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Gonzales injured, wins anyway

By Candy Hand

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Mercedes Gonzales overcame a broken foot to win the 125cc and 250cc Pro titles and become overall champion at the Coors Light Women's National Motocross Champion-

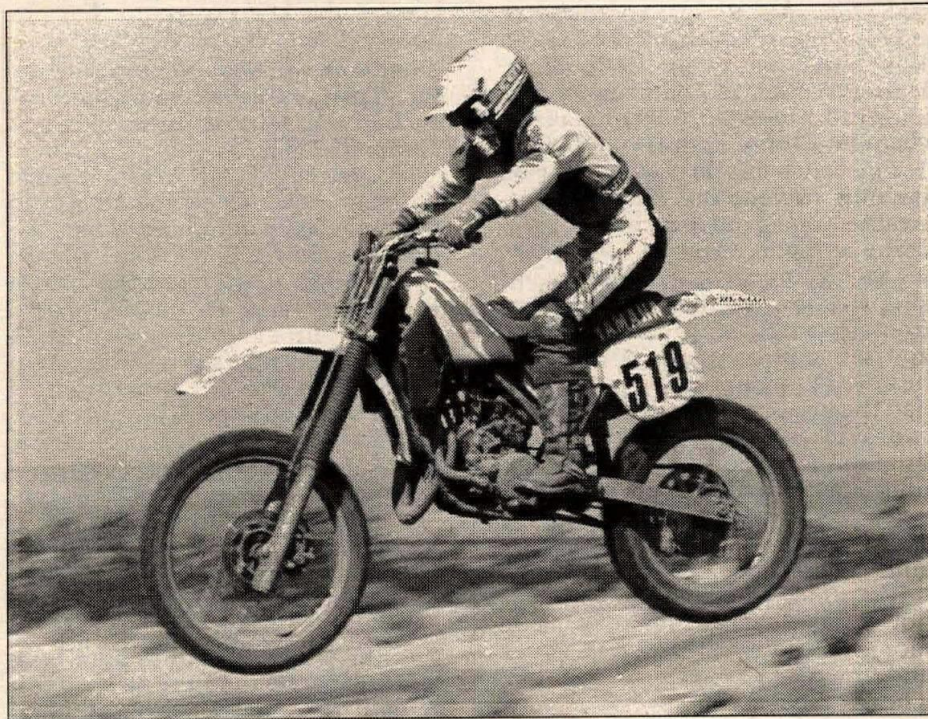
ships at Sunrise Cycle Park. To win, Gonzales and her Kawasaki had to beat Sue Fish and her Yamaha, and the two met in both 125cc and 250cc motos. Gonzales rode three motos after breaking

her foot, and didn't find out it was broken until after the race.

The battle for the 125cc title began in the first moto with Gonzales, sponsored by Team Green/Hi-Point/Scott/DMC/Maxima/Dunlop/Shoei/Enzo Racing, taking an early



Mercedes Gonzales (above) won the 125 and 250cc Pro titles riding with a broken foot. (Below) Sue Fish (Yam) rode to two second-place finishes.



lead over Yamaha/Malcolm Smith/Dunlop-sponsored Fish. Only split seconds separated the two throughout the moto, and Gonzales won. The second moto was a repeat performance, despite a broken foot suffered by Gonzales in the 250cc Pro class.

Fish had an important role in the crash that led to Gonzales breaking her foot. A blown engine in practice threatened to put Fish out of the 250cc Pro class. But Fish was offered the loan of a bike, and quickly swapped suspension components from her bike to the loaner. Fish set the first-moto holeshot and put in a strong ride for several laps, keeping Gonzales in second.

But what might have been in intense race took a turn when Fish's borrowed 250 choked. Gonzales attempted to pass but clipped the ailing Yamaha and bailed, injuring her foot. Gonzales jumped up to take the win, while Fish fought to start her fuel-spewing YZ for almost two laps.

With carburetor problems sorted out, Fish again took the holeshot in the second 250cc Pro moto and rode off to finish first, with Gonzales second to clinch the Championship.

A rookie to the 125cc Pro class, 14-year-old Tara Harrison from Renton, Washington (Hi-Point/Bellevue Kawasaki), competed on a KX80 and finished an impressive and consistent third. Anxious to switch to a 125, Harrison was optimistic about moving up; but asked about it, her father said "Not until 1987."

Fourth place in the 125cc Pro class was hotly-contested with pink-leathered Sheryl Fedorow finally ahead; she took third in the overall championship.

The lunch break proved unique; bathing suits abounded in the warm weather, and racers could be found doing anything from tending injuries to welding wrenches to catching sleep in lounge chairs. License plates from several states could be found and some British accents could be heard coming from one pit, which had the hard-luck story of the weekend. Vicky Jackson traveled from England to put on a great show for fourth in the first 125cc Pro moto, but a crash early in the second moto ended with a chin injury and an ambulance trip.

After the women had shown them how it's done, a special "Pit Tootsie" race was held to give the mechanics and supporters a chance to show off. The 25 "Tootsies" were divided into two races. Ken Zahrt led the scramble for the Expert win riding for wife Tina Zahrt. Nicky Pound, riding for Gale Webb, won the Sportsmen's race. In second place, after working his way through a field of mixed bike sizes, was 80cc rider Terry Swanson, riding for Tara Harrison.

Results

CHAMPIONSHIP: 1. Mercedes Gonzales (Kaw); 2. Sue Fish (Yam); 3. Sheryl Fedorow (Hon); 4. Lisa Peterson (Hon); 5. Bonnie Warch (Yam).

125 PRO: 1. Mercedes Gonzales (Kaw); 2. Sue Fish (Yam); 3. Tara Harrison (Kaw); 4. Sheryl Fedorow (Hon); 5. Debbie Mathews (Suz).

250 PRO: 1. Mercedes Gonzales (Kaw); 2. Sue Fish (Yam); 3. Sheryl Fedorow (Hon); 4. Lisa Peterson (Hon); 5. Bonnie Warch (Yam).

250 INT: 1. Brenda Kaye Connor; 2. Debbie Hopkins; 3. Hope Broselow.

250 NOV: 1. Shirlyn Smith; 2. Sharon Brown.

250 BEG: 1. Suanne Downey; 2. Julie Putnam; 3. Lori Hedstrom; 4. Lisa Bonacarti; 5. Sue Sittman.

125 NOV: 1. Mindy Smith; 2. Thea Gavin; 3. Mindy Brundage; 4. Dana Evanson; 5. Sherry Fogerty.

125 BEG: 1. April Hallmark; 2. Denise Thomas; 3. Tina Zahrt; 4. Laura Warecke; 5. Angie Sellers.

80 BEG: 1. Kathy Jo Ehrp; 2. Sheila Moretz; 3. Joy Ames.

VET MSTR: 1. Kitty Mayfield (Suz); 2. Jeri McClinton (Hon); 3. Denise DeVines (Suz); 4. Gale Webb (Hon).

VET SPTSMN: 1. Barbara Perry; 2. Susan Brennan; 3. Kay Mann; 4. Bonnie Collins; 5. Mimi Selly.

PIT TOOTSIE EX: 1. Ken Zahrt; 2. Danny Barthomen; 3. Dave Miller; 4. Mike Fedorow; 5. Craig Hofmeister.

PIT TOOTSIE VET: 1. C. Barney; 2. Bob Cronkite.

PIT TOOTSIE SPTSMN: 1. Nicky Pound; 2. Terry Swanson; 3. Charlie Brown; 4. Butch Smith; 5. John Gilbert.

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