

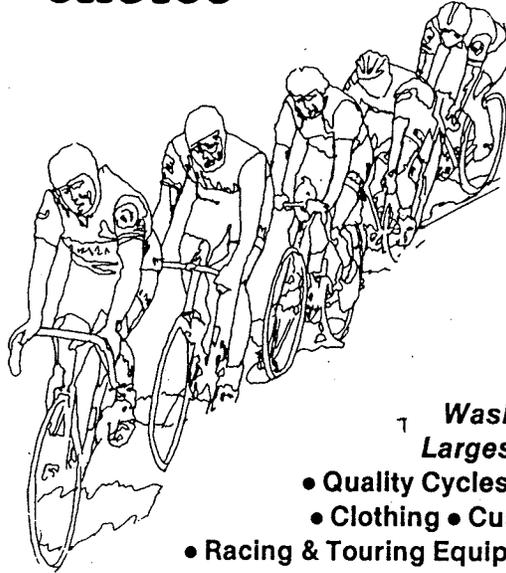
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A JOURNAL OF BICYCLE RACING AROUND THE NATION'S CAPITAL

U.S. Wins Bronze Medal In Amateur Bike Racing

By Russell Carter
Washington Post Staff Writer

A lightly regarded American team turned in a gutty performance on the final lap of yesterday's 45-mile team trials to win a bronze medal in the last event of the Junior World cycling championships.

The medal was the first ever won by the United States in any international amateur bicycle race, including the Olympics.

*Bike Race Won
By Soviet Youth*

A Surprising United States Cyclist Finishes a Surprising Ninth

Although it is hard to believe for some of the people who worked many long months to prepare for one of the smoothest international championships on record, THE 1978 JUNIOR WORLDS ARE HISTORY. History, but not soon forgotten, as the headlines in the sports page evidenced the second coming for U.S. cycling on the international level.

What follows is serialized version of the behind the scenes action that went into this years race by NCVC's own Pete Stevens.

A VIEW FROM THE CENTER- Part I

The only way to describe the organizing of the World Championship road events is that it was an overwhelming physical, emotional, and intellectual experience. The highs were higher, the lows were lower, and the general level of existence was so much more intense than in any other cycling event that our lives will be forever changed by having been at the center.

A View From The Center

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Why should this be the case? After all there were only two bike races to put on. Some of the members of the D.C. Committee have been involved in more bike races than they could count while others were relatively new to the sport itself or to organizing a truly complex event. Yet all would agree that nothing in their personal, business, or sports lives can quite match the intensity of organizing these world championships.

Several elements contribute to the unique character of the events. It is above all a World Championship, even if only for Juniors. The participating countries take things VERY seriously and have far more than money or prizes at stake. The UCI Commissaires we dealt with were experienced, very competent, and a pleasure to work with even when things got tense; but they came to town the day before the road race; so a lot of work had to be done very quickly. Each team had its manager and/or coach who were usually (and appropriately) quite aggressive about defending their team's interests against all real or imagined threats. The events themselves are much more elaborate to stage than any US races, and detailed rules and traditional customs govern the smallest details of the race organization. Everyone is very tense and expects things to be perfect.

None of the above is intended to make the organization of other races appear easier. Each big race has its own special character and problems. Major stage races, such as the Red Zinger, are in some ways much more complex productions. But nothing in my experience (which includes the Red Zinger, the Tour de France, the 1977 Junior Worlds, and the last half dozen national championships) matches the pressure on the competitors, on the officials, and above all from our point of view, on the organizers.

Subject any organization to severe pressure, and it will either adapt or collapse. Which happens depends on the character, skill, and dedication of the people involved. We went through the pressure cooker, survived, and have lived to tell the tale.

Everyone has stories of their relations with the teams and/or the UCI Commissaires, and they all end with warmth, friendship, and good feelings. For the committee as a whole the highlight has to have been when Tom Pinnington, the English coach, came into the office on the evening after the time trial (the last event), talked with us at length about the events of the week, and stated that he had been to them all and that this was the best organized Junior Worlds yet.

One of the top "Perils of Pauline" stories must be the mad dash of the GDR (German Democratic Republic, please NOT East Germany) team to Dulles Airport after the time trial. We will never know how they managed to have their departure scheduled so closely after the end of the time trial; our "problem" was to get them on their plane. Pete Rusk, the DC transportation chairman, had their buses at the American University dormitory well before the time trial team returned, but the rest of the team wasn't packed. Twenty minutes of frantic activity resulted in loaded buses rolling to the airport with no hope of making the plane. As best I can tell, the time trial team were still in their world championship jerseys.

Pete Rusk had supplied the GDR embassy with the phone number and name of the head of Dulles operations (an old friend of his I learned later), and the embassy did its job. The buses were met at the entrance of the airport by police who lead them past the terminal and right out onto the runway. The plane had been held, and a crew of baggage handlers was waiting. The people, bicycles, and bags were all stuffed into the plane; but just as the door closed a shout came out that they didn't have the baggage claim checks. Someone from the ground crew produced a long pole with a cup on top, the claim checks were passed up to the cockpit, and the plane took off.

At the end of any world championships there are always farewells and the exchange of small gifts such a federation pins or small flags. Such farewells can be rather formal, but in so many cases they were accompanied by a warmth that went beyond the requirements of good manners that our memories of the tension, the 16 hour work days, and cold hamburgers began to fade immediately. The Soviet team had had serious problems with their credentials, and Pete Rusk helped them a lot while they were calling Moscow and Pete was keeping the vigil for late arrivals at the various airports around Washington. At their departure the kind words and traditional bear hugs he received went way beyond the requirements of formal courtesy.

A View From The Center

From the National Capital Velo Club (NCVC), The Potomac Pedalers Touring Club (PPTC), and the International Monetary Fund (IMF), we had recruited a small army of interpreters to help the teams. Many teams needed help; the interpreters did a great job; and the farewells were always friendly and sometimes quite emotional. I could go on and on with similar stories, but it seems best to get on with the story of the championships themselves.

(To Be Continued)

Peter B. Stevens
July 3, 1978

RAMBLING with the BIG WHEELIE

Since our last newsletter a whole lot has happened. And right at the top of the heap is the fabulous success of the Junior Worlds. I would like to both thank and congratulate all who participated in a smooth as clockwork road race and time trial for a wonderful job. I personally had a natural ball meeting and being in the company of some cyclings' great stars. This includes finding some old friends in the Washington area who I hadn't seen since I left the Islands.

While there were many who many who burned the midnight oil to make the Worlds fly, I think special thanks must go to the Stevens, Paul Lenz, and Tim and Martha Black for service beyond the call of duty during THE FINAL DAYS. Enough said.

NCVC riders have been hammering in races up and down the east coast since we last went to press, with many a fine performance. Top billing goes to Thomas Krough-Polsen for his outstanding 1st place at the Tour of Somerville; the first ever for an NCVC rider in any category. If you haven't been to Somerville your really missing a treat. It just does your heart good to see thirty thousand people out enjoying a bike race. (Too bad we only got 1/10 of that crowd to see the Worlds) Laurie Wigell picked up a 9th on the recovery trail and everyone else rode to their best, most finishing with the pack.

A couple of days before, our newest wonder boy Mike A.S. Petty picked up a 6th at the Gotham Ross Cup in Allentown, PA. Ask somebody about the course, you won't believe it. Next came the District Championships in Maryland/Delaware with the road race only worthy of mention. Jim-Bob Bradford rode a typical Jim-Bob race (W.S.) and won the road race in a convincing fashion from last years champ Kevin Lee. As you recall Kevin blew a few minds last year with an exciting breakaway win. This year Chris Cressy stole the show with a remarkable display of strength and team riding. On the second lap Kevin Lee had a flat at about the same place as last year. Cressy dropped back and pulled Kevin back to the pack. Later on in the race after I had stopped to report to the finish line Jim-Bob and Company had started to heat up the pace causing some good riders to fall off the back. By the time I caught the race it was strung out and while trying to catch the leaders I passed Cressy spearheading a catch up trio consisting of Kevin Lee and Reno Rashid, and I thought to myself NO WAY. But up ahead Jim-Bob and Co. caught sight of this heroic effort and blocked long enough to let the trio catch back on.

About 30 minutes later same story, Cressy hammering away in his distinct style (looks like the Swiss team) with Kevin Lee hanging onto his wheel. With about 3 miles to go they caught back on and displayed a hell of a sprint finishing in the money behind the Bobber. Mike Petty showed everyone why he will soon be a Cat II with a strong 4th place finish.

Other fine performances at the States include Reed Scarce's 4th place in the Jr race, Laurie Wigell and Mary Pelzs' 2-3 in the Senior Womens, and the Giese- Nuggent 1-2 in the Vet race. The Time Trials had a few snags and the turn out and weather for the Track Championships made it less exciting than the Novice race at IBM, so I'm told.

I went to Philly instead of Harlem and was treated to a fine day of racing save the heat. On what has to be the most humid day on record Jerry Nugent took a very exhausting 7th in the Vet race and Ed Cottrell showed what hard work and some Jim Montgomery tutelage can do by taking 3rd in a 120-man III & IV field. Rick Barnett took a prime and a hard luck 11th after taking a spill on the last lap of the race. Rick was away with a five man break of what could be called non-sprinters and was virtually assured of a placing in the top two. Then it-happened the riders nightmare-on a blind spot on the course a car pulls out right in front of the break. Rick went airborne, landing on his head, and ended up finishing the race with one lens missing from his glasses.

From what I heard of Harlem we had 2 men and 2 woman in the finishers, of which Deb Neville and Mary Pelz finished 9th & 10th respectively. At Ocean City Petty got a 3rd in the III-IV and Carey took 10th in the Cat I-II. The Spencer Memorial Race saw Rick Barnett get revenge on the gods by taking 2nd after lapping the field.

I not sure what the Junior Worlds did for bike racing in the area but it appears that IBM is growing by leaps and bounds. Please keep in mind how important IBM is to the club both for rider development and the Clubs finances, and act accordingly. We are not the owner of those streets and must be polite to obnoxious drivers even if it hurts. Remember road guarding is super important so don't run and hide when you see Swan ambling your way. (C&D riders please your numbers where they can be seen and get in the habit of checking your place after the final sprint)

To clarify the question on expense money for the National Championships let me say that we would love to fly all qualifiers there first class, and put everyone up at the nearest Hilton. The reality of the situation dictates a reimbursement type set up depending on your performance and fund availability. Bon Voyage and write if you get work.

Our warmest congratulations to John Prehn for having the foresight to produce a great cyclist in young Tom. The exploits of Tom and the other members of the U.S. team have made for some good reading in good ole Velo-Speak. (Continued success at the Zinger)

In closing I would like to mention that we have a new Maryland/Delaware District Representative-Mr. Ron Fetzer of Baltimore. He survived a real trial by fire by pulling off the States on short notice. This was probably a rude awakening for Ron as the complaining from Bikies was at an all time high. Ever notice how some of biggest complainers are never around to help out when there is work to be done.

Rumor has it that the General is back. General who? General Ian Jackson of course. Welcome back mate.

THE NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY AUGUST 7th at the National Park Police Headquarters located on Haines Point. Meeting starts a 8:00 P.M.

SEE YOU AT IBM.

Cheers,

The Butler Did It!

RACE CALENDAR

16 July Central Park Criterium, New York (7:00 AM-good luck)
16 July Milwaukee Super Week, (see Velo- News for details)
26-27 Jul National TT Championships
28-29 Jul National Road Championships
6 August Pittsburgh Classic, All classes
6 August Westbury Gran Prix Road Race, III & IV's only, 100 KM
6 August Freehold New Jersey Criterium, all classes except Cat I
13 August Raritan, New Jersey - Sectional Classic -all classes

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR -Kind Words Department

April 20. 1978

Dear People,

This is just a note to express my appreciation to everyone who worked on the National Capital Open race held last Sunday. I raced in the Women's race, and (despite disorganization on my part) thought everything went very well. I liked the Rock Creek Course much better than the Ellipse course, (at least for riding) and also like the longer distance very much. I hope that I will be able to race on this course again in future years.

I hope that NCVC can continue to keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

Megs Corson

IBM SUMMER SERIES BIGGER THAN EVER

NCVC's weekly training series is in full swing, drawing close to 90 riders on most clear nights. The races feature Novices, Midgets, and all other categories amalgamated into 3 licensed classes. Registration begins at 6:00 pm every Thursday night, with races comencing around 6:30 pm. There is a \$1.00 charge per week, with prizes given on a monthly basis.

Club members are encouraged to help with the officiating and road guarding duties will be dispensed with impartiality. The following results were posted for May and June:

MAY

| <u>A-CLASS</u> | <u>B-CLASS</u> | <u>C-CLASS</u> | <u>D-CLASS</u> |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. J. Bradford | T. Mobley | W. Lanius | H. Sheffield |
| 2. R. Barnett | B. Rehbehn | G. Gingell | M. Cassedy |
| 3. J. Montgomery | F. Sheffield | G. Goetz | J. Klein |
| 4. J. Saunders | T. Craven | JC. Trunel | A. Villada |
| 5. C. Cressy | D. Wagner | P. Cramer | G. Sheffield |
| 6. M. Chrysler | J. Nugent | | |

June

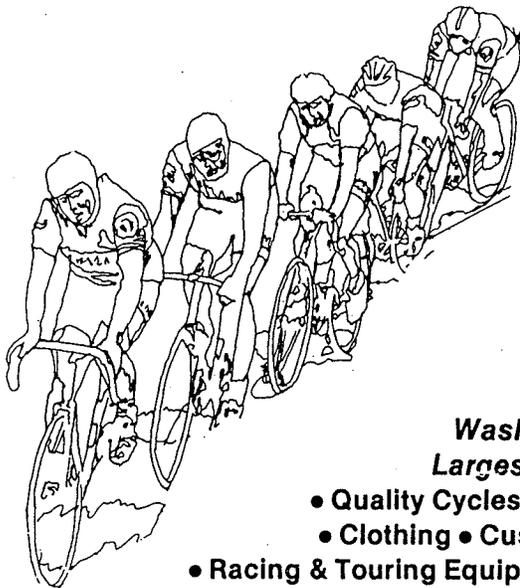
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| 1. R. Barnett* | T. Mobley | A. Villada | M. MacMurdy |
| 2. S. Dolezalek* | J. Saguto | M. Pelz | B. Tasherou* |
| 3. C. Cressy | T. Craven* | A. Placerel | A. Hirshman* |
| 4. K. Lee | 139 * | P. Cramer | J. Freeman |
| 5. J. Bradford* | W. Lanius | J. Klein | 102 |
| 6. N. Carey* | E. Cottrell | | |

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2. Rick Barnett
Vet TT: 1. Edgar Brown
2. Tim Black
Senior TT: 1. Rick Barnett
Women Rd: 2. Karen Miller
3. Marie Morris
Junior Road: 1. Craig Parker
2. Hal Mattes
Women TT: 2. Karen Miller

TRACK

Senior

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Junior

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3. Arnaud Blin

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