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**BILL MUNCK
WALL TO WALL ROCK'N' ROLL**

90 CONSECUTIVE ONE-WHEELERS BY MUNCK 1st. PLACE ENDLESS SUMMER

ROSEVILLE TEAM INVITATIONAL
Endless Summer Skatepark
Roseville, Michigan

A blazing sun and clear day set the scene for a day of high-energy skating at Endless Summer Sktpk. The park's second annual Team Invitational again brought together teams from in and around Michigan. Although the quantity of skaters was off from last year's huge event, the quality was of the highest caliber!

The "wheelers" event climaxed with a super intense final

session. Todd Cadieux, of Skateboard USA, managed to pull off 51 consecutive wheelers which, momentarily, set a new park record, but things were just warming up. Mark Carpenter, of Endless Summer, followed with 70 consecutive wheelers and everyone conceded him as "Numero Uno". Everyone, that is, except Mark's teammate, Bill Munck. A fierce competitor, Bill put it all on the line and stoked everyone by executing 90 consecutive one-wheelers!!!!

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**WHEN YOU'RE HOT
YOU'RE HOT&WHEN
YOU'RE NOT
YOU'RE BOARD
DON'T SELL!**

That may be the axiom of the future, in skateboarding.

More and more, skateboard sales are directly connected with the performance of the skater. Of course there may be some exceptions, but for the most part, Parks and shop owners report that signature model boards, especially those of some of the top-placing skaters in Pro contests, are selling 3 to 1, when compared to the non-signature models.

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PRO SKATER DEFEATED BY CITY OFFICIAL ON SKATEBOARD RAMP

Gainesville, Fla.

Pro skater Jim McCall of Melbourne, Fla., has won numerous contests nationwide, but just lost a skirmish with City Hall.

The 18 yr. old skater's troubles began about three months ago when he decided to build a skateboard ramp (8' tall) in the back of his yard.

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WEEKLY GRINDERS

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NOW WE'RE GETTING SOMEWHERE. The San Diego Skatepark League, with the assistance of Pogo's Pro Shop in Chula Vista is awarding, in addition to their regular competition trophies, a foot and a half tall "piece of hardware" for the skater exhibiting the most sportsmanship during contests.

Jim Lindsey, manager of OASIS, reports that the trophy is most highly sought after by skaters, because it represents the best of all trophies.

First winner was young Kenny Stelmasky of Spring Valley and most recent winner was Mike Lepre. The skater does not need to win the event to win the trophy and, as in the case of Mike, his determination and courage during the event, made him a real winner.

Amateur standout, Mike Smith, formerly with HOBIE has now joined the SIMS rank of hot skaters, as part of their amateur team.

Leaving the SIMS fold, is outrageous eight(roller) wheel magician, Fred Blood. Fred is starting his own company and developing the "BLOOD LINE" type of equipment. Fred's now working on a diamond-shape roller wheel. What price fame! You win some and you loose some.

Contrary to the rumors floating around, the WINCHESTER

park in Winchester, Calif is not closed. The park is open every day, except Tues. & Wed. Dan and Dave are still active and although recouperating from their last PRO event, both physically and financially, their in there for the duration.

Not too far from Winchester, in Milpitas, SkatePark Victoria is plannin'a PRO BOWL event sometime in January of 1980. Exact details are not known at this time, but wheels are in motion to make it happen.

We've been talking to many Park owners, that expressed concern about putting on PRO events, in the manner that most have done. Banner space from manufacturers and entry revenues is not sufficient to take care of the "nut" to put on an event. Some feel that, there's got to be a different approach to a PRO event. One suggestion, voiced by a Park owner is that, "the next event, I'll let some big sponsor put up all the money and make the event, its event". Otherwise, the general feeling is that; it is a loosing proposition to put on a PRO event, just for the sake of getting the Park's picture in the mag and the ego trip that it brings.

In our last issue we credited Duke Rennie(winner of the Winchester Roller skate Pro) for skating for Road Skates, but we neglected to mention that he also skates for POWELL. Phones ring off the hook, when you make one little oversight!

Who is the best Amateur skater in the Country? Who is the best PRO skater in the Country? Shouldn't we all be

supportive of programs that at least are working toward that direction?

"Osgood Slaughter"...what is it? We just found out that its a common affliction with growing youngsters. One of the three bones that make up part of the knee, grows faster than the others. Remedy, ... lay back from all sports and wait until the other two bones catch up. Latest victim of such dreadful-sounding ailment, but not so serious, is Allen Losi, amateur skater for VARIFLEX. He should be alright in about two to three weeks.

Bert LaMar, young SIMS Pro skater, will be making a personal appearance at the Cherry Hill Skatepark in New Jersey on November 20 to the 27th. He's been invited to show the local rippers some of the West coast action.

We hear from Jim Skile, of SENSATION BASIN in Gainsville, Florida, that during the Thanksgiving weekend, on Nov. 24, they are putting on a W.R.A.P.S contest. For some of you who don't know what that is; it means: Wild Radical Annual Party Session. How can you not know that?

Any way, it's open for Pros and Am and it's the culmination of a year long group of events. Also in the works is a "circuit" between the Clearwater Skatepark, Rainbow Wave in Tampa and possibly the Kona Skatepark in Jacksonville. They'll let us know soon how it's going to work.

November 10, is the date for the EAST COAST CHAMPIONSHIP to be held at Cherry Hill Park, New Jersey.

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GRINDERS CONTD.

Amateurs and Pros will be competing in Pool and ½ Pipe events.

THE BIGGEST SKATEPARK under one roof, is now located in Columbus, Ohio.

APPLE SKATEPARK has 37,120 square feet of runs, bowls, ½ Pipe, etc. Gene Goldberg and Ted German, co-owners of the park want everyone to know, 'next time you're passing by on Interstate 71 between Morse & 161 Road, come in and say HI!'

Park opened about 10 weeks ago and it is doing great business.

They are planning a Nov.17 ½ Pipe Amateur contest.

We understand, the man to beat out there is young Kenny Mollica, local ripper.

Joe Squilla from the New Wave Park in Pittsburg, wants to know if Ray Allen is really Woody Allen's Bro. Is the Pope Catholic, does Tom Sims have "snakes", can "El Gato" do "elgueros"?

Our second mistake ever. In our last issue(OCT.31) we listed in our "calendar" section,FEB 2,1980 as the date for the ASPO AMATEUR CIRCUIT contest at Whirlin' Wheels. WRONG! WRONG! FEB 2 is the correct date, but it's going to be at the BIG "O" Park in Orange. Whirlin' Wheels date is FEB 23,1980.

To make everything right, just look at this issue's "calendar" section for the correct dates and events. You just can't get good help now a days!

HOBIE's "El Gato" Elguera left for Cherry Hill, New Jersey, to do some demo skating on his new "EL GATO" model, soon to be on the market.

CONTD. FROM P1 COL 2 ROSEVILLE TEAM

Nine year old, Jex Harrison displayed a stylish routine in the 10 & under class. He put it together with a hands-behind-the-back carve, rock'n roll, ccess slide, and hand plant to easily take 1st place. The other half of the E.S. dynamic duo, six yr. old, Jeremy Combs carved and back-sided himself into 2nd place.

An upset took place in the 14-16 category as pre-tournament favorite, "Mr. Smooth" Shawn Scott, from Akron, Ohio, placed 3rd in the pool event. 1st place went to Bill Ferguson, whose flawless routine included such moves as a fully extended hand plant, aerials, and assorted vertical slides. Bill Munck blazed his way to 2nd place.

The half-pipe, which is seventeen feet across, is sometimes considered too tight for the older guys, but it was the 17 & over group that virtually ripped it to shreds! Mike Early, of Cosmic Wave, delighted fans with his "high speed" roll-ins. Mark Carpenter combined rock'n'rolls, ccess slides, and wall to wall

Cherry Hill Skatepark invited Eddie to show some of the East Coast skaters, some of his outrageous moves and routines.

Ever since RECTOR switched to plastic cups and high density nylon material, lots of Pro skaters have made the switch.

Now wearing the Santa Rosa based company gear are guys like Grisham, Andrecht, Halverson, Orton, Hirsch, Miller, Rodrigues and a bunch of other top skaters. As the safety equipment gets better, so does the skating. Makes sense!

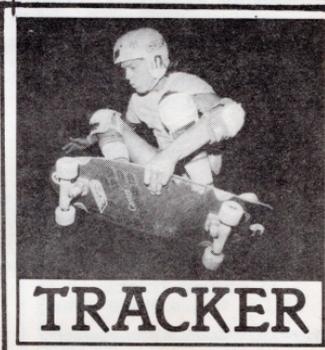
aerials in his radical assault on the pipe's walls. These two, however, were not to be outdone by the ever stylish and clean execution of 1st place winner, Todd Cadieux.

Head judge, Chris Yandall, performed again, with a high degree of professionalism. Chris even donned his skate to enter the aerial comp... (just for fun)and launched himself well over two feet "out"!

Mike Early took best "bongo" awards with a series of heavy-duty body slams.



SHAWN SCOTT
RAMPS EAST, 3rd.
PLACE POOL, 14 - 16



FROM P 1 COL 3 (TOP)

As a result, in this issue, we're featuring some of the top skating PROS, who seem always to be in top of the standings, and tell you a little about their boards.

We covered this story, during the last Winchester contest, and managed to take pictures of some of the skaters on the scene.

We've left out some skaters and their boards, but we'll try to catch them in upcoming issues.



Eddie "El Gato" Elguera, perhaps the best skater in the Country, always in the top 5 in every contest, is looking forward to his model coming out soon.

By the time you read this article, the board should be in your local shop,

The HOBBIE "El Gato" is 10 3/4 X 30 1/2", maple and "botuf" finish. It weighs 3 1/2 lbs.. Tail is 10", nose; 9". Comes in various colors.



David "Raver" Andrecht, SIMS Pro, has managed to remain a threat in every contest he has entered.

SIMS board is rock maple, channel stinger, 30 1/2" X 11" with 15 degree kick tail, 9.75" tail width and weighs 3.4 lbs. Color: Black.



Eric Grisham, VARIFLEX's top Pro, has come on the scene as a true Pro, in the last 6 months. And he is quickly making his mark as one of the top skaters in the Country.

His board is a 29 1/2" X 10 1/2 inch, multi-channel, rock maple board. 15 degrees of tail, tail width is 9 1/2" and nose width is 10 1/2". It weighs 2 3/4 lbs. with grip tape, and it comes in red.



Ray "Bones" Rodrigues, while not figuring in the top 5 in the last few Pro events, made his mark earlier in the year in a couple of the HESTER events, to help propel sales of his model.

The POWELL/PERALTA snub-nose board is 10" X 28 1/2", 12 degrees of tail, tail width is 8.75" and this model weighs 2.8 lbs. There are two other sizes available. Color is Fluorescent yellow, orange.

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Dennis "Polar Bear" Agnew, Z-FLEX skater and DOG TOWN ambassador of good skating, has shown in recent contests that he's becoming more aggressive in style and performance. The recent high placement at Winchester indicated that.

The Z-FLEX "Winger" is a new design in the market. The deck is concave, to keep the feet from edging out. Size is 31" X 10 1/2", maple, about 2.5 lbs. and it comes in natural wood color.



George "Cheerios" Orton is one of the most aggressive skaters in the Pro Ranks. Every time he competes, he's giving it 110%. A great favorite among young skaters, George's board is selling well.

VARIFLEX makes the Orton model out of rock maple and "verti-lam", It's 10" X 30.5" with a tail of 9.5" and nose of 10.0". One of the strongest boards around, it's designed to hold up, even after George's bio-airs.



Tony Alva has been spending this last year or so, doing alot of traveling in this Country and abroad. His personal appearances help sell his boards and once in a while he manages to enter a PRO event. The Marina DOG BOWL, was one of his better performances this year, where he placed in the top 10.

The board, made by ALVA SKATES, out of Irvine, Cal. is a 30 1/2" X 10 1/2" rock maple. It's a 5 ply litebeam and weighs in at 2 3/4 lbs.



Steve Olson (SANTA CRUZ), considered by many, one of the strongest and most aggressive skaters, has been laying low in competitions. He is actively skating parks promoting his outa' sight model.

Made by SANTA CRUZ, in Northern California, the board is 10 1/2" X 30 1/2", rock maple, weighs 2.5 lbs. No further data available.

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RESULTS

MIDWEST TEAM INVITATIONAL

POOL

10&Under

- 1st- Jex Harrison
(Endless Summer)
2nd- Jeremy Combs
(Endless Summer)

11-13

- 1st- Chris Cameron
(Endless Summer)
2nd- Chris Moore
(Endless Summer)
3rd- Al McDonald
(Don Thomas Spths.)

14-16

- 1st- Bill Fergusson
(Endless Summer)
2nd- Bill Munck
(Endless Summer)
3rd- Shawn Scott
(Ramps East)

17-Over

- 1st- Todd Cadieux
(Skateboard U.S.A.)
2nd- Mark Carpenter
(Endless Summer)
3rd- Earl Watson
(Ramps East)

HALF PIPE

10-Under

- 1st- Jex Harrison
(Endless Summer)
2nd- Jeremy Combs
(Endless Summer)

11-13

- 1st- Chris Moore
(Endless Summer)
2nd- Chris Cameron
(Endless Summer)
3rd- Chris Horoshko
(Skateboard U.S.A.)

14-16

- 1st- Bill Munck
(Endless Summer)
2nd- Shawn Scott
(Ramps East)

17-Over

- 1st- Todd Cadieux
(Skateboard USA)
2nd- Mike Early
(Cosmic Wave)
3rd- Mark Carpenter
(Endless Summer)

ONE WHEELERS (consecutive)

- 1st- Bill Munck (90)
2nd- Mark Carpenter (70)
3rd- Todd Cadieux (51)

AIR

- 1st- Mike Early
2nd- Todd Cadieux
3rd- Bill Fergusson

TEAM RELAY

- 1st- COSMIC WAVE
Kalamazoo, Michigan
2nd- HIGH ROLLERS
Fenton, Michigan
3rd- RAMPS EAST
Akron, Ohio

VAN'S OFF SHORE CONTEST
Colton, Ca.
10-27-79

BOWL

12&Under (unsponsored)

- 1st- Doug Cobalis
2nd- Greg Chasen
3rd- Eric Schriber

13-15 (unsponsored)

- 1st- Roland Cobalis
2nd- Mark Simmons
3rd- Chris Saputo

16&Over

- 1st- Mark Norby
2nd- Paul McArther
3rd- Jerry Schuman

SLALOM (unsponsored)

- 12&Under- Jeff Ronnow
14-15- Andre Downey
16-19- Mike Clough

FREESTYLE (unsponsored)

13-15

- 1st- Andre Downey
2nd- Pat Baird
3rd- Ricky DeWitt

16&Over

- 1st- Mick Draganor
2nd- Dave DeMaio

TEAM STANDINGS

- 1st- ENDLESS SUMMER (A team)
2nd- ENDLESS SUMMER (B team)
3rd- SKATEBOARD U.S.A.
4th- COSMIC WAVE
5th- RAMPS EAST

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FROM P 1 COL 3

He said he needed the ramp to practice and remain competitive, especially since several parks had closed in his area.

Some of McCall's neighbors in the Ixora Park area were not too happy about the ramp nor the noise it generated when Jim and his friends got together. They complained to City Hall.

Government, not knowing where to draw the line in their involvement with the community, intervened and decided that: "The use of this structure does not conform to the zoning district" stated City Engineer Mike Donahue.

"It is not in keeping with the single-family residential character of the district.

Mrs. McCall indicated that her son was very dejected about the decision and tried to conform by clamping strict restrictions on the ramp's use, including no skateboarding after 8 pm. and no use by anyone outside the immediate family.

Nevertheless, the ramp came down last weekend, proving once again that government & its bureaucracy can foul up and make it hard for a youngster to be involved in something constructive, fun, healthy and rewarding.

HOW COME YOUR PARK IS NOT UP THERE?

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Dennis Martinez has been an excellent all around skater for some time. As a freestyler and bank skater he's demonstrated great ability. His board model, recently released by Variflex, is one of the best designs around.

The deck is 29 1/2" X 10", weighs about 2.75 lbs and it comes with 4 rail air-bars. Color is to Black rock maple.

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