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 Los Angeles County Raceway
 SATURDAY OCT. 15, 1988

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Zahrt zips at West Coast Nationals

By David Procida

PALMDALE, CA, OCT. 15

The California Racing Club hosted the Veterans and Women's National at Los Angeles County Raceway and the top winners included Kenny Zahrt in the Vet Pro class, Mercedes Gonzalez with the 125cc Women's Pro class

win and Lisa Peterson taking the 250cc Women's Pro class victory.

In the Women's 250cc Pro class Mercedes Gonzalez put her Team Green/AXO/Scott/Maxima/Shoei/DMC Kawasaki into the lead at the drop of the gate in moto one. Behind her, Lisa Peterson was in front of Dana Evenson and Brenda Conner. Gonzalez and Peterson set down a pace that left everyone far behind and by lap five were encountering lappers. Late in the moto, one of those backmarkers played an important role as Gonzalez went to make a pass on an inside line, crossed paths with a slower rider, and both went down. Peterson came by, and once past the pair, didn't back off until she took the checkered flag. Gonzalez recovered to finish second ahead of Evenson and Conner.

In moto two Gonzalez wired it to the stops in an attempt to put miles between herself and Peterson, but Peterson stayed glued to the KX's rear fender. Lap after lap the two battled back and forth with the small gap between them continually shrinking. Then on the last lap Peterson took advantage of Gonzalez's deflating rear tire and powered by to take her second win of the day, and the overall win. Evenson followed Gonzalez across the line ahead of Conners in a repeat of moto one.

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Lisa Peterson won the Women's 250cc Pro class at the WCN.

In moto one of the 125cc Pro class Gonzalez led the large class into turn one. Close on her heels were Tara Harrison, Peterson and Bonnie Warch. By lap three, Peterson found a line around Harrison and took over second. She began to close on Gonzalez, but the gap proved to be too much to bridge before the end of the moto. At the finish, it was Gonzalez with the win, Peterson a short distance behind with Harrison, Warch and Tami Rice rounding out the five slots.

Peterson led Gonzalez, Harrison, and the pack into turn one at the start of moto two. Peterson and Gonzalez pulled away from Harrison and halfway through the first lap, Peterson dropped her front end in a deep whoop, sending the bike up and over the following berm.

Gonzalez monopolized on this error and took the lead and ran. Peterson recovered quickly and set out after Gonzalez, but the gap was too much for her to bridge. The remainder of the moto proved to be a copy of moto one, with the overall results being Gonzalez, Peterson, Harrison, Warch, and Rice taking the top five slots.

Results

WMN 250 PRO: 1. Lisa Peterson (Suz); 2. Mercedes Gonzalez (Kaw); 3. Dana Evenson (Suz).
WMN 125 PRO: 1. Mercedes Gonzalez (Kaw); 2. Lisa Peterson (Suz); 3. Tara Harrison (Kaw).
WMN +30: 1. Debbie Matthews (Kaw); 2. Denise DeVines (Suz);
WMN INT: 1. Katy Senger (Hon); 2. Dianne Spizzirri (Hon); 3. Lori Hedstrom (Hon).
WMN NOV: 1. Sue Downey (Suz); 2. Joy Ames (Hon); 3. Sue Sittman (Suz).

1988 OFFICIAL RESULTS:

125 PRO

1. Mercedes Gonzalez
2. Lisa Peterson
3. Tara Harrison
4. Bonnie Warch
5. Tami Rice
6. Brenda Conner
7. Gale Webb
8. Debbie Matthews
9. Sherry Lowery

INTERMEDIATE

1. Katy Senger
2. Diane Spizzirri
3. Lori Hedstrom
4. Tina Zhart
5. Maria Gonzalez
6. Andrea Chamberlin
7. Candy Hateley
8. Kimberly Morgan
9. Kathy Jo Ehrp

VET (+30)

1. Debbie Matthews
2. Denise DeVines

250 PRO

1. Lisa Peterson
2. Mercedes Gonzalez
3. Dana Evenson
4. Brenda Conner

NOVICE

1. Sue Donney
2. Joy Ames
3. Sue Sittman
4. Val Roberts
5. Teal Nakamama
6. Carie Martinez
7. Lisa Frame
8. Laura Warnecke
9. Ellen Taylor

NOTE: Championship titles are reserved for PRO classes only.

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