



Michael J. Buff — out of commission for a while with torn ligaments in his knee. The BIG news is that he's no longer on the BMX ACTION Trick Team. He's now a member of the CW freestyle contingent along with radman Ceppie Maes.

BIG NEWS

Mike Buff is no longer on the BMX ACTION Trick Team. After almost four years of riding with R.L. in shows and on tours all over the world, Buff has been replaced.

On a recent trip with the Hutch Trick Team to South Africa, Mike tore all the ligaments in his left knee while practicing in Johannesburg. He was flown back home where he went through orthoscopic surgery. "I just slipped and my ankle landed sideways — rriip." In the meantime Buff was scheduled to do three weeks of trick shows with R.L. at a series of auto shows in Florida and Georgia. Buff missed the shows because of his injury.

According to Buff, the parting was a mutual agreement. "It wasn't like

it suddenly came up and it was over — we'd talked about it a few times and we agreed there was something wrong. It's like having a job at one place for six years, you're gonna slack off. Then you've got to get a new job and you AREN'T gonna slack off when you get a new job. You're gonna be working hard to prove yourself."

About a week after his departure from the BMX Action Trick Team he was picked up by CW Racing as their main pro. Mike's plans? "Ceppie Maes is going to be the other guy on the team. We're planning on touring and doing a lot of overseas stuff, plus a summer tour here in the states."

Fear not, there aren't any hard feelings. Things are the same as usual. Buff still comes over to hang out in the Wiz Pubs warehouse and

afflict us with his latest freestyle innovations.

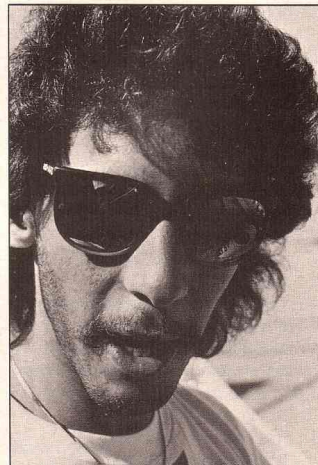
With Buff gone, that left an opening on the BMXA team.

Ronnie Wilton is stoked. Why? He filled the spot. "I used to fill in at BMX ACTION shows now and then, like if R.L. or Mike couldn't make it. I went up to Canada twice, then I took Buff's place on the three week trip to Florida and Georgia. Every time we've done shows together it's worked out totally good. We'd work out a good routine in about a week."

"R.L. asked me to join the team while we were in Florida. It was like a dream, a total dream. 'Cause when I was younger, before I was with Haro, I had a bike EXACTLY like R.L.'s. Every time I'd see R.L.'s bike in the magazine, I'd see what he'd have different on it and I HAD to go buy it."

"And everything's cool at Haro — we're not on bad terms or anything."

R.L. and Ronnie make a KILLER team; both of their styles are extremely strong and smooth. After only three weeks together they look as polished as ANY team we've ever seen. Watch out for these guys on summer tour this year — they're gonna be rippin' up the states.



Ronnie Wilton, left the Haro Trick Team to join R.L. at BMX ACTION. You KNOW how Wilton is feeling right now — how sweet it is huh, Ron? It's possible Ron may be riding a Schwinn.

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