

The Toby Henderson BMX tale begins eight years ago on a Schwinn Stingray at the B.U.M.S. track in Southern California. Then Jeff Bottema's uncle sponsored Toby on a Littlejohn monoshock. By age 15, Toby was winning for a local Schwinn shop.

Then he abruptly left BMX for motorcycle motocross. A year and a half later he ran into Jeff Bottema. After seeing Jeff win \$250 in one weekend, he decided it was time to beeline it back to BMX.

Toby took about three months to advance to Pro. He then joined Jeff Bottema on DG's team early in 1979. Two months later, he and Jeff signed with Raleigh.

Racing for Raleigh gave Toby a chance to travel to Europe, Venezuela, and Australia. During this time Toby developed the one-hander-one-footer jump which came to be known as a Henderson in the pages of *BMX Action*.

Toby almost won the NBL No. 1 Pro plate in 1980. He went to the

*Some days you bite The Bear, some days The Bear bites you. Toby's been doin' a lot more bitin' than gettin' bit lately.*

**CAPTAIN ELBOWS AND HIS XL24. HE'S GIVING TOP PROS TOBYPHOBIA.**

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Photo by Bob Osborn

Grand National tied with Eric Rupe for the points lead. He was in front going into the main. "Eric Rupe had to beat me by two positions and Anthony Sewell had to beat me by four positions. I was in second in the third turn when the leader fell. I hit him and went over the bars. I tied Eric for National No. 2 so it went by the last moto. That dropped me to No. 3."

Raleigh withdrew from racing at the end of the year. "I was off a team for six months at the beginning of 1981, spending my earnings to ride independent."

During this time Toby became friendly with Jeff Ruminer. "We trav-

el the bike until the first time around the track. I won every moto, semi, and main." He also finished second in the \$10,000 20-inch main.

Since then, the wins have been piling up. A double at Devonshire (NBL). Three cruiser wins and a first and second on 20s at a Florida (NBL) tripleheader. Two 20-inch wins and a cruiser win at a Georgia (NBL) doubleheader. ABA cruiser wins at Chandler and San Antonio. (The Chandler win was later voided for lack of a cruiser license.)

When we talked to Toby he was leading the NBL Pro Cruiser battle with four wins, including two perfects.



Four-wheelin' a short cut to the test track. Buff's in lead. Timmy Judge is riding shotgun with Toby. Toby's license plate says: 4WD TOBY.

eled together in 1981. He's one of my fiercest competitors right now. We ride together and that really helps. I can't let him jump higher than me or beat me down to the corner."

Then, in June of 1981, Toby hooked up with Hutch Racing. "I went on tour and got seven seconds before I broke my collarbone in August. When I came back I had my mind made up I was going to go as fast as I could and I was going to work at it."

Last September found him in St. Louis for the NBL Grand National. He began the weekend in 11th place. He won all three motos, the only Pro to do so, and moved up to 4th. He messed up in his semi and settled for No. 5 for the year.

Toby began racing Hutch's brand new XL24 last Thanksgiving at Knott's Berry Farm. "They welded the frame on Wednesday, chromed it that night, and put it on a plane. It rained Friday so I never got to ride

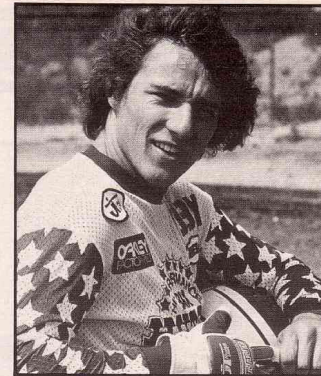
He was also second among ABA Pro Cruiser riders.

We asked Toby about his recent success. "I used to be the nice guy on the track. Now I'm fighting for position and my results are coming out on top."

Toby's aggressive style has its share of critics. "The guys are starting to call me Captain Elbows. If there's nobody next to me, my elbows are still going to be in that position. The guys are giving elbow lessons all the time. I don't think they're mad at me. It's more they're worried about me and I've just begun. I plan to go for it all and a lot more."

Knott's was a pivotal point in Toby's career in more ways than one. "I was completely broke before Knott's. I said no more partying. You're going to get your head together and you're going to go out and race. That was a month before Knott's Berry Farm.

"I wanted to do well at Knott's. I was tired of seeing Stu, Greg, and



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Harry in the magazines all the time. I knew if I could beat them ten percent of the time I could beat them the other ninety percent too.

During the weekend at Knott's, Toby borrowed a wheel from buddy Jeff Bottema. After the race, Ellen Oneal, then manager of the Murray team, told Toby he owed her a lunch for using Jeff's wheel to win. Instead of lunch, Toby took her to dinner at





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Buff and Toby doing Hendersons. One-hander-one-footer stylin' at its finest.

Indy. "I asked her out for New Year's Eve. We've been together ever since."

"Meeting Ellen helped me to get serious. She told me about her skateboarding. She was world champion lady freestyler for two years in a row. She owns a condo from her skateboard career. Now I'm looking at all my friends who are working eight to five jobs and not one of them has enough money to buy a

home. Here I have a chance to make really good money. My friends may be able to do things on weekends that I can't because I'm racing, but ten years from now I'll be living in a nice house. I look at BMX as a business. A way of getting ahead. That all started when I met Ellen."

Toby is so comfortable on his 24 he rides it during the week as his practice bike. "I love to ride my bike. I cruise on it or jump everything in

sight. I have fun on it like I've been doing since I was 12 years old. I ride my 20-inch bike on race day in practice and stay off my cruiser except for the races. My bikes are so close to each other in height I can't really feel that much difference."

Toby's been working more on his starts recently. "If I can get out front, I can hold them off. The last few months of starts has really helped me a lot."

## THE HUTCH XL24

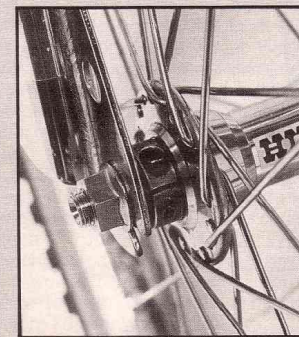
The XL stands for Xtralite, but the L could also stand for low or lustrous chrome or lifetime guarantee. All Hutch frames, forks, and handlebars have a full warranty against breakage.

Our testing crew raved about the long and low XL20 (in the August

Both bikes have a 71 degree steering head angle. The XL24's wheelbase is less than two inches longer, the bottom bracket is only 3/4-inch taller, and the rear section is only two inches longer. The XL24's seat angle is 72 degrees, compared to 75 for the XL20.



1981 issue). While the XL20 is one of the longest and lowest of the 20s, the XL24 is not exceptionally



long for a 24. It is the "smallest" 24 we've tested to date. That's intentional. Hutch wanted their 24 to feel almost like their 20.

Test riding the XL24 drew comments similar to those received by the XL20. A sampling:

"One of the two or three best out."

"Cornering was great. It was easy to throw around because it felt so small. Jumping is completely level."

"It felt light, real quick, you could feel it grabbing every time you pedal."

"The Hutch bars were perfect. I wouldn't change a thing on the bike."

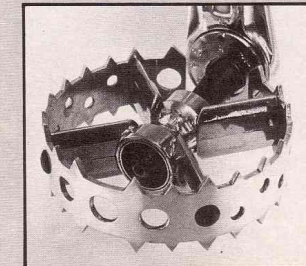
Mike Buff took the test bike north to the ABA Springnationals for some race testing under heavy gunfire. He made the main with stalwarts like the one/two guys in the class — Perry and Henderson — plus big wheel bookers like Denny Davidow, Clint Miller, and Kevin Ridling. Then Buff fluffed his start.

The XL24 frame and fork set retail for approximately \$200 plus shipping. The frame alone is about \$149, the fork about \$49.

Complete bike versions of the XL24 and XL20 are in the works, possibly for this fall, after the new Hutch three-piece chrome-moly cranks are ready. You may also see a complete Hutch econo street bike then too.

The Hutch lineup includes five models: the XL24, the XL20 Pro, the Expert Racer, the Junior Racer, and the Mini Li'l Holeshoot.

Hutch also markets a number of



Slip a pedal and this thing can have your leg for lunch. We don't recommend this pedal for Beginners, Novices, or younger Experts.

components. Chrome-moly bars and seat posts. Sealed bearing aluminum pedals. Sealed bearing magnesium hubs with titanium axles. A magnesium headset lock.

While Toby Henderson has been with Hutch for about a year, some of the other faces on the factory team are much newer. Here's a rundown of the current roster: Toby Henderson (Pro), Timmy Judge (17 Expert), Charlie Williams (16 Expert), Jason Griggs (12 Expert), Digger Kalsow (12 Expert), Monte Gray (11 Expert). And let's not forget sizzling Steve Veltman (12 Expert). After the Morgan Hill National, Steve was leading ABA points for both National No. 1 and Cruiser No. 1.

For more info about Hutch products, see your local Hutch dealer, or send three dollars for brochure and sticker pack to Hutch Hi-Performance Racing Products, 731 Swan Cove, Dept. BMXA, Pasadena, Maryland 21122. Tel: (301) 255-8586. ■



## TOBY HENDERSON

**AGE:** 20  
**HOME TURF:** Cerritos, California  
**STATUS:** NBL No. 5 Pro  
**SPONSOR:** Hutch Hi-Performance  
**CO-SPONSORS:** Oakley, JT Racing, Bell, Seca, Haro Design

### PERSONAL GEAR

Bell MX3 helmet  
 JT visor  
 Oakley goggles  
 Go-Pro jersey  
 JT pants  
 Vans low-cut tennies  
 JT gloves

### VEHICLE

Hutch XL24 frame  
 Hutch XL24 fork  
 Hutch Cruiser handlebar  
 Pro-Neck stem  
 Custom-made stem shim  
 Oakley F-1 grips  
 Shimano headset  
 Hutch headset lock  
 Araya 7X 24-inch rims  
 .080 Hutch-chromed spokes  
 Hutch magnesium hubs  
 Competition III 24 x 2.125 front tire  
 Competition III 24 x 1.75 rear tire  
 Shimano DX rear brake caliper  
 Kool-Stop brake pads  
 Shimano DX brake lever  
 Terrycable brake cable  
 Hutch (by Titron) pedals  
 Hutch three-piece chrome-moly crank, 185mm  
 Hutch bottom bracket set  
 41T Red Line front sprocket  
 18T Shimano freewheel  
 Regina 1/8-inch chain  
 Kashimax seat  
 Hutch chrome-moly seat post  
 Hutch seat post clamp  
 Hutch safety pads



Haro Series One number plate  
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His training includes Nautilus at a gym and free-weight workouts at home. "Jeff Rumminner showed me one weight thing that's really been working out. You spread your legs, bend over, and pull the bar up (bent over rowing). It's just like pulling up on the bars.

"I like to ride rollers. I sit there and watch TV. I do sprints until I feel like I'm going to get sick, and then I walk around the house and get back on. You can really feel what the rollers do for your breathing and endurance. The rollers give you good balance too."

Talking about his sponsor, Toby says, "When I rode for Raleigh, my bike weighed 29 pounds. Now I'm riding a 24 pound bike I love. With Hutch, I need this — boom — I have it. I wouldn't trade sponsors. You'd have to offer me \$5000 a month before I'd even think about it."

Toby's goals for 1982 are both lofty and possible. An NBL double. Topping the 20-inch and Cruiser classes. "The magazines have been saying this is Greg's year, but I'm going to stay with him if not pass him." ■

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