

Hot summer Nights Race Report—week three



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Next Week at MTV

Weather

Slight chance of rain—cross your fingers!!

Race Card

More of the same, but look for a better turnout due to the lack of local weekend racing!

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LOEBIG DOMINATES!

National Collegiate Team Sprint champion, Pam Loebig from Indiana University, dominated the small women's field, winning all three races over the course of the evening (scratch, elimination and points). Beth Enguis, visiting from Kenosha, WI, also had a good night of racing, with second place finishes in the elimination and the points race. The women's field also welcomed Olga from Murfreesboro, TN. (Welcome put in a great training session the following morning, too!)

SIMEON WAS BACK

Simeon Commissiong returned to MTV, and had a devil-of-a-time in the Men's Elimination Race. He sat on the back and just nipped off the first half of the field, lap by lap. And you know, even with all those Tiemeyer's rolling around the track, Simeon's Dolan all-carbon ride is still, hands down, the prettiest bike in town.

DER HAUS FRAU WAS IN THE HOUSE!!!

Darin Marhanka, former Team Delta team leader and all around strong man, was back in town for a visit (from his new digs in South Carolina). Riding for the Citigroup/Smith Barney team now, "der Haus Frau" picked up right where he left off. Darin finished third in the scratch race, first in the Elimination (always one of his favorite races!), and second in the 50 lap points race. Great job, Darin, and it was good to see you and race with you once again!

SMALL NIGHT, VISITORS TURN UP

On a night that small the smallest racing fields of the season (4 women, and only 15 men total), there were four visitors who made their presence known. Olga, from TN, finished second in the opening race of the night, the women's Scratch Race. Beth Engui from Kenosha had two second place finishes on the night. John Fraley from Orlando, riding for the OCB team, finished fifth in the men's Scratch Race. Jeff Whitman from Northbrook finished third in the Elimination. And from Kenosha, Dave Enguis took up the role of "devil" in the Elimination after Simeon hung it up, whittling down the field to his own fifth place finish.

RECORD SETTING AT MTV

The HSN fields may be strong, but they're about to be stronger. Thursday night marked a record-setting turnout for MTV's Introductory Race Series—with over 31 riders! Jim Zoellner, on his award-winning hand-made Roark and Scott "I was pushing 400 Watts" Bond powered away from the men's fields, while Marilyn Hartman, from Georgetown, KY, showed the ladies that there's a new face in town.

YOUNG GUYS WERE A-ROCKIN'!!

Since the attendance was so small, the Cat.3 field was combined with the Pro/1/2 field for all races. While this was more than a little problem for WunTun, Kirk "HayBoy" Habegger and Jeff "New Kid" Carl took to the challenge. Hay-Boy snatched fourth place in the Elimination Race and New Kid was fifth in the points race! Way to represent the Three's!! (WunTun rode 7 good laps in the scratch race, 7 good laps in the Elimination, and 7 good laps in the points race – seeing a pattern?)

TIEMEYER'S REIGN SUPREME AT MTV

Tom Hanley, Virgil Whitmyer, Richard Pearson, and John "WunTun" Singleton (Delta Faucet, Carmel, IN) have all been sporting spiffy new rides on custom-made frames from track frame builder extraordinaire, Dave Tiemeyer, Colorado. Nevertheless, these four have all also clearly demonstrated that the legs of the rider are way more important than the wheels they are riding when it comes to getting results.