

# Hot summer Nights Race Report—week one



June 1, 2007

**Next Week at MTV**

**Weather**

Should be  
PERFECT!

**Race Card**

Rumored to include a  
KIERIN!

**Prize Purse**

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## FANS IN THE STANDS

On a balmy Indy-summer evening, season-opening night at Major Taylor Velodrome saw a larger-than-normal number of fans staking claim to choice spots along the boards and in the stands to take part in some of the most exciting racing action the city has to offer. Children and dogs romped on the grassy infield while enthusiastic teens pounded the boards, and young adults spread out with coolers.

## HANLEY STARTS OFF STRONG

Last year's big winner, Tom Hanley, Indy Hand Center, Dublin, OH, started off the '07 season much like he finished in '06 – spinning smooth, spinning fast, and winning races.

## TOUGH WOMEN'S FIELD

Continuing right where they left off last fall, the women's field was one of the strongest of the night. Bri Kovac (Texas Roadhouse), Brook Crum (Kreitler Rollers) and Mindi Martin (XPlane/Team Revolution) dominated the racing action. Kovac took home the first place omnium prize.

## NEW MAN MANNING THE MIC

Since the departure of Phil "Bilko" Stevens a couple years back, MTV denizen Ken Nowakowski had provided racing commentary and announcements (even while driving the derny in the kieran!). This season, a new voice is trying to fill Bilko's and Ken's shoes – Greg from "Hum.V and the Klyptos". Greg did a great job getting the fans involved, explaining the racing action (with a little help from the officiating crew) and adding a little more spark and animation to the evening. All the racers are looking forward to Greg continuing throughout the season. Greg also had an understudy, Zel – wow, what a resonant voice! Imagine a young James Earl Jones.

## NEWBIE SHOWS 'EM HOW IT'S DONE

First-time Cat.2 racer, Frank LaRondie, Scheller's Indy Masters, pulled a bit of an upset when he lapped the field early in the feature Pro/Cat.1 & 2 points race. No one else was able to get around, and Frank simply sat in for the "v". A late attack saw Chris "Moso" Mosora (Delta Faucet), Pat DeLisle (Indy Hand Center, Indianapolis), and John Kelly (Bikewave) get away from the pack, with Moso taking second. Another new Cat. 2, Virgil Whitmyer (Indy Hand Center) was able to ride the 50-lap feature without getting in anyone's way and looked a little worse for wear when he stumbled back into the infield.

## MISSING FACES: Have you seen these riders?

*Curiously absent from the night's fun:*

**Bill "RedBeard" Bedwell** – all the recent rain had caused his grass to require a second cutting for the week. **Tom "The Legend" Lobdell** – Mistakenly thought MTV had altered it's weekly schedule to be the same as T'town, home of the 2007 USCF Masters Track Nationals, and showed up all ready to race on Saturday at noon. **Bob "Now you see him, now you don't" Brooks** – a night of turning left did not flange perfectly with his highly sophisticated and inalterable training meso-plan for the month. **Hunter Bagwell** – snapped a chain, warped a set of Sugino cranks, and melted Tufos right off the rim when doing warm-up sprints the night before. **Curtis Tolson** – rumored to be racing elsewhere in the United States. Check results in "TrueSport" for confirmation. **Kevin Atkisson** – where Curtis goes, Kevin goes.... **Kelly "Sparky" Sparks** – not really absent, Kelly was prominent on the boards and in the infield all evening long. Still recovering from a nasty, descending high-speed crash in the Tour of Gila. Could be another month or so before he turns left with the rest of us.

## OFFICIALS, OFFICIALS, OFFICIALS

Last but not least, we want to extend a big "thank you" to the crew that made the racing possible:

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Mike Hanley, Ken Hart, Boris

### Helpers and Abettors:

Matt, and others.