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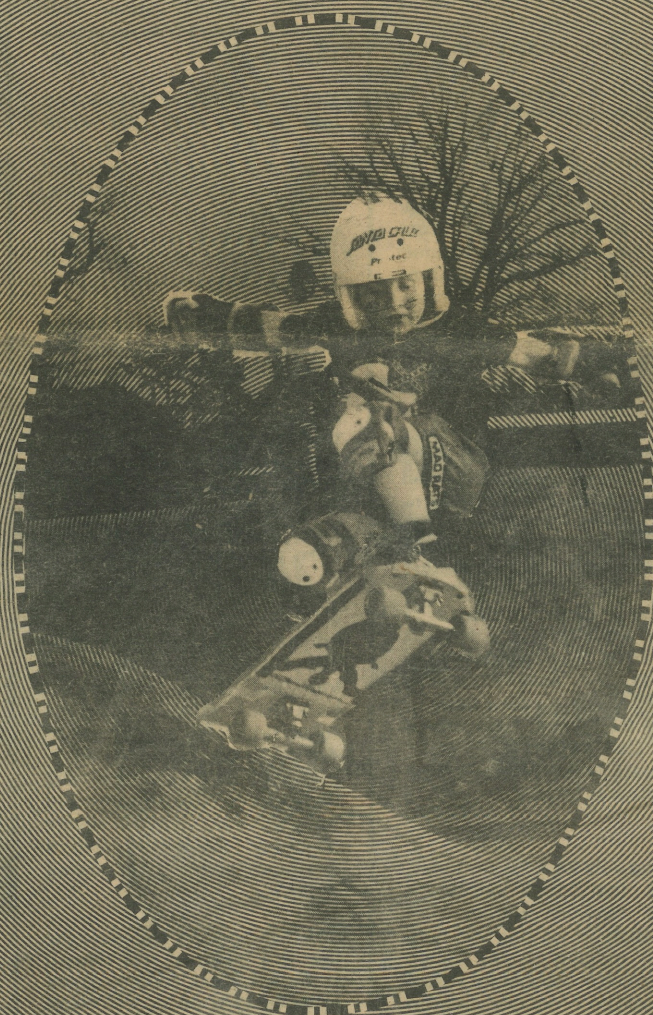


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WEEKLY GRINDERS

BY Anita Grynd

All right, those of you who have been wondering about our publishing schedules, wonder no more. Henceforth starting with this issue, SKAT'N NEWS will be published on a "Monthly" basis. The paper should come out around the 15th of every month. Thus, we won't overlap with other publications that come out on the first of the month.

The reason for this is unfortunately too simple. Not enough action at this point and time in skateboarding; lots of parks closing or having closed and a diminishing source advertisement support. While we've made our mark since June of 79' as a "Bi-weekly" paper, bringing you timely and fast news, we feel we can no longer put such format to use at this time.

Rather than "chuck" the whole thing, we're committed by hook or crook to get "the word out to you out there". So if it means that it comes once a month, it's better than no word at all!

Those of you who signed up for 26 issues, don't worry, you'll get 26 issues. It may take a little longer but it's worth the wait. In the meantime if things get better, we'll be there.

Contrary to what you may have heard, COLTON Skatepark is not closed, nor is it planning to close. In fact the Losi's-Jannet and Gil have just signed a three year lease to keep the park open. This is good news in the light of many sad ones.

One sad piece of information came to us this past week. APPLE Skatepark is closed, due to poor business. One of the great ones "bit the dust". If there's a chance that the park will re-open we want to know about it.

We hear that Cherry Hill may re-open at least for the Summer.

The VARIFLEX Summer Tour (second annual) starts July 4th & 5th. They leave that weekend for Skate Wave, Mobile, Alabama, for a July 7-8 showing, then on to Sensation Basin, Kona in Jacksonville for the big Pro/Am; Get-A-Way park in Huntsville, Ala.; Endless Summer, by the 25th of July in Roseville, Michigan, then on to Skateboard U.S.A. Warren Mi.; Cosmic Wave on July 29th; Surf & Turf on 31st; Hi Roller in Boulder, Col. by August 3rd, and then back home for a week's rest at the COLTON Sanitarium for thrashed skaters. Check VARIFLEX's ad in this issue for their exact schedule.

LATE WORD: The LA COSTA ASPO on July 11th will not; I repeat WILL NOT be a Pro/Am event. The reason: On that same weekend, there's a PRO Downhill at Laguna Seca, in Monterey, Northern California. Even though ASPO had scheduled their event far in advance to the Laguna Seca, rather than compete and draw away possible entries from each other, ASPO has decided to go with Amateur Only program. It's too bad because there are so few Pro events for this year, that everyone of them counts. Maybe later on in the year something can be worked out at La Costa.

THE MAGIC MOUNTAIN PRO/AM ASPO remains "on". And from the looks of it it's going to draw entries from all over the country and several foreign countries. We keep reminding you to SIGN UP EARLY, as there will be no "late entries" at either LA COSTA or MAGIC MOUNTAIN. You can start signing at the next ASPO at COLTON or send your entry to ASPO. P.O. Box 411, Woodland Hills, Ca. 91364. La Costa is \$7.00 and Magic Mountain is \$12.50.

Coming July 25 & 26, in Dallas, Texas the Zorlac sponsored Texas Summer Series. The VARI-BUNCH on tour will help in the judging of the Ramp event. Also in Galveston, Texas, there will be Freestyle event on August 1, at Shorebreaker. And get this, the winner will get a "trip to La Vegas"! For more information call (214)352-4372

Another park to add "off road" Radio Controlled racing to

supplement their park income is the Endless Summer park in Michigan. We hear that the Losi clan is packing their cars to take with them when they make their stop during their tour.

Not yet confirmed, but we understand that POWELL will be taking some of their skaters on tour this summer. We're trying to reach Stacy Peralta and perhaps obtain the details of the tour.

The one thing that many of you will have to take into consideration now that we've gone on a monthly schedule is that you will need to send us information about your contests in plenty of time for us to use.

THINK AHEAD about four weeks in order for us to include your schedule.

Because of the skateboarding situation as it is now, we're going to be concentrating more and more on ramp, pools and street skating in future issues. So if you've got this kind of action going in your neighborhood or back yard, document it and let us know about it.

Bob Cohn, manager of Sensation Basin Skatepark, in Gainesville, Florida wanted us to let you know, those who are planning to be doing some traveling this summer, that the Park is open and ready to welcome you. Those folks and skaters are real neighborly and would like to make your skating session the most pleasant of your trip.

SKATERCROSS will be having a Pro/Am Pool this year. It was originally scheduled for July, but since there are teams on tour and several pro events back East, it has been rescheduled for late September. We will be giving you the exact date and details in the next issue, but we hear it's going to be in either pools, it will have a "Doubles" event and also a "Longest Carve" winner take all event.

ASPO is seeking sponsors for the Pro side of the Magic Mountain event. Banner space is being sold on a first come first serve basis for the best and most visual spots available. Cost per banner is \$100.00 with reduced rates for additional banners. Local television is being contacted to show the event, plus approximately

30,000 people will walk through the location of the event, that will make the banner space worth lots of exposure. Those interested may contact ASPO at (213)345-7300.

Our "Editorial" in our last issue drew alot of reaction, all positive, as you will read in our "VOICES" section.

Hey! We just found out that there will be a "motel room" available for the COLTON ASPO. Before you guys start thinking of all kinds of things, this room is for "parents only" who wish to rest and get out of the sun while their skater puts in a full day of competition and skating. Our own photo genius, Rusty Harris has arranged this so that "parents don't get burned out". All parents who wish to take advantage of this can see Rusty during the ASPO.

Guess who's on his way to becoming a Television personality? VARIFLEX's Eric Grisham just signed to do a SHASTA soft drink commercial. With him is also Jeff Kibbe ASPO skater and local Upland shredder. The spot was filmed at MARINA, this past week. In the case of Eric, he stands to make more money out of one commercial, than he has competeting in all Pro events so far. He was discovered doing some unreal things at SKATERCROSS' Pools when the TV people came to cast other skater-actors.

Finally we hear that the BIG O water slide is going to happen. The long awaited slide is due to open July 1st. It's only been about 18 months since the project got started. Elizabeth Wolf now says it will be ready for this summer.

ON THE COVER: Little Todd Smith, five year old, is one of the exciting youngsters in the sport. He's home park is Skatewave, in Mobil, Alabama.

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VOICES

FIVE YEAR OLD RIPPER

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Bill Everett, I am the manager of Skatewave Skateboard Park in Mobile, Ala.

I'm sending you this letter and photo because I feel I have a

remarkable young skater at my park. His name is Todd Smith and he's only 5 years old and is a very good skater.

I felt you would like to be aware of such a good, young skater. I also felt this would promote younger kids to getting into the sport at a younger age. I know it has at my park.

Also let me mention that Todd has been skating for two years since he was 3.

Sincerely yours,

Bill Everett

Mobile, Ala.

What, did he win the Danny Jorgenson look-a-like contest? We feel like you do. The future in skateboarding lies on kids just like Todd and on parents that get behind them. So much so, that you might want to check our cover this issue. Now don't let it go to his head. ED.

APPLE IS GONE

I just left APPLE Skatepark for the last time. That's right, the park is closed. It doesn't seem possible, but it had to happen.

Not enough skaters is the reason. Tell others not to let rocks and dirt take over their pools and banks. It's not a good feeling. Tell them not to take it for granted that the park is doing well. I hope they listen.

Brian Ridgeway
Huntington, W. Va.

P.S. Oh yeah, your mag is the hottest.

We feel almost as bad as you do right now. Not only are we losing a great park, but one of the centers where we could send our issues to and most importantly, we may be losing many great skaters. Maybe you can keep us posted as to what's going on in your area.

FUTURE OF SKATEBOARD

Dear SKAT'N NEWS:

In regards to the future of skateboarding, the following were stolen from Forbes Magazine:

"One should...be able to see things as hopeless and yet be determined to make them otherwise." F. Scott Fitzgerald.

"Difficulties exist to be surmounted." Ralph Waldo Emerson.

"Don't be discouraged by failure. It can be a positive experience. Failure is, in a sense, the highway to success, in as much as every discovery of what is false leads us to seek earnestly after what is true, and every fresh experience points out some error of which we shall afterwards carefully avoid". John Keats.

Philip Chiochio
Gainsville, Fla.

Those who will understand the above, will no doubt take heed and act upon it. ED.

EXCITABLE BOY...A JOKE

I really enjoy your paper. Your contest results and general gossip are interesting and informative. You have only one problem with your rag (no offense - publishing jargon).

Give me a break, PLEASE. I know that you try to print most of the news articles that you receive, but would you try to have a little more discretion in your choice. I'm referring to the nonsense articles by your Gulf Coast reporter.

Your "Excitable Boy", Mike Apperson is a real joke! I was going over your Feb. 3rd, 1981 issue and saw another story that made me ill. So I decided to do a little digging to see if the "Excitable Boy" is really as good as he sez he is.

Looking into the race results of the 1980 CAPITOLA CLASSIC, Mr. Excitable was slower than the girls (sorry girls) in the downhill race. I also happened to compete in the race, and during practice, Mr. "Excitable" continually excited himself off his downhill machine during the first few pushes. He was really

the laugh of the contest. I don't think you saw this Lou, because you were busy shooting pic's for your Great Mag.

Is this your speed demon that is always terrorizing the gulf coast and dropping big names so he can feel a part of it? Do yourself a favor and drop the antics of this skate turkey. Unless you want to make him out as a comic writer, because he IS very funny to watch compete!

Timmy Martoni
La Selva Beach, Ca.

PS. Sorry Mike, but I just heard that CAPITOLA CLASSIC may become an invitational, due to the enormous crowds it drew last year. And looking at your performance last year, it looks like you're out bro! I look forward to seeing you there and racing against you. T.M.

One man's meat is another man's poison. I will be there, with all cameras clicked on and ready to fire when you and the "Excitable Boy" come down the CAPITOLA hill. It shall be recorded for posterity, the outcome that is. Crow will be served for the loser at the bottom of the hill. ED.

EXCITABLE BOY FOR PRES.

I don't know if he's for real or not, whether he can skate or not, but reading some of the "excitable boy" articles in your paper, I have come to realize that skateboarding has a real friend, at least in the Gulf Coast or Eastern front. I live in Raleigh North Carolina, and the skating scene is dead. So when I read of the "excitable boy's" exploits on his quiver, it makes me feel that I'm glad I'm one of the few that is still shooting the hills around here.

If he ever comes out this way, please tell him that I would like to show him some excellent "go fast" terrain.

Your paper is the only source to get my skating news. It's great, please keep it up.

Dan Wilson
Raleigh, N. C.

We'll pass the word on to him, but are you sure the town is ready for him? ED.

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VERT IN GUATEMALA

Recently, we had a very successful vertical rollerskating-vertical skateboarding contest. I thought that a description on this contest would be better than simply sending the placings.

We had representatives from the U.S., Germany, Honduras, Salvador and of course Guatemala.

The quality and radical maneuvers shown here were cheered by the crowd. This also went on the finest sports TV program in Guatemala.

I would say it was a complete success!

Scott Edwards
Guatemala, Central America

Thanks for the info, but pics and results would have made it even better.

Maybe next time. ED.

NOTHING SPECTACULAR

My name is Kevin Tate. I have written to you on a few occasions and sent pictures of most major mid-west action. For four years now (since I was 18) I have continually contributed time, money and effort to the sport.

There are many people who have done the same. The point that I would like to get across to everyone is that I have stuck with this business and learned for the personal satisfaction that I could take it on and deal with it.

The pay was never very good. I am a manager at APPLE SKATEPARK in Ohio now, (this letter was written prior to the park being closed) and your article in the May 20th, Issue 8, made me want to write in to tell you that I can relate to what you said in your editorial about skaters supporting the park and not ripping it off and about management and construction and all the little things that come along.

Believe me, I have been thru most of the crap you have to deal with in this business. Because of no support, Apple

Skatepark may be faced with the same thing as Cherry Hill just faced...closing!

I'd just like to say that I don't think I did anything spectacular by sticking with this stuff, but I love this sport and I would do anything to keep it going and to make it fun as well as profitable for everyone, skaters included. I'd just like to say that I tip my hat to all the people that stuck with and are still hanging in there for the sport. Personally, I'm going to cut back and concentrate on my photography, however, skateboarding will remain a part of me and my life and I would like to say "Good Luck Skateboarding".

Special thanks to Chris Yandall for seriously getting me involved.

Kevin C. Tate
Colombus, Ohio

WHAT CAN WE DO?

As you mentioned in your article "What can we do", I agree that we all have to work hard toward the sport of skateboarding. However, even though parks may have been the focal point over the last five years in skateboarding, never have they represented the bulk of skaters around the world. In fact, I feel it may have "turned off" hundreds of skaters toward skateboarding.

Parks were California's focal point that the publications covered exclusively, while forgetting about the other aspects of the sport; ie. Freestyle, Slalom, Street riding, etc. This was all our faults. We promoted skating in the direction we were going, not the direction the mass of worldwide skaters were going.

Ramps have been and will remain the most popular and accessible form of vertical riding. They can and have been built all over the world. We finally realized this when we began making direct contact with skaters throughout the globe (getting their feedback).

Now is the time to start promoting skateboarding in a way that encourages everyone to participate. The Gold Cup was great but it's not enough, we must promote every aspect of skating so as to encourage "all" skaters...not alienating any.

It's a fact that parks are great, but they can't be built all over the world at every "energy spot". Where there are parks, skaters should support them; and park owners should support the skaters by creating a fun atmosphere, a thing that 80 percent of the parks failed to do. If it's not fun, it will not be used.

In conclusion, the future of skateboarding is to promote it in a way that will reach the world's skating populace. That can only be done by distributing our energies throughout all aspects of skateboarding, so as to serve all of the skaters throughout the spectrum.

Sincerely yours,

Stacy Peralta
Vice President
POWELL CORP.

THE HENDERSONVILLE PIPE

Here are some pictures of Roy Underhill riding the Hendersonville Halfpipe. Tennessee does not have many skaters but the few that we have can rip.

Your paper is way hot.

Britt Parrott
Smyrna, Tenn.

We're now putting Hendersonville, Tenn. in our "little black book" as one of "the" hot spots to skate a Halfpipe. Thanks for the photos. ED.

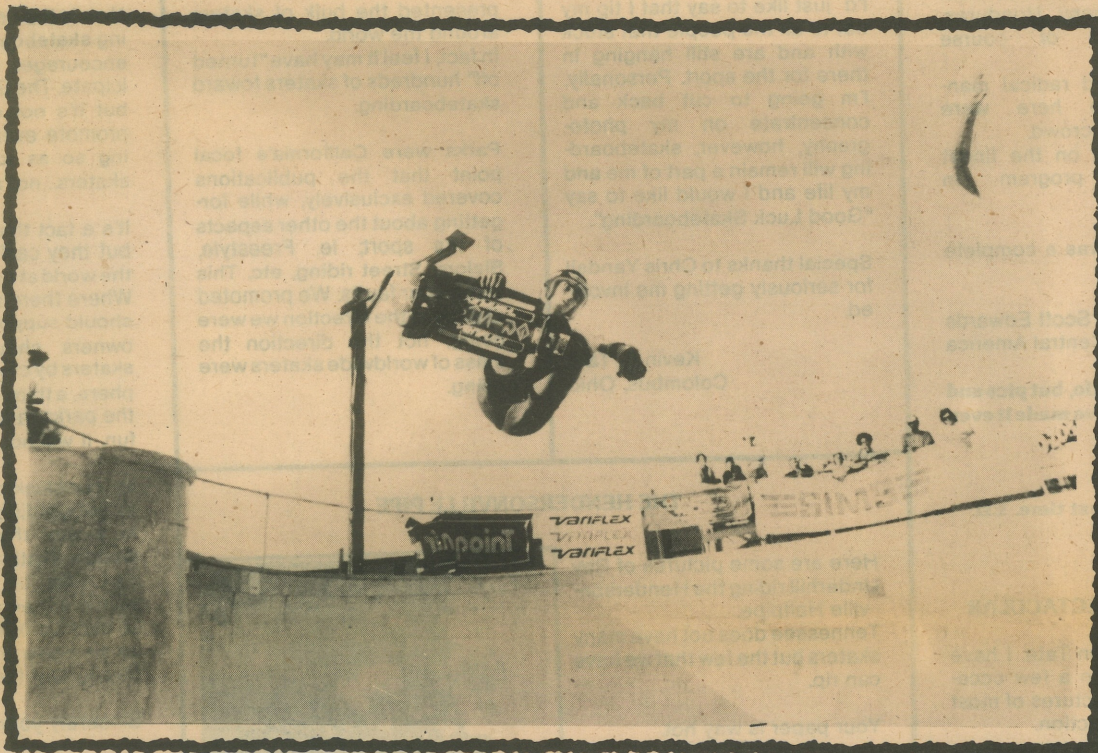


Safety equipment, controlled environment, positive publicity, super safety record, parent awareness, media awareness, organized competitions, equipment testing ground, notwithstanding. CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITIES OF: Road Race cars without the Indianapolis or Riverside or Watkins Glenn raceways, Tennis without Wimbledon or Forest Hills, Basketball without the Forum or Madison Square Garden, Golf without Pebble Beach or the Masters in Georgia, Horse Racing without the Triple Crown. I dare say they would have never existed as a "sport". We should not diminish the seriousness of parks closing, for I believe that they are still the future where the "sport" can grow. Being aware of that, we can now, as you suggest, put our efforts in reaching "all aspects of skateboarding". ED.

MARINA-B.S.A.

EXPLORER

OLYMPICS



Photos by
Rusty Harris

Lance Mountain at the "point of no return". Photo Rusty Harris

THE SECOND SKATEBOARD BOY SCOUTS EXPLORER OLYMPIC QUALIFIERS WERE HELD THIS PAST WEEKEND AT THE MARINA SKATEPARK, MARINA DEL REY, CALIFORNIA.

There were three events on the schedule for this qualifier; Pool, Banked Slalom and Tight Slalom.

The classes were divided into: 14 - 16 Un-sponsored; 17-20 Un-sponsored; 14-16 Sponsored; 17-20 Sponsored and 21 & Over Open and Girls Open.

Explorer Certificate of Merit were awarded to each of the top three skaters in class and age group. In addition, exact replicas of the Olympic Medals were awarded to the top three "overall" for each class.

This was combined effort between Dennis Ogden, Marina Skatepark owner; and Wynn Ritch, Executive Director of the Boy Scouts of America, Great Western Council. Contest director was George Murphy.

Shogo Kubo, Mike Smith and Neil Blender acted as Judges for the Pool event.

The overall medals were awarded to the following skaters by class and age group:

UNSPONSORED 14-16:

1. Bill D'Angelo
2. Don Wilcox & Mike Durand
3. Leo Ambrose

UNSPONSORED 17-20:

1. Kent Douglas & Andre Watts
2. James Murphy
3. Bob Bell & Vince Udo

SPONSORED 14-16:

1. Bob Serafin
2. Chris Rennie
3. Lester Kasai & Lance Mountain

SPONSORED 17-20:

1. Rick Tracy
2. Rick Ringer
3. Beau Brown

21 & OVER OPEN:

1. Barry Fields
2. Don Beaumea
3. Dave Weaver & Joe John Bell

This is the second year that the Explorer Olympics qualifier has been held in a skatepark. Last year's event was held at Skate City.

Although the entry was small when compared to an ASPO

event, the intensity was no less apparent.

We predict that this event, wherever held in the future, will be one of the big attractions in skateboarding and one sure to have all the avid skaters participating.

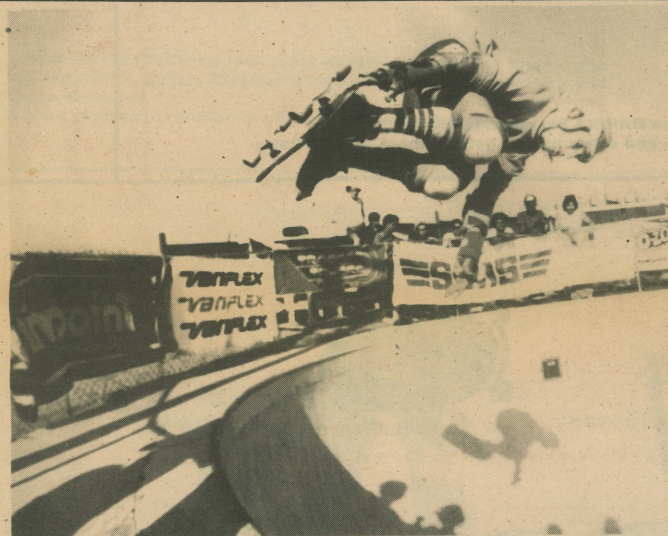
While skateboarding is suffering a bit in skatepark action, it is this type of event that will keep skateboarding alive and well.

We like to encourage other areas in the country to do likewise and contact your local Boy Scouts of America office and see if a similar program can be started.

For more information you can contact the ASPO offices or Dennis Ogden at Marina Skatepark.



Barry Fields mucho-facial action.
Jim Coane's backside air at the BSA Explorer Olympics.



Kinny Wherland reaching hights reserved for only a few.



Kent Douglas, veteran of many ASPOs won the Pool 17-20 Unsp.

RESULTS:

POOL 14-16 Unsponsored:

1. Mike Durand 79
2. Bill D'Angelo 78
3. Don Wilcox 77.33
4. Mark Miller 75.66
5. Leo Ambrose 74.
6. Shawn Ambrose 70.

POOL 17-20 Unsponsored:

1. Kent Douglas 77.33
2. Andre Watts 77.00
3. Eric Rosendahl 76.66
4. James Murphy 75.66
5. Vince Udo 74.00
6. Bob Bell 73.33

POOL 21 & Over Open:

1. Barry Fields 71.33
2. Joe John Bell 68.00
3. Dave Weaver 65.00
4. Perry Fisser 56.33
5. Don Beaumea 45.00

POOL 14-16 Sponsored:

1. Lance Mountain 87.33

2. Bob Serafin 84.66
3. Lester Kasal 82.33
4. Jim Coane 86.66
5. Chris Rennie 81.66
6. Nik Rosendahl 81.33
7. Kenny Williams 75.33
8. Don Wherland 74.66

POOL 17-20 Sponsored:

1. Rick Tracy 79.33
2. Rick Ringer 72.66
3. Beau Brown

TIGHT SLALOM 14 - 16 Unsp:

1. Bill D'Angelo 9.112
2. Mike Durand 9.751
3. Don Wilcox 10.125
4. Shawn Ambrose 12.165
5. Leo Ambrose DQ

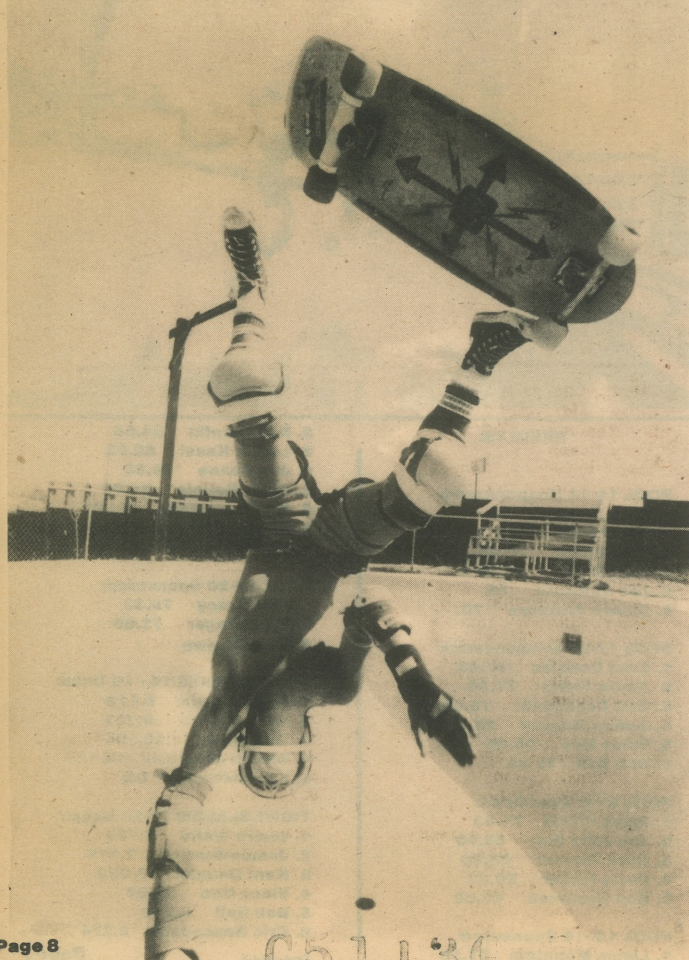
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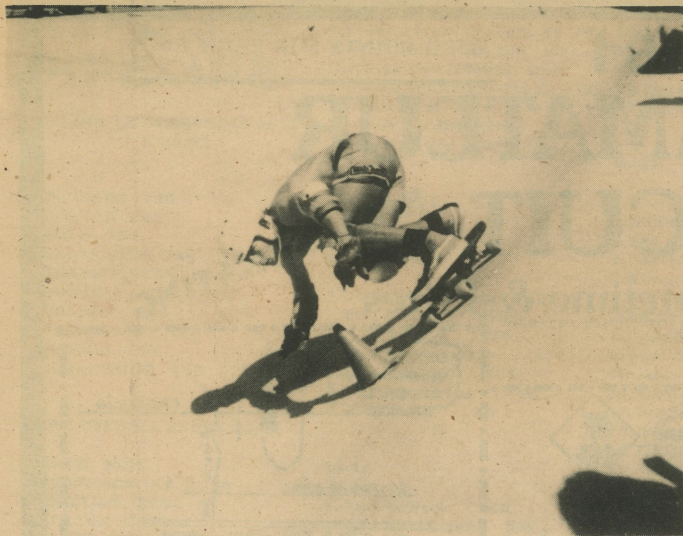
1. Andre Watts 6.769
2. James Murphy 7.719
3. Kent Douglas 8.339
4. Vince Udo 8.666
5. Bob Bell 9.214
6. Eric Rosendahl 9.274

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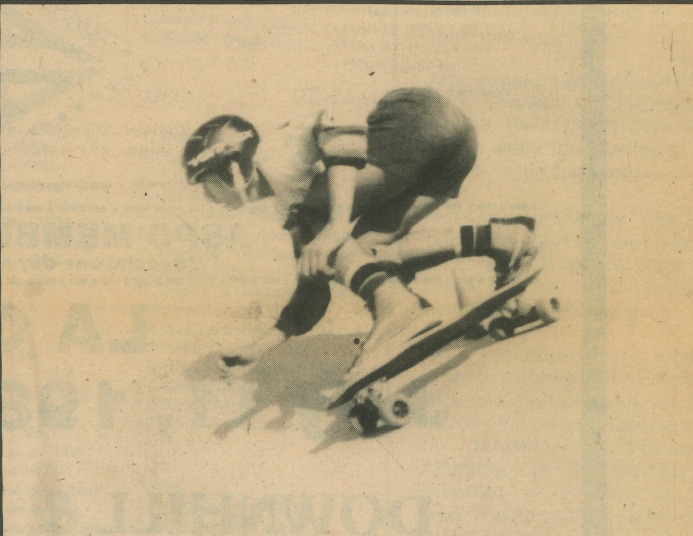
**Rick Tracey, in flight during the Explorer Olympics at the MARINA Skatepark (above)
Bail shots (below) mean only one thing...more practice and a few bumps getting there. Photo. Rusty Harris.**





DIFFERENT STYLES for the same purpose; to go fast around the banked slalom cones. Clockwise is Chris Rennie, Bob Serafin and Lance Mountain.

A hand plant to perfection is a bio maneuver to execute.



TIGHT SLALOM 21 & Over Open:

1. Barry Fields 6.929
2. Don Beaumea 7.374
3. Perry Fisser 7.777
4. Dave Weaver 9.684
5. Joe John Bell DQ.

TIGHT SLALOM 14-16 Spon:

1. Chris Rennie 7.553
2. Bob Serafin 7.646
3. Lester Kasai 8.060
4. Jim Coane 9.085
5. Kenny Williams 10.360
6. Lance Mountain 10.829
7. Don Whereland 11.324
8. Ken Whereland 11.398
9. Ernie Brown DQ.

TIGHT SLALOM 17-20 Spon.:

1. Beau Brown 7.028
2. Rick Tracy 8.584
3. Rick Ringler DQ.

BANKED SLALOM 14-16 Unsp.:

1. Don Wilcox 12.604
2. Bill D'Angelo 13.049
3. Mark Miller 13.107
4. Leo Ambrose 13.421
5. Mike Durand 13.561
6. Shawn Ambrose 14.571
7. Lenny Postema DQ.

BANKED SLALOM 17-20 Unsp.:

1. James Murphy 11.980
2. Kent Douglas 12.012
3. Andre Watts 12.171
4. Bob Bell 12.311
5. Eric Rosendahl 12.384
6. Vince Udo 12.655

BANKED SLALOM 21 & Over Open:

1. Barry Fields 12.379
2. Don Beaumea 13.273
3. Dave Weaver 13.537
4. Joe John Bell 14.330
5. Perry Fisser DQ.

BANKED SLALOM 14-16 Spon.:

1. Chris Rennie 12.136
2. Bob Serafin 12.237
3. Lance Mountain 12.308
4. Lester Kasai 12.600
5. Ernie Brown 12.666
6. Nik Rosendahl 13.082

BANKED SLALOM 17-20 Spon.:

1. Rick Ringler 12.980
2. Rick Tracy 13.351
3. Beau Brown 13.413

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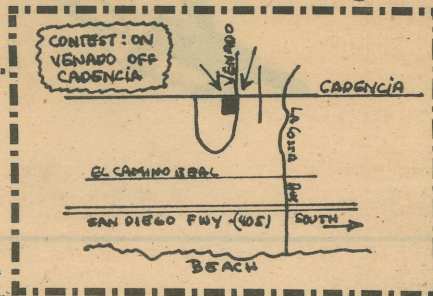
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PARK TEAM RESULTS as of
5/23/81

1. PIPELINE 780
2. COLTON 766
3. BIG O 752
4. SKATE CITY 748
5. SKATERCROSS 716
6. POMONA 712
7. DEL MAR 691
8. PARAMOUNT 685
9. MARINA 554
10. LAKEWOOD 546

PARK OVERALL as of 5/23/81

1. BIG O 2262
2. SKATERCROSS 2254
3. PIPELINE 2254
4. COLTON 2238
5. SKATE CITY 2147
6. LAKEWOOD 2044
7. POMONA 2004
8. DEL MAR 1939
9. MARINA 1932
10. PARAMOUNT 1876

PARK TEAMS - OVERALL

12 & UNDER

1. Brian Treanor (SKX) 588
2. Eric Bergquist (BIG O) 570
3. Jeff Heath (LKWD) 566
4. Jason Parks (DLMR) 546
5. Eric Reidy (PMNA) 521
6. Albert Hale (PRMT) 503
7. Tommy Finch (CLTN) 392
8. Eric Nash (SKT CTY) 376
9. Jamie Nelander (PLN) 366
10. Youree Henley (MRNA) 344
11. Doug Graham (PLN) 188
12. Aaron Murray (MRNA) 178
13. Dave Schneiders (CLTN) 168

13-14

1. Paul Young (PIPE) 574
1. Anthony King (BIG O) 574
3. Les Pearlman (SKX) 572
4. Bill Wahl (LKWD) 568
5. Ron Yerman (CLTN) 552
6. Richard Armijo (SKT CTY) 546
7. Scott Kawa (PMNA) 532
8. Dave Eckles (DLMR) 520
9. Mike Durand (MRNA) 362
10. Jeffrey Hull (PRMT) 332
11. Charles Peterson (PMT) 82

15-17

1. Tim Galvan (PIPE) 586
2. John Lucero (SKT CTY) 572
2. James Murphy (MRNA) 572
4. Chris May (PMT) 524
5. Ken Park (DLMR) 520
6. Steve Yates (PMNA) 514
7. Craig Allison (BIG O) 374
8. Greg Suver (SKX) 368
8. Tae Ho Shin (LKWD) 368
10. Tom Steembock (CLTN) 356
11. Curt Chun (BIG O) 186
11. Bill D'Angelo (CLTN) 186
13. Rick Stine (SKX) 170

OPEN

1. Glen Schewchuck (CLTN) 586
2. Kent Douglas (SKT CTY) 567
3. Andre Watts (MRNA) 566
4. Tim Metz (LKWD) 554
5. Morris Solano (PIPE) 542

6. Rick Stine (SKX) 536
7. Emelio Martinez (BIG O) 376
8. Owen Neider (DLMR) 353
9. James Bell (PMNA) 263
10. Dave Sheltman (BIG O) 182
11. George Sherman (PMT) 177
12. Scott Kawa (PMNA) 176
13. Kevin Reed (PMT) 172

1A SKATERS

12 & UNDER

1. Craig Richenburg 586
2. Eric Jueden 578
2. Billy Braden 578
4. Wayne Shoemaker 574
5. Greg Nichols 564
6. Eric Sanderson 180
7. Greg Smith 90

13-14

1. Jack Ballard 542
2. Paul Hoskinson 532
3. Aaron Kahan 530
4. Jerry Fenske 502
5. Scott Kearney 490
6. Rob Heath 478
6. Tim Otto 478
8. Joe Hardy 476
9. Rich Sherman 474
10. Jeff Kibbe 464
11. Steve Lawrence 454
12. Steve Phillips 429
13. Gary Colley 427
14. Gary Eschenbrenner 411
15. Gary Guesnon 405
16. Rod Hernandez 325

16. Rick Demontond 340
17. Don Garland 328
18. Rod Hernandez 325
19. Gary Sanderson 292
20. Tim Barnes 288
21. Drew Copitzky 278
22. Scott Richenburg 276
23. James Knuth 268
24. John Marquez 246
25. Lenny Postema 164
25. Mike Taylor 164
27. Ryan Lum 144
28. Ervin Obfenda 136
29. James Corner 134
30. Bill Beckwith 120
31. Brian Brannon 88
32. John Knuth 71
33. Paul Sudnow 62

15-17

1. Ken Koch 532
2. Fred Herrera 530
3. Jack Ranstrom 516
4. Jim Reynard 510
5. Luke McCool 508
6. Charlie Chartrand 484
7. Carlo Nafarrette 464
8. Tracy Harrison 412
9. Terrence Yoshizawa 382
10. Dave Church 376
11. Glen Lew 346
12. Jeff Zepeda 340
13. David Swift 328
13. Jeff Croteau 328
15. Jeff Kus 312
16. Jon Conkey 308
17. Danny Jones 301
18. Dave Skinner 288
19. Robert Taylor 270
19. Don Wilcox 270
21. Robert Washburn 198
22. Bill Cater 192
23. Max Magnusson 173
24. Jack Haughey 170

25. David Franklin 152
26. Chuck Krzton 92
27. Ron Burks 88
28. Mike Guerra 78
29. Mark Overton 74
30. Sean Machu 66

OPEN

1. Perry Cole 566
2. Ed Pettril 564
3. Leo Ambrose 546
3. Jon Brunet 546
5. Steve Lawrence 462
6. Lynn Cooper 390
7. Shirley McClellan 360
8. Greg Simmons 278
9. Dave Shartzler 196
10. Luke McCool 188
11. Enrique Esparza 96
12. Pat Muzingo 92
13. Wendell Gathers 90
14. Tim Dunbar 88
15. Ron Allen 84
16. Rob Rosales 82

2A SKATERS

12 & UNDER

1. Jeff Grosso 586
2. Eric Nash 578
2. Jeff Heath 578
4. Dave Schneiders 564
5. Youree Henley 536
6. Charles Pina 532
7. Danny Weiner 298
8. Tim Phillips 270

13-14

1. Tim Metz 594
2. Mike Krueger 566
3. Chris Robinson 564
4. Chris Black 538
5. Mike Mills 536
6. Sean Ambrose 516
7. Don Colburn 370
8. Jeremy Fletcher 354
9. Noah Kempler 284
10. Charlie Peterson 260
11. David Espinoza 188
12. David Bromberg 180
13. Norris Clawson 178

15-17

1. Ross Chun 558
2. Carabeth Burnside 556
3. Curt Chun 550
4. Bill D'Angelo 536
5. Chris May 520
5. Jerry Matta 520
7. Troy Proffitt 508
8. Bob Henderson 368
9. Don Pollard 366
10. Chris Weddle 354
11. Cameron Tabbityte 266
12. Mike Watson 258
13. Tracy Ebert 196
14. Lance Betson 182
15. George Sherman 172
16. Rich Ito 164
17. Jay Moore 86
17. Jim Olivo 86
19. Mark Mills 78

OPEN

1. Barry Fields 576
2. Keith Stephenson 566
3. Vince Udo 560
4. Ronnie Mahaffey 346
5. Mark Bailey 532

6. Adrian Lozano 364
7. Jon Fisher 342
8. Mike Mills 278
9. Ken McGuire 276
10. John Haas 268
11. Dave Sheltman 196
12. Emelio Martinez 186
13. Greg Godfrey 86
14. James Bell 84

3A SKATERS

12 & UNDER

1. Jason Richardson 600
2. Paul Hiniker 588
3. Mickey O'Gorman 574
4. Danny Jorgensen 378

13-14

1. Paul Molina 590
2. Lester Kasai 576
3. Mark Rogowski 572
4. Chris Miller 556
5. Doug Cobalis 544
6. James Robinson 538
7. Christian Hosoi 372
8. Tony Hawk 362
9. Kevin Staab 90

15-17

1. Bob Serafin 590
2. Todd Joseph 566
3. Eddie Meek 562
4. Mike Hirsch 542
5. Raul Escobedo 530
6. Kinny Wherland 500
7. Donald Wherland 474
8. Roland Cobalis 432
9. Lance Mountain 372
10. Jim Coane 350
11. Bobby DeCassas 340
12. Rick Tracey 286
13. Nik Rosendahl 266
14. Henry Matus 186
15. Mark Jones 170
16. Darren Price 158

OPEN

1. Brian Martin 580
2. Rick Ringler 556
3. Rusty Morris 554
4. John Nakama 550
5. Larry Durand 546
6. David Weaver 520
7. Ernie Brown 342
8. Brad Jackman 268
9. Beau Brown 198
10. Erik Rosendahl 184
11. Perry Fisser 174
12. Steve Steadham 100
13. John White 96
14. Bill Swartzbaugh 92

ROLLER SKATERS

1A

1. Bobby Chase 578
2. Aaron McLane 570
3. Rickey Kaplan 568
4. Halim Camp 564
5. Bill Armstrong 558
6. Steve Cottrell 370
7. Tracy Baldwin 200
8. Yves Batulaz 98
9. Bob Bixler 88

2A

1. Paul Votava 590
2. Craig Carter 580
3. Jody Lofton 572
4. John Tassi 572
5. Andrew Peerless 194
6. John Tless 90

NEWS FROM THE GULF

By Mike Apperson

With 90 degree temperatures, skating is hitting the Gulf with full tilt terrorization. GET-A-WAY Skatepark and Mobile's SKATEWAVE are putting together an Alabama Series which should be "hot" in more than one way.

Also coming up is KONA's "Go for it" Pro/Am, and the coming of the VARIFLEX/KONA Pro/Am, a week long series at the Jacksonville Skatepark.

Hot localster, Monty "The Ripper" Nolder is the odds on favorite to win. Of course there are lots of pros coming out this way who think otherwise.

Also, underground skater, Patrick Wachter and Editor of Alabama Skate Report, reports a Downhill contest, sponsored by MADRID in Florence, Alabama. The "Excitable Boy" is reported to be packing his New-Waved quiver, with new SIMS 50/50's for the contest. Everyone is welcome.

Board sales have bio-leaped incredibly in the Gulf Sweat Box.

Large sellers are Steve Alba's Concave; Bowman's new (every couple months) model, and the surprise of the month, Roger Hickey's MADRID downhill speed goer.

Test sales show also the SIMS 50/50 wheels doing quite well.

Mike Folmer has found pipes in Florida!...That's right, 18 foot pipes!!! Mike and George McCellan report the man-holed pipes were the ultimate test of equipment and nerves.

Until next month, keep subjecting yourself to the "mag" and Rip, Tear and Go.

Mike Apperson

FOCUS:

Apple Skaters

By Kevin Tate

I have not sent pictures or anything for a long time because I wanted to update my photo portfolio and in doing so I wanted to pick out the absolute "radest" and the best pictures available.

Herein is a sample of what I believe to be the top 11 skaters for 1981 in the mid-west or the GLSA Series.

I hope these pictures will do justice to these guys whom I think could represent any manufacturer or company in the skateboard world as good as anyone.

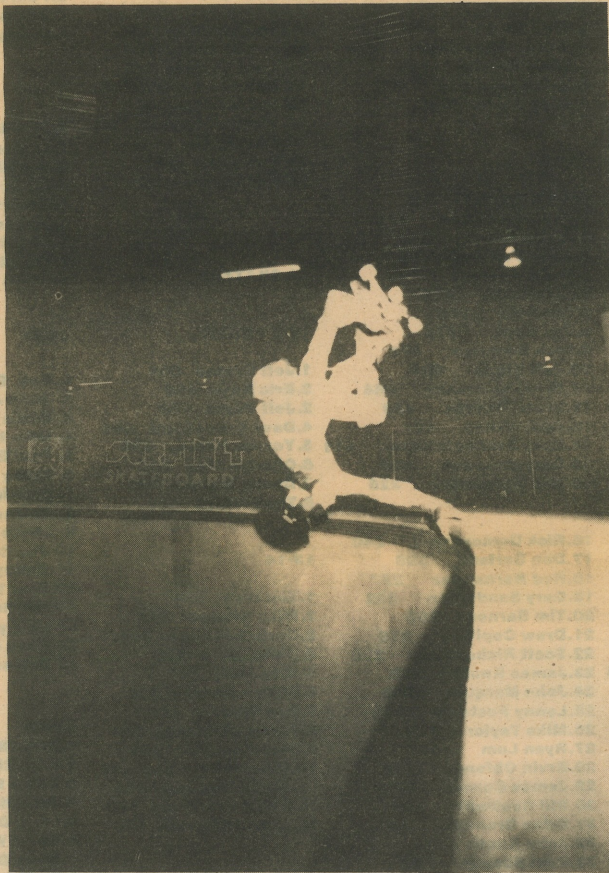
These guys have worked hard in learning their "sport" and I feel they deserve a shot and proper exposure to the skate world.

The order in which these skaters are listed do not necessarily represent their ability.

Also, at this time, I did not have any current photos of Robbe Bergendahl or Brett Martin, which I think should also be included. Look for their photos in the near future.

Kevin Tate

All Photos by:
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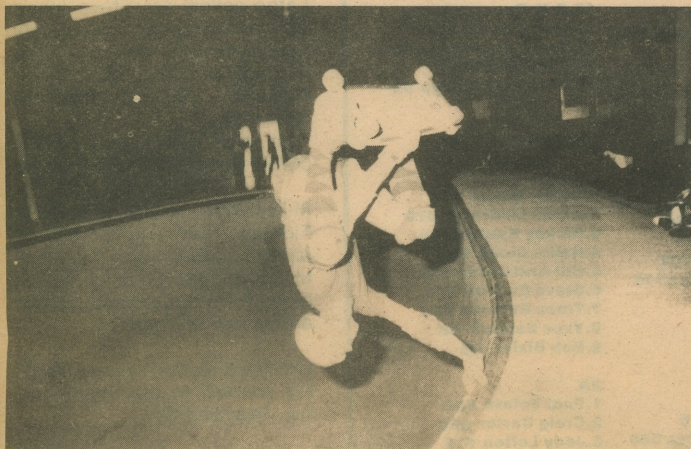
Shawn Scott- age 15, skates for Tracker and Ramps East.



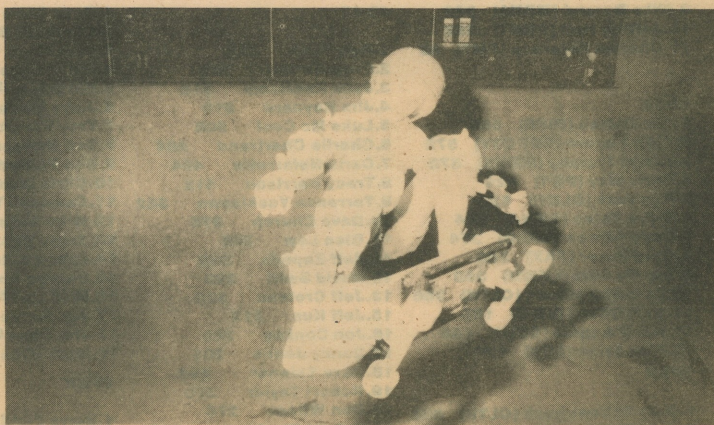
Bobby Reeves- 17, skates for



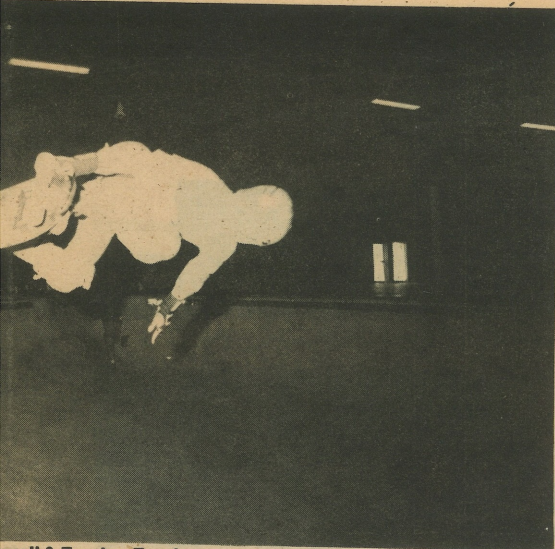
Bill Ferguson- age 17 skates



Mark Carpenter- age 18, skates for Sims.



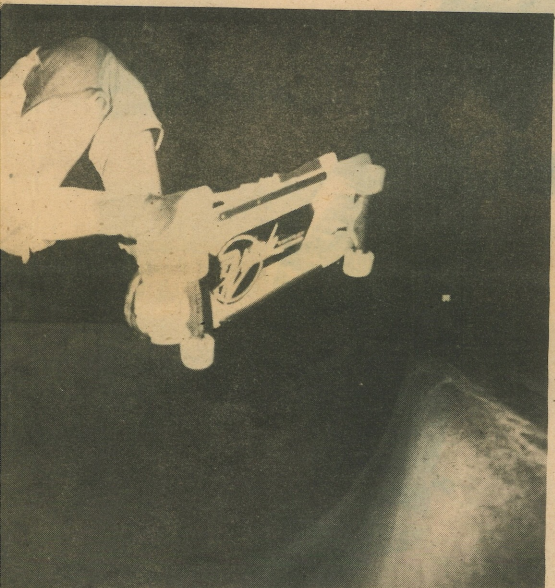
Chris Phillips- age 12, skates for Santa Cruz and Indy Trucks.



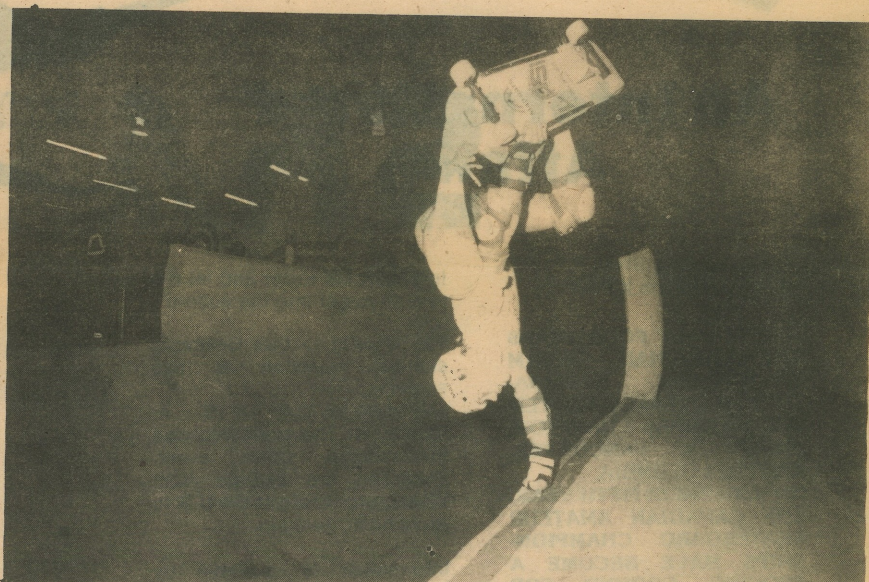
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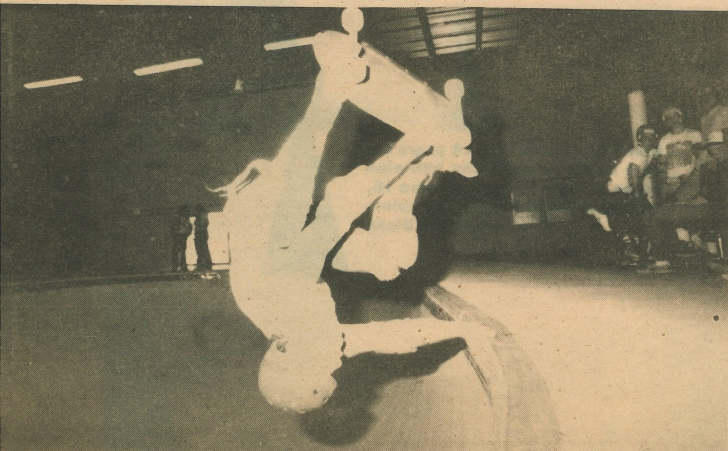
Steve "Oz" Ottosen- age 18 is unsponsored.



Variflex.



Jeff Jones- age 15, skates for Variflex.



Kenny Mollica- age 16, skates for Sims.



Tom Groholski- age 15 skates for Sims.

CANADIAN NATIONALS

An International Affair

Photos by Mike Blake
Story by Graham X Peat

IN THE PAST FOUR YEARS THE CANADIAN PRO/AM SKATEBOARD ASSOCIATION HAS YEARLY HOSTED THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS IN VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA. NOW, IN THEIR FIFTH YEAR, THE CANADIAN AMATEUR SKATEBOARD CHAMPIONSHIPS HAVE BECOME A PROVING GROUND FOR CANADIAN TALENT.

For many, world-wide recognition has come from their accomplishments at this national event.

Vic Ilg of Winnipeg holds the world record for 360's.

Kevin Harris of Richmond, B.C. completed 1,032 two-boarded 360's, destroying Steve Cathey's previous world record.

Three other skaters have tied Tony Alva's barrel jumping record.

With talent like that and all the expertise in running contests, when is the U.S. going to hold an

International event and let the rest of us get into the action?

The answer to that California skaters' question is this summer.

The date is July 14-19, in Vancouver. This event will be an International Open event. Expected are skaters from Washington State, in the U.S. to Stockholm, Sweden.

Information is available by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

Canadian Pro/Am Assoc.
P.O. BOX 2039
Vancouver, B.C.
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The following are the events on tap:

FREESTYLE
GIANT SLALOM
HALF PIPE
BANK RIDING
DOWNHILL SPEED RUN
HIGH JUMP
360 SPIN OFF
MOST AIR
DOUBLES ON BANKS

Rich Lien (above left) 16 years old on a backside air in the half pipe event. Sophie Bourgeois, also 16, Women's Grand Slalom Champion. Photos by Mike Blake



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ASPO 3

PIPELINE...188

THE PIPELINE TEAM WAS THE OVERALL WINNER TODAY AT THEIR HOME PARK, BUT ONCE AGAIN THE BIG O TEAM HAS MOVED INTO THE LEAD AMONG ALL OF THE NINE PARTICIPATING PARKS.

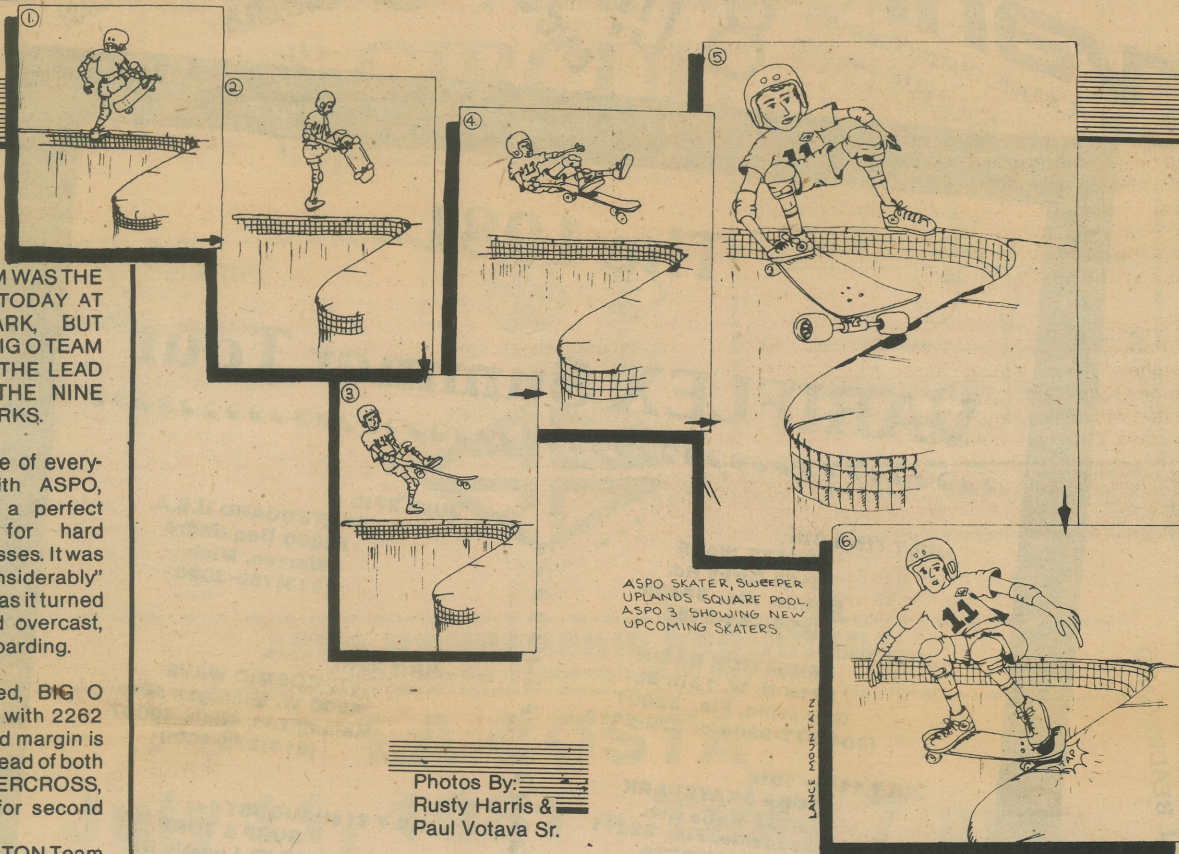
Much to the surprise of everyone connected with ASPO, today's event had a perfect weather setting, for hard competition in all classes. It was expected to be "considerably" hot and smoggy, but as it turned out it was cool and overcast, just right for skateboarding.

As before mentioned, **BIG O** now leads the pack with 2262 team points. The lead margin is only 8 points, just ahead of both **PIPELINE & SKATERCROSS**, who are both tied for second with 2254 points. In fourth it is the **COLTON** Team with 2238 points. They, the Colton Team, now have a good chance to catch up with the leaders as the next ASPO event will be at Colton.

SKATE CITY has moved into the 5th spot, followed by **LAKEWOOD**, **POMONA**, **DEL MAR**, **MARINA**, and **PARAMOUNT**.

Today's contest entries, still a formidable 188, was down from the expected 200 plus. Perhaps the reason was that this event fell on Memorial Day weekend. This is the time when many families took off "out of town" on vacation and with them went many regular skaters. Almost every park reported at least four or five regulars who were out of town.

Still, there are eight more events left in the season (including two "double points" contests; **La Costa & Magic Mountain**) where some of the missing skaters can make up their points difference.



ASPO SKATER, SWEEPER
UPLANDS SQUARE POOL.
ASPO 3 SHOWING NEW
UPCOMING SKATERS.

Photos By:
Rusty Harris &
Paul Votava Sr.

May 27, 1981
Upland, California

The Pipeline Skatepark provided ample room and staff to make this event one of the smoothest running events, so far in the young season.

Today's events were the Pool and Tight Slalom.

The massive Twin-pools were used and they proved to be a hand-full for the young *1A skaters, while it allowed the more experienced skaters to show off their distinctive styles and routines.

If you've got the lines in these two pools, you're routine can really look impressive, not only to the crowd but to the judges.

The Slalom was held adjacent to the twin pools in one of the finest Slalom runs anywhere.



ASPO's Team of announcers and "color commentators" (l to r.) **Freddy DeSota** explains to **Lance Mountain** (on mike) the fine art of articulation. **Don Hoffman** "can't believe it" and **Mike Folmer** saying "what am I doing here?"

THE CLASSES:

After three events so far, the battles for the top spots in several classes is now developing.

For example:

In the Park Team 12 & Under, it's still Brian Treanor (SKATER-CROSS) holding an 18 point lead over Eric Berquist (BIG O). Jeff Heath (LAKEWOOD), Jason Parks (DEL MAR) and Eric Reidy (POMONA) are all just a few points behind, which make up the top five in class.

A real tight race is developing in the Park Team 13-14 between Pipeline's Paul Young and Anthony King from Big O. Both are tied with 574 points to lead the class. Only two points be-

hind in third place is Les Pearlman, from SKATER-CROSS, with 572 points and following him is Billy Wahl, from LAKEWOOD, with 568 points. Only six points separate the first four spots in this group.

Tim Galvan (PIPELINE) now leads the 15-17 class. His 586 points are only 6 points ahead of John Lucero of SKATE CITY and James Murphy of MARINA. Both skaters are tied for second with 572 points.

Glen Schewchuck (COLTON) has the Open Park Team class lead with 586. In second it's Kent Douglas (SKATE CITY) with 567. One point behind Kent is MARINA's Andre Watts, with 566 points.

1A CLASS:

Leading the 12 & Under rippers is Craig Richenburg. His 586 points are just 8 points ahead of both Eric Jueden and Billy Braden.

Jack Ballard has the 13-14 lead in hand with a ten-point difference between himself and Paul Hoskinson.

Ken Koch has a 2-point lead over Fred Herrera in the 15-17 age group.

Also a 2-point lead is held by Perry Cole (566) over Ed Pettrill (564) in the Open 1A. Leo Ambrose and Jon Brunet are both tied for third with 546 points.

2 A CLASS:

Tim Metz, having lots of ASPO experience, seems to be pulling away in the 13-14 age group. His 594 points give him a comfortable lead over Mike Krueger (566) and Chris Robinson (564).

Jeff Grossso is first in the 12 & Under with 586 points. Another tie for second place is between Eric Nash and Jeff Heath, both with 578 points.

Guess what? Some people thought that Carabeth Burnside wouldn't have a chance now that she has to compete with "the boys". After three events, she finds herself only 2 points behind 15-17 class leader Ross Chun.

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Some skaters like to slalom the "normal" way, like Joe Hardy (top left) and Jack Ranstrom (top right); others like to be different as shown below: (left to right) the "running" method; the "crawl or hopping" style and the Tora! Tora! "dive" to the finish.



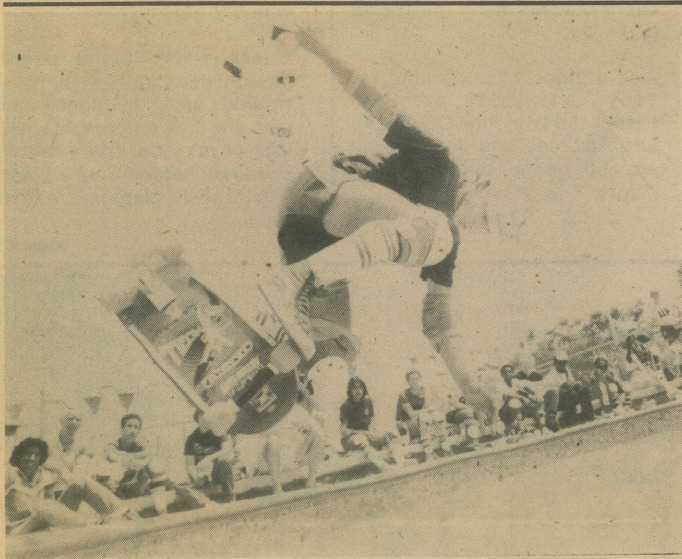
In fact, Carabeth has won both pool events at Skate City and Pipeline and only needs to hone her skills in the non-pool events where she has finished out of the top spots.

Watch out boys, the Lady is on the hunt!

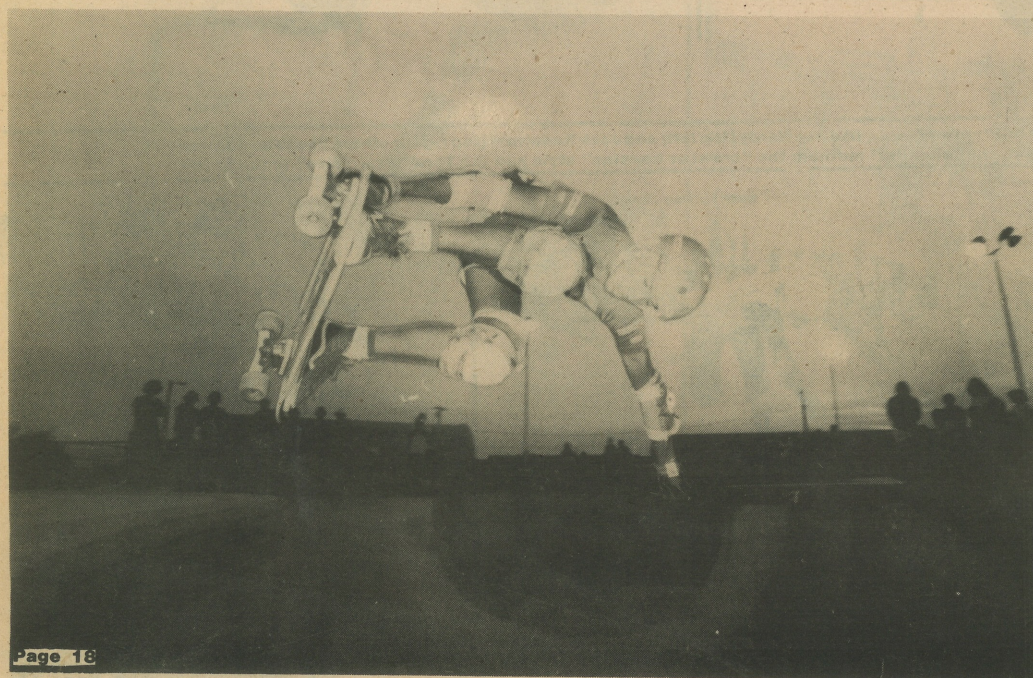
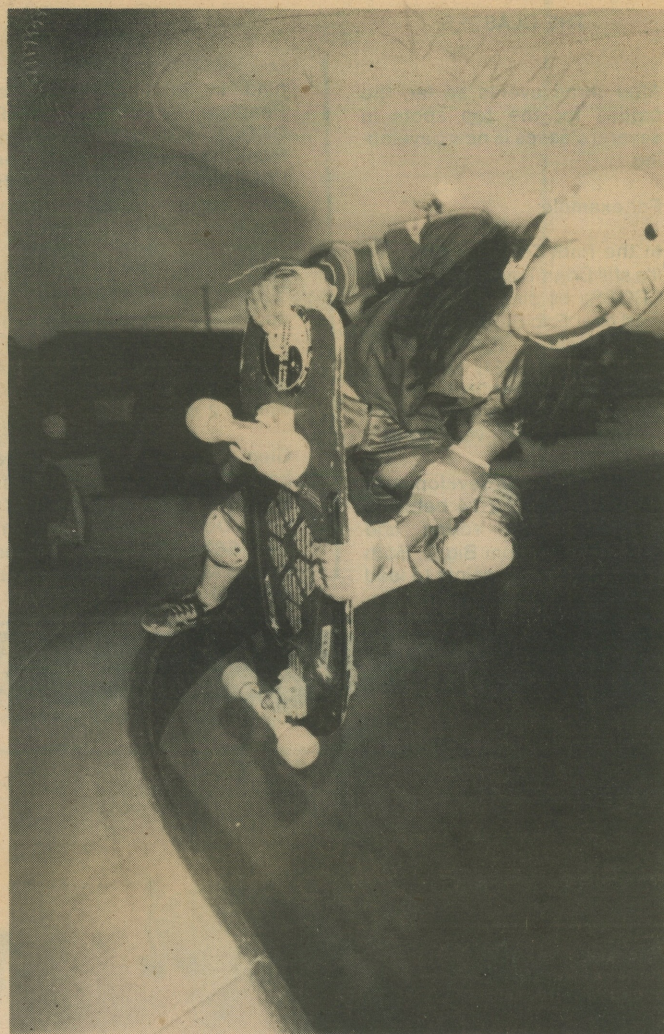
Barry Fields is now the Open class leader with 576 points. In second is Keith Stephenson and in the third spot is the wild man himself, Vince Udo.

3 A SEMI-PRO CLASS:

Jason Richardson is as they say "batting a 1000". He has yet to lose an ASPO event. He is six for six, winning all events in his class so far this season. Quite remarkable and reminiscent of Bobby Serafin's last year's start. Paul Hiniker is in second, followed by Mickey Gorman and Danny Jorgenson.



Not everyone can pull off a backside ollie, but it makes for an good crowd attention-getter (above). Mark Rogowski (below) working his routine at sunset. Chris Hosoi (right) fakie footplant to perfection.

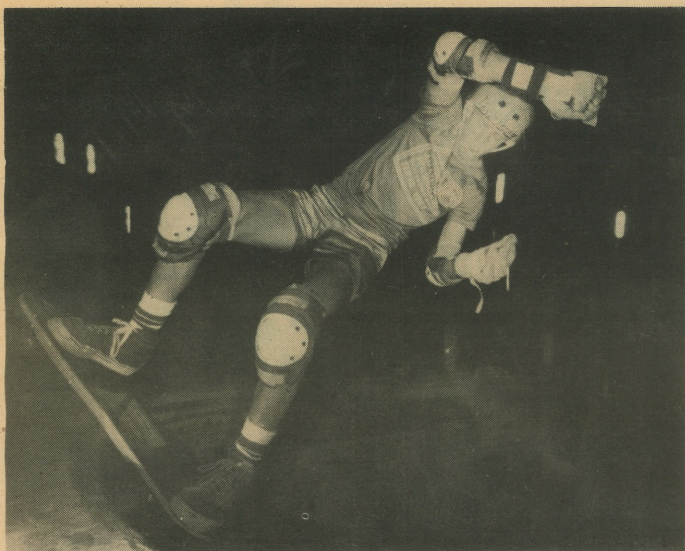


Paul Molina leads the 13-14 group with 590 points out of a possible 600 points. Not bad for the new SIMS skater. Lester Kasai is in second with 576 points. Notably in this class, Doug Cobalis finds himself in 5th place.

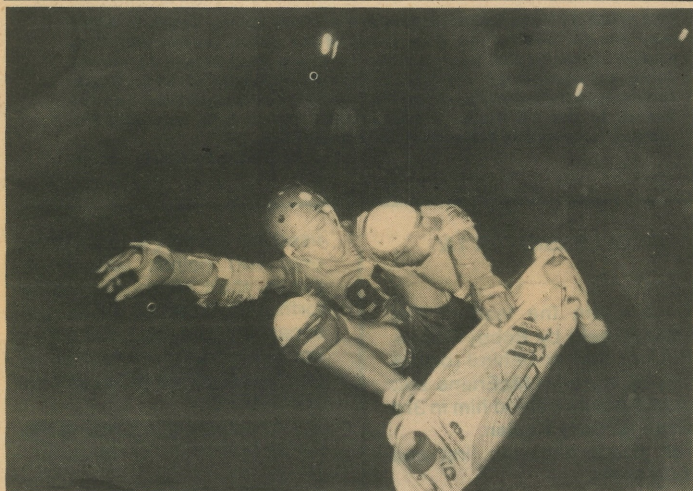
It is note worthy because Doug was the overwhelming leader in the Park Team division these past two season. The move into the 3A ranks is a "whole new ball game" and the competition really gets tough.

Perennial leader, Bob Serafin, now has a commanding lead in the 15-17 class with also 590 points. He leads the likes of Tod Joseph(566); Eddie Meek(562) and Mike Hirsch (542).

Is there anyone who can beat Bob in Class? He's a tough competitor and an excellent "overall" skater. This is most important as he does very well in all events he enters.



Bob Serafin is 1st overall in the 3A-15-17. Here board sliding into darkness.



Mike Hirsch has the 4th spot in the 3A-15-17 Class.



Larry Durand's foot action. He's 5th overall in ASPO.



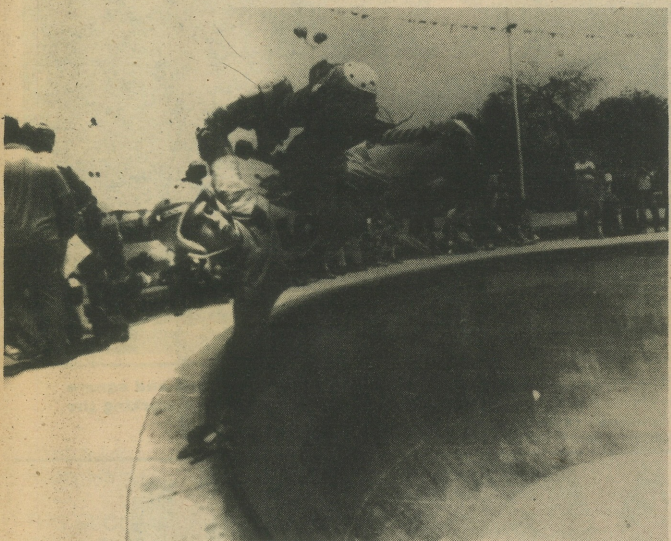
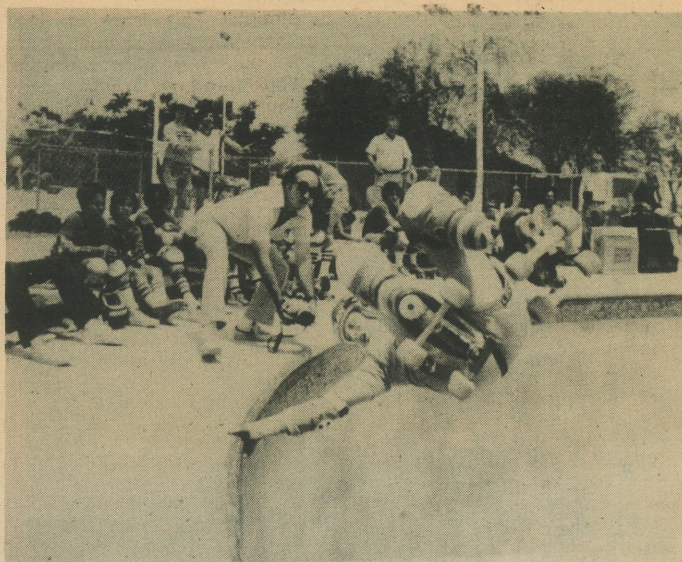
Tony Hawk (above) flying off the hip between the round and square pools at Pipeline. Todd Joseph & Brian Martin (below) working the "doubles" routine.



Another fine "all around" skater is Brian Martin. He leads the Open class with 580 points. In spite of his double duties, both as Team manager (SIMS) and skater, he's been able to amass

a commanding lead over Rick Ringler who has 556 points. Just 2 points behind is Rusty Morris with 554 and he is followed by John Nakama in 4th with 550 points.

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THE WILD BUNCH: Rollerskaters are a breed among apart. In ASPO they are considered the dare-devils of the sport. (above left) Rick Kaplan currently 3rd. overall in the 1A Class. Paul Votava Jr. (above) being photographed by Paul Sr., is the current leader of the 2A Class. Jody Lofton (left center), stretching it out at the Pipeline Pool, has 3rd Overall in the 2A Class. Steve Cottrell (below left), crossing the canyon, is currently 6th overall in the 1A Class.

Photos by Rusty Harris.



ROLLERSKATER 1A:

Once again the lead in this class is held by Bobby Chase. But not too far behind (only 8 points) is Aaron McErlane and then 2 points behind him in 3rd place is Ricky Kaplan. Ten points separate first and third spots.

ROLLERSKATER 2 A:

The class lead is held by Paul Votava Jr. with 590 points. This is after Paul had to skate for last place points in the Slalom event as a result of being late for the event. In second and 10 points behind Paul is Craig Carter with 580 points. A tie for 3rd. spot occurs between Jody Lofton and John Tassi. They both have 572. Unfortunately, this may have been Tass's last ASPO for a while, since he's contemplating taking a Computer Programming job in Saudi Arabia. We hope he decides to stay, cause he's really an exciting competitor, but we also wish him the best for his future.

If you check the standings, you'll notice that this year the races between skaters is much closer than in seasons past. The reason is the new point system

used this season, where by first gets 100 points, second 98 points, third 96 points, and so forth. All finishing spots are separated by a two-point difference. Last year there was as much as 5 points between first and second.

The new system is keeping the points race much closer.

Just as important, this year's LA COSTA event (July 11) and MAGIC MOUNTAIN (August 29), both "Double Points" events, will help some of the skaters catch up.

Speaking of the same: REMEMBER, you must sign in advance for both LA COSTA and MAGIC MOUNTAIN events. Your entry must be sent to ASPO, P.O. BOX 411, Woodland Hills, Ca. 91364 prior to the event, as there will be NO LATE ENTRIES. So don't miss it. There will be a special entry booth at the COLTON ASPO coming up.

LA COSTA entry will be the regular \$7.00, while the MAGIC MOUNTAIN will be \$12.50 for competitors, which will also include the use of the park rides for the entire day!

RESULTS:

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TAKING IT TO THE STREETS

With the media hype and the resurrection of street skating, downhill has emerged to an all time popularity with people like Hickey, Hutson, Blackhart, Pettyjohn, the Madrid Team, and others. Styles and equipment have emerged to make street sliding a popular spectator sport.

Here's what you should look for if you're planning to "shoot the hill":

1. Choose a clean street, free of debris and "traffic"! If you're just starting, get on a small slope while you test out your nerve and equipment and technique.

2. Wear proper equipment. For small hills, your basic equipment (helmet, knee and elbow pads, gloves or wrist guards, helmet) plus denims and a long sleeve shirt or jacket. Sorry, no spiked wrist braces.

3. For the hard-core, go for it, downhillers who want to reach the maximum rush of a steep and long hill, leathers is a "must". If you've been into motorcycling or know someone who can lend you their racing leathers, you ought to use them. It beats sleeping on one side because the other side has strawberry marks all over. Mad Rats is now making speed suits that you might want to check out. While they are not cheap, they do the job when you have to "bail".

4. If you have a chance to watch some of the top downhillers, check their "tuck". While everyone doesn't have the same style, you may be able to find one that fits you best. Experiment yourself on a small hill first.

YOUR BOARD

1. A basic 10" X 33" board seems to handle everything except for the most demented suicidal attempts. NHS and MADRID (West Coast), WALKER and NEW WAVE (East & Gulf Coast) cater to this breed of animal.

2. Your back truck must be

straight! This truck is what keeps you going straight. I keep my back truck nice and tight. Your front truck is what makes you turn, so keep it slightly looser. (Adjustment is made according to weight, style, comfort, etc.) Do not skate with feet directly over trucks. This increases truck turning reactions and could cause "high speed wobbles". When this occurs, I slightly "unweight" and this usually remedies the problem.

3. Basic "Krypto 70mm Reds" wheels work for your basic trip. When crazed enough to go "for the big ones" and you have enough bucks, 3"-4" computer wheel bearings become a must.

4. Your basic trucks with wide hangers and urethane cushions do well at this time. I stick with Gullwings Blues due to excellent machining and geometry. Use your own preference. Whichever you use, remember, they come drilled for "four" nuts and bolts assembly, install all four of them.

Do not expect to conquer the "world record" overnight. I have been at it since 1975. When you see pros like Roger Hickey or Doug Denton or John Hutson hitting the corners at 60 plus mile per hour, keep in mind that they are Pros and years of experience, trials and errors is what allows them to come out of

it without a scratch.

Keep in mind also that this is a "Guide" and this is what works for me! Eventually, you'll find the right equipment, style and "hill" that works for you.

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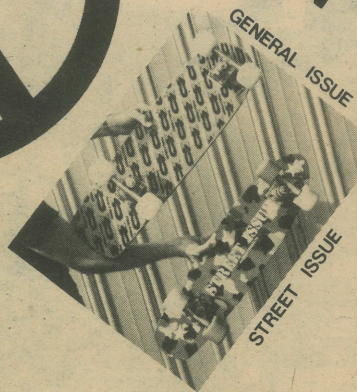
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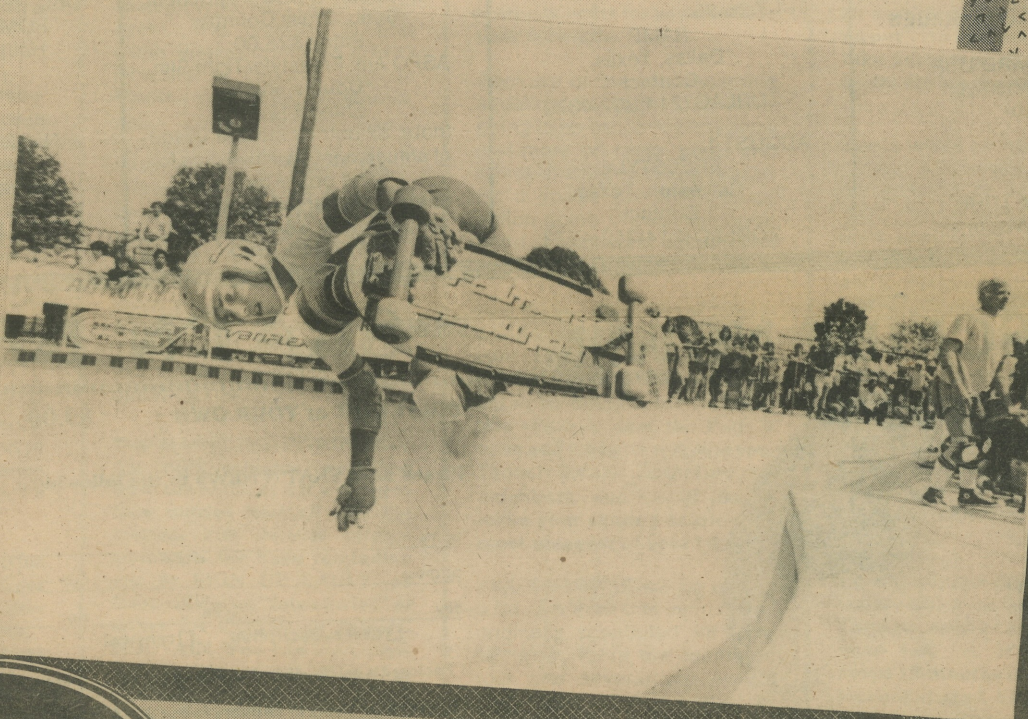
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