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Welcome to the World of BMX Madness



By: Tom Gilbert

On behalf of the dozen or so people that now call me boss, I would like to introduce you to a brave new world. The world of BMX Madness.

BMX Madness started as a gleam in my eye nearly three years ago. But being a BMX publisher was never really a dream for me; the first time my son pulled on a Pro Tec, it became my **destiny**. As you can guess, putting together a BMX Magazine is not easy. It is my job to pull together race coverage, advertising, photos, product tests and a hundred other things. It's kind of like putting a jigsaw puzzle together, but if the pieces don't fit, I have to make 'em.

Every BMX racer in the country is part of our brave new world, because it is our job to inform and entertain all of you. In fact, you are the most important part of our world. We wouldn't exist without our readers, so drop us a line if you have a complaint or an idea. We care.

The BMX staff is here to serve you, and we plan to do so with style. Sure, we're BMX people, but we're also professional photographers, journalists, artists, and even engineers. Our goal, just like yours, is to be number one.

This first issue is just the start. At BMX Madness we want to please you, because that's what it takes to be number one. So stick with us.

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BMX Madnews

Esser on a Tear

Thruster's Kurt Esser has been tearing up the tracks, and the comp since last September when he grabbed a number 1 and a number 2 plate at the N.B.L. Grands. Kurt finished off the 1983 season with a win at the ABA Grands, and got a fine start on the 1984 season by tripling at the Pampano War of the Stars opener in January. This is one **fast** dude.

Lee Van Ormer, president of Thruster, is very pleased with Kurt's performance since he joined the team last summer. Watch for a BMX Madness interview with Kurt in an upcoming issue.



New Track

Island BMX on Route 46 in Great Meadows, N.J. was recently reopened for racing. The new track director, Chuck De Roche, has secured an N.B.L. sanction, and races will be held every Friday night and Sunday beginning April 15. The track has been completely revamped for the opening, so if you're in the neighborhood, why not enjoy some BMX Madness at Island BMX.

Snowball Classic

John Gordy, the N.B.L. state race commissioner in Pennsylvania sent us the following report on the Snowball Classic that went down on December 4, 1983.

"The Snowball Classic was a ball-a mudball. The snow didn't fall for the Snowball Classic. But the rain did. Boy, did it. About 60 fair weather, turnpike BMXers chickened out. But 210 gutsy riders made the trek to Poplar Neck Raceway outside of Reading, P.A., for what Ronnie Comishock, it's promoter, hopes will be an annual challenge. No question it was a challenge that wet December Sunday.

Ask any BMX Mom who had to wash those ucky duds. Ask any BMX Dad who had to get muddy riders and bikes home without ruining the car's upholstery. Ask any corner marshall who picked up another pound of mud every time another moto slid by. But it was fun! Ask any of the riders who took the challenge. They had a ball...not a snowball but a mudball. The trophies were special. The special prizes seemed unending.

The day's big winner was Chad Griest of Salunga, P.A., a 10 year old beginner, who got to build the bike of his choice at the Bike Den, Kutztown, P.A.

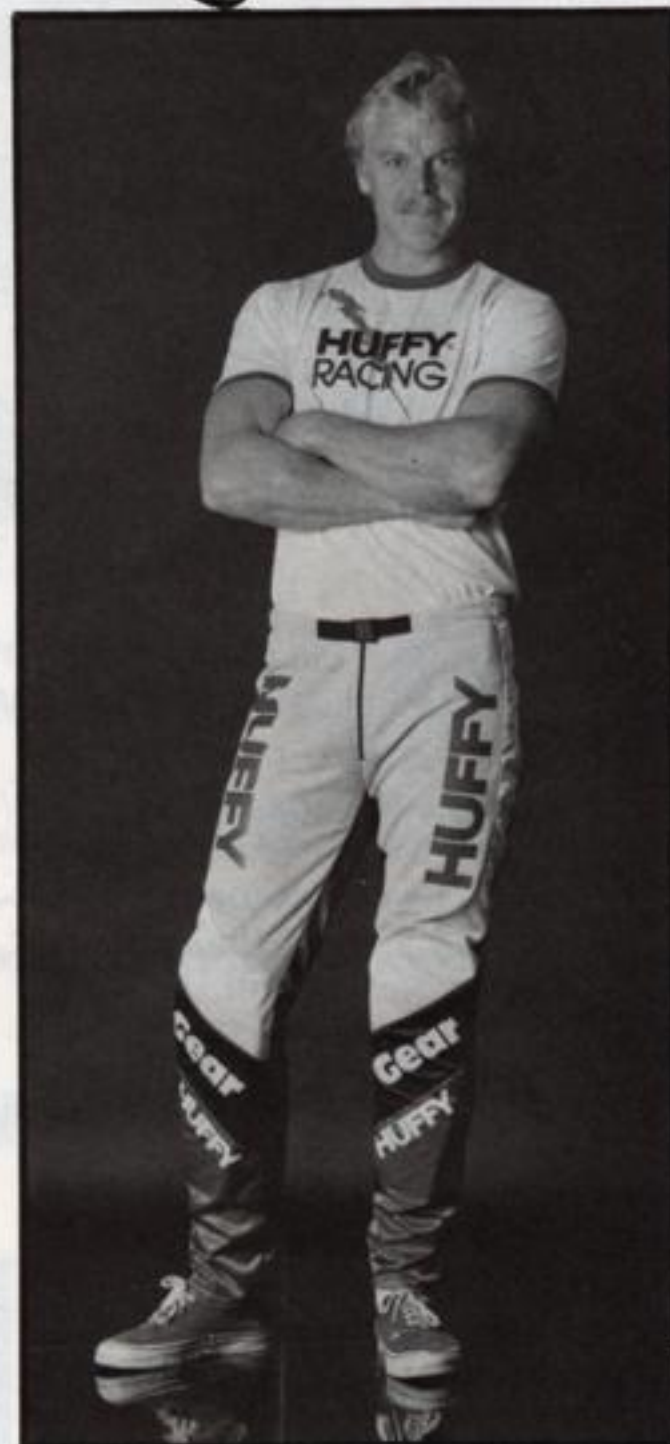
The first Mud...Ah...Snowball Classic proved that some riders, the gutsy ones, will accept any reasonable challenge. Even some that appear slightly unreasonable.

As one grinning, mud-spattered cruiser racer said when he picked up his first place trophy, "This is BMX. I love it." Another rider who had shucked his leathers...formerly white leathers...and was waiting in the trophy line in long johns, boots, and wrapped in a quilt nodded in agreement.

"But next year lets hope it's snow."

Plans are in motion for Snowball Classic II, which will be at Poplar Neck on Saturday, November 17, 1984, and it will be N.B.L. sanctioned.

"Snow, rain, sun, we'll be there," Ronnie promised. "If you're good, so will you...."



Team Talk

There's a whole load of team changes this time of year and all the heavy-weight teams plan their team trophy strategy. Starting with the pros, Stu Thomsen has left Redline and joined Huff. See our Miami race report for details. Pete Loncarevitch has been switching around for a few months now, but it looks like he's settled in with CW. Mike Miranda may be leaving CW for Torker. Donny Ather-ton has been dropped from the Schwinn roster, and Mike Poulson is planning a move up to pro. Mike should fill the pro shoes at Schwinn very nicely. Mike's dad Virgil has also joined Schwinn factory as team manager.

BMX Madnews

Julie Lindsay moved from one of Schwinn's national shop teams to the factory after she won her class at the ABA Grands. Way to go Julie! Schwinn has also picked up Billy Griggs from CW and Rick Palmer from Patterson.

Wendy Sue Winter has joined the factory stars of Hutch, and Jason Johnson is now off Schwinn and on Hutch. Robinson has lost their two mighty midgets. Tod Tompkins is now riding for CW, and Danny Nelson has joined the GT factory.



N.B.L. Notes

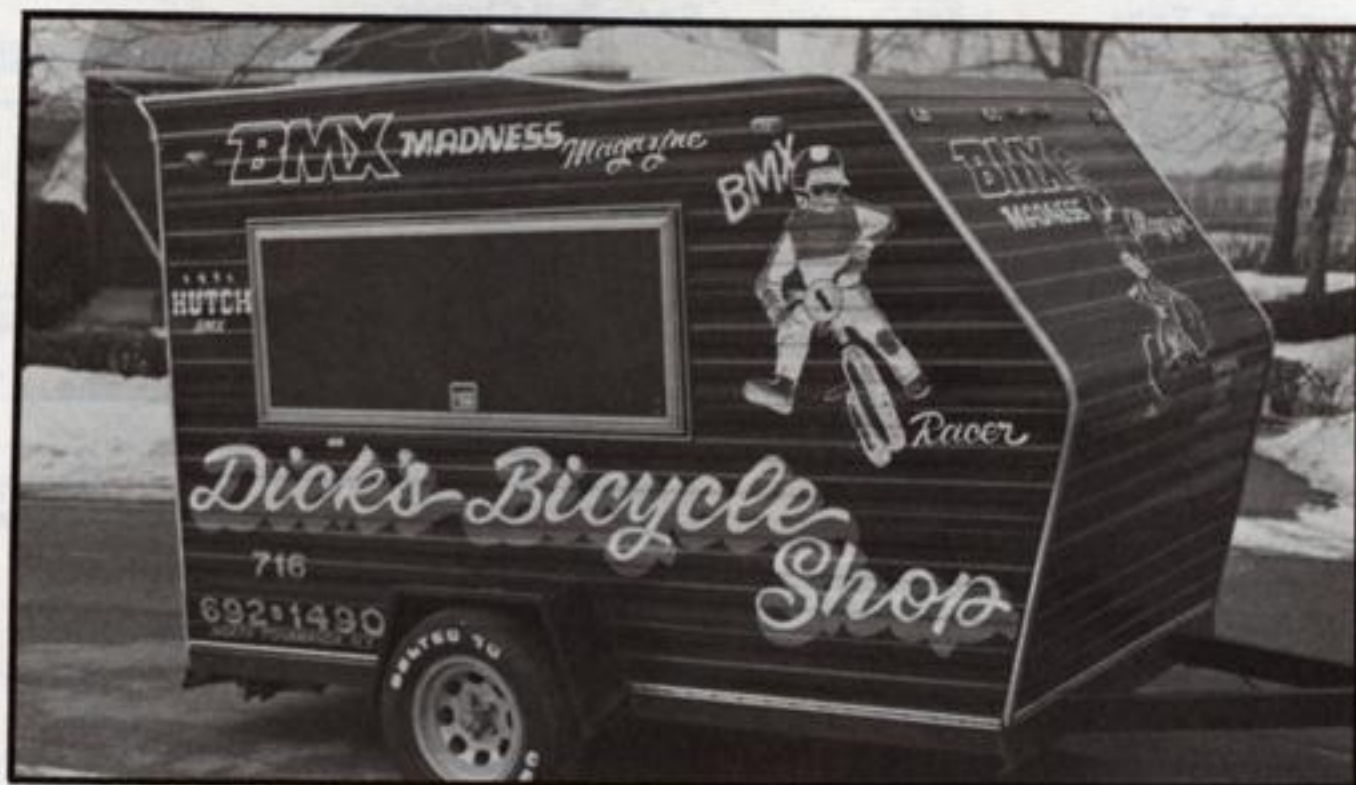
There's a ton of big news coming out of the N.B.L. office these days.

To start with, N.B.L. President Bob Tedesco met with Tadashi Inoue, the President of Japan BMX, back in December. The two made plans for the upcoming IBMXF World Championship to be held in Japan in August. Inoue sought Tedesco's help in planning the race, and designing the track. Tedesco commented, "Our meetings in New Jersey laid some very good groundwork."

N.B.L. Office Manager Jack Castor also laid some good news on us at the New Jersey N.B.L. Awards Banquet. Jack told the audience that the N.B.L. experienced a 36% growth rate in 1983. He also said, "The 1984 points will be timely, and will be correct." Jack also had some bad news for the ABA. An N.B.L. track is currently under construction in (you guessed it) Chandler Arizona.

Another note from the N.B.L. office concerns a licensing agreement that they recently made with Cycle Products Company. The Team Cycle line made by Cycle Products will be marked "Official Product of the N.B.L." beginning in April. This should lead to lots of exposure for the N.B.L. since Cycle Products distributes their gear to some 23,000 stores nationwide.

And now, for the biggest news of all. The N.B.L., Thruster, and The Creative Unit (a T.V. production company) are teaming up to bring you more BMX on the tube. "BMX TODAY"



will be a series of shows featuring race action and interviews from War of the Stars races. Miami and Devonshire Downs will be the first two races featured on "BMX TODAY." Air dates and channels are still pending, but we'll pass 'em along as soon as they become available.



Columbia Stamp

Columbia recently announced that a motorcycle that they manufactured way back in 1913 is featured on a new commemorative stamp issued by the U.S. Postal Service. This is quite an honor for Columbia, and since they founded the U.S. bicycle industry way back in 1877, they deserve it.



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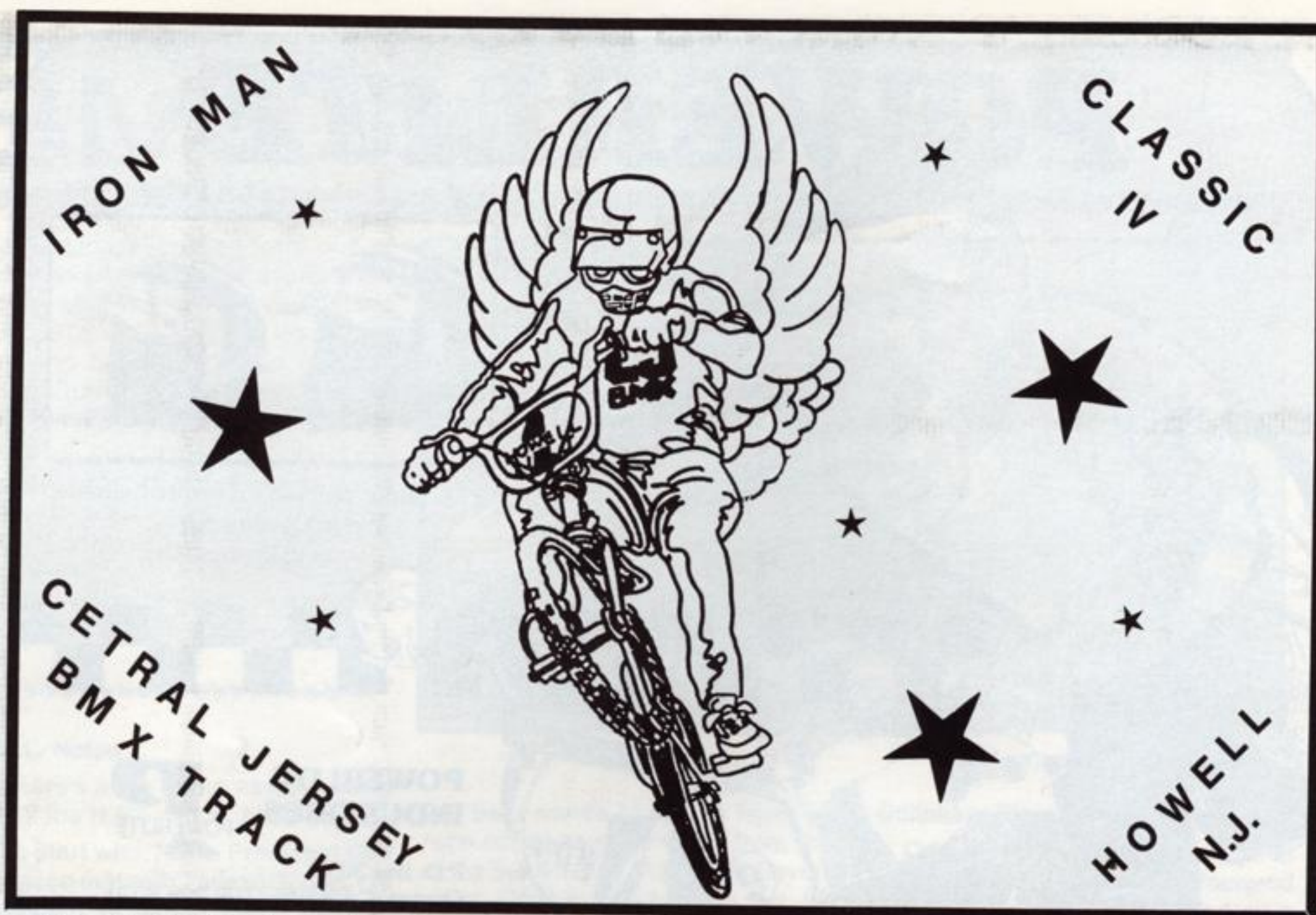
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December in New Jersey is quite exciting indeed. Most kids dream of Santa, I must concede. But the BMX racers dream of Iron Man you know. And best of all, every kid is hoping for snow. While others are busy making a list and checking it twice, the racers are truing their wheels, and gettin' ready to dice. Everyone knows that Iron Man is a biggie - it's true. It's their way of thanking every novice, expert, and squid for being so dedicated, and also nice kids. So sit back, get settled, and without further delay, I'll tell you what happened on Iron Man Day.

With the Gleasons running the show, it's no surprise that the Iron Man gets bigger every year. Over 600 racers showed up for Iron Man IV, and the annual prize giveaway topped the 30,000 dollar mark. Around 50 sponsors contributed to this year's race, and they all deserve a big pat on the back. The weather was good and cold, but the racers kept warm with plenty of hot action on the track.

The race went down smoothly, with the action alternating between the giveaway and the racing. The Bicycle World staff did a great job in every department. There were no delays.



Go for it, Josh!



Move over! No! I was here first!



Jimi Dahlen Wailin' over a jump.



Winning sportsman of the year sure made Nettles happy. That's C.J.B.M.X. track director Tom Webber on the left.

The track features plenty of gnarlies, and was damp, but very fast on race day. There's a tabletop in the first straight with a tricky lip on the front edge, and this seemed to be the racers favorite place for stylin'. A set of slanted whoops are in the second straight, and they're very unforgiving if you make a mistake. Out of the second turn a nice wide step jump allows for some in the air passing. And to top it all off, there's a killer uphill finish.

The Gleasons also use The Iron Man as a chance to present the annual track awards. Brendon Ferrarelli won the top points award at C.J.B.M.X. for 1983. David Nettles was honored as the C.J.B.M.X. sportsman of the year. BMX Madness would like to congratulate both racers. Well done Dave and Brendon!!

Race Action

10-11 Girls

Christy Anderson had a new ride for Hutch, and plenty of success in the early motos. In the main, Christy battled Anna Rowland down the first straight and took the lead in turn one. Anna tried to find room to get by, but couldn't make a move. At the line it was Christy, Anna, and Laurie Prestis third.

16-17 Cruiser

Jarrett Justice went into the mains lookin' for an Iron Man double. In his cruiser main, Ol' J.J. left everyone gasping for air. First, he got max style and air at the tabletop, then he proceeded to win it going away. As for the double, well, keep reading.

10 Expert

James Le Belle and Scott Hartman holed out the main. But James grabbed the lead coming off the tabletop, and held on until the last turn. Scott set up his move in the last turn, and won it by passing James in that last uphill straight.

14 Expert

Royce Stanley and Roy Hansen looked like the ones to watch in this class. Royce holed out the main, with Hansen in hot pursuit. Rapid Roy made his move coming out of turn one, and took it to the wire. Royce held on for second, and Frankie Chirlo sucked up third.

16 Expert

Jarrett Justice grabbed the only Iron Man double by winning a tough 16X



What style! What grace! But who is it?



Rob Seigel and Don Granger clearing the tabletop.

class, but Thruster's new factory dude Jim Comeau kept things interesting. When the gate dropped, Justice and Comeau took off side by side. Jarrett gained a few inches in the first turn, and took the ace in a well fought battle. Comeau had no comp for second, and Dave "Spanky" Campbell swooped in third.

13 Novice

Free helmets are hard to come by, especially if you're a novice. This fact led to some heavy comp among these guys. When the dust cleared, Alfred Aversa had an Iron Man win and a new Simpson to protect his noggin. Matt Brenner finished second with Keith Deal third.

11 Novice

These guys were definitely goin' for it. Chad De Rossi proved to be the 11N ace, with Kevin Dobbin second, and Eric Glickman third.

*Iron Man IV was quite a show.
The prizes and racing were great,
But it didn't snow.
But don't read this ending with
sadness.*

*Because next year, you can be part
of East Coast Madness.*



IRON MAN RESULTS

| | | | | |
|--|---|---|--|--|
| 7 & under girls | 16 & 17 cruiser | 7 expert | 11 novice | 14 expert |
| Susie Whitaker Meagan Booker Erica Kaminski | J.J. Justice Jimi Dahlen Mike Savage | Jamie Nichols Steve Sourman Robert Williams | Chad Delrossi Kevin Dobbin Eric Glickman | Roy Hansen Royce Stanley Frankie Chirlo |
| 8 & 9 girls | 18-24 cruiser | 8 novice | 11 expert | 15 novice |
| Beth Brown Tammy Gesswin Barbara Webber | Ken Aman Dave Netiles Kent Gordy | John Dickson Tommy Dockery Tommy Pearson | Jason Theodore Jimmy Dever Tom Rubel | Atto Polgardi Duane McDowell Dayle Ladew |
| 10 & 11 girls | 25-34 cruiser | 8 expert | 12 novice | 15 expert |
| Christine Anderson Anna Rowland Laurie Prestis | Mark Hetzer Michael Taddeo Nelson Pennypacker | Frankie Klocek Bradd Theodore Kyle Hissim | Scott Gaburo Tim Chalfant Matt Jarecki | Jud Chancio Brad Dalbei Dean Valis |
| 12 & 13 girls | 35 & over cruiser | 9 novice | 12 expert | 16 novice |
| Tina Shute Victoria Chrissanthis Angela Dennis | Charles Connell Bruce Mulligan Ken Frederick | Tim Blew John Johnson Ryan McDowell | David McKnight Eric Yuhas Butch Lloyd | Tom Bullock Joe Baldwin Paul croteall |
| 14 & 15 girls | 6 novice | 9 expert | 13 novice | 16 expert |
| Tammy Willever Darcea Dalbec Rene Hobson | John Bozarth Mickey Yannone Scott Nicholson | Mitch Watkins Lenny Catabia Matthew Wingard | Alfred Aversa Matt Brenner Heath Deal | Jarrett Justice Jim Comeau Dave Campbell |
| 16 & over girls | 6 expert | 10 novice | 13 expert | 17 novice |
| Susan Willever Meredith Lidstone Jackie Luden | David Roinneh Bryant Phillips Chad Northeimer | Mitch Mulligan Donald Morton Steve Gardner | Todd Gardner John Roy Dave Prestis | Kenny Simonson Gary Cantwell Tom Scarpd |
| 13 & under cruiser | 7 novice | 10 expert | 14 novice | 17 expert |
| Bill Bohren John Roy Eric Yuhas | Billy Nuneville Joshua Couley Justin Farrell | Scott Hartman James LeBelle Daniel Baglivio | Jay Stark Robert Kerezsi Jon Kuchinskas | Ken Aman Cliff Willever Kevin Worth |
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★ **THE GREAT** ★ **IRON MAN** **GIVEAWAY** ★

It's easy to scarf up on some prizes at the Iron Man. In fact, there's sort of an unwritten rule that says no one goes home empty handed. And with enough prizes to fill a house, no one gets disappointed.

This year's giveaway started with limited edition Iron Man number plates by Dyno. Every racer got a plate, with a special Iron Man number, at check in. They make great souvenirs. Plus, only 649 plates were given out, so they might be worth some cash someday.

Around 280 prizes were up for grabs during the race itself. Some of the prizes included frame sets, complete bikes, hubs, pedals, cranks, new wheels, pad sets, and tons more. Prizes were donated by *Dyno, Simpson, Bicycle World, Ross, Metro, DiaCompe, A'ME, SBS, Tuf Neck, JT Racing, MCS, Stump Jumper, Superbyke, Lenny's Colonial Ranch, Max, Profile, Panda, Redline,*

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Helmets take the place of trophies at the Iron Man. Simpson provided this year's skid lids for the top three finishers in each class. And the best part about winning a helmet is that it makes you eligible for the Ultimate Bike drawing.

The climax to the giveaway takes place after the race is over. The

names of all the helmet winners go into the fishbowl for one more drawing. The winner gets to hand pick every component for a complete bike! New Jersey resident Cliff Will-ever made off with this year's top prize. Cliff started with Greg Hill Products frame & fork set, and added lots of other goodies like Flight Cranks, Phil Wood Hubs, Hutch Pedals, Ukai Show Chrome Rims, and MX 1000 Brakes. Of course, that's just the big stuff. All together, Cliff's new ride is worth a little over a thousand greenbacks. Wow!!

So if you would like a shot at your very own ultimate bike, or one of hundreds of Iron Man prizes, the solution is simple. Head for Iron Man V next year.



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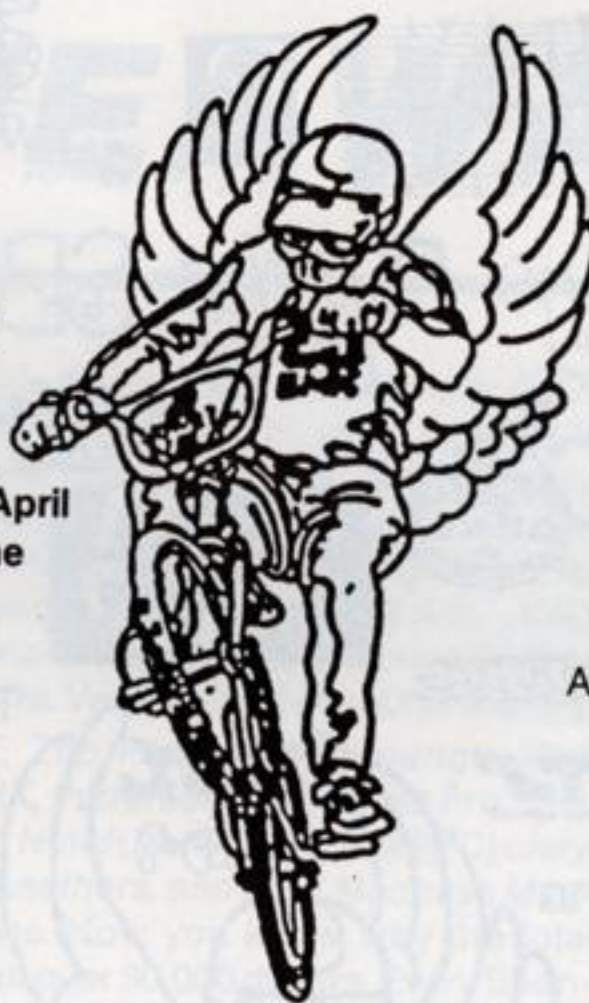
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| | 13 | Regular Race |
| | 20 | Regular Race |
| | 27 | State Race |
| JUNE | 1 | Fri. Nite Race |
| | 3 | BEGINNERS DOUBLE CUP |
| | 8 | Fri. Nite Race |
| | 10 | BEGINNERS DOUBLE CUP |
| | 15 | Fri. Nite Race |
| | 17 | Double Pts. |
| | 22 | Fri. Nite Race |
| | 24 | Regular Race |
| JULY | 1 | Regular Race |
| | 6 | Not Racing |
| | 8 | Not Racing |
| | 15 | WAR OF THE STARS! |
| | 20 | Fri. Nite Race |
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| | 27 | Fri. Nite Race |
| | 29 | Regular Race |

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| | 17 | Fri. Nite Race |
| | 19 | NOVICE CUP |
| | 24 | Fri. Nite Race |
| | 26 | Regular Race |
| | 31 | Not Racing |
| SEPT. | 2 | Not Racing |
| | 7 | Fri. Nite Racing |
| | 9 | Regular Race |
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| | 25 | Regular Race |
| DEC. | 1 | IRONMAN V Sat. |
| | 15 | DOUBLE POINTS Sat. |

Last race of the 1984 Season.



MADNESS MAILBAG

By the BMX racers of the world
and Editor Don Gilbert

Dear Madness;

I think starting a new mag like you're doing is a great idea. And it could bring new talent to the exciting sport of BMX.

Martin L.
Perth Amboy, N.J.

*Thanks a bunch Martin! At BMX Madness we aim to please, so if you really dig this first issue, the second one should just blow your socks off. I don't know about bringing new talent in, but we'll certainly bring you plenty of the existing talent. And it **will** be equal. You'll find the novices and girls right along with the experts and pros in our race reports. - Don.*

Dear Madness;

Why don't you put Eric Yuhas in your magazine? I'm totally RAD! So dude, put me in your mag.

Eric Yuhas
N.J. N.B.L. #5

Well Eric, you're in, but I talked to some of my friends from New Jersey to see if you really are rad. Most of 'em said you're pretty slick on the track, but there was this one little six year old girl. She told me that one week, while no one was watching, she took her big wheel out on the track during your moto, and dusted you and all your buddies. I'm just kidding, so don't beat me up. Keep on goin' for it. - Don.

Dear Madness;

Somebody told me that the BMX races are held in California. So how can you guys have a magazine in New Jersey?

John L.
Raleigh, N.C.

Gee John, you must be awful new to BMX. The National Bicycle League (NBL) and American Bicycle Association (ABA) sanction BMX racers all over the country. There's even the International BMX Federation that sanctions races world wide. Whoever told you that BMX is only in California is a complete squid! In fact, the ABA recently held a big national right in your hometown of Raleigh.

There are six established NBL tracks in your home state, and if you'd like more information on racing, I'm sure a local bike shop could fill you in on all the juicy details. - Don.

Dear Madness;

Are you going to ignore the girls all the time. My brother says girls don't get rad enough. What do you think? And how come there aren't any female pros?

Julie R.
(A racer's sister) Charlotte, N.C.

No Julie, BMX Madness gives every class equal billing. Right down to the dads that are into "Geriatric Jammin". As for your brother, ask him about Skyway's Cheri Elliot, of Christy Anderson from Hutch. There's an interview with Christy in this very issue. Both girls are rad, and very fast to boot. As for your question about female pros, I've been wondering the very same thing. So keep reading, and I promise to get the scoop on female pros for you in a future issue.

Dear Madness;

Are you going to have bike tests? Total BMX said they were doing a bike test but I never saw one.

Rick A.
Orlando, Florida

Well Rick, the wheels are definitely in motion. We already have an eager group of test riders, and the uniforms are on the way. A handful of companies have verbally agreed to send us test bikes. We can't release any details until we actually receive the bikes, but we hope to have our first test in the next issue. - Don

Dear Madness;

What does it take to start a BMX mag? I mean do you need a degree or something?

Alan C.
Miami, Florida

Actually Alan, it takes about a dozen people to put a magazine together. College degrees help, but you also have to be totally dedicated to the sport of BMX, love kids, traveling, and eating at McDonald's. Oh yes, it also takes quite a few greenbacks.



Eric Yuhas



HUTCH

War of the Stars VII

Miami

"Now the gang's in the van,"
 "And they're ready to go."
 "To that race in Pompano."
 "Or Miami, I don't know."
 "We do so many races in a row."
 "And these roads all look the same."
 "We just pass the time with our radios,"
 "And play in them arcades."
 "Till the sun comes up."
 "Then we see that track,"
 "And remember why we came...."

Adapted from "The Load Out" by Jackson Browne, From the Album "Running on Empty" Copyright 1977.

Okay race fans, get out those R.V.'s and hit the road, because the War of the Stars VII series is under way. The N.B.L. teamed up with Hutch to bring you round one of the 1984 tour, and it turned out to be quite a sizzler in the Miami sun. The Hutch cheerleaders were back by popular demand, and 1200 eager racers came to do battle on the concrete berms of the Kendall track.



Kevin Pugh made two mains in Miami.



17 novice semi. Mike Bazinet (12B) won it.

That's right! Concrete berms, and the front sides of the jumps are concrete also. Most racers liked the track; those berms were plenty fast. But you had to be cautious also. Falling in those turns meant Pizza Elbow for sure.

The track layout was on the long side, with plenty of jumps, and a few certified gnarlies. Lots of frame bangin' and tire buzzin' took place in the "Hutch Berm" (Turn one). It was nice and big, but a little tight. The first half of the track is good and fast, but as you charge down the third straight, things start to get **very** interesting. First, there's a killer camelback, with a huge tabletop right behind it. Then the tabletop leads right into turn 3. Out of that turn you've got a 100 yard sprint to the finish. The local track officials teamed up with the N.B.L. National crew to keep everything moving along. The race lasted about 9 hours from start to finish, with no delays.

The minimum pro purse in the '84 series is 4000 big ones, and the pro classes are looking a lot different than they did last September. Lets take a quick look.

A Pro: The name Redline is almost synonymous with Stu Thomsen, but there's been a radical change. Stu will be wearing Huffy colors when the tour hits your state. He's still on completely friendly terms with Redline, and the reason for the switch is right on the back of his pants - "GOOD DEAL."

B Pro: A whole handful of last year's top experts have decided to start jammin' for cash, including D. D. Leone, Rich Zagars, Nelson Chanady, Paul Pecina, and Johnny Turner.

Pro Mains

The battle among the A pros took place between Brent Patterson and Eric Rupe. Brent won a few of his early motos, but Eric was more interested in making the transfer than winning. Patterson grabbed the lead early in the main, and held on to win the big check. Rupe tried to make his move in the last turn, but couldn't find an opening. John Piant wound up third. The top three spots in B pro were all taken by brand new pros. Rich Zagars had the coast to coast win, with D.D. Leone and Nelson Chanady grabbing the place and show spots.

Geriatric Jammin'

By: Bill Green

Editor's Note: Have you ever noticed that the guys in the 35th & Over cruiser class are alot like Rodney Dangerfield? They "Don't get no respect." With this in mind, our fearless leader, Tom, decided that BMX Madness should have a monthly column for those often forgotten BMX dads that get into jammin' just like the rest of the BMX world. Since Tom isn't 35 yet, (he stopped counting at 28) we knew that we would have to find an expert on the subject. And Bill Green of Miami, Florida, is certainly an expert. Bill has take the N.B.L. National number one title in 35 & over cruiser for the past two years. He'll be bringing you the scoop on 35 & over cruiser racing as only a champion can. BMX Madness is proud to have Bill on it's staff. And we'd like to welcome all you "Rad Dads" out there to Geriatric Jammin' and the world of BMX Madness.

No More Ben Gay Group

"Next on the line is our Ben Gay group consisting of #4, #30, #48, etc. These 35 & over old timers are all set to tackle the track. Riders Ready! Watch the lights."

How many times have we heard that Ben Gay description of our senior BMXers? Or the ones about the "Geritol Class" and "Cardiac Crusiers". Don't laugh; pay homage to them all. Now just relax and think forward - forward to the future....Think of today's racers moving up in age. For example, how about Willie Heubner racing in the 18-24 cruiser class, or Shelby James in 25-34 cruiser. And yes, Greg Hill racing 35 & over -- that Ben Gay group. I don't think Greg would take kindly to the "Ben Gay Group" description. So why don't we pay homage to and reappraise our old

timers of today. They are competitive, agile, and gutsy for what they do. Many of them are ex-Greg Hills, ex-Stu Thomsens, ex-Brent Pattersons, and ex-Toby Hendersons. They all want to "Kick the can" with the boys, and they're proud of their accomplishments. So, how about we say good-bye to the Ben Gay group, good-bye Pops, and "Aloha" to the Geriatric Jammers.



Miami Results

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|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| A Pro | 8 & 9 Open | 15 cruiser | | | 12 novice | 15 novice |
| Brent Patterson | George Seevers | Jud Ciano | 6 novice | 9 novice | Matt Stone | Jorge Muela |
| Eric Rupe | Brian Colegrove | Rusty Cable | Roger Epley | David Carnes | Joseph Peters | Vinny Scardino |
| John Plant | Nathan Babcock | Edwin Conzalez | Adalberto Lopez | Vance Johnson | Kevin Perry | Darren Hudson |
| B Pro | 10 & 11 Open | 16 cruiser | Anthony Ilas | Sean McDaniel | 12 expert | 15 expert |
| Richard Zagars | Brad Moore | Jon Anderson | 6 expert | 9 expert | Brad Birdwell | Alex Carrasquillo |
| D.D. Leone | Adam Clay | Ray McNally | Darby Brown | George Seevers | Jason Bruton | Rusty Cable |
| Nelson Chanady | Angel Pallin | Richard Limsong | Erik Williamson | Mitch Watkins | Monty Gray | Edwin Gonzalez |
| 7 & under girls | 12 & 13 Open | 17 cruiser | Richard Hasard | Nathan Babcock | 13 novice | 16 novice |
| Tania Walker | Jason Griggs | Todd Hunter | 7 novice | 10 novice | Ricky Stevens | Pat Connolly |
| Michelle Cairns | Kirk Esser | Derek Reese | Samuel Tyler | Mark Shewmaker | Jairo Torres | Juan Diaz |
| Jennifer Babcock | Brad Birdwell | Mike Savage | Jamie Hugh | Jason Meegan | Keith Barnett | Phil Northington |
| 8 & 9 girls | 14 & 15 Open | 18 to 24 cruiser | Chris Bartley | Kenny St. Lawrence | 13 expert | 16 expert |
| Jodi Romanelli | Alex Carrasquillo | Ken Aman | 7 expert | 10 expert | Jason Griggs | Ray McNally |
| Michelle Abram | Billy Griggs | Mike Durden | Andy Warfield | Brad Moore | Kurt Esser | Henry Bermudez |
| Kristy Manning | Mike Horton | Harry Brock | Paul Piatkowski | Jimmy LeBelle | Casey Simpkins | Jon Anderson |
| 10 & 11 girls | 16 & over Open | 25 to 34 cruiser | Matt McCulloch | John Radcliff | 14 novice | 17 novice |
| Christine Anderson | Vince Asbury | Nate Vaspeyre | 8 novice | 11 novice | Ryan Phillips | Jeff Calvert |
| Julie Green | Rick Palmer | Gregorio Perez | Trey McManus | Kasey Thompson | Michael Gaffaney | Danny Shewmaker |
| Kimberly Stobel | Henry Bermudez | L. Beatie Smith | Eric Jensen | Mark Scott | Roberto Alayeto | Robert Fowler |
| 12 & 13 girls | 13 cruiser | 35 & over cruiser | Scott Novak | Adam Griswold | 14 expert | 17 expert |
| Kim Goudy | Kurt Esser | Bill Green | 8 expert | 11 expert | Frank Nuccio | Vince Asbury |
| Julee Lindsay | Monty Gray | Edward Pocetti | John Dionne | Kevin McDougal | Mike Lynch | Dean Neeb |
| Bonnie Hutelin | Ray Obdewicz | Paul Jack | Marc Catronio | Jason Theodore | Joey Mastrangelo | Michael Monell |
| 7 & under Open | 14 cruiser | | Bobby James | Joe Spuryer | | |
| Matt McCulloch | Steve Veltman | | | | | |
| Paul Piatkowski | Mike Memery | | | | | |
| Andy Warfield | Peter Casano | | | | | |

Jammin' Experts

Bill Green was the hometown favorite in 35 & over cruiser, and he dusted everybody with a wire to wire win. We heard a rumor that he trains with his kids, seven days a week, on a track in their own backyard. So that's how he does it!

Flying Wheels rider Jodi Romanelli was another home track favorite. Angela Chandler holeshot the 8-9 girls main, but Jodi stayed right with her. Jodi put the move on in the last turn to take the lead and the win.

George SeEVERS was one hot little dude in the 9 expert main. George was one of seven national numbers to make the 8 rider main, so there was no telling who would win. When the gate dropped, Chicken George zoomed into the lead and won it going away.

Christy Anderson led her main the whole way, but Julie Green put up quite a fight at the line. Christy grabbed the ace by inches, but she definitely knew Julie was there.

Rick Palmer looked like he was totally psyched for the season opener. He outraced everyone to the last turn in the 17 over open main, but things got hairy in the last turn. When the dust settled, Vince Asbury had come from third to take the win, and went on to double. Palmer hung on for second, and Mike Poulsen wound up third. Spanky Campbell fell in the last turn, moving him from second to eighth.



Eric Rupe. Numero Uno.



Scorpion's Mark Lopez.



Dem' elbows can't get much closer.



Ricky Stevens Waived in 13 novice.



Mad Munch time! That Powerlite dude is wishin' he had gloves on.



Thruster's Tommy Rubel. 4 trophies in 2 days, and lookin' good.

Gnarly Novices

Jorge Muela and Vinny Scardino had quite a battle in the 15 novice class. They battled through their motos with Jorge taking the first two moto wins, but Vinny grabbed the ace in the third motto. Jorge came back to win the main, with Vinny second and Darren Hudson, the top qualifier in his moto, third.

Ryan Phillips was the top qualifier in his moto, and went on to win the 14 novice main. Michael Gaffaney came back from a poor showing in his first moto to grab the deuce in the main. Robert Alayeto had a pair of seconds in the early going, and scarfed on third overall.

Ricky Stevens was one cookin' dude in 13 novice, with a win in the main, and a perfect in the motos. Jairo Torres almost didn't transfer, but came back to take second in the main, and Keith Barnett swooped in third.

With the race action over for the day, all those BMX dads went into action. Round one was history, so they loaded up those vans and campers, and hit the road again. Round two was waiting some 60 miles away, and no one was about to miss it.

BMX MADNESS Talks With *FAST FEMALES*



Christy

September 1982: Anna Rowland, that super fast local girl with the heart shaped number plate zooms to a big win at the ABA East Coast National in North Bergen, N.J.

Labor day weekend 1982: Christy Anderson wins the N.B.L. Grand National in Pittsburgh, P.A. to finish the year with a national number one girls title.

Summer 1983: Anna and Christy spend just about every weekend battling for those N.B.L. National points. As September draws near, Christy has the points lead, but Anna is close enough to take the number one plate if she can beat Christy at the Grands.

September 1983: Christy Anderson wins the N.B.L. Grands, and the number one plate for the second year in a row. Anna grabs a national 3.

National number 1. In 10-11 girls, Christy Anderson has it, but Anna Rowland wants it. That's why the action gets so hot when these two hit the track together. Anna and Christy start hatin' each other when the gate drops, but like most racers, they go back to being friends when its over.

What makes two of the fastest girls in the country tick? I was wondering the same thing at the Iron Man Classic four. So I brought Anna and Christy together to get a closer look at two

fast females that have been around for as long as most BMX people can remember.

Here's what Anna and Christy had to say:

BMXM: "Okay girls, Lets get the general stuff out of the way first. How about sponsors?"

Christy: "Factory Hutch."

Anna: "Dics Bike Shop."

BMXM: "Brothers and Sisters?"

Christy: "Two brothers. They both race."

Anna: "One brother that races."

BMXM: "How about pets?"

Anna: "We have 5 cats, 3 dogs, 2 horses, and a Kinkajou."

Christy: "We have a mini farm. Cats, dogs, ducks, geese, and goats."

BMXM: "What other activities do you like besides racing?"

Christy: "Well, I play clarinet in my school band."

Anna: "Baseball and Horses."

BMXM: "Who's your best friend in BMX?"

Anna: "Tina Shute."

Christy: "Wendy Sue Winter."

BMXM: "You two seem to get along real well. Is there anything you dislike about each other?"

Anna: "She gets good starts. I hate that. And she's good in turns."

Christy: (kiddingly) "She's too slow."

Anna: "Thanks a lot!"

Christy: "No, I really can't think of anything. She's good in turns too."

BMXM: "Which of your accomplishments in BMX means the most to you?"

Anna: "Winning the Howell War of the Stars, and the Braddock (N.J.) ABA national."

Christy: "I think winning the national number one at the N.B.L. Grands. And getting sponsored by Hutch. I used to be on JMC."

BMXM: "There's been talk about a female pro class. Why do we need separate pro races for girls and guys?"



Anna

Anna: "They (the guys) get faster when they get older because they get alot stronger than the girl riders."

Christy: "Right now, I'm sure both of us can beat the boys most of the time. But as you get older, they have a way of getting stronger and faster."

BMXM: "When the other girl beats you fair and square, do you get mad at her or yourself?"

Anna: "Both." (Christy nods)

BMXM: "Okay, last question. What goals have you two set for 1984?"

Anna: "To beat her for national number 1."

Christy: "I'm trying for national number 1 girl in the ABA, because they give a five thousand dollar scholarship, and because Hutch wants me to. I'm at the top of the age group."

Well, there it is race fans. Everything you always wanted to know about Anna and Christy. And with both girls looking for that number one, I have a feeling that these two are in for a very interesting summer.



HUTCH / N.B.L. WAR OF THE STARS VII Pompano, Florida



Veltman's leading here, but Mike Memery won it when Veltman dumped it.

Ah. Florida. The home turf of BMX greats Nelson Chanady and Timmy Judge. The land of sunshine, palm trees, and orange juice. It's also the traditional starting point for the N.B.L. national tour, and a great place for a vacation. The second battle of the two day-two race series opener drew the BMX warriors to Pompano, and the boys club BMX track. Signups hit the 1200 mark for the second day in a row, and Hutch was back to sponsor day two. They gave away some trick goodies, including a Pro Star bike, Hutch cranks, and those new star studded Hutch Grips.

Storm clouds threatened to dampen things up a bit during practice, but by lunch time, the sun was out and the comp was gettin' fierce. The Good-year Blimp circled the track during the third round motos. Everyone seemed to get a big kick out of that. The officiating crews did their usual great job. Thanks a bunch Gang.

The track was on the long side, with some tough turns. The layout started with a long straight that has

two jumps. Then out of turn one there's a double jump, and another straight. Out of the next turn, you'll find a speed jump, and a big, gnarly step jump. Then there's an S-turn, a medium sized table top, and a short haul to the finish line.



Rich Zagars is lookin' like Eddy King looked in his rookie year as a pro.

When the Pro Money Madness got under way, everyone seemed to look great. The comp was so intense that Eddy King, John Piant, Stu Thomsen, and Scott Clark all had wins in the early motos. The main was definitely up for grabs. When the gate dropped, Scott Clark got the jump and led into turn one. Anthony Sewell, who survived a first round crash to make the main, moved into second. Eddy King was in third, and breathing down Sewell's neck. Anthony almost crashed, but it was still Clark, Sewell, and King at the line.

All those new B pros looked real fast, but Nelson Chanady and Rich Zagars dominated the motos. Chanady holeshot the main, but Zagars was comin' after him, and D.D. Leone was lookin' to swoop 'em both. Chanady won it after leading the whole way. Leone grabbed second when Zagars crashed along the way, but Rich still managed to grab third. In the Pro Cruiser motos, Brent Patterson looked like the man to beat, but no one could. He won the main easily.





Novices take note. Stu and Brent have their back wheels on the ground and **they're** in the lead.

Awesome Amateurs

Schwinn just picked up Julie Lindsay for their factory squad, and she certainly looked impressive. Julie had the holeshot and a coast to coast win in 12-13 girls. Tracy Heller outraced three national number holders in 14-15 girls to take a big W.O.S. victory.

Kurt Esser was another awesome amateur. He pulled an incredible triple. George Seevers was another hot amateur. George won the 9 expert main easily. He had a four bike length lead in the first turn! Then he went and won his open to double.

The 14 cruiser main was quite a show. Steve Veltman got the snap with Frankie Chirlo hot on his tail. When Chirlo crashed, Mike Memery moved into second. Then Veltman slipped his pedals right before the last jump, and could only watch as Memery shot by and won it.

Adalberto Lopez came all the way from Puerto Rico to enter the race, and wasn't going home without a big ol' trophy to show his friends. Adalberto won 6 novice hands down. Two of the home town boys, Sam Blanton and Anthony Ilas grabbed second and third.

Another home town dude, Pat Connolly, aced the 16 novices, and Alabama's Phil Northington beat out six other Floridans for second. Earl Mark swooped in third.

The top three spots in 11 novice were all taken by Florida natives. Kasey Thompson hauled off the biggest trophy, with Adam Griswold and Robby Deleese taking second and third.

As those last motos crossed the line, and another Battle drew to a close, one thing was perfectly clear. The winners, the losers, and the in between all had a great time in Pompano. Compliments of Hutch and the N.B.L. of course.



Thruster's Chriss Williams and Ken Aman from Mongoose bookin' over the last jump.

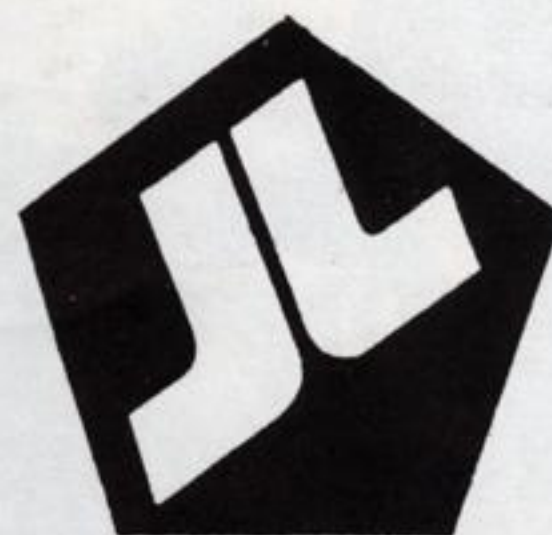
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| Scott Clark | Julie Lindsay | Todd Hunter | Kurt Esser | Eric Jensen | Jason Theodore | Bryan Dube |
| Anthony Sewell | Kim Goudey | Matt Ling | Jason Griggs | Trey McManus | Kevin McDougale | Bobby Garner |
| Eddy King | Bonnie Hutelin | Neal Allen | Casey Simpkins | Jonathan DePasquale | Joe Spulyer | Mike Coyle |
| B Pro | 14 & 15 girls | 18 to 24 cruiser | 14 & 15 Open | 8 expert | 12 novice | 15 expert |
| Nelson Chanady | Tracy Heller | Robert Anderson | Rodney Cooper | James Meade | Todd Konz | Billy Griggs |
| D.D. Leone | Jeannie Robertson | Manny Balaguer | Jose Romero | John Dionne | Jerry Scalzo | Rodney Cooper |
| Richard Zagars | Shelly Goudey | Billy Weakley | Tim Craig | Bradd Theodore | Kevin Perry | Rusty Cable |
| Cruiser | 16 & over girls | 25 to 34 cruiser | 16 & over Open | 9 novice | 12 expert | 16 novice |
| Brent Patterson | Kathy Schachel | Nathan Laspeyre | Rick Palmer | Greg Riordan | Monty Gray | Pat Connolly |
| D.D. Leone | Julie Klimer | Gregurio Perez | Vince Asbury | David Fussell | Robert Swick | Phil Northington |
| Toby Henderson | Diana Marshall | Stephen Maddrey | Mike Hibner | Chris Peck | Brad Birdwell | Earl Mark |
| Pro Awards | 13 cruiser | 35 & over cruiser | 6 novice | 9 expert | 13 novice | 16 expert |
| Edward King | Kurt Esser | Bill Green | Adalberto Lopez | George Seevers | Mark Carlson | J.C. Garongik |
| Nelson Chanady | Ray Obolewicz | Edward Pocetti | Sam Blanton | Brian Colegrove | Keith Barnett | Ray McNally |
| Eric Rupe | Monty Gray | Roger Nass | Anthony Ilas | Mitch Watkins | Doug Frank | Jon Anderson |
| 7 & under girls | 14 cruiser | 7 & under Open | 6 expert | 10 novice | 13 expert | 17 novice |
| Jennifer Babcock | Mike Memery | Barry Dyche | Richard Hansard | Jason Meegan | Riut Esser | Carlos Otero |
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| 8 & 9 girls | 15 cruiser | 8 & 9 Open | 7 novice | 10 expert | 14 novice | 17 expert |
| Jodi Romanelli | Billy Griggs | George Seevers | Tyler Samuel | Shellby James | Jamie Holman | Dean Deeb |
| Kristy Manning | Todd Henry | Steven Modon | Barry Dyche | Colby Brown | Glenn Saunders | Fred Canary |
| Angela Chandler | Jose Romeno | Leonard Catabia | Jamie Fisher | Andy Knorr | Michael Gaffaney | Derek Reese |
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| Christy Anderson | Jon Anderson | Kevin McDougale | Matt McCulled | Kasey Thompson | Steve Veltman | |
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| Julie Green | Mark Lopez | Bradley Moore | Chris Smith | Robby Deleaze | Peter Casano | |

ROAD GAMES FOR HOT SHOES



By: Donald Gilbert

What's that racer? You say that you've been in the back of your dad's van for 10 hours, and you're bored. Well, after you read BMX Madness, cover to cover, about half a dozen times. And the batteries in your Walkman go dead, you can try some of our BMX Madness word games.

Parents are gonna love our games, because you play them sitting down. They'll keep your racers in one spot, and fairly quiet in between rest stops. The kids will love 'em because most of the games involve BMX.

Most of these games were thought up during a trip to Florida for the War of the Stars VII openers. I also must admit that I had some help from "Atomic" Tommy, and Stacey, the junior members of the BMX Madness crew.

BMX Picnic

No, you don't get to eat during this game, but it can lead to plenty of laughs. It's simple too. The first person says, "I went to a picnic, and I took along a _____." Now, the idea is to use BMX words to fill in the blank. Then the second player repeats the sentence along with the first player's word, and adds a second word. So, the list keeps getting longer until someone misses a word in the list. When a player misses, he's out, and the remaining players start all over again. The last person left in the game wins.

Bubble Buggies

This game is "Atomic" Tom's personal favorite. Each player sits next to a window, and waits for a Volkswagen Beetle to come along. When you see one, you say, "Bubble Buggy" and the

color of the car. You might ask Mom or Dad to keep score so there's no arguments. The first player to spot 21 bubble buggies wins, and a new game starts.

The Sign Game

This game starts by one player picking a BMX word. We'll use Redline for an example. Each player grabs a window and watches the road signs. First, you have to find the "R" in Redline. When you find one, tell the other players, "I've got 'R'". Then find the "E". The game goes on until one player completes the word, and that player wins. Again you might want to appoint Mom or Dad as referee.

Story Time

This is another game that's a load of laughs, and it's educational too. First, an older player, or parent writes a story. Then you'll have to go through the story and cross out all the nouns. One player starts by reading the story, and pointing to another player, when one of the crossed out nouns comes up. The chosen player has to, and here's the educational part, insert a BMX noun in place of the crossed out noun. So, the finished product sounds like this:

Reader: I went to a;
Player 1: bike shop;
Reader: to eat some;
Player 2: goggles;
Reader: but;
Player 3: Johnny;
Reader: ate the;
Player 1: bike shop;
Reader: instead....

of course, your story can go on and on, and you can use as many players as you like. Get the Idea?

These four games should keep you busy for awhile, and you might try making up your own road games. If you invent something real good, shoot it off to the BMX Madness office, and it just might wind up in our letters column. And until next time race fans, keep on goin' for it.



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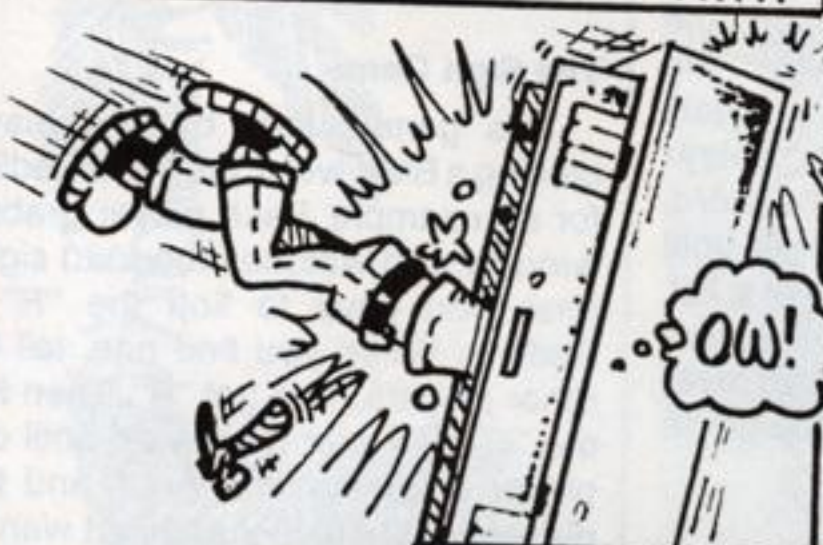


THE GREASER AND THE CHAIN HAVE JUST ESCAPED FROM PRISON...

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INTO A NEARBY TOOL LOCKER HE GOES, KNOWING THIS WAS A JOB FOR.....



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THEN... WITH SHEER WILLPOWER, CROMOMAN DEFIES THE LAW OF GRAVITY... AND SCALES UP THE WALL OF THE TRADE CENTER!



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I GOT ALL MONTH TO WAIT, GREASER!



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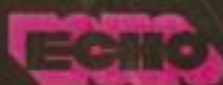
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