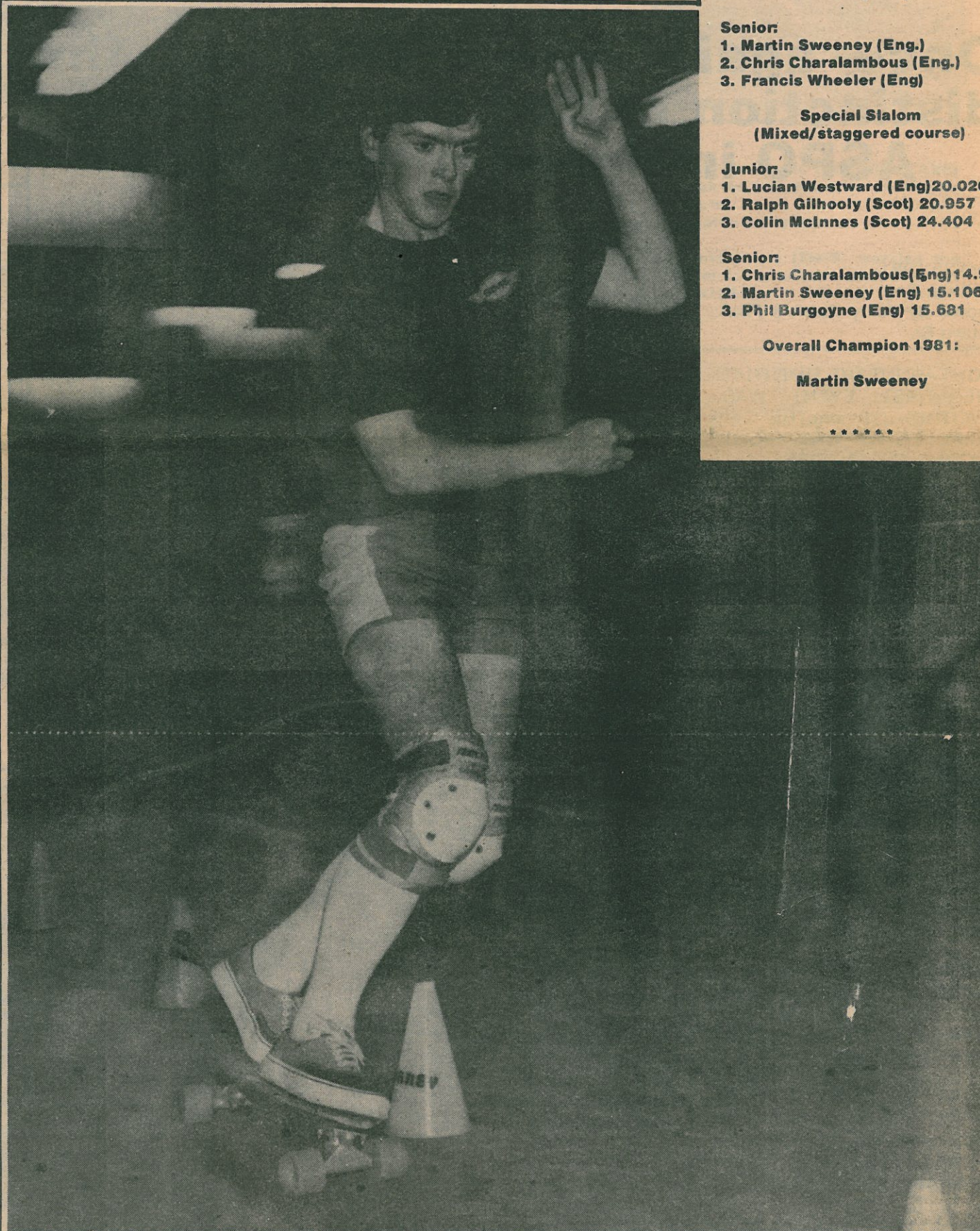
1. Lucian Westward (Eng)20.020
2. Ralph Gilhooly (Scot) 20.957
3. Colin McInnes (Scot) 24.404

Senior:

1. Chris Charalambous(Eng)14.97
2. Martin Sweeney (Eng) 15.106
3. Phil Burgoyne (Eng) 15.681

Overall Champion 1981:

Martin Sweeney



Martin Sweeney won the Senior Super Slalom and the Head to Head to win the "overall".

ASPO #2, 197, 198, 199...

200, 201, 202,...203!!!

Once again, Skate City has the distinction of hosting the biggest ASPO in the past two years!

April 25, 1981
Whittier, Ca.
Photos By Rusty Harris & Paul Votava Sr.

RIGHT ABOUT THE TIME THAT THE FIRST EVENT WAS STARTING, (10 am), THE OFFICIAL ENTRY WAS RIGHT AROUND 197 ENTRIES.

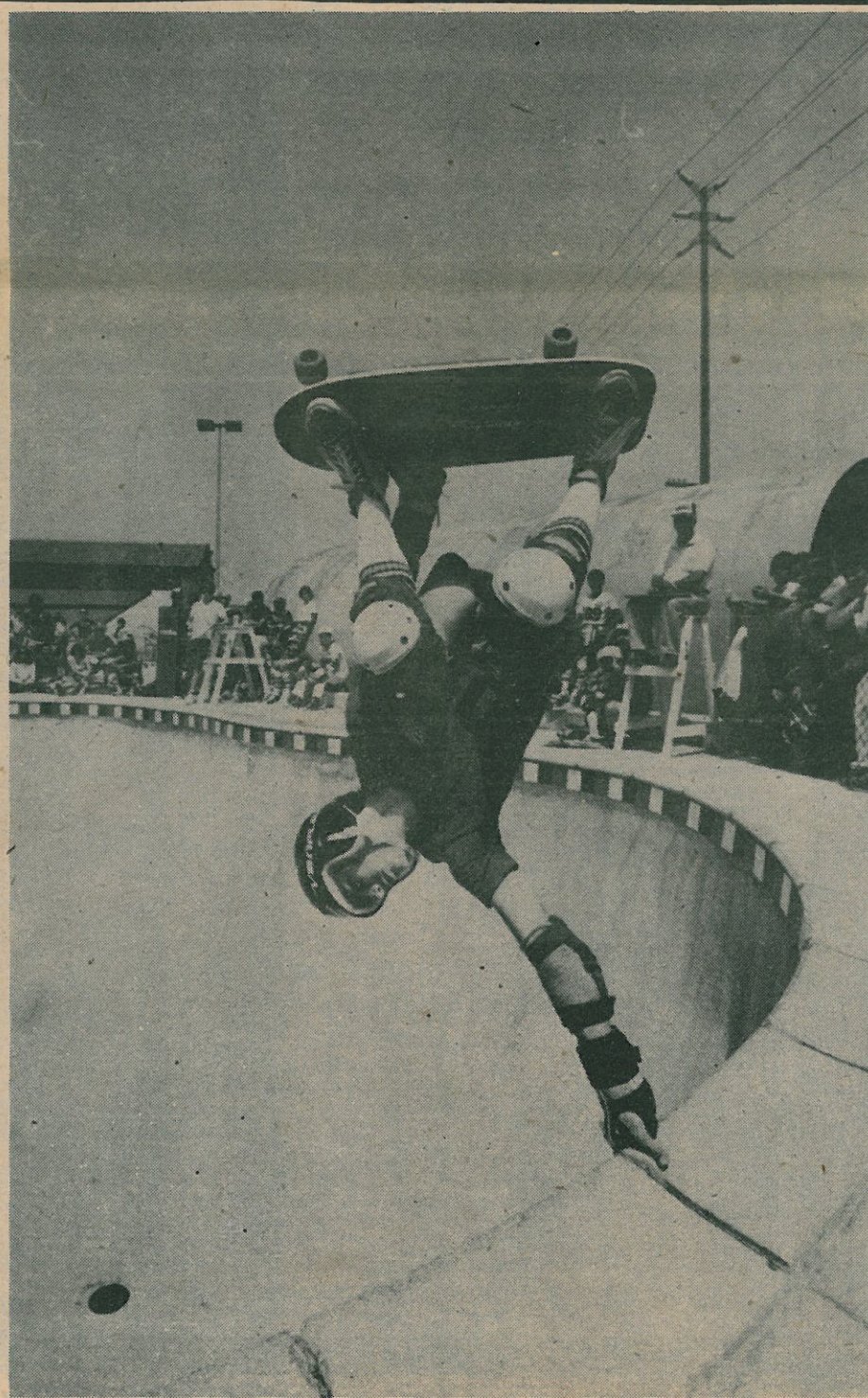
Last year's ASPO had brought in 200 entries, and it was thought that this year's would be larger. So when the entry read 197 at starting time, it looked like it wouldn't quite reach last year's level. But by about noon, the count had gone over the 200 mark and officially ended at 203 amateur entries for the second ASPO of the season.

We like to accentuate on this because many people are saying that skateboarding is dying, and although it's going through tough times right now, when one sees those many skaters in one place, one can't help but think that there's a sleeping giant waiting to be awakened.

Today's ASPO at Skate City brought out many old faces from last year, but just as important, many "first timers" at one of these events.

The ratio between former ASPO members and new ones for this 1981 season is about 60/40. The latter being the new entries for the season.

Later on into the season, that figure may work out to be 50/50 or 40/60, as ASPO usually picks up new members in every contest.



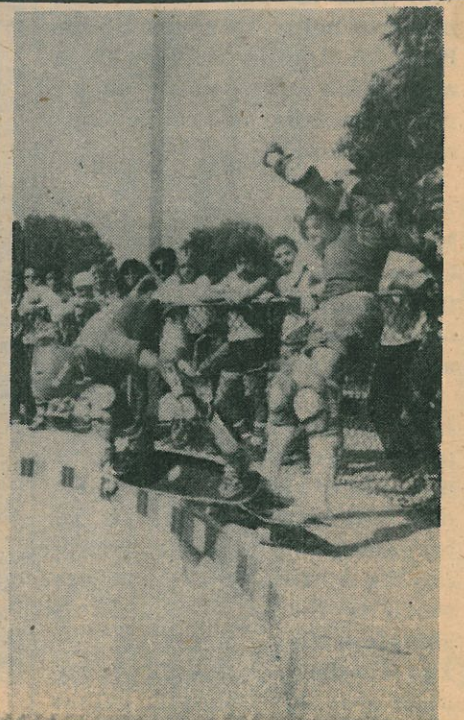
Lance Mountain took the pool event but finished third overall.



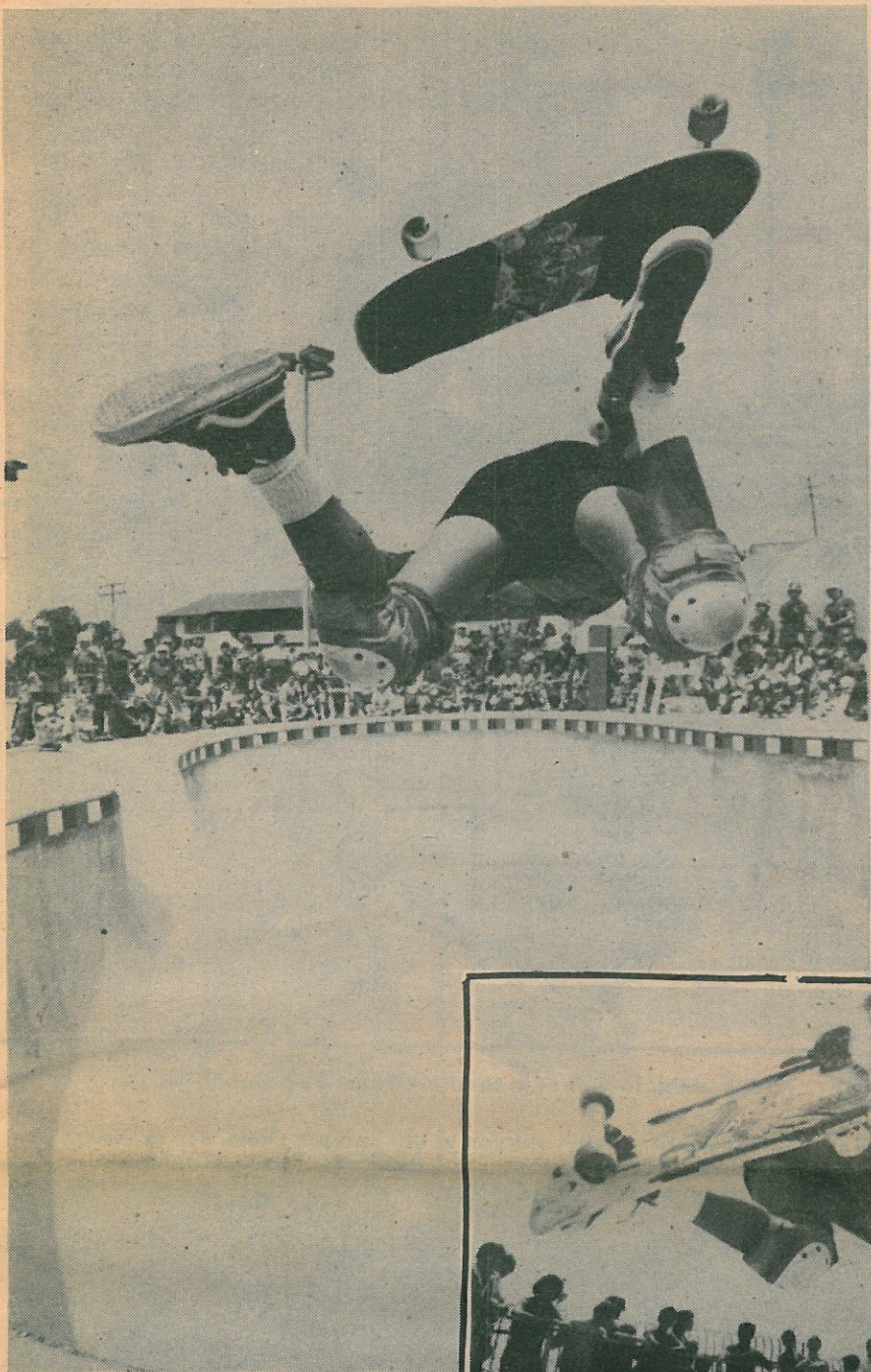
Todd Joseph, 2nd. Pool



John Tassi getting ready for a smooth landing. 3rd in pool and pipe.



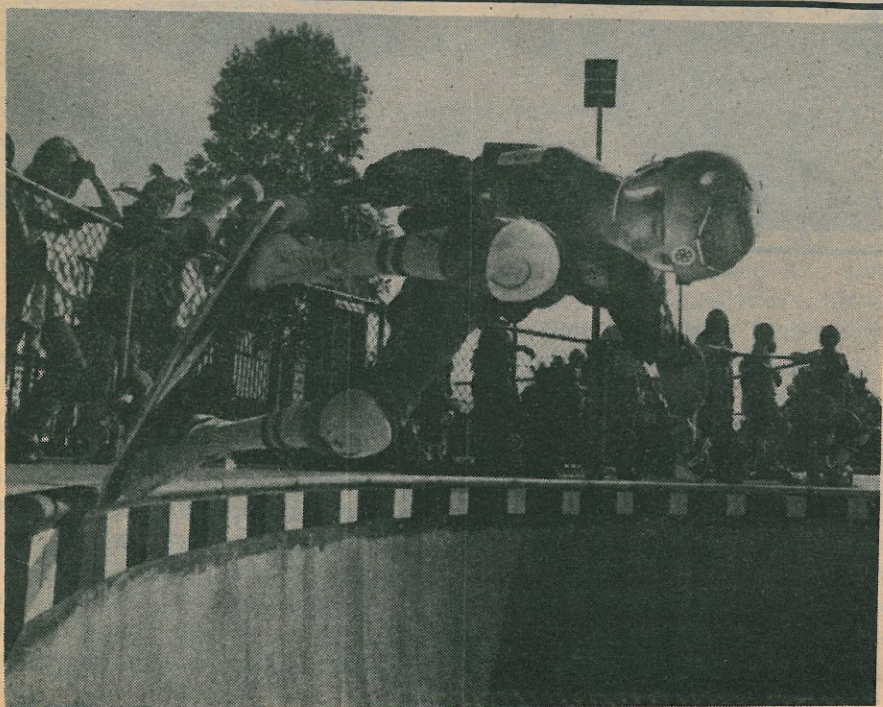
Rusty Morris (VARIFLEX) and Raul Escobedo 3rd in doubles.



"Bail time" No time for second thoughts when you're up this high. Mark Rogowski above and right, pulling it off.



Eric Nash got 2nd. in the 12 & Under pool and second overall.



This may be especially true this year, since the LA COSTA and the MAGIC MOUNTAIN events will be unique and are sure to bring out many skaters from all over the country and in fact from other countries as well.

But today, all the action was centered in the small "tear drop" pool and on the Pipe.

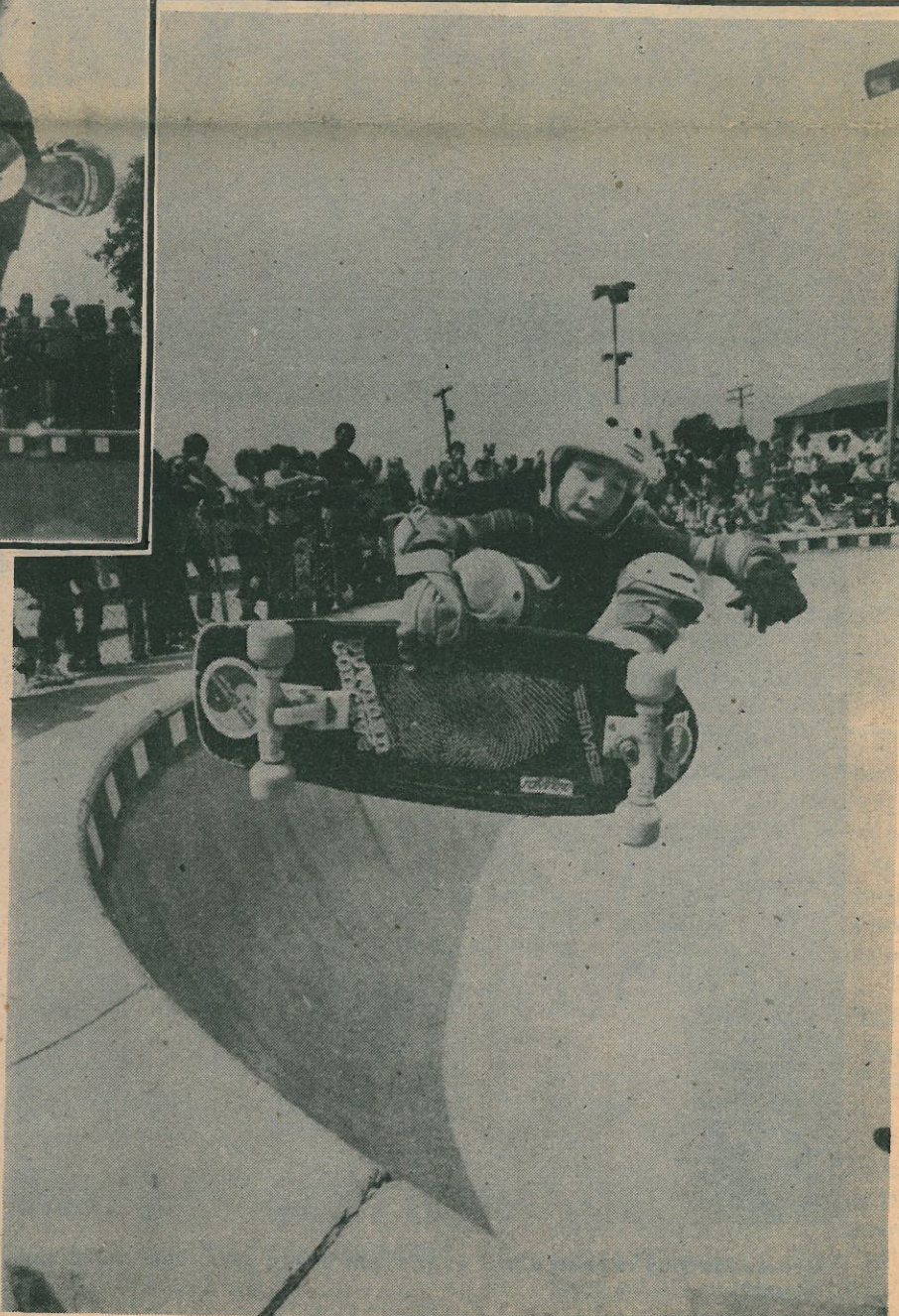
This is the first time we've used the small pool at Skate City in an ASPO, and although some skaters had reservations as being too small, once they had a chance to practice it and work out the lines, and the competition got under way, the general feeling was that it was a fun pool to skate.

The action was no less exciting than in their "key-hole". In fact the tighter radius made for quick and fast paced routines. As usual, each skater got two runs of 45 sec. each and the best of his two runs was used as the official time.



Raul Escobedo (SIMS/TRACKER) took the 5th spot in the 15-17 pool event. Photos Rusty Harris.

Chris Hosoi (SIMS) working the pool for a second spot and 7th overall.

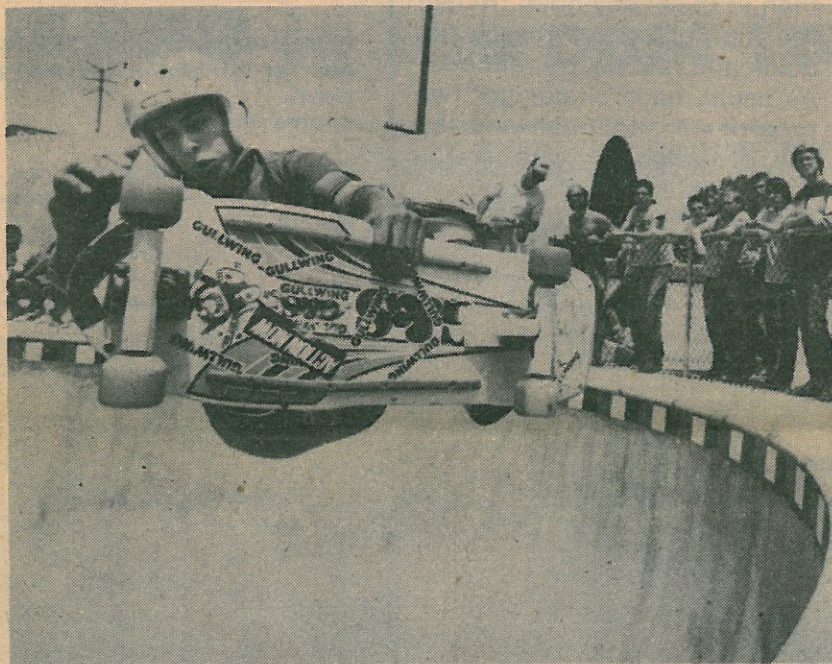




Chris Robinson, 2A, 13-14 took 3rd overall.

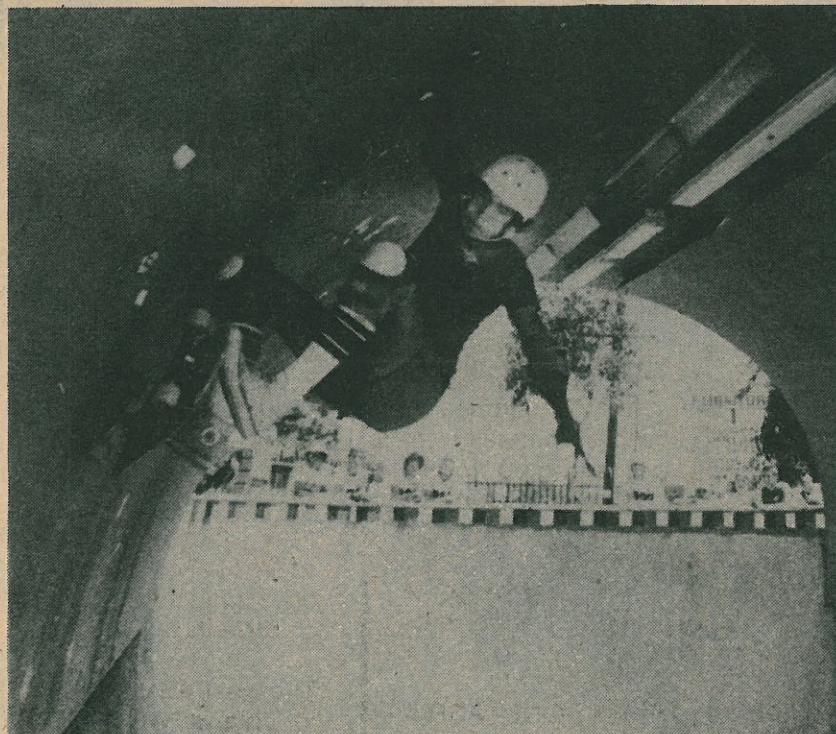
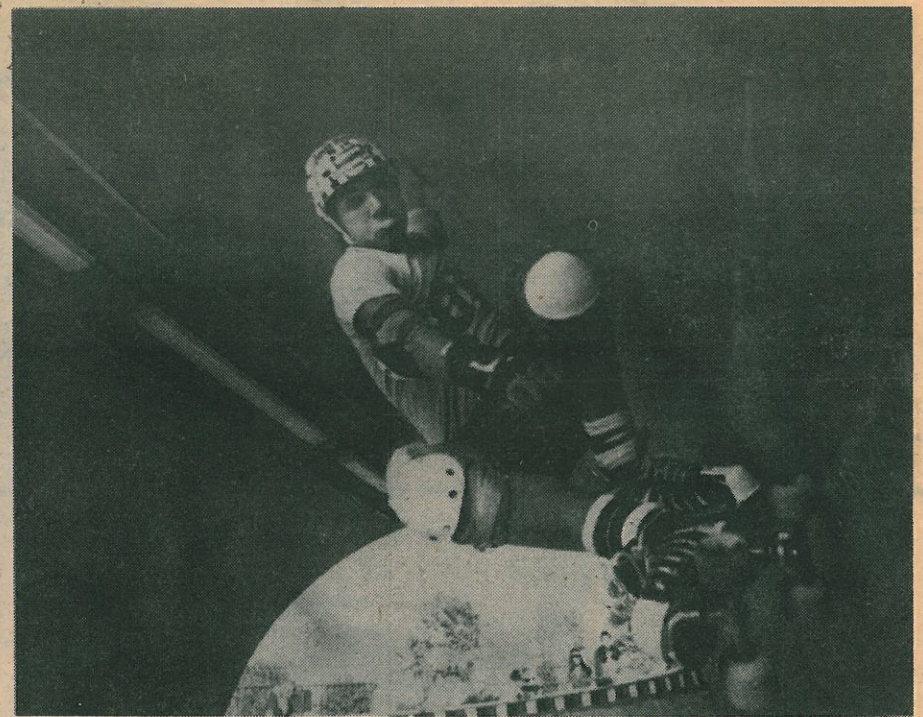


Billy Wahl, took first in the Park Team 13-14 pool.



Brad Jackman won the 3A Open pool event with fine style.

Carig Carter expresses his opinion of our camera angle, 5th in Pipe.



James Murphy repeated last year's win in the pipe. Was there any doubt?

IN THE PIPE PASTING competition, the action remained the same as last year's ASPO.

This is by no means an easy event. To do well you have to practice it alot and get your exact line for your style of skating.

In addition, lots of attention must be placed in "how to get rid of that darn masking tape".

Many skaters were getting quite high in the pipe, only to fail pasting the tape. It was frustration time for many.

Some of the styles and modes of pasting are really wild, and some skaters went to all lengths to get the highest paste-ups. For example, one roller skater. John Tassi, worked the pipe back and forth,

and then decided to "climb it", much like climbing a mountain on his toe-stops. It didn't get him first place (John finished 3rd.), but it was fun to watch.

Paul Votava (rollerskater) and James Murphy (Park Team) still hold the record for the highest paste-ups. In fact, their marks from last year's ASPO still remain about three feet from the top center of the pipe. Naturally, they were winners in their class.



John Tassi will do anything to get a high mark in the pipe.

Rather than give you a blow by blow description of the day's activities, I think it's important to note some of the highlights of today's event.

PARENT PARTICIPATION: This is an area, much to the liking of all ASPO officials. We're seeing more and more parents at these contests. This is gratifying, because, they are not only coming to watch their favorite rider(s) but they are also jumping in and helping out with the running of the events.

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posters have the schedule of events and practices this year, has made it easier for parents to estimate when their skater is going to be skating and plan accordingly to be there, rather than spend the whole day waiting for their kid's turn.

Another positive aspect is the color-coordinated ASPO T-shirts all skaters are using this year.

We've received many comments from parents and spectators that it just makes the entire program look more organized. Certainly more

colorfull.

The cooperation between parks is also much emphasized this year. There are a minimum of nine(9) representatives, from each of the attending parks, plus the host park, to run the show. This has spread the burden of running such a big contest from one or two people to a larger number. The benefits are for all.

AFTER THE SECOND ASPO, SkaterCross remains in the top of the Park standings, followed by Big O.

The winner of today's event was the Team from LAKEWOOD followed by the host park team of Skate City. Big O and Skater Cross tied for third. Marina, Pipeline, Colton, Paramount, Del Mar and Pomona followed.

FOR COMPLETE RESULTS and individual and overall standings, check out "Result" section in this issue.

The next ASPO is at PIPELINE in Upland. We'll see you there when Southern California's amateur skaters meet in the third ASPO of the season. ★



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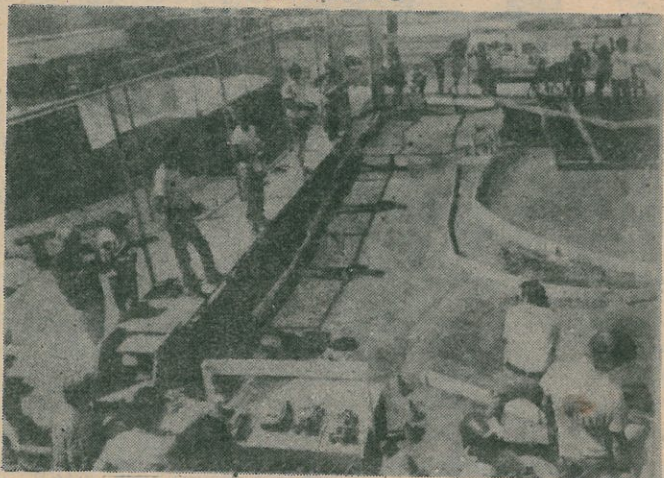
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(e) SKATE (f) LAKEWOOD (g) DEL MAR (h) SKATERCROSS (i)
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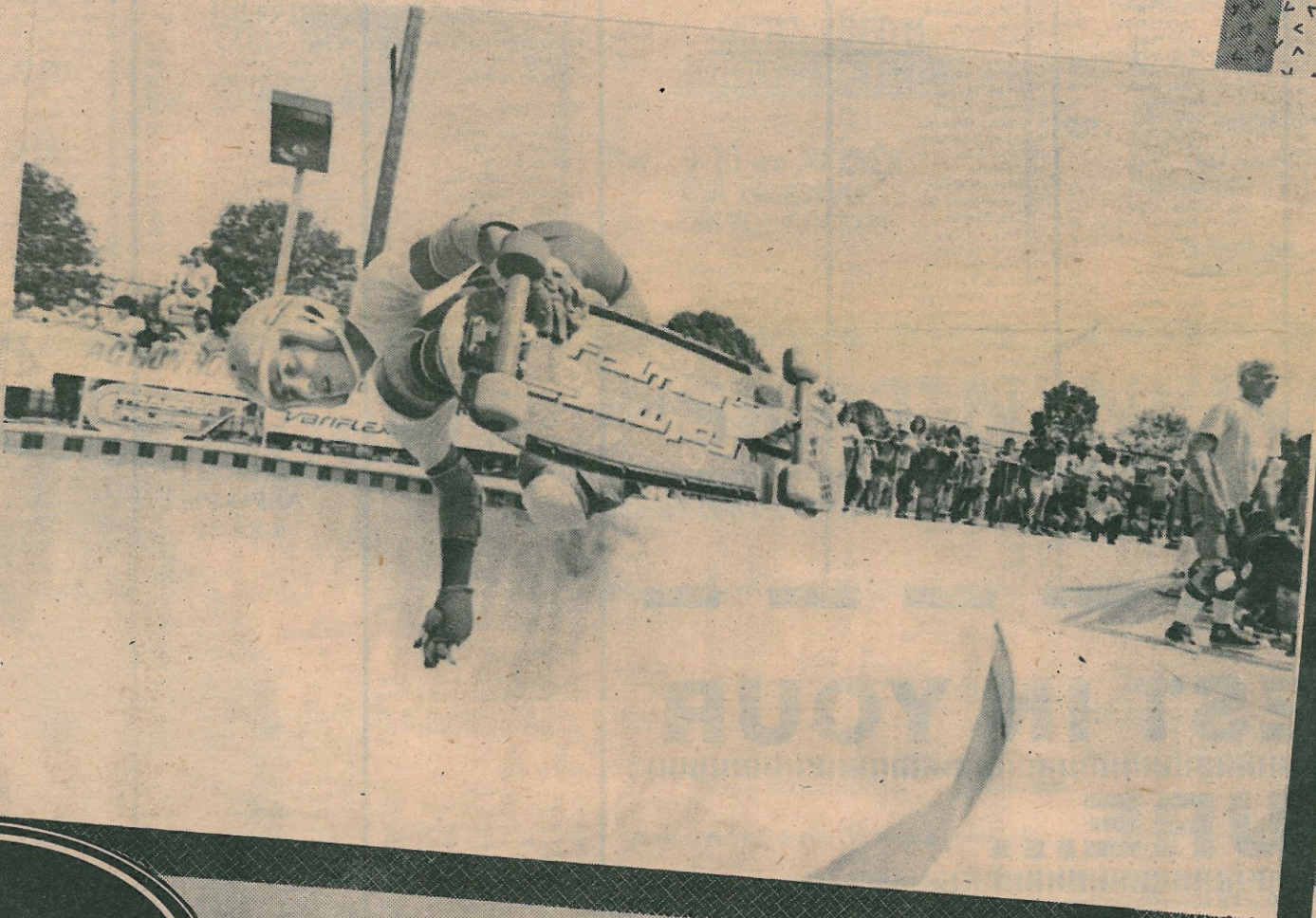
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