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PRO 'CIRCUIT' RE-SCHEDULED TO NOV. 15, 1979

Woodland Hills, Ca.

September 9, 1979

By Leslie

PSA has announced the re-scheduling of the starting date for the PRO "CIRCUIT".

"CIRCUIT" competition will start on November 15, 1979.

Lou Peralta, organizer of the "CIRCUIT" cites various reasons for the postponement.

Many PRO and "would be PRO" skaters have been on vacation and have not received any information about the program.

"We're also working on a new Judging system for Pool, Bowl Half-Pipe & Pipe competition that needs to be reviewed by many of the current PROS and experts," stated Peralta.

The system will simplify and make judging more accurate and 'we don't want to start the season with one system and then have to switch'.

Also, Peralta states, "many of the CIRCUIT Sponsors have been away in sales trips and vacations. They too need to be brought up to date as to what the "CIRCUIT" is all about.

Mickey Alba (KRYPTONICS) and Eddie Elguera (HOBIE) two skaters with an excellent chance to take the Final PRO/AM HESTER at Pipeline and walk away with "1st overall" in the series. Photo Whittier/HESTER. LP.

HESTER PRO-AM/PIPELINE FINALS -PREVIEW

ON SEPTEMBER 22-23 the Final HESTER will be held at the Pipeline, in their "new" square and round pools, recently built to Don Hoffman's designs.

These two pools will offer a strong challenge to both PROS and AMATEURS alike.

AMATEUR competitions will start approximately at 9 am. on both Saturday and Sunday.

PRO competition will start approximately 5pm evening.

Based on the current heat-wave and 100 degree plus temperatures, this news may be a welcome relief to many PROS.

Mathematically, there appears to be only two skaters who qualify for the "overall" 1st place in the Series. They are Mickey Alba, currently going into the HESTER with 305 pts. and Eddie Elguera with 260 p.

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WEEKLY GRINDERS

BY

ANITA GRYND

The PSA PRO "CIRCUIT" has been re-scheduled to start November 15, Thursday. The reason is that many PROS have been out of town on Vacation and have not received the information. Also, there is a new system that may be used for Judging that needs to be worked out. A PRO meeting has been scheduled for Friday, September 21, 7PM at the Pipeline. More details in this issue. (see front Pg.)
\$ \$ \$ \$

Henry Hester and Don Hoffman inform us that this last HESTER will be a PRO-AM. PRO events will start in the early evening and the AMATEUR events will start around 9am same days (Sept. 22-23)
\$ \$ \$ \$

VARIFLEX is due to come out with their new wheel by the time you read this. Advance orders are heavy according to Jay Losi. Also the new ERIC GRISHAM board is due by the end of September. And their new 9" Connection Truck is also due by the end of this month. Those Losi boys are keeping busy, busy, busy!
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Joel Vest of Lakewood informs us that the new building is almost ready and that by mid October there'll be a new out-door roller rink. New developments for the park will help boost sales and admissions. It's good to see that some park owners are putting their money where their heart is!
\$ \$ \$ \$

Latest skatepark to bite the proverbial dust is Sidewalk Surfpark in Fountain Valley. We've not been able to reach owner Bob Healy for comments. Maybe that's the problem, owners are never around and the park suffers. Aloha in Agoura and Skateboard Heaven in Spring Valley closed earlier in the summer.
\$ \$ \$ \$

PSA will like to inform all PROS or skaters who have in mind to turn PRO, that if you have not been receiving info from PSA, your not in their mailing list. You better call them at (213) 345-7300 NOW!
\$ \$ \$ \$

Talking about mailing lists, this paper is trying to put together a directory of all "OPEN" Skateparks in the country. If anyone out there has such a list, we would appreciate hearing from you. We're sending copies to skateparks all over the country, but I'm sure there are many that we don't know about.
\$ \$ \$ \$

Eddie Elguera pulled up the other day at the Colton Skatepark with his new LUV pick up and brand new Roll-bars, thanks to the last HESTER at Whittier. The truck is a hot-looking 4X4 ready for off-road punishment.
\$ \$ \$ \$

Lou Peralta, President of ASPO informs us that arrangements are being made for the Banquet and AWARDS ceremonies for the ASPO AMATEUR LEAGUE. The festivities are to be held at the BIG O Skatepark in Orange, on October 27 at Noon. Trophies will be awarded to the top teams in the league and the top individual skaters. This year's Pro crop has many former ASPO all-stars; Andrecht, LaMar, Repas, Grisham to name a few. Also planned for the day is lots of food and competitions for ASPO participants.
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New Address Dept. VARIFLEX is now located at 9644 Lurline Ave. Chatsworth, Ca. 91311 (213) 341-7301
\$ \$ \$ \$

Name Change Dept. The Pomona Pipe & Pool skatepark has been re-named THE NEW WAVE. Greg Milgrew, the man in charge informs us. Heavy plans for the coming months. Labor day already saw a big Rock promotion, with DEVO on hand to make some wild and crazy sounds. More ROCK concerts are planned at the park to help skaters get in the POOL-GROOVE. Also planned for December is a PRO event. No details yet as to what type of event. Same address and same phone. Call for more info.
\$ \$ \$ \$

PIPELINE is planning several events. Roller PRO-AM Pool; Roller Marathon Race; PRO Pole-Vaulting ?????? Leave it up to Don to think of that one! Don is also experiencing same vertical feed-back as SkaterCross. Pools in both parks offer 3' & 4' actual VERT! Consolation...the new wave of young rippers are cutting their teeth on lots of vert with no complaints. They'll be ready to rip anywhere!
\$ \$ \$ \$

GRINDERS (contd)

Some parks report that sales on the neat looking 360 SPORTS WEAR is picking up. Back to school sessions can be attributed.

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Speaking of "back to school", many parks are offering "specials" on admissions and merchandise this month. Call them for more info.

\$ \$ \$ \$

Alba Sr., famous father of famous duo Steve & Mickey and the Cobalis family can always be seen at every event that the boys are competing in. It nice to see family support and we would like to see more of it. You guys and girls put on the sad-scene with your parents if they give you excuses as to why they can't come and see you skate. It works most of the time!

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WALL-PRO, the famous SHOX Wrist-Guards, Elbow & Knee Pads people, are now coming out with skateboard pants.

They will be longer than shorts, heavy new padding, yet, lots of room to stretch. Heavy duty nylon and or leather styles will be available in mid-November.

\$ \$ \$ \$

LOOK for the PSA competition schedule in our Next Issue. The schedule is now being completed with all the participating parks. Dates, times and type of event will be neatly printed and available to all PROS, Parks and supporters.

\$ \$ \$ \$

New HI-BALL game going in at Del Mar. Wayne Searle called to tell us about it. Can we expect competitions between parks in the near future? SkaterCross and Big O already have them.

\$ \$ \$ \$

PRO-CIRCUIT (contd)

The PSA is also working in obtaining a commitment from outside media to cover all of the events or at least carry the results and standings on a weekly basis.

In line for commitments are the L.A Times, Herald Examiner, Long Beach Press and several other key newspapers. Also, there's a good possibility that most of the local TV Stations may carry results on a semi-regular basis.

"All this has taken more time than anticipated", says Lou, "but it is worth it if we can get it. We want to go into the season, with the best possible program for PROS and Spectators alike.

A letter has also gone out to many manufacturers, indicating a revision of the amount for Sponsorship of the CIRCUIT.

The original sum of \$2,000. per Sponsor for the PRO-FUND, has been reduced to \$1,000.

"In doing this", Peralta states, "we will make it easier on many companies that wanted to become Sponsors of the CIRCUIT, but could not commit to the original sum, the opportunity to participate in the program."

PSA is currently working on an out-side sponsor to put up cash for the PROS.

Their goal is to have between \$10,000. and \$15,000. in the POINTS FUND from within the Industry and maybe sweeten the pot to \$20,000.-\$25,000. from an "out-side" Sponsor.

This paper will keep you posted of all developments as well as, the schedule of all dates and events in the "CIRCUIT".

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THE PRO CIRCUIT IS HERE

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SEPT 21
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HESTER PREVIEW (contd)

These two skaters have been in the winners circle all summer long and since the PIPELINE is close to their homes, they are the odds-on favorite to take the big cash prize.

First place will again be worth \$1,000.; Second, \$500. Third, \$250.; Fourth \$125. Fifth, \$100.; Sixth \$75.; and Seventh, \$25.

The Doubles competition, now proving very exciting and popular, has been given a boost in prize money, with First being worth \$500.; Second, \$300. and Third \$100.

These two events will be the only events on the Final HESTER.



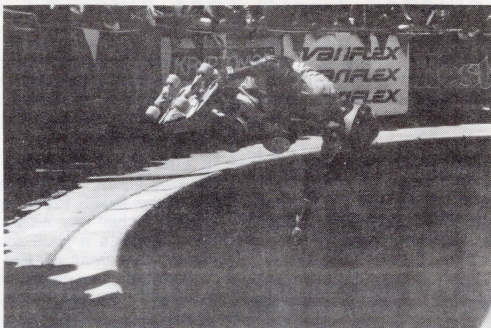
Dave Andrecht(SIMS) currently in 3rd. in the HESTER Series. Favorite maneuver.

For some observations on the coming HESTER, we tried calling all TEN skaters on the top 10 standings.

Unfortunately, we weren't able to reach all of them but here's what some had to say about the Final and about the Series itself:

MIKE ALBA
KRYPTONICS
Montclair, Ca.

Mike is currently in first place as far as point standings. (305...Elguera; in 2nd, w/ 260) All in all,



Bert LaMar (SIMS/LAMAR) a constant top finisher, here showing his smooth style at Whittier. Currently in 9th place in the Series. He's been skating Pipeline only and getting "used to it". Photo LP.

Mike feels the Series was a good one, but felt it could have been organized better. He also felt that Hester should go to other sponsors for more money, such as Coca-Cola, instead of depending on his own funds. Mike's expectations for this upcoming contest are good, however, he feels that quite a few guys will probably get hurt in Upland's gnarly 12' pool. Still, we think Mike's chances are pretty good.

When asked what he would do with the money if he should win, Mike replied, "I'll put it in the bank and save it". "What for?" ...What else: "a car when I get older!" Mike, of course, has been practising, and he is looking forward to the bowlriding. He says he's not really into doubles, but will probably enter anyways...although he's not yet sure who his partner will be. Mike's looking forward to the end of the Series, but plans to enter any other contests that may come along.

JAY SMITH
POWELL/PERALTA
Reseda, Ca.

When asked of Jay what he thought of the HESTER series so far, he replied simply: "good idea!"

Since the series began he has been taking his skating more seriously. His spectations for the Final competition at the Pipeline, run high, as he hopes to be in the top ten and possible in the winners circle.

If he should win the \$1,000. prize money, Jay has plans to spend it on a "power booster-equalizer and pre-amp" for his stereo...among other things.

He's looking forward to the "singles" event and has some "strictly confidential" tricks up his sleeve.

Unfortunately, practice at Upland has been minimal due to a messed-up knee, caused by a famed-layback. Also, "just getting there has been a problem".

Jay feels that the end of the series will give him more time to practice new techniques.

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JAY SMITH (contd)

As far as the future, Jay would like to see plans for his model, which is very possible.

Overall, "its alot of fun" and it got him involved in developing his skating techniques. Also, he'd like to earn a living at it.

ERIC GRISHAM
VARIFLEX
Sepulveda, Ca.

Eric's 135 points in the HESTER top 10 standings, has earned him 8th place, going into the Final.

This isn't bad, considering that Eric turned PRO just recently, for the Boulder event.

Eric hopes to place first in the "doubles"(He and Steve Hirsch won the event at Whittier) and somewhere first or fourth in the Pipeline Pools, and lots of \$\$\$\$\$\$!

He also feels that, his efforts in the coming contest will place him pretty well up there in his total point standings for the Series.

Eric's feelings toward the Series in general?...Well, he thinks "they could have been organized a little better and there should be more money involved, say, \$3,000. for first place?"...Not bad!

As far as practicing goes, Eric's been skating Upland about 3 times a week and hopes to spend the week before the contest at the Alba's residence and practice every day.

What will Eric do with his prize money, should he win? "well it depends on how much I get, but I'll probably spend most of it on my girlfriend".

Grisham is really looking forward to the "doubles" event, in which he'll pair-up again with team mate Steve Hirsch. They won the Whittier "doubles" with an outrageous routine.

Not a bad deal to win, since Steve's still an Amateur he won't have to split the prize money. (unless Steve decides to turn PRO).

Eric's sorry to see the end of the Series, but will go on to compete in the PSA "Circuit" soon to start.



Steve Hirsch/Eric Grisham (VARIFLEX) Team mates are favorite to repeat their win in the "doubles" comp. Here's one maneuver that won them first at Whittier.

PETER "KIWI" GIFFORD
Sunspots
Palo Alto, Ca. 180pts.

"pretty good" is the reaction given to us by Peter, as far as the HESTER Series is concerned. He feels that he has been lucky in the point standings (currently in 4th).

His expectations toward the Upland contest is "seeing more radness and 'bio' maneuvers as vertical skating, not so much 'heavy tricks' contest".

Getting his car fixed and paying off a few debts (to his mother) are his plans, should he walk off with the \$1,000. first prize money.

Peter's been practicing lately, although he admittedly could use a more rugged training schedule. He has, pretty much the same tricks as he used in the Whittier competition, and is looking forward to the "doubles", although not being quite sure who his partner will be.

Peter is greeting the end of the HESTER Series with a feeling of relief. "personally, there's alot of pressures involved in competiting...also it's a good chance to get back to the drawing board and learn some new tricks". He'd also like to relax more and keep skating. Hopefully, he won't have to get a "real job" in the near future.

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RESULTS

HESTER STANDINGS Going into Pipeline

Top 10

1. Mickey Alba	305
2. Eddie Elguera	260
3. David Andrecht	200
4. Peter Gifford	180
5. Duane Peters	160
6. Scott Parsons	140
6. Daryll Miller	140
8. Eric Grisham	135
9. Burt LaMar	110
10. Kevin Reed	100
10. Jay Smith	100
10. Chris Stropole	100
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ALL AMERICAN AMATEUR SERIES PIPELINE Sept. 1, 1979

Girls 17 & over

1. Elaine Poirier(VANS)
2. Patti Hoffman(VARIFLEX)
3. Cara Burnside(POWERFLEX)
4. Cindy Whitehead(Z-FLEX)

Boys 10 & under

1. Kele Rosencrans(VANS)
2. Ky Lambert(VARIFLEX)
3. Beatle Rosencrans(VANS)
4. Damon Hall(BAKERSFIELD)
5. Danny Jorgensen(VARFLX)

Boys 11-13

1. Mike Smith(HOBIE)
2. Allen Losi(VARIFLEX)
3. Mike Hirsch(VARIFLEX)

Boys 14-15

1. Dave Zakrzonski(MADRID)
2. Mike Siegfried(VARIFLEX)
3. Teddy Bennett(VANS)
4. Neil Blender(POWERFLEX)
5. David Valdez(KANOA)

Men 16-19

1. Steve Hirsch(VARIFLEX)
2. Jim Gray(POWERFLEX)
3. Craig Rowe(GSS/YO-YO)
4. Freddie Desota(POWERFLEX)
5. Ray Zimmerman(MADRID)

OVERALL TEAMS

1. VARIFLEX	42pts
2. VANS	32pts
3. POWERFLEX	22pts

UNSPONSORED BOYS 12& under

1. Greg Chasen
2. Mike Damico
3. Doug Cobalis
4. Alike Souza
5. Paul Young

UNSPONSORED 13-15 BOYS

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2. Rusty StCyr
3. Roland Cobalis
4. Tim Sweet
5. Craig Carter

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Steve Hirsch	13
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Ky Lambert	10
Allen Losi	13
Gil Losi	16
Terry Martin	32
Rusty Morris	20
Greg O'Neal	16
Mike Siegfried	15

PRO TEAM

ERIC GRISHAM
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PIPELINE-UPLAND
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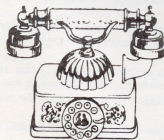
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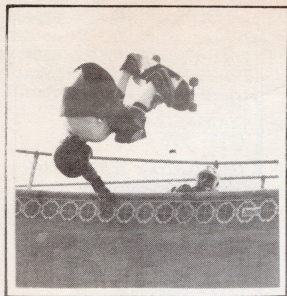
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INTERVIEW with Allen Losi.
By Leslie

AGE: 13 yrs.
HAIR: Blond
STATUS: Amateur
TEAM: Variflex
HOME PARK: Colton
SCHOOL: Kolb Jr. High

Allen Losi, San Bernardino's local ripper skates for VARIFLEX Amateur Team. His board is a George Orton model, with Connection Truck, C-3 wheels, VARIFLEX wrist guards, RECTOR pads and worn out Nikes.

Al's been serious about skating for about a year.

He has competed in at least 20 major amateur events, including all USASA events.

Most recently, Allen placed 1st. in the 11-14 division at OASIS Classic and 1st at the MARINA's/VANS All American events, 3rd at Del Mar's Pool competition.

He likes pool riding although he used to freestyle alot. He'd like to get back to it.

Allen would like to turn PRO by the time he's 16, if not before and follow in the foot steps of fellow team-skater, Eric Grisham.

Allen feels Eric is "an all around nice guy...plus he shreds!!".

Al specializes in "Ollie-air", although he's got the basics wired.

How do his parents feel about his skating?

Well considering that Gil Losi Sr. is owner with brother Ray Losi of VARIFLEX and Coach of the team, and mother Jannet is manager of the Colton Ranch, they like it just fine and encourage him.

In fact, mom and dad can be seen on the sidelines at most events.

Allen says he's got no other hobbies except skating, which he does all the time. However, he did mention something about girls.

Although Allen is confident about his skating, he too has had his share of injuries.

He has pulled ligaments and bruised ribs three times. He also suffers from water in the knees, plus the fact that he falls alot.

"It's all part of the game. If you're going to be good, you've gotta pay the price".

After all, if he can place 1st. at OASIS with a pulled ligament, it shows the kind of fortitude and determination it takes to be a winner.

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