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The 1972 racing season is in full swing in La. his year is of crucial importance for this area or a number of reasons: to begin with, in previous ears many locals would not train seriously because here was not a sufficient number of events to jus- ify the expenditure in time and energy. This ear we have a weekly schedule, and it remains to e seen whether the riders will support it. If they hould, then I think this area will have made an mportant step toward establishing itself as a espectable racing center (which is at least 5 ears in the future). If, however, the racing scene xperiences the setbacks of last year, then the icture could be very dismal indeed. In other words, he handful of people who are promoting races might ust see the handwriting on the wall, and cease heir activity.

If the month of March is any indication of the acing mood in La., then things look good. The T series and Handicap race were well attended, Baton ouge has come up with several good riders, our lub is starting to develop decent riders, and, of ourse, the 1st Tr. de La. succeeded reasonably well.

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The TT series has been recently hampered by arassment from the Plaquemines sheriff dept. On the ast event four riders were forced to retire because hey did not have a registration plate (which cannot e obtained from Jeff. Parish!). The next TT is scheduled for April 23. Make sure you have a license. If we get hassled again, then we will look or another course, and investigate the feasibility f filing a civil suit against Plaq. Parish.

The National TT Series will consist of only 6 vents. There will be regionals held in August, ollowed by a National TT Championship.

To be eligible for the NOBC certificate a rider ust complete 8 TTs, with the opportunity to do 2 ake-ups. $150 will be awarded in prizes to the lass winners.

-5-72. Very Windy conditions.

. Jim McFadden	(A)	NOBC	1:06:45
. Van Waddell	(N)	VSBR	1:08:20
. Tom Linton	(N)	"	1:08:40
. Gary Lunnon	(N)	"	1:09:20
. Dave Weatherly	(J)	OWBC	1:12:51
. Randy Legai	(B)	NOBC	1:13:21
. J.McNamara	(B)	"	L:15:32
. Chris Todd	(N)	"	1:15:39

-12-72. Make-up

. Jim McFadden	1:04:57
. Randy Legai	1:10:55

3-19-72. Very good conditions.

1. Jim McFadden	(A)	NOBC	1:03:55
2. Tom Linton	(N)	VSBR	1:06:00
3. Van Waddell	(N)	"	1:07:15
4. Gary Lunnon	(N)	"	1:09:17
5. Randy Legai	(B)	NOBC	1:10:00
6. Bill Donoghue	(N)	Ind.	1:23:04

Four riders were forced to retire because of the sheriff. They were Greg Gulotta, Chris Todd, Jim Hawes, and Jim Ohman. Hawes was refunded his $1.50.

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51.5 Handicap at Lakefront. 3-12-72

In what hopefully will not become a pattern, nobody submitted a race description from the various groups. So, the author, who pedalled 25 miles by himself, will have to give his opinion of the event from his isolated standpoint, and also to rely on hearsay.

For the second time since we conducted the handicap races, the time bonus was not well distributed. The ideal is to have a field sprint, but as it was the time difference between the novices and juniors was appropriate. On paper the handicap times were fair: scratch, 2½ for B's, 6 for novices, and 9 for juniors. Even when the A's and B's had to ride together, it was obvious that only Haddock and McFadden were in shape. The novice group (9 riders), although they worked sloppily in the beginning, had several riders from Baton Rouge who got things organized, and rode well.

The two juniors--Dave Weatherly (OWBC) and George Banos (NOBC)--benefitting from the bulging handicap- finished 30 seconds up on the pursuing novices. George claimed that he was doing the lion's share of the work. Dave acknowledged that George was doing a bit more work, but felt he was doing his fair share. If you are going to carry a rider (If this was the case), one should get a promise from him that he won't contest the sprint. If he does not, then you are a fool to give him a sleigh ride. Banos, feeling that nobody could beat him in a sprint, let alone a junior, lead the sprint out from Canal St., and was dumbfounded when Dave stormed by and beat him by 20 yards.

Tom Linton beat Van Waddell by a bike length securing third place.

McFadden, who had done a 1:04 TT the day before was overjoyed at doing another 25 miler when he found himself alone after Haddock dropped. "I just can't get enough of them," he mumbled later.

Haddock, who started off like a bull, faded after 20, and finally could not even hold McFadden's wheel. A very disappointing showing for Doug, but the season is young, and his time will come.

1. Dave Weatherly	(J)	OWBC	2:21:13	+9 min.
2. George Banos	(J)	NOBC	2:21:15	+9
3. Tom Linton	(N)	VSBR	2:18:23	+6
4. Van Waddell	(N)	VSBR	2:18:24	+6
5. Gary Lunnon	(N)	VSBR	2:19:29	+6
6. Jim McFadden	(A)	NOBC	2:15:33	-
7. Doug Haddock	(B)	"	2:18:32	-
8. Randy Legai *	(B)	"	2:19:50	-
9. Don Lagrone	(N)	Ind.	2:26:20	+6
10. F. Blackbrun	(N)	OWBC	2:44:17	+-

Fastest scratch time: Jim McFadden, 2:15:33

*Legai, thinking erroneously he was a novice, started with the novices and was undetected. If you have any questions about what class you are in consult with a member of the racing committee, and we will check the records. Randy lost a few positions, which did not cost him an award, but did lose him a general point in the local B.A.R. race.

Tom Linton has one more race as a novice.

The handsome awards were donated by Gus Betat's New Orleans Bicycle Club (Inc.).

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34 Mile Criterium. Forest, Miss. 3-19-72.

The small town of Forest, Mississippi hosted a varied day of bicycling that had everything from trike races to the current National Champion--Steve Dayton. The race was the town's first effort at race promotion, and though it was not flawless, it still, nevertheless, was a fine effort.

In the novice (or less despparagingly, but euphemistically class'C') race our own Chris Todd and Don Lagrone (ind.) simply outclassed the field of 25, and rode away from the pack. Todd was encouraged to breakaway early as some 250 pound yahoo was acutally leaning on him, and would prevent him from going past by sticking out his elbows and zig-zagging all over the course. Very strange. Chris yelled to Don, "let's get out of here," and so they did. The duo from New Orleans worked well together, and were soon lapping riders. Chris, as this author can vouch for from training rides, could be the surprise of the year. After a mediocre season last year, he promised that he was going to give racing a chance to see "if it is for me." Well, after 6 weeks of consistent training Chris has made enormous strides, as his effort testified.

On bell lap Don Lagrone had the frustrating bad luck of puncturing. Barett Leibe, watching from the sidelines, graciously lent Don his bike. Don hopped on, but was disqualified. The judges ruled post facto that equipment can only be changed at the reviewing stand. Good grief.

21.5 miles (59:06 minutes)

1. Chris Todd (NOBC)
2. Ralph Young (MISS.ST.U.)
3. Jim Mugler (Nashville, Tenn)
4. Angel Rodriguiz (" ")

The senior A and B field did not tackle the bumpy course until 4.00 p.m. (scheduled time had formerly been advertised as 1:00 p.m.). Such a delay can only be described as being grossly inconsiderate for out-of-state riders. We did not get home until 11:30, and the fellows from Nashville estimated they would not arrive home until 3:00 a.m. Having stock races is a fine idea as it exposes the youngsters to racing. But the people come to watch the seniors, and I think their event should be held early on the program. As it was many of the spectators had to wait 4 hours before the main event, and some left before it started.

Anyway, a field of 15 was on the line with our club being represented by Doug Haddock, Randy Legai, Kevin Flynn, and Jim McFadden. Steve Dayton had 3 domestiques from Ohio working for him, which seemed micky mouse considering the natture of the race. The latter countered attacks throughout the race, while Dayton did no work. The result of these delaying tactics was a very boring race. Aside from two solo-breakaway attempts by Dayton and Eddie van Guessie (Chicago Sprint Champion), only two people were doing any real work--Jim Montgomery and (former Colorado sprint Champion) and Jim McFaden. The latter two continually tried to break away, but nothing materialized.

Dayton, defending national champion, did not ride a very aggressive or impressive race, despite his victory.

Haddock and Legai sat in form most of the race, being content to finish, I suppose. When the two get more experience and are less intimidated by hot riders, hopefully they will ride with more authority. Doug did manage to pick up two primes in quick succession.

The crucial part of the race occurred when Dayton was caught, and hanging on the ropes. McFadden pleaded with Montgomery to help him speed things up and hopefully drop Dayton, or at least tire him. Montgomery, thinking he might beat Dayton in the sprint, declined the offer. McFadden tried to do it on his own but had 3 of Dayton's helpers all over him. Montgomery later admitted that he had made a mistake.

On bell lap, Dayton exploded from the back of the pack, and immediately had a 50 yard lead., which was sustained until the finish.

Tour de Louisiana 1, 1972. March 25-26.

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The first annual Tour De Louisiana more than lived p to expectations as it blossomed into the most ex- iting bicycle race yet held in the Deep South. 57 iders competed for more than $1,000 in prizes;some ikies came as far as California, Ohio, Texas, and aryland to compete in the Tour. The largest con- ingent of riders was from Ohio, which had 12 riders epresented; Texas fielded a group of ten. The spon- ors of the race--Raleigh Industries, Gus Betat's ike Shop, Marcel's Bike S., University Bike S., oe's Bike Sl, Lightweight Cycles--and the promoters -New Orleans Bicycle Club (Inc.), and the J.C.s of onaldsonville are to be congraduated for conduc- ing an outstanding event.

Stage 1: 42.Time Trial. The first stage began in he early hours with dark clouds hanging menacingly n the skies. The assembly area at Shelter #1 was ustling with frantic actigity as bikies scurried o receive their numbers, assemble their machines, nd to test the course. Never before have so many ood riders assembled in Louisiana, and it was in- eed exciting just milling around the riders and nspecting their meticiously maintained bicycles. he colorful jerseys contrasted beautifully with the ahogony tanned limbs of the fit athletes.

As expected Olympian John Howard won the 4.2 tt ith a blistering time of 9 min. 39 sec. beating is nearest competitor by fifteen seconds. John as nearly the last man off, and he did his time nder very windy conditions.

Stage 2: 85 m. Road Race in Covington. By the ime this stage commenced, the skies were cleared. ne did not appreciate the size of the field until he event started. With nearly 60 riders in the ield, the pack stretched 50 yards from end to end.

The first 40 miles were done at a promenade pace ith riders content to sit in. In Europe riders wil tart attacking from the gun, and a moderate speed ill be 23 m.p.h. during lulls. The first 40 miles ere finished in a little better than two hours whic as very slow. On the last set of hills leaving ogolusa local rider Jim McFadden initiated an attac ith Don Bir of Ohio. A gap immediately opened be- ween them and the peleton (pack of riders). Howard hen blasted from thepack towing ten riders behind im. For the next 45 miles this breakaway group of 2 riders poinded unmercifully. The speed never ropped below 25 m.p.h., and on the flat stretches he pace approached 30 m.p.h. In the first 3 miles f the break, 3 minutes were gained on the rest of he pack. With 25 miles to go the lead group had hrunk to seven riders which contained Howard and is teammate from California, Bill Guazzo, the two Ohioians---Bill Shook and Bir, Bobby Phillips from Maryland, Jim Montgomery from Alabama, and Jim McFadden from New Orleans. Philips is a former national 10 mile track champion with a blinding sprint. Howard and Guazzo were fully aware of the latter's talent, and repeatedly attacked in order to drop the sprinter. This had to be the hardest part of the race. After having ridden 70 miles, one had to respond to the vigorous attacks of the Army duo. With approximately 13 miles left, Shook, McFadden, and Guazzo created a 50 yard gap between the other four, and tried to increase their lead. Howard paused momentarily, darted to the outside, and charged to catch the leaders. AT that moment I just happened to look back when I saw him surging toward us. He looked like a hairless King Kong. I shouted, "Here comes Howard; hold on to your handle bars." John not only caught but proceeded to pass the trio.

With 5 miles left Philips and McFadden finally got burned off. A few miles later Howard and Guazzo disengaged from the two riders from Ohio and Montgomery. In a sprint that the following car estimated at 40 m.p.h. John beat his teammate to the line by 10 yards.

Stage 3: 50 m. Criterium at Donaldsonville. The word 'criterium' is derivative of a Latin word meaning 'to judge'. The word is aptly chosen as this kind of event demands expert bike-handling & ability as the riders negotiate tight corners at break-neck speeds. The .9 mile course was treach- erous and bumpy. The 5 90 degree turns were gutted, hence making it difficult to find a smooth line going through.

After 10 miles Bill Shook and Bill Guazzo jammed out of a corner, and immediately had a 15 second lead which slowly increased to 30 seconds. The pack worled hard to bring them in, but the flying duo were working well together, and managed to gain a few seconds each lap. Bob Philips jumped from the pack, and tried to bridge the gap on his own. When Guazzo suffered the first of his two punctures, Philips caught Shook, and the latter were joined by Montgomery. At this time Howard made his move, realizing that his race lead was being seriously threatened. On one corner John flew through, but hit a chuck hole. His bike slid out from under- neath him, and he hit the ground very hard on his knee. He sprung up immediately, but looked dazed. Seeing the blue-jerzeyed race leader on the deck, the pack responded visciously and sped away. John admitted later that he was hurt so bad he felt like retiring. Barett Leibe, watching from the sidelines gave Howard his bicycle. At this moment Howard was one minute down on the main pack and a minute and a half on the breakaway group.

What followed can only be described as courageous. With blood streaking down his legs, Howard agonizingly retrieved precious seconds on each lap. With 25 m. to go, he passed the pack as if they were crawling. Every time he passed the reviewing stand the announcer would tell him how far down he was on the leaders. With less than 10 m. to go he caught Shook, Phillips, and Montgomery who were riding flat out themselves. Phillips and Montgomery got dropped, and so it was Shook and Howard to contest the sprint. John was simply exhausted from his solo effort and could not muster a nythign extra as Shook led out the sprint and pipped Howard by a bike length. The 50 m. were completed in 2 hrs. 3 mins.; a shade under 25 m.p.h.

The Tour de Louisiana was far from flawless. The monitoring of corners during the road race was spotty and inadequate as many riders got lost. At Donaldsonville cars got on the course which created a serious safety hazard to the riders. But on the whole the race was well promoted and organized.

FINAL STANDINGS:

Senior A	4m.TT	85mRR	50mCrit.	AccT
1. John Howard(Ca.)	9:39	3:34:19	2:03:08	5:46:39
2. Bill Shook (Ohio)	9:58	3:35:53	2:03:07	5:48:41
3. J. MontogomeryAla.	10:09	3:35:53	2:04:31	5:50:24
4. Bob Phillips [illegible]	10:04	3:36:41	2:04:31	5:51:11
5. Bill Guazzo (Ca.)	10:06	3:34:20	2:06:56	5:51:12
6. Don Bir (Ohio)	10:04	3:35:55	2:06:16	5:52:06
7. J. McFadden (Ia.)	10:28	3:36:22	2:06:17	5:53:07
8. Skip Sparry (Texas)	10:51	3:41:11	2:08:46	6:00:48
9. K. Papageorge "	11:05	3:41:11	2:10:48	6:03:04
10. Peter Green "	10:46	4:17:15	2:10:53	6:39:30

Senior B				
1. Doug Haddock (Ia.)	10:49	3:47:39	2:07:46	6:06:14
2. Craig Bennight (Tex)	10:49	3:47:38	2:09:46	6:08:34
3. A. Reynolds "	11:47	4:22:07	2:11:42	6:45:36
4. C. Winkleman (Ohio)	11:04	4:25:34	2:10:51	6:47:29
5. K. Fitxsimmons "	12:12	4:25:35	2:14:42	6:52:29

Novices				
1. Chris Todd (Ia.)	10:51	3:49:00	2:10:12	6:09:03
2. D. Lagrone "	11:12	3:49:20	2:10:13	6:10:47

Juniors		40m	25m	
1. T. Waterbury Ohio	10:18	1:38:47	1:04	2:53:05
2. Tip House "	10:25	1:38:47	1:04	2:53:12
3. Rod Joslin "	10:25	1:38:47	1:04	2:53:13
4. J. Kryzanowski "	10:29	1:38:47	1:04	2:53:16
5. Dan Chavetz "	10:40	1:38:47	1:04	2:53:27

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A thank you for the many non-participants who assisted in monitoring the Tour. The turn-out was certainly a study of contrasts. Many non-club members including George Strickler, Jed Diem, Jim Hawes aided, while many club members were unavailable to assist in THE RACE planned since January. Also thank you to those who generously housed riders for the week-end.

3-Dot Bikie Journalism...

The New Orleans Bicycle Club has been finally incorporated. Club members will be awarded used Elvesia tyres as a dividend at the end of the year. ...Doug Haddock, after his fine performance in the Tour, is now an 'A' rider. It took New Orleans one year to generate an 'A' rider which gives you some idea how long it takes to develop an area. ...Speaking of Haddock, his reputation of being something less than lucky is progessing in geometric jumps. Doug is the only rider I know that got a flat tyre going across the causeway. Causeway, you say. Yep. He had his wheels in the back of McFadden's VW, when the puncture occurred. It seems that the tyre was rubbing against the chainwh~~ainwh~~ chainwheel. ...There is more. Early in the training season, the same two are going across the lake to go for a training ride in Covington. McFadden just happened to have paid the toll fee, when he turned to Doug and asked if he had brought a spare tyre. McFadden then looked back to check on something, and was dumb struck to see Haddock's wheels missing. McFadden asked dumb-dumb where he was hiding his wheels; Doug, always being forthright, replied that the wheels were back on the front porch. Where else would they be? ... Next month's newsletter will contain a report of our first 12 hour tt, the Hamond criterium, a 75 mile Road Race, and out of state races in Florida and St. Louis. ...

— Jim McFadden

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