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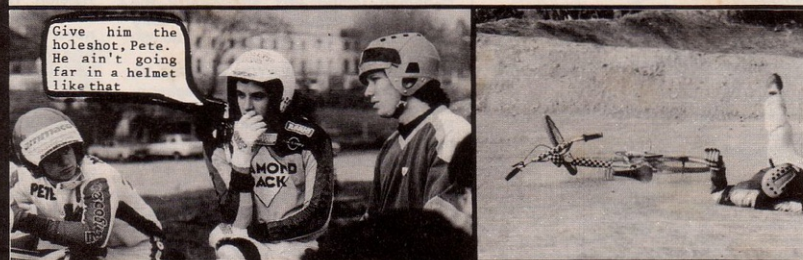


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WINNER OF THE YEAR: First name out the drum was Peter Power of Lunar Road, Liverpool. The Trick Fox Freestyler is on its way to you.

COVER STARS (clockwise from the top): The GT Performer blasting into the bio at Rom (Ralph T in the hotseat)...Tim March cruising Hounslow...the hottest accessory of 84, Frankie Romain blazing at Brum, Mrs Fiola's fave son nighthopping, Curb Dog Vanderspek on the case at Southsea.

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What the blobs mean.....
 Club Open meeting



ODDEST REQUEST OF '84: 'Do you know anyone who can wheelie and ride a bear suit?', we was asked. The request came from an advertising agency who'd got this idea for a vodka ad (it's a hard life in ad agencies). Natch we sent along El Sidy 'cos he rides like a bear and could use a new suit. The riding was OK. But they couldn't get a bear suit big enough to fit Sid. Faster than a drunken bear we suggested Kuwahara's Simon Hayes. He got the job. Last heard of he'd spent some of his £125 day's earnings on a perm.

LATE MOVE OF THE YEAR: After keepin' all the teams guessing, super rookie Geth Shooter (NBMXA No 1 in 16s & cruiser) has signed for Redline. Will ride UKBMX Superclass in '85. Along with new deal comes sponsorship from AGV helmets. Expect to see the Pro-Shooter signature skidlid out any day now.

Meanwhile the Ruff rumoured to be talking to Yes about producing his own signature lid in Raleigh colours.

REJECTION OF THE YEAR: Still on the Ruff trail, his bid to persuade Stu Diggins to join Raleigh has gone down the tubes. The 14s No 1 reputed to have turned down £3,000 a year + trips to stay with Kuwahara. Latest to get the Raleigh offer is Hutch's John Vile. At time of writing he's unlikely to go.

SPONSORSHIP MOVE OF THE YEAR: By Schweppes. As exclusively revealed in last ABMX Ears the you-know-who people due anyway now to sign three-year deal to back UKBMX. The National series will be re-named Grand Prix and carry the name of Schweppes or associated company. Insiders say deal is worth £60,000 per year.

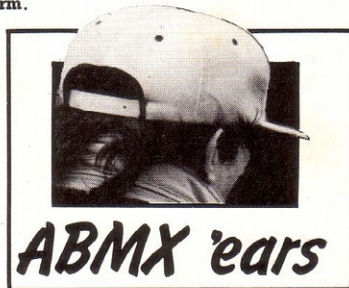
FAST MOVERS TO WATCH AWARD: To Scorpion. For sponsoring season-opening Anglo-Dutch match at Ipswich. Pro and Superclass purses of £1,300 will be the season's first ahead of the Hunter meet at Chesterfield and UKBMX Grand Prix series.

STATESIDE MOVER OF THE YEAR: After a short stay at Torker Richie 'Avalanche' Anderson on the move again to Skyway, the crew who've been keeping him in Graphites down the years. The Avalanche will ride amateur one more year before going pro in 86.

FAMILY REUNION: After racing for years for different outfits the Scott-Webb gang coming together under the Scorpion banner. Debbie and Jason saying 'bye to Yes and hello to brother Dean on the Scorpion factory team. Joining them as pro from Suzuki will be Jamie Vince.

IDEAL BMX HOME AWARD: ABMX Freestyle test rider David Currey busy burying Mum's prize roses beneath 30ft of concrete in the back garden... DC reckons to complete own skatepark mini-pool by the spring.

REWARDS DEPT report Ammaco-



ABMX ears

Mongoose sending brothers Gary & Wayne Llewellyn Stateside with Jon Greaves for getting No.1s in '84.

REUNION (2) Alan Woods and John Lee riding together again on Torker In '85 Pro Class. As neighbourhood friends they used to ride together three years back on Robinson, then split when John went to Raleigh. The move by Woodsy is a personal first. In his four years in BMX he's never been off Robinson before.

SKYWAY FREESTYLER MOVES. Free-wheeler team boss Peter Hawkins puts Billy Stuppule out to graze and gets in aerial artists Nell Ruffell and Nick Jefferies. Meanwhile Free-wheeler cooking up a storm behind new '85 Prolite freestyle mobile. Rumourmill says Craig Campbell has hand in design and could be first rider.

NEW TEAM IDEA AWARD: Hotshot to run an all girl Hotshot-Uni team. Team boss Jane Windle's first sign-ups are Caroline Goward and Michelle Webster.

NEW YEAR COLOURS AWARD: We-kidu-not Greg Hill in all pink gear at Paris meet (next ish) could be taste of things to come in '85. Staying with electro colours Skyway making lavender Tufts. Will come exclusively as standard on the new CW Freestyler.

BOO HOO: MRD's Frankie Romain doubled by thieves. FR had all his gear ripped off on his manor. Received a replacement set—only to get it all ripped off all over again. Thieves better watch out. On the case is Gibb ('yes, that's a Rental in my back pocket'), the pint-sized BMX gumshoe famed for recovering Errol Mac-Learn's Diamond Back bike back from sticky fingers. YHBW!



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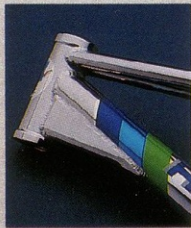
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From A PEASANT
☆This letter goes on and on like this, odd really, unless by some amazing chance if A Peasant turned out to be daring debonair Sid's little sister... We can see through walls, you know.



THE TRUTH ABOUT MY SOAR HEAD

HERE is a picture of me jumping three cars in September. This is my second jump, first was over two and the second over three. On my first jump I landed okay, but on my second I crashed. The front wheel dipped too much and when I hit the down ramp I went over the handlebars and on to my head. Luckily I was not seriously injured but I got concussion for four hours. I did the jumps for charity but I am now looking for a sponsor to do it more professionally. I am 14 and have been riding BMX for a year.
BANA-CRASH BURT (Piers Buchanan), Bridge House Lane, Haworth, W.Yorks.
☆Hi there bana-crash! Nice jump. Very nice. Keep your hard hat on.

WASHED UP

I AM a freestyler and getting a number plate soon but I wonder if you can put a number on them.
DAVE SAUNDERS, Station Road, Wath upon Dearne
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HERE is a McGrando: Ride backwards slowly. Do an endo. Kick out your leg and touch your toes.
IAIN McGREGOR, Cumberland
☆Neat one Iain. But does it only work in the dark or is it the camera.

WRONG OWNER

IN 'Me & My Bike #25, it said Proline of Bradford was owned by Chas Smith and myself. This is not true. The owners were Mike Siswick and Bevan Hogg. Chas was sponsored by Proline and I acted as Team Manager.
G.SMITH, Baildon, Shipley
☆Thanks for putting that straight. Whatever, they were great racing days.

taken out of my face on the day of the competition.
☆Where are the pictures. You're all quite mad out there but at least it's nice to have photographic evidence. By the way there is only one judge of freestyle, dat's THE JUDGE, otherwise Pete Two Shirts, and he's got so big headed he's even bought himself a tie !!! UGH!!

BOOBS #1

IN the Curb Dog section (ABMX 25) one minute it said Robert PetersEn and the next page it said Robert PetersOn. If this carries on you will be losing a customer.
CHRIS HURSELL, Maidstone, Kent.

BOOBS #2

IN issue 23 you said that Maurice Meyer's trick called a DROG was a one hand one foot 360° spin and in issue 24 I read that it was also a 360° but on the back wheel with the bar turned 180° and with the foot over the grip. Was this your mistake or has Meyer got two tricks?
KELVIN BARLOW, Blaenporth, Dyfed
☆It was our mistake. Do you want to make anything of it. We were right the first time, but in issue 24 James 'Stripper' Black got overexcited and called a PetersOn trick the Drog as well. We're making him wear a string vest as a punishment.

FAME ON \$1 A DAY

ME and my friends Chris, Rob, Colin Stephen, Nick and Darren have recently been riding a quarter pipe in Denham, and we've been getting pretty rad....This Saturday we're having a 'King of Denham Quarterpipe' competition, but since Nick and Darren are judging it's really only between me and Colin...I will send you pix in another letter. Please print this letter because I bet my friends I would make them famous...
DAVE PAUL, Gerrards Cross P.S. I'm having 13! stitches

DANISH BACON

I THINK I have found the hidden number of the printers in the December mag. I think it is on the front cover where it says: "KRONE 19.95" Could you send me two BMX Action Bike stickers please, even if it isn't true.
STEVEN SMITH, Holt, Norfolk
☆So the secret is out. In the little village of Krone far far away, there are lots of jolly faced people with muttonchop whiskers and funny accents who spend their time printing Action Bike, ONE COPY AT A TIME. And by a lucky coincidence those thousands of Danes who will now be getting Action Bike each month can see how much the world's most brilliant mag costs in their own currency. 'stunny that, no one else asked us to print the price. they use stickers.

NICE ONE MARTIN. NO FURTHER COMMENT

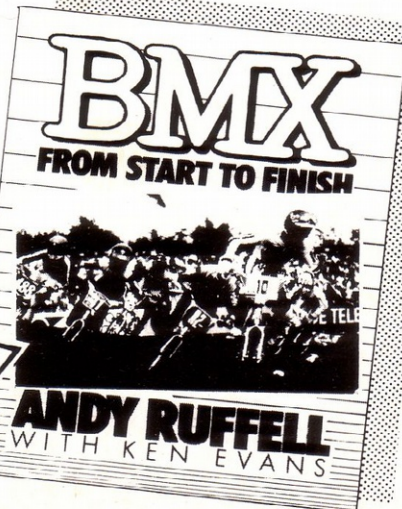


DAVID HODGKINS, Cheltenham, Gloucester
☆OK OK. We've got the names, and unless a couple of red-faced pros want all the *****s filled in they better get a donation round to the ABMX fund for distressed jurnos PDQ. We don't mind what sort of donation it is so long as it's got white-wall tyres.

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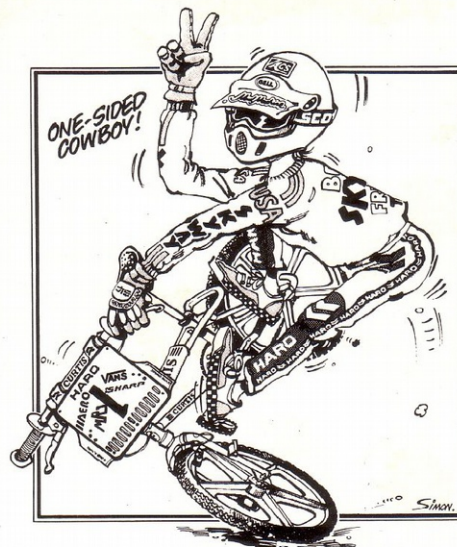
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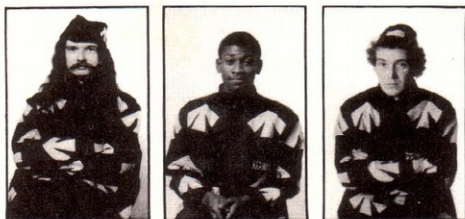
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CRAZY DAYS!

1984 was the year when BMX went totally crazy. Real pro racing for money became reality, TV gave BMX its own series and freestyle finally went legit. Overnight BMX became bigger, better, madder and radder.

On the race scene The Move of the Year wasn't on the tracks but behind the scenes. Cash prizes for the Superclass electrified the sport. The racing got faster, tougher, meaner and more physical. Star riders became nationally famous. Crowds grew. Less than 700 sign-ups at a National was a small meet. Tracks got wilder, more wicked and more water jumps. On the best, the US Pros came and raced the Kelloggs and gave a taste of the clash to come in 1985.

For others it was the Year of Freestyle. Overnight backstreet heroes became frontpage stars. America's Fiola

came and cakewalked the Kelloggs. New tricks became cult. Fiola demoed the bar press and bikewalks while Mr Vanderspek turned everyone's ideas about freestyle upside down with the Vander Roll.

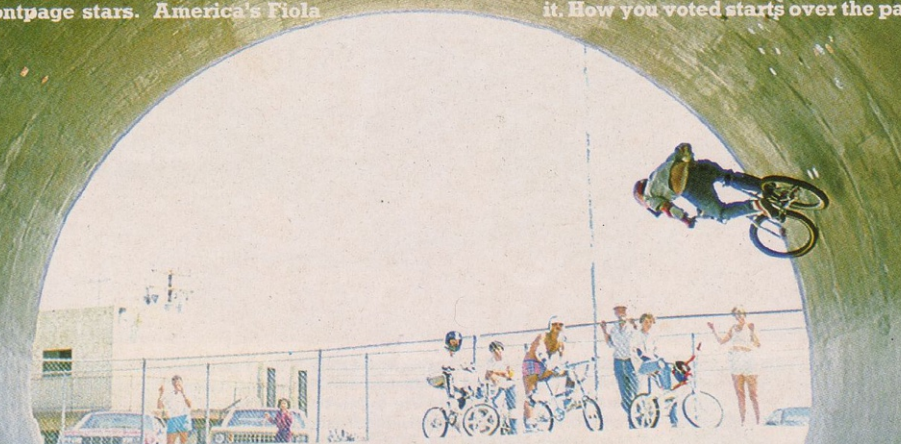
Equipmentwise we were spoiled rotten. Stuff got lighter, slicker and quicker. Skyway gave us the platform, dull ole dustcaps became fast radkaps, bars came in all shapes and sizes and everywhere you looked bikes sprouted pegs. Colourwise we went from chrome to white to yellow and back again.

All in all it was one hell of a year.

Who and what was the Best of '84 will be argued and debated wherever the Rad get together. But ABMX's expert army of readers have made their choice. Only a fool would quarrel with it. How you voted starts over the page....

BEST OF 84

ABMX AWARDS





TRACK OF THE YEAR

Despite visiting US pros nicknaming it 'the track in the junkyard', Birmingham Wheels continued to build its rep as the hottest track in Europe. This year it hosted its second European Championships, two UKBMX Nationals and a bunch of club races every weekend. Changes for the better included Mike Miranda's Mountain (a killer sheer-sided step-up in the pro section), a deceptively fast speedjump in the junior section, a new electronic gate and grandstands at all major meets.

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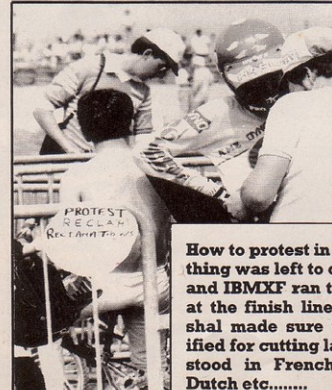
Unsung Hero of the Year on the Track of the Year. Mongoose's Wayne Llewellyn continued to score at Wheels. Its thundering downhills, humungus jumps and big wide open spaces are made for his style of power riding. On it Wayne collected his second European Championships title. With his third UKBMX No 1 already in the bag, WL is also well on the way to receiving The-Person-Most-Likely-To-Succeed-Andy-Ruffell-Awards. Now AR is off the team. Mongoose are grooming Wayne for his share of the limelight. First taste will be a documentary on BBC-TV's Freetime chronicling Wayne's rise from streetkid to track star.



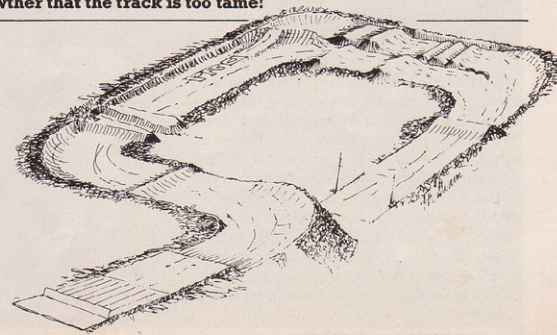
There have been plenty of electronic gates but none like the monster Wheels installed in time for the Euros. The engineers borrowed the Slagharen design and then beefed up the size of the magnets. In the power department they are definitely over the top. The warning sign went up when more than a few cassettes on personal stereos got wiped by the magnetic force.



- BEST OF '84**
- TOP TRACK**
- 1 Birmingham Wheels
 - 2 Three Sisters, Wigan
 - 3 Hounslow
 - 4 Buckmore
 - 5 Gateshead



How to protest in eight languages: Nothing was left to chance when Wheels and IBMXF ran the Europeans. Down at the finish line a multilingual marshal made sure that 'you're disqualified for cutting lanes' could be understood in French, German, Spanish, Dutch etc.....



BEST OF 84 ABMX AWARDS

BEST MEETING OF '84

The Kellogg's BMX Championship wasn't so much a meeting—more a way of life. For six days this summer it dominated everything as hundreds of the nation's top racers, a bunch of US pro stars and a freestyle crew hit the road.

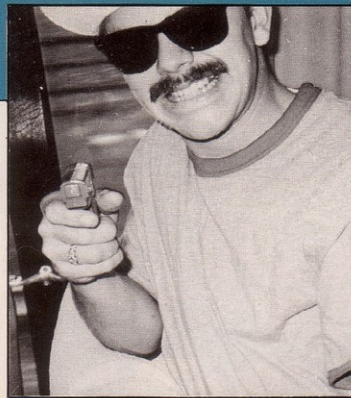
The longer the series went on, the tougher the tracks became. And nowhere was tougher than the last meet at Gateshead.

In this 16s main it's Falcon's Jeff Bishop who's flipping his feet as team mate Gary Fenwick and GT's Scott Williams get set up for the first turn. MJ won this one.



ABOVE: How to make TV racing exciting...just import the fastest US pros, stick them on gnarly tracks and give them £15,000 to chase. The formula worked. Leading the money and the action is Mongoose's Eric Rupe with Brian Patterson and Clint Miller tucked in alongside.

RIGHT: On screen the Kelloggs made Andy Ruffell a TV star, but on the track Andy (far right and shouting the odds) occasionally had trubs staying upright.



JOKER OF THE YEAR: He didn't win the Kelloggs, but Mike Miranda lived up to his rep as the Clown Prince of BMX. Whenever there was half-a-chance to clownaround, 'Hollywood' Miranda took it. While everyone else was getting wound up before the big money main, he was the one playing practical jokes behind the scenes. On the team coach nobody was safe after he invested his winnings in waterpistols. But when it comes to business MM knows how to get serious. A few weeks after the Kellogg's ended he decided to quit Torker and hunted around for a better deal. It turned out to be Hutch.



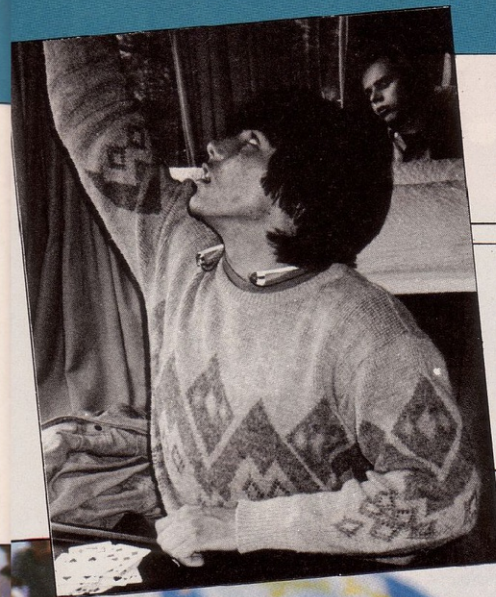
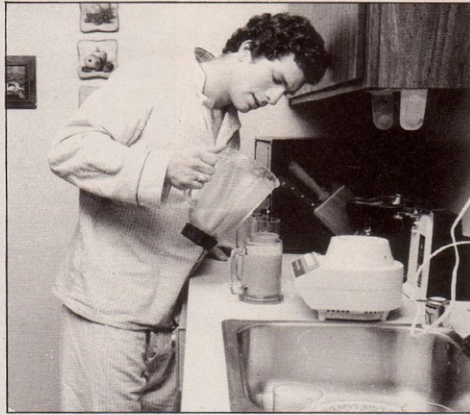
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- 1 Kelloggs
 - 2 European Championships
 - 3 UKBMX National, Hounslow
 - 4 Nike National
 - 5 Wigan National

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SUPERCLASS RIDER OF THE YEAR

Next to Tim March, Dutch destroyer Phil Hoogendorn continues to be the best thing on two wheels in Europe. With his third Dutch championship title already sealed he turned up in Japan as the only real challenger to TM and won the World title. The person giving him a bad time in the European 18-24 cruisers is Sid, alias Test Rider of the Year (when Capt. Haynes ain't around to argue the toss.)

In 1984 Greg Hill started his own company GHP and found himself caught off-guard by ABMX's sneak photographer making breakfast for his baby son. The pyjamas started a major argument. Hill claimed they were lightweight off-track gear. UKBMX considered banning them as unsafe but stepped down after Kellogg's BMX boss Alan Rushton revealed that he had a set in company colours.



JUMPER OF THE YEAR NO.1

Eddie Fiola's well-crucial diamond-cut jumper never left his back while touring on the Kellogg's coach. Even a freebie sweater from Skyway couldn't persuade Eddie to ditch it.

JUMPER OF THE YEAR NO.2

Have bike will jump: Tim Judge trekked half way round the world this year promoting Hutch and spreading the gospel of the one-footed tabletop. Wherever Hutch could gather his clan together TJ jumped 'em. Not everyone was sure what they were in for including the UK's Donna Duffy (second right). She hadn't heard that Da Judge never misses.



Worst grip of the year: Oakley's B1-B really bombed. The two-part grip proved to be ridiculously expensive and couldn't take the treatment from power riders.



RESEARCH



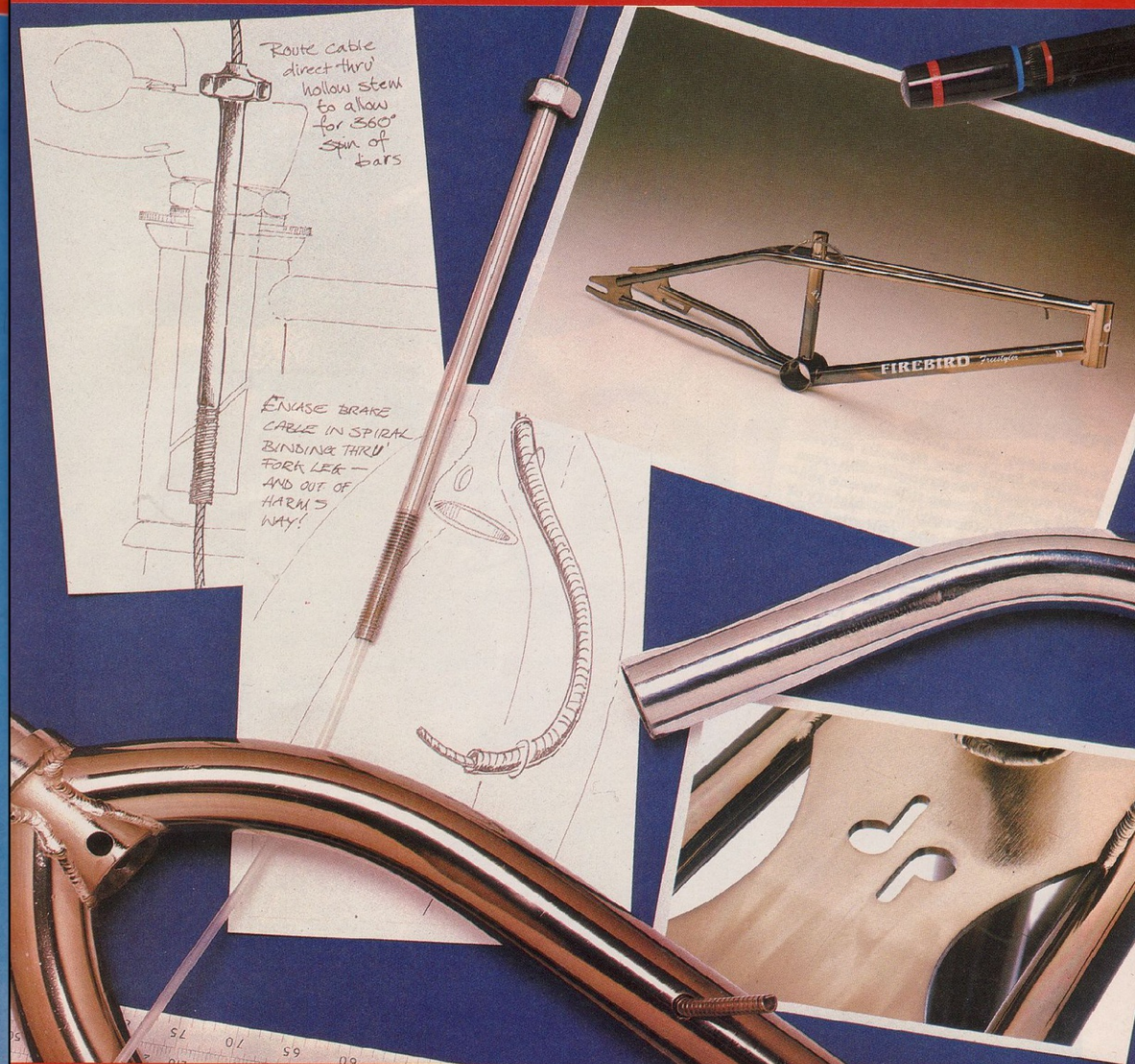
At DP we started with just a blank piece of paper when we designed our first freestyler. That bike is now the UK's best-selling freestyle frame & fork set. But freestyle is on the move. New tricks, new moves and new ideas are changing the way freestyle bikes are used. So for our research department we headhunted Glyn Lewis. Not just because he became the top UK freestyler in the Kellogg's TV

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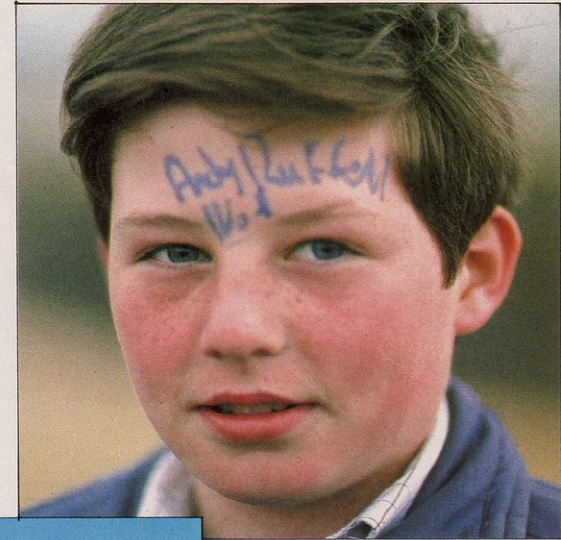
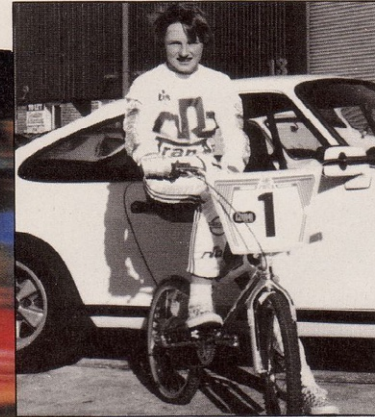
TOP FEMALE RIDER

- 1 Sarah Jane Nicholls
- 2 Debbie Scott Webb
- 3 Melanie Vauvelle
- 4 Donna Duffy
- 5 Emma Williams



TOP FEMALE RIDER

Few had any doubt about this. In 1984 Redline's Sarah Jane Nicholls moved from strength to strength. She won more races and more titles in one season than any other girl in the history of BMX. This year she collected her second NBMXA No 1, scored a perfect 10 Nationals for a UK No 1, won five of the six Kellogg's races and a European title. The only changes for '85 are that SJK wants to be known as just Sarah (goodbye Jane) and oh, yes she'll be riding for Tim March and MRD. (The Porsche isn't in the deal).



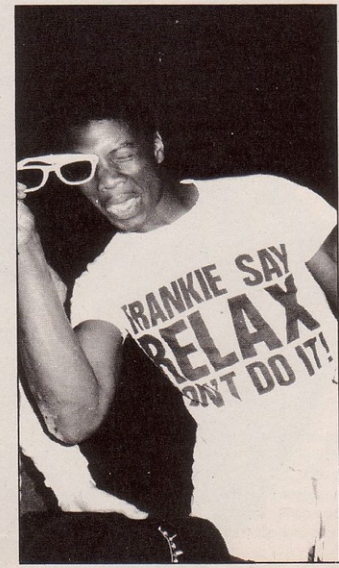
Fan of the Year. When you've run out of paper, your clothes are all too dark to autograph and you've got Andy Ruffell charging around with a pen in his hand you don't hesitate to get the signature Raleigh were prepared to pay thousands for...even if yours does wear off after a month.

Frankie Goes to MRD: In 1984 Frankie Romain didn't relax at all. He was hyper all year long, riding 30 miles a day, putting in musclework on the Surbiton track and ending up No 2 in the 17s.



SPLIT OF THE YEAR

For a few short months they were the hottest and most outspoken double act on the UK freestyle scene. ABMX readers first heard about Terry Jenkins (left) and Andy Irwin (right) way back in February 83 (ABMX No 6) when they were still privateers. Then Alan Woods signed them for Torker. It was magic. They started to tour nationwide and were selected to compete in the Kellogg's TV freestyle. (TJ's superhigh aerials made him a star overnight). Next the duo were telling Torker how to design a new freestyler. But they never got a chance to ride it. Before Torker could bring the bike out, the pair had fallen out with Alan Woods. But they weren't without sponsors for long. GT snapped up Andy Irwin and Terry Jenkins took up a longstanding offer from Haro.



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ABOVE: While digging through the ABMX photo archive, our librarian came across this rare picture of gap-toothed GL in a tie. The caption scribbled on back read: 'November '82. ET's London premiere. Character without tooth has difficulty talking and eating a Big Mac. Says he's into something called freestyle.' If only we had known at the time.

Bowl rider of the Year: In 1984 Glyn Lewis went from unknown to King Of Gillingham skatepark, became Ammaco's first sponsored freestyler, was a late entry for the Kelloggs (and came out as the top UK rider), switched to DP to help design their new bike and claimed a new world quarterpipe aerial height record of nearly six foot. But he still has troubles getting off a bike. (See below).



Gnaff Idea of the Year: Synchronised BMX didn't catch on. The Red Arrows approach to BMX got overtaken by freestyle, proving once again that BMX is for 100% off-the-wall individuals. Or nutters as the man in the street calls them. Last heard of a few enthusiasts were still trying to develop synchronised BMX... underwater with permanent plastic smiles.



- BEST OF '84
TOP TEAM OF '84**
- 1 Ammaco Mongoose
 - 2 Redline
 - 3 Skyway
 - 4 MRD
 - 5 Raleigh

TEAM OF THE YEAR

Family secrets or just a hush-hush team talk between Sam and Alexia Jarvis? Wherever you went in BMX this year the Mongoose squad were always in evidence. Led by the Jarvis clan, the Jacksons of BMX, they scooped three UKBMX No 1s. What's the secret? Possibly it's because Mongoose is a family squad. With seven Jarvis members, three Greaves and two Llewellyns, the only singles on the team are Pete Middleton and Damian Myles.

FOX OF THE YEAR



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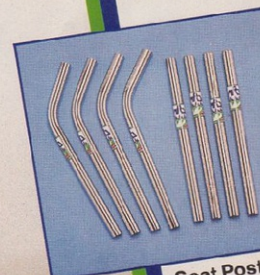
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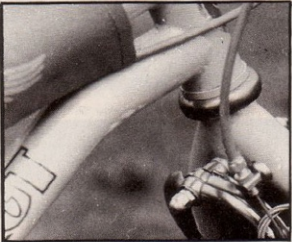
The Vander Roll, freestyle BMX's answer to breakdancing, totally creamed the votes in the trick category. It was hardly surprising. Wherever its inventor Dave Vanderspek performed it had the crowds whistling and stamping for more.

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rider Dave Currey, is the Bowl Vander Roll. (Requirements: 256k of bottle. Brains optional). Timing is essential. Go too early and you lose the bike while you stay on the ledge. Go too late and you'll crash the bowl with the bike on top of you. Helmets for this version of the Vander-Roll are 101% definite unless you want to mess with a 12 ft concrete drop.



The Vander Roll himself, D.Vanderspek Esq, the king of Far Out Freestyle and leader of the Curb Dogs, Dave Vanderspek the inventor of the Vander Roll. A year ago Dave was a hard up A pro racer who dabbled around inventing new freestyle tricks. Now he and his Curb Dogs are big time. Right: Fellow Curb Dog and freestyle spin artist of the year Maurice "The Drog" Meyer... one-handed, one footed, 360s & 540s, front-wheel or back the Drog can spin it.



Bend of the Year: GT's freebend with its extra clearance was the major influence on freestyle frame design. It was quickly copied but never equalled by several rivals.



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 - 2 Drog
 - 3 Framewhip
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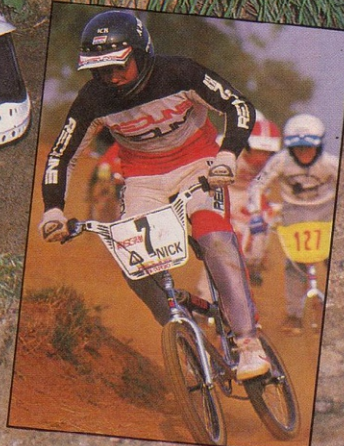
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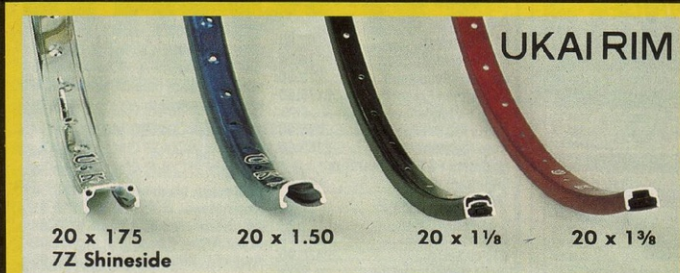
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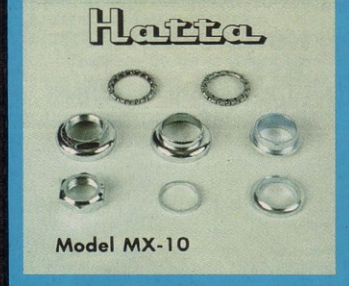
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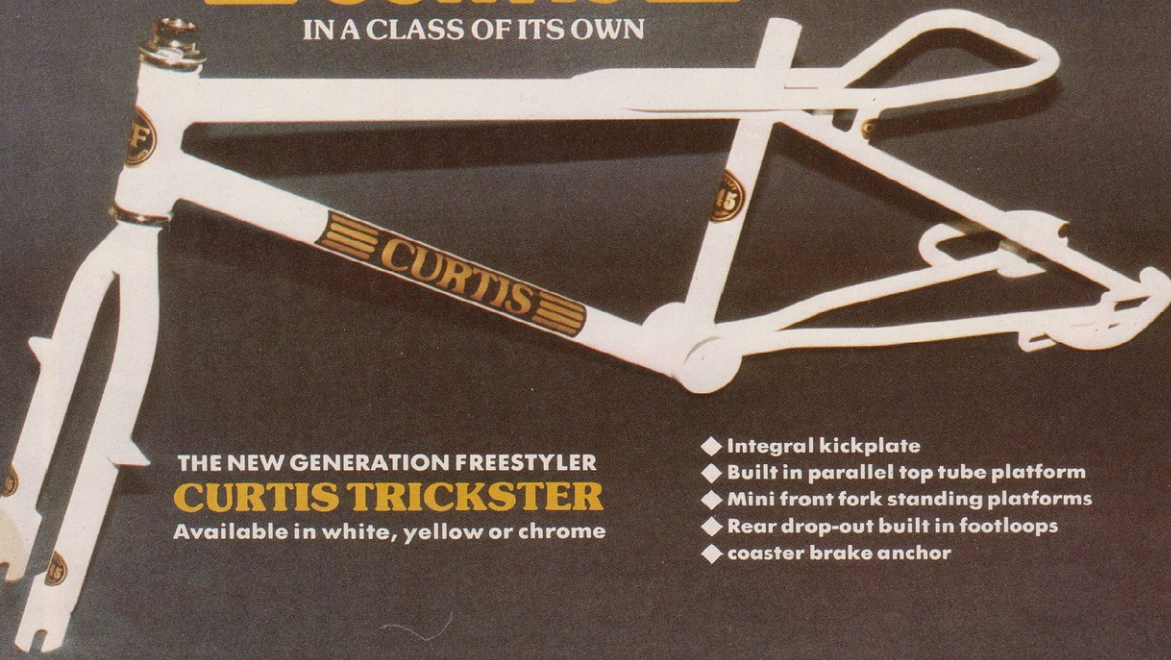
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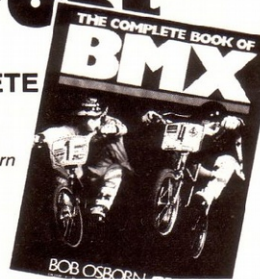
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- 1 Tim March
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MARCH



TIM MARCH is Britain's most successful BMX rider. Three times No.1 he's won more races, more trophies and titles than any other UK rider. This season Tim added five more No 1 Superclass titles winning the UKBMX National series, the European Championships in 20 inch and European Cruiser, the Kellogg's BMX Championship and Olympia.

And just to cap it all the BMX Action Bike's mega-army of readers voted him Rider of the Year for the third year running. ABMX used the good news as an excuse for an interview. Getting it wasn't easy. Even with the season over a Tim March day is still action-packed. But in between a gate practice session, a short gym work-out, a visit to the Tran Am factory, and a 500-mile round-trip to a club presentation Tim talked (among other things) about Greg Hill and the Squeeze Cheek Nationals, racing pro against the Americans, how he selects his team, the tracks he likes, why he doesn't freestyle, his secret ambition... and what he thinks of Andy Ruffell.

ABMX: Why do you think you won the ABMX Reader Poll for the third Year?

TIM MARCH: I dunno really. It's hard for me to say. All I ever do is be myself as best as I can. But it's nice to know that a load of people think you are an all right guy.

You seem to have won everything going this year. What's your aim for 1985?

I want to win the World Championships..

Were you disappointed at not winning the Worlds in Japan?

No. Because I did win it really. Just because some guy thought he could take it away from me, that wasn't my fault. I didn't care that much about it, because it was a big fiddle. If I'd have won it I wouldn't have been that proud of it. I'm not taking anything away from the people who won it, but if the Americans had been there they'd have done a damn sight better than a load of Australians and Dutch.

Now that you're going pro, it means that you'll race against the US pros in the 1985 World Championships. How d'you feel about that?

It's great. I would have liked to have raced them this year in the Kelloggs. I've got to be realistic about my chances but the way I look at it, I've got as much chance as anyone.

How important was your trip to the USA last winter?

Going there and staying with

Tim March tries to make sense of the controversial Andy Ruffell interview. The inversion boots are part of a training programme that helps relax his spine.

Greg Hill was the best thing I've done in my whole life. The guy is the best friend I've ever had. He's the nicest warmest guy I've ever met. He's the best BMX rider I've ever seen. He puts so much into it. He wants to win at everything. When I stayed with him we would eat tea--that would be a competition, we would have the squeeze cheek nationals, the squeeze nose nationals, bean each other with tennis balls, everything you could have a competition at we did. We went through tennis rackets like there was no tomorrow. But after everything's over it would all be cool between us.

How would you feel about racing against Greg Hill in pro competition?

Kicking arse, big time...(laughs)...State of mind. That's the important one. You got to be happy with yourself. If you're happy with yourself you can do anything you want. I've got faith in the Lord and that helps a lot. I don't want to get into this religious thing too much because a lot of people think you're a complete idiot, but it helps me so much.

How do you motivate your team members?

Those that need motivating I talk with and try to instil some confidence. Others I might just give a little bit of a chivvy up. But basically hanging around with a load of guys who race does everybody some good.

How much do you have to with the team?

I put a lot of time into the team

shouldn't have been in a position to be stuffed. But you get other guys who take it the other way and think: 'Hey, he's a dirty rider, he should never have done that.'

It was Greg who introduced you to Jeff Spence who you say helped you a lot. Who is he?

He's a former US Olympiad. He's very knowledgeable on sports medicine and trains all the top American motocross riders --Bob Hannah, Ricky Johnson and Jonny O'Mara. He's knows more about physical education for two-wheel sports than anybody.

What's he done for you?

He helped me know a lot more about myself. I eat a lot more sensibly now. Before a race I don't pork out bigtime anymore. I used to eat a phenomenal amount of food, but now my appetite has melted out.

What do you think your strengths are?

The fact that I want to win. Pure and simple. Nothing more to it than that.

As far as riding goes, this year I rode ten times better than last year. Last year I didn't jump that well, speed jumps weren't that good, starts weren't that good. The thing I had going for me was that I was strong. I knew that and I knew that when the other guys came up into Superclass this year I had to do a lot more than be strong. So last winter I worked on them. I've still got weaknesses-but I'm working on them. Each year I'm going to improve. I won't quit until I'm 26 or 27.

What are your priority areas to work on?

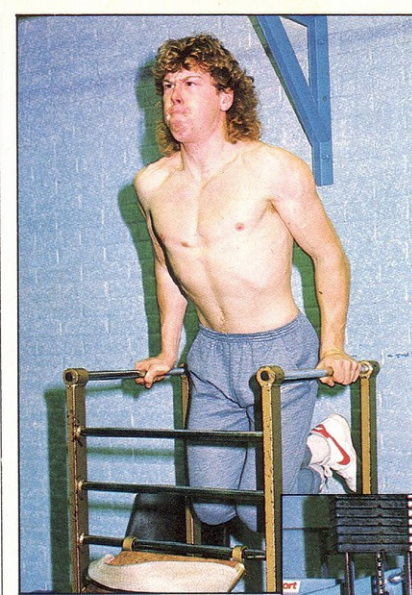
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Getting physical: Three times a week Tim hits his local gym for a work-out session of dips, curls, and squats. The emphasis is on building up his strength above the waistline. Regular riding takes care of strengthening his legs.

this year. The deal I had with Tran Am meant that they paid me and I paid for the team. But I got the budget wrong. The team cost more than I thought what with paying out for hotels and travel to Nationals. But I don't mind, because really everybody had a good time and that's the important thing. In 1985 the deal will be different 'cos Tran Am will take care of everything.

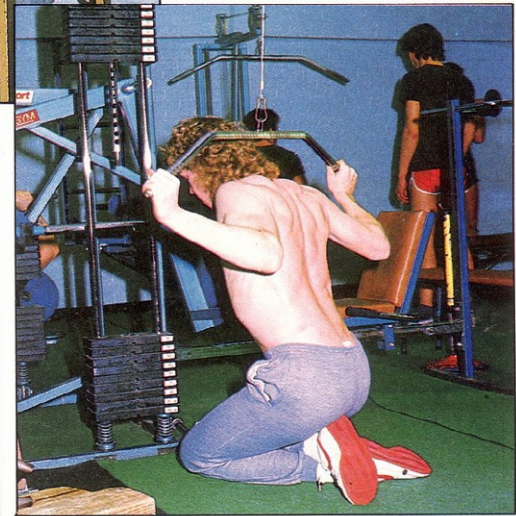
I put at least 24 hours a week into the MRD team. It's not just look-after-me-time. Ask any of them. If I go practicing by myself during the day I'll go practicing with some of them in the afternoon after school.

Ano Bourton, Colin Webb, Tony Pittman, Shaun Gilmour and Ashley Davies all live quite near. Frankie Romain lives up in London but he'll come and stay and spend time and practice. When Frankie joined the team he'd won one National. He was like a bit iffy--y'know what I mean -- but I could see the potential and as soon as he got a load of guys behind him saying: 'Frankie, you-can-do-it, Frankie-you can-do-it,' it was instant winning.

When he comes down we practice together, do starts, go riding and it's good for me 'cos I chase him, he chases me and we just just push each other.

When you're selecting someone for the team what do you look for?

Desire. That's the first thing. Tran



Am and I look for guys who project a good image and have bags of desire. I don't care if their speed jumping isn't brilliant or whatever. But if they've got desire and they want to win they've got the basics of being successful.

How critical are physical work-outs to being a successful BMX?

If I'm physically fit I feel better in myself. And it helps me in my racing. You have to be pretty strong to ride a bike. But I know quite a few guys who don't bother and don't worry. It's whatever suits you.

But I'm critical of myself and if I miss a work-out I can get on the line and think: 'Bloody hell. What's the deal. I may not do that good this weekend.' It's how it affects your confidence.

How do you spend your

time when you aren't racing?

Take a Monday after a race meeting. I'll get up early and ride my rollers for an hour. Most days I go to see Tran Am about advertising, teamwork, new products, budget-s...that sort of thing. After that there's riding, organising MRD from home and then I've got my own promotions company that just organises me...appearances at shops and like we're doing today, a presentation, then there's riding, do starts, go riding, come in, have tea. Another day it could vary and I'll spend the whole day at Tran Am. It's not all training, doing starts, working out and doing what you want. There's pressures on me. I've the team to look after. And I've got the pressure on me of going over to see the guys at

MARCH

Tran Am, going over to Rickman to see the bikes, inspecting product...this is a 24-hour job really.

Does that mean you can't go partying every night?

Yeah. I consider myself to have a family now. I'm engaged and I'm going to be married in January, whereas before I could do what I liked in an evening. Now I've got a set time when I get up, what time I do things, a day-to-day schedule that lets me spend time with Tina when I should be spending time with her.

Who will your major rivals be in 1985?

Nobody. I don't see anybody as rivals. The way I look at it so long as I am Tim March nobody will ever be a rival to me. I don't get up on the line and think 'Oh, bloody hell...I've got to race him, oh it's him'. I just go out there and race. My only rival is the track. I want to go out there and ride it as best as I can. Really it only happened twice this year. Once at Herne Bay and once at Teesside when I beat Pete Loncarevich. I didn't get on the line and

think: 'Here's Pete Loncarevich, I've got to beat him. Everybody was expecting Pete Loncarevich to win that race. Bullshit! I wanted to get round that track faster than anyone, that's why I won. I beat the track.'

How will the extra money in Pro Class next year affect you?

The fact that there's more money is good. It means that we're getting paid for a job we do well. We're like circus animals really. We put a performance on for the public so if we perform well, we should get paid more.

What makes me die is these interviews with people who go on about the money, the money, the money. Yet I've never got up on the start line and thought if I win this I'm going to make £100. The money doesn't impress me. Not even if they said 'Here's 5,000 quid. Go and win the race.' It wouldn't make me want to win it anymore. I win for the Lord really, that's what it boils down to.

I've been given a talent. I'm talented at BMX and the way I can show my appreciation is to win races. Full stop.

The Superclass pay out was on places 1 to 8 this



year. Do you think this means some riders don't try?

Yeah. I think a lot of guys think to themselves: 'Great. I've made some money today. But I don't think it's a bad thing 'cos there aren't eight Tim Marches or eight Greg Hills in a race. Whichever field you look at, there aren't that many talented guys about. There are thousands of riders but only a few born naturals.'

Who are 'born naturals'?

Gary and Wayne Llewellyn. Sarah Jane Nicholls is fairly unbelievable, Anthony Howells and Ashley Davies. Ashley isn't so much natural talent as the 150% effort he puts in. That's why he's on our team. He impresses me more than anyone.

Would you say you had 'natural talent'?

No. I have to work bloody hard to ride the way I ride. I was 17 when I first got a BMX. It was pretty late to get on a bike. My body had to learn to adapt.

What do you think about freestyle?

I don't like it. I don't like watching it. I don't like doing it. It doesn't impress me at all. It was invented for a load of kids who didn't want to race. And from that point of view it's brilliant. There are lots who can't afford to race but they can still go off and enjoy themselves.

Did you ever do freestyle?

Yeah. When I was on Mongoose me and Andy used to do demos together. But freestyle doesn't thrill me. Freestyle competition means you all have to go one at a time and then wait three hours to find out how you've done. With BMX racing you can get on the line, win a race and think: 'Bloody ace! I beat 'em'. It's instant. It's got the thrill of speed and it's competitive. Freestyle doesn't have that.

Sneak preview: Tran Am and MRD's new freestyler will be out any day now. On the top-tube it's a touch of the Haro Sport, while down below it follows the GT curve.



Tim's sidewinder start is famous. But there's nothing special about it. 'I do it like that because otherwise I would veer to the right. It just corrects the way I hook out the gate. Each day he practices it 125 times on his own gate set up in a local garage.'

What about your rivalry with Andy and the things he said about you in the interview in the last issue of ABM?

Andy said 'em and he obviously believes them. But in that last interview Andy said a lot of things he didn't know what he was talking about. He was telling you things about what I did in a week and what I did with Tran Am. He's got about as much idea about what he does with his week as I know about what he does.

Y'know Andy and I were once good friends. If he's



'I don't see anybody as rivals. My only rival is the track. I want to go out and ride it as best as I can.' In 1984 nobody rode it better than Tim March. The record speaks for itself.

honest with himself he knows the real reason why sometimes we don't get on.

What did you think of his move to Raleigh?

Obviously it's a good thing for him.

I've chosen to make my way forward in BMX by making my own products, my own bike. Andy has chosen to make his way forward in the sport by promoting someone else's products.

What sort of products are you going to bring out next year?

A freestyler 'cos the sport is booming incredibly. A complete race bike is coming out as well. MRD hubs are coming and they're English. We're going to be doing a new numberplate, really neat and tidy and a few other things.

How's the book coming on?

Not very well. I do bits and then lose the book I'm writing it in. But when it comes out it will blow every other BMX book away. It will be dead humorous and easy to read and the photography is going

to be something else.

A year ago you were critical of British tracks. Have they improved?

No. Most of them are a load of rubbish. People who build them don't listen to the riders. There are a few good ones like Wigan, Cocksmoor, Cumbria and the one at Gateshead. But they were all designed by riders.

How would you improve tracks?

The first thing I would concentrate on is the start gate. The number of bad ones around that fall slow is unbelievable.

Tracks should be more challenging. Everyone moans about the Poole track because the whoops in the first straight are so severe. But guys in our area have got used to jumping them so that when they go to other tracks they clean up 'cos they know how to handle the tough stuff.

I like long tracks with lots of jumps, doubles that you can clear and quadruples that give you good rhythm where you can swap and change lines.

Where do you see BMX five years from now?

I can see it in the top groups as a huge spectator sport that can be sold to TV. It will take over from motocross on TV. It's quicker and it's more explosive.

Where do you see Tim March five years on?

Winning lots of races. I'll be 26 then. Hopefully the business will be blossoming. I want to be in BMX. It's part of my life. But there's another thing I want to do apart from BMX.

What's that?

I want to be an actor. I love acting. I'm the biggest show-off out. I went to this acting school for a week. I did this play: 'London Bridge is Burning'. At the time I was scared, like really nerved. But I loved it. I'd love to be somebody else and take on their role.

Don't you think you do a lot of acting now as a BMX star?

I've always been conceited. No, not conceited. Self-confident. Very self-confident. People say to me they don't like what I say in

interviews, but I don't ever put on a face. If I'm annoyed, I show it. If I'm happy, I show it. Sure I can get the hump in public, but I'm only human.

I've never sworn at kids. If I get mad, I get mad at myself.

The only way I'm going to improve is by being self-critical. **Do you enjoy signing autographs?**

Sure. I love meeting people. I don't like being recognised all the time. I don't like being treated as a hero-type. I'd rather someone said: 'Hey Tim, come and have a cup of tea, mate' than someone said: 'You're great, you're great, gimme your autograph.'

It's like this interview. I hope people get to know me better. Not that I've got to say that Tran Am are the best guys I've ever met and they sell the heck out of my product and the way you can get my autograph and all the stickers you want is to write to Tran Am Cycle World, 14-16 Airfield Industrial Estate, Christchurch. That's not what it's about. It's about someone knowing me.

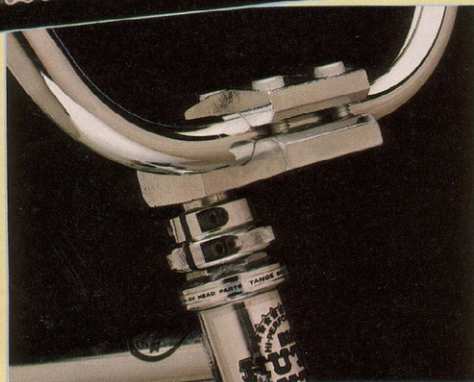
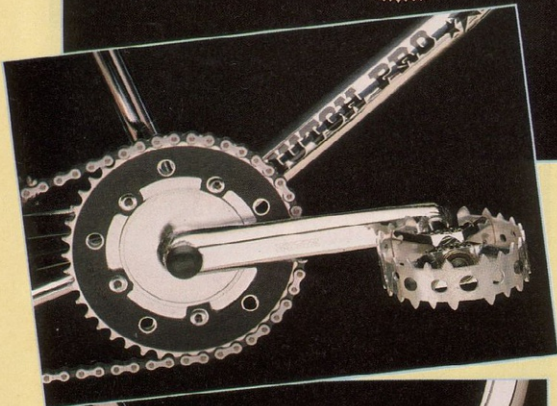


On the buses: There are team buses and team buses but Tim and Tran Am are the first to go double decker. Tran Am had already given the team one small bus to take the whole crew to races. Then they thought: 'Hey, let's have a real bus.' So they had this one painted up. It'll be at some races in '85. Otherwise take a ride on it next time you're in Bournemouth. It's usually on the No 14 route.

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- 2 Who wore a pink striped helmet way back in April?
- 3 When Mark 'Sid' Salisbury heard he was going to do a test shoot on a volcano, he used a drastic training technique. What was it?



A Who had Mr T riding shotgun when he wasn't trying to win a World Championship?

4 Who wears custom-made red checker Vans in size 15½?

5 Which top rider started his own promotions and clothing company but isn't riding for it himself?

- 6 One of this year's NBMXA British Champions was racing on a freestyler. Which bike was it?
- 7 One of these clothing companies does NOT sponsor BMX. Which is it? Levis, Lee Cooper, Nike, Benetton, Wrangler.



B Her face without a helmet may not be all that familiar, but she's an '84 British Champion. What's her name?



C These riders are about to do something incredibly radical. What is it?



D Way back at the beginning of the year Craig Schofield spent £50 on body armour because he was going to race on rock hard tracks. Where were they?

8 Which US Pro flew across the Atlantic to visit England for just half a day so he could take part in an Action Bike test?

9 Who had to produce his birth certificate to prove he could ride the 13s?

10 Who is The Boogiest?



E All the leading manufacturers are terrified of these three. Why? (Clue: because they areanswer in two words)

11 Rubber ducks, sliding trapdoors and a Champagne opening. Which new track brings them all together?

12 Who was the last-minute substitute for Stu Thomsen who turned into a star?

13 We've only ever tested one bike with gears. What was it?

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In addition the National Committee officially invites the top eight rankings in each age group from the UKBMX association to contest the true British Championships. The invitation was placed before the UKBMX board prior to their AGM of December 1.

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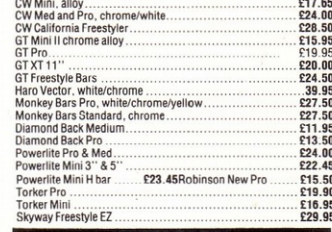
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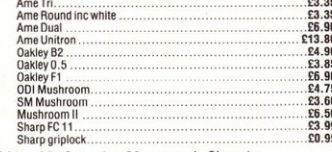
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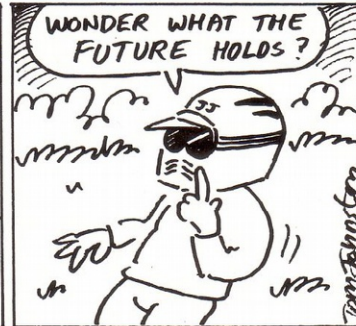
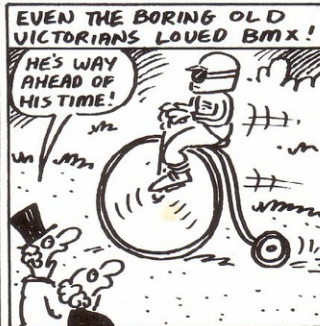
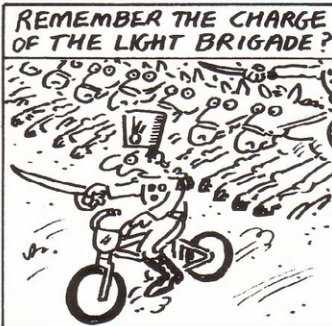
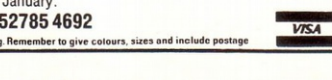
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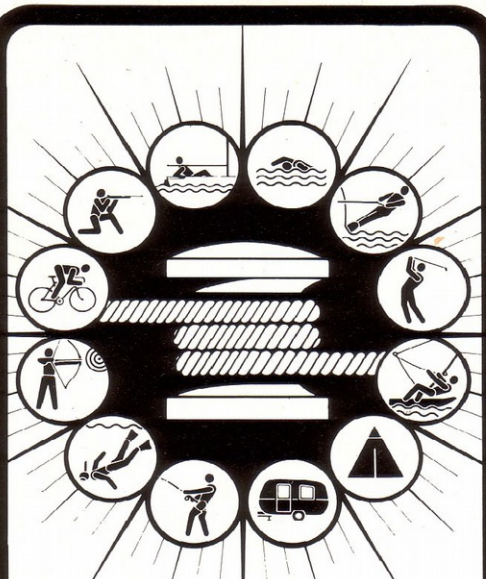
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RULE CHANGES

Of the 11 Nationals the best nine will count towards national rankings, but no novices will be allowed to race in nationals during 1985. Novice and Expert racing will be offered at regional meetings. Licence fees will remain the same for the next 12 months and in future licences will be issued from January 1 to December 31 inclusive. Licences issued after June will be charged pro rata. All regional meetings will be run on the same day.

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Major sponsorship has been secured for 1985.

National Dates 1985

March 24, April 7, April 28, May 19, June 9, June 23, July 14, August 4, August 25, September 15, September 29. Venues will be announced in the next issue of BMX Action Bike.

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They spend long hours talking to manufacturers and even more time talking to their customers to find out just what they want. And this year they've come up with the

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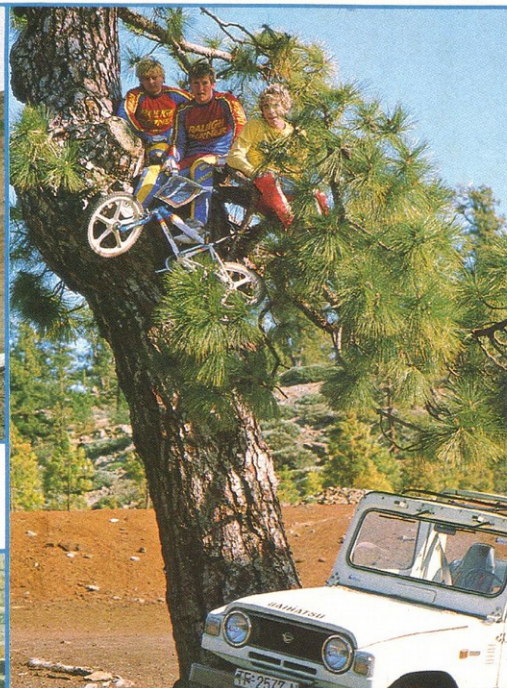
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Chased by a small angry Spanish-speaking poodle Sid, Schoffy and Jose retreated to their treehouse apartment while on location in Tenerife. It was the first recorded case of three riders treetopping on one bike.



Now it can be told. Before the Raleigh deal came through Andy Ruffell wasn't making big money. Our photographer secretly snapped him moonlighting as a waiter in his local Berni Inn.



Sid messed up bunnyhopping a plastic gnome while testing a CW 16 inch pitbike. The test had to be spiked and Sid was banned from Rom for a week for incompetence.



Ruffell going to Raleigh! Go on! Next you'll be telling me I'm Rider of the Year.

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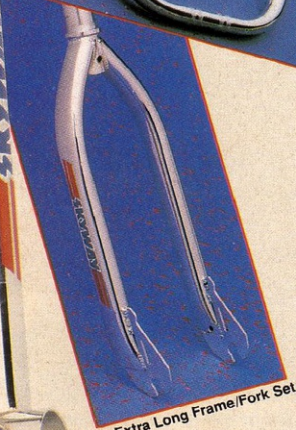
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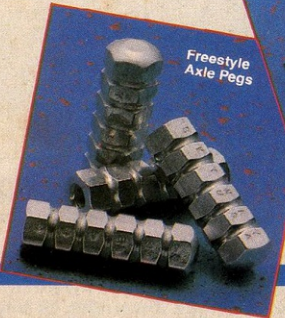
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