

TURKEY SHOOT at SKATE CITY

SKATE CITY, Whittier, Ca.
Nov. 11, 1979
By Lori

To start things off, Sue Smith and Heather Hall placed 1st & 2nd (consecutively) in the Girls 12 & under division. Girls 13-15 saw Kim Freeman in 1st...it's too bad

that I didn't get to see it, due to the fact that I woke up a little later than expected, but I did make it in time to watch the final runs of the 12 & under Boys.

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Dave Podarski (above top) and Dave Zachrewski (above) two hot skaters at the Skate City amateur contest. Photo Lori.

PSA PRO CIRCUIT POSTPONED BUT NOT SCRUBBED

Lou Peralta, President of PSA and organizer of the PRO CIRCUIT, announced today the postponement due to a last minute "backing out" of some of the sponsors.

"Going into November, we had 22 manufacturers, who were going to put up \$1,000. each as sponsorship of the circuit", said Peralta, "but when we asked to have the money in by November, only 10 manufacturers of the 22 came through".

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SELF INSURANCE FOR PARKS... MORE OF A REALITY

Many parks are now seeking for alternatives to the constant increase in park insurance and the unstable conditions.

The Association of Skate-Park Owners, Inc. (ASPO), reports that they are receiving at least two or three calls a week from park owners who would like to get involved in some kind of "self insurance" program.

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WEEKLY GRINDERS

BY

ANITA GRYND

Contrary to some conjecture by people in the industry, G & S is not getting out of the skateboard business, at least not at this time. Plans call for them to make the next few trade shows and based on their sales orders, the powers to be, will make a final decision. In the meantime, G & S continues to open retail stores, which have been a good source of profits for them.

Mickey and Steve Alba, no longer with KRYPTONICS, are looking for a new stick to do their thing with. Talks with G & S, to join the stable fell through. The brothers could blaze a golden trail for any manufacturer interested.

Stacy Peralta(POWELL/PERALTA) just returning from Cherry Hill, reports that the action and the skating is hot and heavy in the East coast. He helped judge a contest and reports that the skating is ferocious.

Speaking of Cherry Hill, we hear that the park has been taken over by Leon Breyer, new to the business and sport, but with lots of enthusiasm and commitment. So far, he's been flying some of the top Pros from California, to do demos at his Park. Guys like Elguera, Peralta, LaMar were invited to bring some of the Calif.

styles to the East coast. Ron Stein, Manager of the Park and former Manager of the Philadelphia Skatepark, says that the new owner is going all out to make Cherry Hill the Meca of skateboarding in the East coast. In the works is a PRO contest for the Spring.

We've also heard from Muriel Yantiss, owner of the Clearwater SkatePark, in Clearwater, Florida. She reports good business in the South-East coast & lots of interest in skateboarding competitions. Their season is just now beginning, where tourist traffic from the Northern States, migrate South, so they are planning lots of events from now till May '80.

BOOGIE BOWL in Glendale will have their Explorer post meeting on December 3. The post (#353) will also sponsor a "FREE" skate day for all explorers on Dec. 9.

We were saddened to hear that a good friend and one of the originals of the industry passed away recently. Jay Sherman of NHS/SANTA CRUZ died of leukemia at age 40. Our condolences and heartfelt sorrow go to his family and friends.

A National "self-insurance" program for Parks and Manufacturers? More and more park owners are looking for such program. Read the article in this issue from the Association of SkatePark Owners, for more detail.

Also there's talk of putting together a National P.R. program for the skateboard industry.

ASPO Parks, already are working on joint ads to place in major newspapers and mags

in the Southern California area. An ad placed in the L.A. Times, for example, would reach several million people, telling them the positive side of the sport. Cost per park would be less than \$100. per ad. Makes a lot of sense.

Hospital Stop. Chris Strople just underwent an appendectomy. The TRACKER skater has been down for a while, but is now getting "hungry" for some skating. Maybe we'll see him at the Marina Pro-Slalom on Dec. 1.

We've also heard from the TRACKER boys that the Carlsbad Park "is a gas". Carlsbad we said, is the park still open? Yes, is the word, and according to them, they've been having a great time there.

Check it out.

SkaterCross was the first Park picked to begin the ASPO AMATEUR CIRCUIT. Nov. 25 was the date and results and pics will be in the next issue. Eleven(11) Parks and lots of amateurs went head to head in the biggest Amateur program ever put together. Posters are being distributed to Parks and Shops, so pick one up for the rest of the season.

Who is Brian Ostosh and what is he doing in skateboarding? Brian is a computer machinest and came by our offices to show us his newest design of a "space age" aluminum deck. We've never seen anything like it. The deck weighs less than two(2) lbs. It's stronger than any wood deck and if you put two Mag-sixtracks and Sims wheel, the entire board weighs less than 5 lbs.!

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The deck will have a rubber mold around it to protect it from getting sharp and it has slots for rail sliders. 2001, here we come!

Wayne Simmons was the lucky and talented winner of a Centurion 10-speed bike, at the recent Whirlin' Wheels amateur contest (NOV. 3rd). Wayne had tied with local ripper Vince Paronese, but in the skate-off, Wayne emerged the winner.

The 3rd Annual Clearwater Skateboard Championships will happen sometime in March 1980. Slalom in the streets and two days of events in the Park will have PROS and AMATEURS competing for the \$10,000. package. We hear that the City is 100% behind the event. Finally, someone willing to help skateboarding and not try to stop it.

Don Hoffman, PIPELINE, called us, to tell that he finally got U.S.A.C sanction for his Dec. 1 "Roller Recyclethon" 10 Kilometers,

rollerskate races at the Frank G. Bommelli Park. This will allow top Olympic rollerskaters to participate in the event. Bring \$6.00 and 12 aluminum cans and you're in for a great day of competition and you'll be doing your share toward conservation. Call Don for more info at (714) 981-6014.

TRACKER's longboard ace, Ed Economy was recently interviewed and photographed by the People magazine staff. We'll soon see him splashed on the National magazine in full color and splendor.

If you haven't picked up the latest issue of the GUINNESS WORLD RECORD BOOK, you've missed the newest skateboard world record set by Mike Kinney, of Woodland Hills, California. Mike skated at the annual SkaterCross Skateboard Endurance Marathon and posted a total of 217.3 miles around the famous SkaterCross snake run, in 30 hours and 35 min. Jim Plummer was

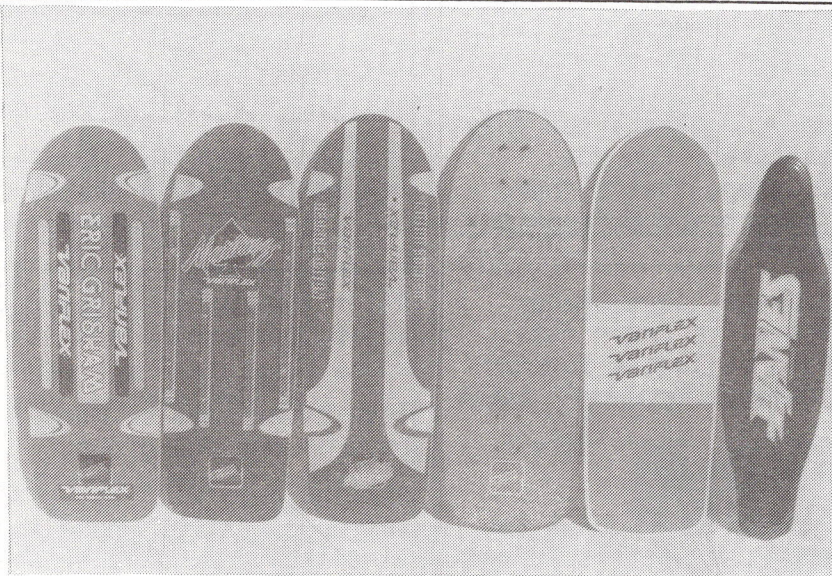
second by less than two (2) miles, with 215.8 skating miles. Next year's annual event, happens again on Memorial Day weekend in May.

Lou Peralta, owner of Skater-Cross and Publisher of this rag, took off a few days, from the rigors of skateboarding, to relax in the wild and beautiful country of Baja California. His relaxation came in the form of entering the grueling BAJA 1000 "off road" race. This year, the event started in Ensenada and finished in La Paz, 986 miles of rugged, almost impassable virgin country. Lou rode a HONDA XR 500 to a 6th place finish in Class and 18th Overall, in 27hrs. 9 minutes. The old guy still has a few beans left.

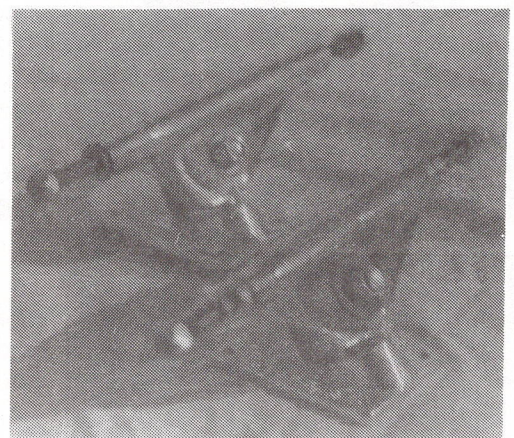
RESULTS CONTD. APPLE

KEY-HOLE 13 & under

1. Chris Moore
2. Jex Harrison
3. Chris Phillips
4. Al MacDonald
5. Whitney Calpin



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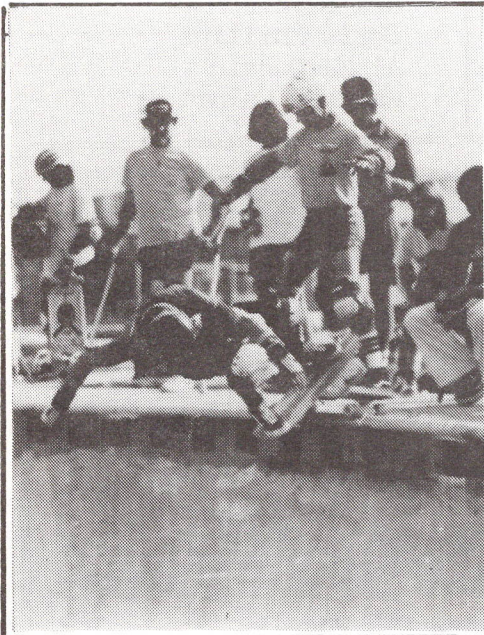
Taking 1st. in the Un-sponsored division, was young Darren Holt, with a gnarly bio-backside air, a nice rock n' roll, and various slides.

Just behind him, in 2nd, was Craig Chasen, pulling off some clean handplants.

Kenny Stelmalski won 1st in the Sponsored division, with various maneuvers, such as inverts, rock n' rolls, tail drops and a very nice lay-back.

In the Boys 13-15, Un-sponsored Class, was Lance Mountain, pulling off nice handplants, along with a few other maneuvers, but after seeing his incredible backside air, there was no doubt as to who would take First.

Coming in 2nd., was Richard Armijo, who's runs included front and backside handplants, along with very extended laybacks and R & R's.



Teddy Bennet & Mike Sigfried 1st. in "doubles" at Whittier. Photo Lori.

If you thought that the Un-sponsored division was exciting, the Sponsored group was even more so.

Entered in this division were such notorious amateurs as Teddy Bennet, Dave Zachiw... Zewches...(what our on the ball reporter is trying to say is David Zachrewski, ED.) ...you know who I mean, Steve Lippman, Mike Smith and don't forget the VF boys Mike "Ziggy" Sigfried, and the adorable, Mike Hirsch. (Hi Mikey!) There was also alot of other hot skaters. The Heat was on.

Breaking through the pack, with an excellent run was David(wouldn't you know it) Zachrewski (David "Z") of the POWELL team, displaying ollie-airs, fakie ollies, front and backside handplants.

Taking 2nd, was Neil Blunder of G & S, executing a very nice "elguerio", some layback airs, fakie ollies, and bio-front and backside handplants.

In 3rd. place was "Ziggy" Sigfried, with clean R & R's inverts and footplants, not to mention a very clean frontside rock n' roll.

DOUBLES

Next came the Doubles Class, highlighted with a demonstration by two guys who have won every doubles event they have entered. Can you guess?...Yep, that's them; Steve Hirsch and Eric Grisham. Unreal!

In the event, each skater had 60 sec. in their runs and would be judged together and individually.

All together, there were 5 teams competing.

There were: Matt Cook & Bob Serafin; Rusty Morris & Fred DeSoto; Mike Sigfried & Teddy Bennet; Brian Martin & Kenny Stelmalski, Larry Duran & Lance Mountain.

I have to say this much; Individually, these guys rip

(each placed in the top 5 in their category) but together, they leave alot to be desired! But at least, they (the skaters) had fun and it was fun to watch!

This event was close, with Ziggy & Teddy, taking 1st with a carve under air, Ziggy rock n' rolled on Teddy's board and Ted doing a rock n' roll, while Ziggy carved underneath.

In 2nd place was a somewhat disappointed Rusty Morris and Freddy DeSoto. Their routine was similar to the 1st place winners, which included Rusty pulling off an aerial over the tail of Freddy's board.



2nd. in "doubles" were Rusty Morris, air over Freddy DeSoto's tail. Photo Lori.

After the doubles, the Boys 16-18 Sponsored class started.

I've never seen so many G & S boys in one age group.

Skating away with 1st place, was Jose Castro, whose routine included, axle drops, footplants, ollie airs and various slides.

In a close 2nd, we saw Dave Padorski pulling off a very nice 360 on vert and an elguerio.

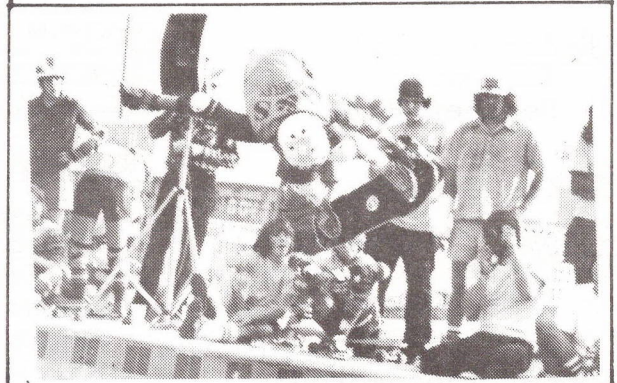
SKATE CITY-TURKEY SHOOT



Action worth 1st place for Kenny Stelmalski. Unreal!
Photo; Lori.



Freddy DeSoto has the judges attention on his frontside.



One of the many G & S skaters at Whittier, Dave Podorski back side air. Photo Lori

Following him was another G & S Skater, Geno Tocci, who took 3rd.

In the Unsponsored 16-18 division, was Rob McCassle, winning 1st with a one-footed carve, fakie-ollie-air, handplant and a nice layback on coping.

Second went to Rob Marrow, with a backside air and hand plant, and Thrid was Larry Duran, executing a bio-air and ollie-air.

Finally, the last event of the day was the Men 18 & over.

John Harris, rock n' roll into fakie, ollie airs, & backward carve, put him in 1st place.

It was close between 2nd & 3rd, with Brian Martin taking 2nd for his frontside airs, handplants, tail drop and handplant.

Rusty Morris got 3rd, with excellent bio-backside air.

With that event, the first annual TURKEY SHOOT at Skate City, Whittier came to an end and I'm sure that everyone will be looking forward to the next one.

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SO YOU'RE THRASHED & BEAT & YOU WANT TO GO HOME AND SLEEP IT OFF & FORGET ABOUT THE CONTEST YOU JUST HAD, RIGHT? BUT IF YOU DON'T SEND US THE RESULTS, NOBODY WILL KNOW ABOUT IT !

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RESULTS

TURKEY SHOOT

Skate City
Whittier, Ca
11-11-79

12&Under (Girls)

- 1st- Sue Smith
2nd- Heather Hall

13-15 (Girls)

- 1st- Kim Freeman

12&Under (Un-sponsored)

- 1st- Darren Holt
2nd- Greg Chasen
3rd- Steve Stone

12&Under (Sponsored)

- 1st- Kenny Stelmanski
2nd- Bobby Frye
3rd- Ky Lambert

13-15 (Un-sponsored)

- 1st- Lance Mountain
2nd- Richard Armijo
3rd- Skeeter Kirkhill
4th- Matt Cook
5th- Bob Serafin

13-15 (Sponsored)

- 1st- David Zachrewski
2nd- Neil Blunder
3rd- Mike Sigfried
4th- Mike Smith
5th- Mike Hirsch

16-18 (Un-sponsored)

- 1st- Rob Mc Cassle
2nd- Rob Marrow
3rd- Larry Duran
4th- Dave Alonis
5th- Todd Smoke

16-18 (Sponsored)

- 1st- Jose Castro
2nd- Dave Padorski
3rd- Geno Tocci

18&Over

- 1st- John Farris
2nd- Brian Martin
3rd- Rusty Morris

DOUBLES

- 1st- Mike Sigfried &
Teddy Bennet
2nd- Rusty Morris &
Freddy De Soto

PRO-OPEN

Clearwater SkatePark, Fla.
Oct. 27 & 28, 1979

FREESTYLE

1. Joe Ayers (WAIKER ACS)
\$500.00
2. Tim Scroggs (POWELL)
3. Rodney Mullen (GULL WING)
4. Stuart Singer (KRYPTONICS
GULL WING)
5. Jim McCall (WAIKER ACS)
6. Robert Rodrigues (DOGTOWN)
7. George Leon (Clearwtr. P&K)
8. Denny Riordon (G&S)

BOWLRI DING

1. Alan Gelfand (POWELL)
\$1,000.00
2. Mike McGill (POWELL)
3. Mike Folmer (SIMS GULL
WING)
4. Scott McCranels (GULL WING
/IPS)
5. Ray Diez (KRYPTONIC)
6. Steve Fisher (KRYP/ G. W.)
7. George McClellan (KRYP/G.W.)
8. Steve Anderson (KRYP)

THREE WHEELER CONTEST

1. Ray Diez (KRYPTONICS) re-
fused money to stay AM.

SAN DIEGO SKATEPARK LEAGUE

Oct. 27, 1979

POOL 11-12

1. Mark Rogowski
2. Owen Nieder
3. David Echles
4. Aaron Astorga

POOL - 13-14

1. Kevin Staab
2. Mike Stelmansky
3. Mau Gandara
4. Tony Black

POOL-OPEN

1. Jeff Clifford
2. Mike Smith
3. Mark Soval
4. Rafer McIntire

HALF PIPE -11-12

1. Mark Rogowski
2. Owen Weider

HALF PIPE 13-14

1. Kevin Staab
2. Mike Stelmansky

HALF PIPE OPEN

1. Jeff Clifford
2. Mike Smith

BANKED FREESTYLE OPEN

1. Jeff Clifford
2. Mark Rogonski
2. Art Gandara
4. Mark Soual

APPLE SKATEPARK

Oct. 20, 1979

EGG POOL 14 & over

1. Kenny Mullica (APPLE)
2. Shawn Scott (RAMPS EAST)
3. Mike Ohm (APPLE)
4. Keith Eastmead (COLOMBUS)
5. Todd Cadieux (USA)
6. Charlie Shively (APPLE)
7. Bill Monk (ENDLESS)
8. Mark Carpenter (ENDLESS)

HALF PIPE 14& over

1. Kenny Molica
2. Dave Bush
3. Rob Roskoff
4. Mike Grau
5. Kevin Chinchar
6. Mike Ohm
7. Mark Carpenter
8. Shawn Scott
9. Todd Cadieux
10. Doug Anne

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THE BIG APPLE AM

APPLE SKATEPARK, Columbus, Oh.
Oct. 20, 1979
By Chris Yandall

Apple's first amateur contest was highlighted with power-packed action from several locals who proved the dominant lines.

Kenny Molica, Keith Eastmead and Mike Ohm, original members from the "Lumbo Town" Skate Team, placed in the top five in the "egg-pool" event.

Although lines were not the only rise in action, but smoothness, proved to be a major factor for Shawn Scott from RAMPS EAST, to grab 2nd place honors.

He is presently the first in the midwest to consistently pull "ollies" over the coping, & whisper-ballet style rock n' rolls.

Other standouts were, Charlie Shively, a Michigan transplant, who is currently putting pressure on some of the top locals.

Also, in the younger division, Jex Harrison, (9 yrs.) is currently the midwest Champ, in his division.

All in all, it was a beautiful day of competition at one of the best designed parks in the midwest.

CALENDAR

NEW ASPO AMATEUR CIRCUIT

League Schedule & Events

NOV. 25 @ SkaterCross
POOL & CROSS COUNTRY
(213) 344-7040

DEC. 22 @ Paramount
SLALOM & POOL
(213) 633-1224

JAN 12, 80' @ Skate City
POOL & FREESTYLE
(213) 946-1402

FEB. 2 @ Big "O"
CAPSULE & PIPE PASTING
(714) 771-2140

FEB. 23 @ Whirlin' Wheels
POOL & FREESTYLE
(714) 741-5400

MAR. 15 @ Marina
BANKED SLALOM & BROWN
POOL (213) 821-9997

APR. 5 @ Oasis
POOL & CROSS COUNTRY
(714) 298-8876

APR. 26 @ Del Mar
POOL & BANKED FREESTYLE
(714) 481-0242

MAY 17 @ Pipeline
BANKED SLALOM & POOL
(714) 981-6014

JUN 7 @ Colton
POOL & HALF PIPE
(714) 824-5850

JUN. 28 @ Boogie Bowl
BOWL & CROSS COUNTRY
(213) 248-8729

JULY 19 Championship Round
SKATERCROSS, Reseda

NOV. 25 ASPO AMATEUR CIRCUIT
Pool & Cross Country \$5.00
entry all classes Amateurs
DEC. 21 Roller Skate Banked
Racing & Pool

MARINA DEL REY, Marina

DEC. 1-2 PRO/AM Banked Wall
Slalom- \$5,000. purse.

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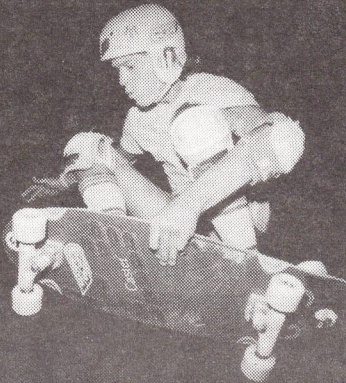
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ASPO has been working on such a program for about two years now.

Last year, ASPO had the program ready to start, but when money was needed to begin the program, many parks were in the process of closing or re-evaluating their position.

As a result, the "self-insurance" package was put on the back burner, until the industry settled down.

Now, it appears, there's a renewed interest and so if you'll like to find out more about it, call ASPO or better write to them so they'll have record of your request.

If enough parks show interest, there's a good possibility that the program can be reinstated.

According to an officer of ASPO, the program was ready, the re-insurers were ready, all they needed, were the parks to be ready.

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As a result, Peralta felt that the \$10,000. Pro Purse was not sufficient to attract the top PROS or to put on a "first class" skateboard circuit.

Cash flow, or the lack of, were some of the reasons cited by some.

Other sponsors, surprisingly, wanted nothing to do with PROS and any type of PRO event, even though they have Pro skaters on their own team!

Many want to concentrate in supporting amateur programs.

While amateur programs deserve all the support from the industry", Peralta sited, "to focus on one program without the other is rather narrow minded and self defeating. You can't have one without the other".

According to Peralta, he now plans to go outside the industry for sponsorship money.

The problem with that, is that the "sport" is still too new. Many do not understand what's it all about and its potential for mass acceptance.

"If we had one or two years under our belt, we would then have a vehicle to show a major sponsor" said Peralta.

Coincidentally, Peralta has also been working with 10 other Southern California park owners in setting up a similar amateur circuit.

The results are that on Nov. 25, 1979, the ASPO AMATEUR CIRCUIT got underway and will continue for the next 33 weeks, into June 80.

Peralta's goal is to have between \$20,000. and \$30,000 as a PRO purse for the circuit. Whether he can do it or not remains to be seen but it's great to think that there may be a possibility that it could happen.

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