

La Boucherie Grand Prix, IV

(An A. B. L. of A. Sanctioned Event)

November 12, 1972



Date: November 12, 1972
Sponsor: La Boucherie Inc.
Promotors: La Boucherie and the New Orleans Bicycle Club
Registration: November 12, 12:00 Noon in front of La Boucherie, 339 Rue Chartres
Events:

1. Amateur men: 5 laps; 1:00 p.m. (non-ABL of A)
2. Amateur women: 5 laps; 1:20 p.m. (non-ABL of A)
3. Press-Celebrity: 5 laps; 1:45 p.m. (non-ABL of A)
4. ABL of A Novice, 10 miles; 2:15 p.m.
5. Senior event: A and B Classes; 35 miles; 2:45 p.m. ABL of A

Course: Chartres Street start and finish with course winding through the heart of the French Quarter. The streets in the French Quarter are convex and make-for difficult cornering. Maps of the course will be made available at registration.

Prizes: Sr. A and B. 10 Places: \$500 in expense money to be equally divided plus \$350 in awards and prizes.
Total: \$1050 (minimum) \$200 in primes. Prime prizes will be free dinners at some of the French Quarter's most exclusive restaurants.

All other events 3 places: Trophies and prime prizes.

Entry Fee: ABL OF A EVENT - \$3.25 (25c for Olympic fund)
Post entries and/or independents: double entry fee.

Deadline for entry form: November 7, 1972

Entry Form: Mail to Jim McFadden, President
New Orleans Bicycle Club
1337 Adams Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70118

Enclosed is \$3.25 entry fee. It is understood that the sponsors, promotors, the ABL of A, and any one affiliated with the race, collectively and individually, incurs no responsibility for any injury to person or damage to equipment sustained through any accident (or subsequent) to the progress of this race.

Name _____ Club _____

Address _____ ABL of A No. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Class _____ Age _____

Signature _____

(Parent or guardian, if a minor)

POST ENTRIES AND UNATTACHED RIDERS: Double entry fees.

13 miles. No time given.

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| 1. Jim Montgomery | Prattville, Ala. |
| 2. Jim McFadden | NOBC |
| 3. Dave Weatherly | OWBC |
| 4. Chris Todd | NOBC |
| 5. Skip Sperry | Dallas |
| 6. Mike Schrammel | NOBC |
| 7. Don Lagrone | NOBC |
| 8. Boyd Fink | OWBC |
| 9. Chris Schrammel | Indep. |
| 10. Mike Wolfson | Indep. |

—Jim Montgomery

(Ed. note: We from La. would like to extend our appreciation to Larry Savell for the work he has done in race promotion in Mississippi. Larry has promoted many fine events, most of which without the help of a sponsor. Larry expends an enormous amount of time as State rep. and race promoter, and quite often spends money out of his own pocket. Without his fine work, I personally doubt whether racing would have gotten off the ground in the Magnolia State. He has worked selflessly and energetically. Thank you again, Larry.)

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La Boucherie Grand Prix, IV, 11-12-72, French Quarter, New Orleans, 35 Mile Criterium.

(The following article was originally published in the Times-Picayune, 11-13-72.)

by Chris Segura

Spokes sparkled in the last rays of Sunday sunshine and the roar of New Orleans bicycle racing fans rebounded off aged French Quarter walls as the La Boucherie Grand Prix IV ended with a national champion being beaten by a local rider's furious sprint.

John Howard, national champion in 1968 and 1972, lost to local cyclist Jim Montgomery in the senior event, a 35 mile race.

Howard, of Springfield, Mo., finished third and Dale Blundell of Texas placed second.

The course began at Conti and Chartes, proceeded to St. Peter then to Royal and south to Iberollie where the speeding bikes turned to Chartes and the finish opposite the sponsoring La Boucherie restaurant.

Serious cycling started at 1 p.m. with the Amateur Men event consisting of the five laps. John and Philip Bartle, brothers from Florida, took first and second respectively. Robert Schrammel took 3rd.

Next was the Amateur Women event in which bicycling lassies pedaled five laps competing for the prize. Miss Eva Pfaff took the top slot, Peggy Keil took second honors and Miss Sylvia Sabo took 3rd.

In the Brass Celebrity event, Alec Sifford, news anchor of WYES-TV, got back at the appearing (how?)

finish the 3 lap event.

Walter Kane, representing the Fairmont Hotel, finished in first place. Malcolm... WYUS placed second and Richard Dalton... the third spot.

The ABL of A novice-jr. race, a 10-mile event, was won by Chris Schrammel. Bennet Anderson placed second and Gary Sinkus placed third. Both Anderson and Sinkus are Florida cyclists.

By the time the ABL of A Senior event started the crowd was tense with anticipation and the 35 mile event featuring Howard, and a veritable mob of local riders and cyclists from outside La.

Celebrities were on hand to view the European-flavored competition. Jazz musician Pete Fountain awarded prizes in all events, and writer Truman Capote wandered to the front of the crowd to applaud Howard on several laps.

Doug Haddock, vice president of the New Orleans Bicycle Club, announced the event, explaining cycling strategy ~~to the front of the~~ and giving anecdotes concerning many of the competitors.

The riders usually take turns in the lead, he said, so that all major competitors will have the advantage of less wind resistance.

Even as Haddock was announcing the race practice, however, Howard had sprinted far out in front of the "pack" of riders. After several laps there were two packs and many stragglers but Howard was still far out in front, nearly 20 seconds ahead of his nearest competitor.

Grim-faced and straining he kept up a fantastic pace to the delight and amazement of onlookers until there were precious few remaining laps in the race.

A bicycle crash at Iberville and Royal Streets disabled a few bikes but there were no injuries reported. One cyclist reported: "an old man, probably a drunk" had wandered onto the course and was grazed by a speeding bike on either side. Soon a pileup of two-wheelers and riders had developed. The cyclist said the man had apparently been unaware that there was a race going on.

In fact throughout the afternoon pedestrians approached the course and talked with amazement of the bicycles having right of way on the historic streets. But the pileup did not deter Howard. His churning legs, still catapulted himself far in front of his fellows. But with less than 10 laps remaining a ripple of conversation went through the crowd. "Howard's falling back," they said. "The others are catching him. With only 10 to go Howard fell behind another rider to rest in his wake. The excited crowd watched the Iberollie St. intersection for the first glimpse of the cyclist in the fading light.

They crossed the course leaning into the left... and there was a tight group of four... the... They... by...

SECRET LIST FOR 1972.

1. Time Trial Division

		Gen. 1	Prog.
A. 3-5-72. 25 M. TT			
1. Jim McFadden	1:04:20		2
2. Van Waddell	1:08:20		
3. Tom Linton	1:08:40	1.5×10^3	
4. Gary Lannon	1:09:20	7.1×10	
5. D. Weatherly	1:10:21		
6. Randy Legai 21 mph	1:11:00		1
B. 3-19-72. 25 M. TT			
1. Jim McFadden	1:01:25		2
2. Tom Linton	1:06:00	1.5×10^3	
3. Van Waddell	1:07:17	6.75×10	
4. Gary Lannon	1:09:17		
5. Randy Legai 22+ mph	1:07:30		1
C. 4-23-72. 25 M. TT.			
1. Jim McFadden	1:02:30		2
2. Van Waddell	1:05:54		
3. Chris Todd	1:03:30		1
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D. 5-7-72. 25 M. TT.			
1. Jim McFadden	1:04:27		2
2. Van Waddell	1:06:25		
3. Tom Linton	1:06:32		
4. Chris Todd	1:07:16		1
E. 6-4-72. 25 M. TT.			
1. Jim McFadden	1:01:50		2
2. Chris Todd	1:03:48		1
3. Van Waddell	1:04:30		
F. 9-3-72. 25 M. TT.			
1. Jim McFadden	1:02:42		2
2. Dave Weatherly	1:03:00	1.5×10^3	
3. Roy Wall	1:06:10	68.3×10	
4. Randy Legai 22 mph	1:08:30		1
G. July. 25 M. TT.			
1. Chris Todd	1:05:00		2
H. August. 25 M. TT			
1. Jim McFadden	1:01:45	1.5×10^3	
2. Randy Legai 23 mph	1:06:00	666×10	1
I. 9-10-72. 12 Hr. TT			
1. Dave Weatherly	OWBC 200 M.		
2. Randy Legai	NOBC 150 M.	4 pts.	
3. Kenny Noise	NOBC 150 M.	3	
J. 10-1-72. Two-man 25 M. TT			
1. Montgomery-McFadden	0:59:29	4 pts	
2. Legai-Todd	1:02:05	2	
3. Weatherly-Fink	1:04:17		
4. Noise-E. Gan	1:09:00		
5. Holmes-R. Gan	1:09:11		1

K. 10-1-72. 25 M. TT

1. Jim McFadden

crowd was roaring. Howard had been beaten, and it seemed unbelievable. The street lights came on just in time for the judges to read the top ten in the event.

Placing 4th to 10th respectively were: Jim McFadden, Dave Weatherly, Chris Todd, Mike Schrammel, Skip Sparyy, Kim Papageorge, and Don Lagrone.

Prizes consisted of expense money for the top ten riders (50 dollars each), and \$350 in awards. In addition \$200 in prizes were given in the form of dinners at French Quarter restaurants. "Primes" it was explained, are prizes given to the winners of individual laps. Thus riders are encouraged to put greater effort into the race.

Howard won most of the primes.

(Ed. note: John Howard was able to jump away from the gun partly because he balanced against the barricade—which is legitimate; Papageorge was able to get his wheel, but soon burned off. John dangled in front for eight laps, and then stretched his lead to 30 seconds. He was able to maintain that lead until the last ten laps (the race was 45 laps long). The chasers had difficulty in reeling John in because the bunch—consisting of 12 riders—would splinter going through the treacherous corners; also there were many in the field who would either take slow turns, or would not take any at all, and would allow gaps to open in the pace line. When the chase group was reduced to 4 riders, the gap slowly whittled down. Jim Montgomery rode very strong in the pack, and frequently tried to break, but was reeled in on the corners (!). In the sprint Del Blondale was the first through the last corner, followed by Montgomery, Howard, and McFadden. Unfortunately, he got caught behind the motorcycle officer and had to slow and swerve, enabling Montgomery to swing around. John was simply shattered from his solo time trial effort; his performance gave the enthusiastic crowd a lot to talk about.

Doug Haddock did a first class job in announcing the race, according to many reports. His continual monologue not only kept the crowd informed, but also amused with his bike aphorisms and anecdotes.

This year's race was the best organized La Boucherie Grand Prix yet. The sponsors were pleased by the large turnout of riders (97 in all classes), and anticipate a bigger race next year.

Special thanks to the NOBC and OWBC riders who monitored the corners (especially Jim Hayes whose authoritarian voice kept everyone in line). Also, a thank you to Catherine McFadden for a professional job in registering riders, as well as a good job on the numbers.)