BMX PLUSIEVALUATION

WEBCO PROFESSIONAL

To do a test on a WEBCO bike means testing BMX evolution! WEBCO has been in the BMX industry since the beginning (of BMX, not the earth). They originally entered into the BMX frame business via Rick Twomey way back in '73, (Rick is now with BMX Products). Twomey's Rick's Bike Shop Team was the best and fastest team around. His riders were so crazy that they used to wear shoulder pads and combat boots when they raced. These guys were so rough on equipment that every week their frames, wheels and handlebars would go SNAP, CRACKLE AND POP! The repair bills started giving Rick migrains. The frames were the obvious problem; a standard Stingray frame would last about two weeks under John Palfreyman (Rick's fastest rider). It wasn't too long before Mr. Twomey came up with a straight tube BMX frame design. He took that design to WEBCO and they put together the first production of BMX frames.

That original WEBCO was the most copied frame ever. Just about every design on the market now is a spin-off of that original design. WEBCO did a little spinning-off on their own and came up with the Team Replica, an exact production version of their race team bikes.

Chuck Robinson appeared after Rick's days with WEBCO were over. Robinson proceeded to change the entire look of BMX forever. Chuck introduced style to the BMX world by outfitting his WEBCO team with the slickest looking pants, jerseys and matching helmets. The world was stunned! BMX went to color and things have never been the same since. WEBCO riders were everywhere - winning everything in sight! Just when all the manufacturers were catching up to the Team Replica frames, WEBCO unleashed The Ultimate, a super light-weight chromemoly version of the Team Replica. WEBCO BMX was in full swing and it seemed like they would

Ready for anything: the WEBCO Professional is distinguished by the rectangular tube forks and unique head gusset (inset). be on top of the BMX world forever. They had the market in a strangehold. But ... early in 1976. Chuck Robinson left WEBCO and took the entire WEBCO team to ride for DG. WEBCO was without a team and since that time they have never really had a serious race team effort. WEBCO kept selling bikes, however, as many as ever. The Team Replica and the CM Ultimate have been the mainstay

for sales .. until now. WEBCO has just introduced the Professional Model.

Some minor design changes have allowed them to reduce the weight of their frame even lower than the featherweight Ultimate.

HANDLING

WEBCO big bikes have always handled a bit on the easy side. The Professional has generous amounts of head angle and that means a steady handling, high speed bike. It also means that you've got to pay attention in the flat turns because the bike will drift out instead of sliding out speedway style.

If you're addicted to berms, then the Professional will fit your style just fine. The bike excels the high speed stuff and hitting a berm full speed is where its really comfortable. Straight line stability is so easy to maintain just point it where you want to go and crank. Jumping the bike is super easy and cross-ups are a cinch. The weight distribution is perfect for almost all the aerial acrobatics you would be willing to try. LAYOUT

WEBCO has not changed the general layout of their bikes since the Team Replica and it shouldn't. The Team Replica has excellent geometry. The crank position, seat post and head angles are well placed and JANUARY 1979



A steady bike for trials. This slick embankment was no sweat for Todd Nicklas and the WEBCO Pro.



This machine loves berms . . . especially on tight turns.



At speed is where the WEBCO Pro really handles, its only limits are now fast you dare to take it.

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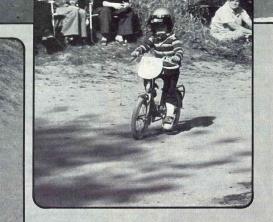
Short Shoes Shake Seattle

Sunday morning. The air thick with anticipation of what might be the RACE OF THE CENTURY! The scheduled competitors were sitting nervously in the factory vans preparing mentally for the up and coming race.

The racers - 3 year old lan Russel and his arch rival #3X, Glen Tamura. They stepped quickly over their glistening machines, lan on the west side of the gate. Gien on the east.

Nothing could be heard but heavy breathing as each competitor awaited the dropping of the gate. Seconds later, the





gate dropped and the riders left the starting area like two F-4 phantoms catapulted from a carrier deck. Bolting down the track at Mach speed, each rider had visions of checkered flags scribed beneath the oversized helmets. With controlled slides through each turn, the crowd became more electrified, cheering the two short shoes on in their quest. When the dust cleared and the roar of whirling pedals quieted, #3X, Glen Tamura, had won by a narrow marain, but with all the glory of R.D. taking the Trans A.M.A.

the Professional feels right when everything is adjusted correctly.

WEBCO has been making forks for about a year now, and its geometry complements the frame perfectly. The fork is made from rectangular tubing and frankly, we were worried about it flexing from side to side. Our worries were unjustified. The forks did not flex a bit and never once did the bike go into any high-speed wobbles.

One feature, found only on WEBCO's Professional model, is that the bottom bracket has been precisely offset just a hair in order to provide better chain alignment between front and rear sprockets. Just a minor design improvement but it reflects on the overall performance of the machine.

COMPONENTS

The components are all the add-on parts that WEBCO does not make. Some excellent choices were made by WEBCO for this model. Sun Tour free wheels are among the best. Tuf Neck supplies the Tuf Neck gooseneck and they hold the aluminum handlebars so tight that a gorilla can't move 'em. Cycle Pro tires mounted on Araya allov rims are about the lightest combo going. The fluted alloy seat post held up great for the test. Front brakes were supplied with the bike to meet CPSC requirements but we took them off preferring only the back brake for BMX racing. The rear -caliper worked great, being able to lock up the rear wheel at any time, (who wants to go slow on a race bike?).

CAL STATE CHAMPSHIP APTOS

OPEN PRO Stanley Poblinson Scott Clark **Bobby Engina** 40 & UNDER OPEN Doug Dayls Don Koeber 13 & UNDER OPEN RonAnderson Eddie King Hank Clappe 14 & OVER OPEN Kevin Jackson **Bobby Woods** POWDER PUFF Kim Johnson Jane Wilkenson

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Doug Pollard Sean Riola 9-NOV Mike Horlen Lonnie Tatton 9-EXP. Gary Renteria Doug Davis Ronnie West 10-NOV. Brett Clark

Patrick Fernande Gorden Morrissey Randy Benitez Will Zein Todd Carcelero Don Koerbe

11-NOV Andy Cook

7-UNDER NOV.

7-UNDER EXP.

Jeff Long

TROPHY DASH

12-NOV.

15-EXP

Steven Bonita

Jason Jensor

Trevor Pigott

David Rentfroy

Bobby Woods

Scott Clark David Rentfrow

Stanley Robens

Bobby DeMello

Mark Cash

Chip Page

Mike Moror

David Vega

Mike Borden

Dean Meyer

Eddie King

Lee Medle

Hank Ciappa

Duane Ballenge

Mark Ferreia

Marty Sorabana

Robbie Hof 11-EXP. David Wilson Tom CChristopher Chuckk Mikel 16-NOV

Cria Matozo David Young Greg Agiula 14-NOV. Kevin Rogers Zoran Locke Que Adrono 14-EXP.

RIII Divon

16-EXP. Scott Clark

14 & OVER OPEN

10 NOVICE

Anthony Sewel

Dan Rutledge

Scott Backstorn

Gooff Butherfure

Chris Leach

Matt Welch

Joe Crivello

Ronnie Ames

Jason Martin

Richie Anderson

Ritchie Haselder

David Nadig

Jon Carte

Kenny Lee

Scott Herrel Chris Ow

Danny Maye

Mike Goldsby

Norman Bruce

12 EXPERT

11 NOVICE

11 EXPERT

42 NOVICE

ABA OAKDALE RESULTS

7 & UNDER TROPHY DASH John Romero 8-10 TROPHY DASH

11-13 TROPHY DASH Red Beckering TEAM TROPHY CYC Racing Team

Perry Kramer John George **Brent Patterson** GIRLS JR. DIVISION Rhonda Ames Misty Fields

Christina Borgens Jill Harding Sara Rutledge **GIRLS SENIOR** Kelly Corhall LeAndrea Payne

Pam Lukens 5 YR. OLDS **Toby Williams** David Tofya Mark Mello

Kyle Fleming

Danny Martin

13 NOVICE Bruce Powley Jason McNally Daniel Holm 7 YR OLDS 13 EXPERT

Rod Beckering John Romero Shane Martin Albert Delaade Dailas Brown Robert Morris 8 YR. OLDS 14 NOVICE Doozer Trovins Berkely Kent

Joe Stan David Reiter Mark Tranthan 14 EXPERT 9 NOVICE Greg Hill Doug Belsher Marty Jackson Danny Stratham James Hal 15 NOVICE

Paul Higgins Jeff Bartling Mike Murph 15 EXPERT 10 & UNDER OPEN Kenny Nachman Geoff Rutherfurd Bobby Clark

Kyle Fleming Phil Rino Chris Leach 11-13 OPEN 16 NOVICE George Penningtor Ed Timmmser Steve Lukens Danny Mayer Rod Beckering

> 16 EXPEDT Dennis Dain Kevin Ridling

RESULTS NBA/MONGOOSE

10-UNDER OPEN

Roy David

4-OVER OPEN

Kevin Dryer

Steve Everts

13-UNDER OPEN

Chris Hopkins

Mike Bordon

Agron Jenser

Garrett Greedy

Tim Henderso

Ron Anderson

Richard Zagars

Jane Wilkensen

Sam Johnson

Paul Farrow

Bob DeMello

Mike Bordon

Toby Henderso

Pon McKierman

Rick Chastain

Mike Henderson

Brett Benson

Bo Stevens

Jon Andersn

Dirk Davidow

Steve Givens

Mike Rush

Roy David

Darrell Foster

10 NOVICE

Mark Pannekoto

Richie Andersor

Will Scurto Jack Kent

16 NOVICE

11 NOVICE

11 EXPERT

14 EXPERT

Lisa Horton

Misty Dona

12 NOVICE

12 EXPERT

Mike Ward

Brent Fay

13 EXPERT

Mike Muniz

7 EXPEDT

8 NOVICE

Lee Medlin

Gary Renteria

Anthony Sewell

Geoff Rutherford

TROPHY DASH Anthony Sewel John George Kenny Nachmar \$3000 PRO David Clinton

Steve Givens Sheldon Kam

Devin Coppe Donald Schot Tony Moscato

Larry Ruiz **13 NOVICE** Danny Mayer Scott Lykins Conrad Omecter Saul Hudson

14 NOVICE Jeff Douglas Randy Sifford Scott Tifield 10 EXPERT Geoff Rutherford Don Koebe

Brent Patterso

Kevin McNeal

Kirkem-Wilkinsor

Gengrich-Teske

Doward-Laakso

Kim Johnson

John George

Clint Miller

Doreen payne

SIDEHACK

GIRLS SR.

OPEN PRO

Will 7len 16 EXPERT Brent pattersor Keven McNeg Stu Thomser **15 NOVICE** Doug Kirk

Don Schott 8 EXPERT Lonnie Latton

Derek Brown Mike Scurto 9 NOVICE Bowdy Cook David Scott

Tony Gonzales 9 EXPERT Doug Davies Danny Martin

Kyle Flemming 7 NOVICE Rinker Marrietta Robbie Messmore

Mike McCue 15 EXPERT Kenny Nachman **Denny Davidow**

