



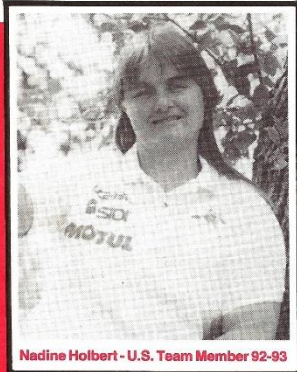
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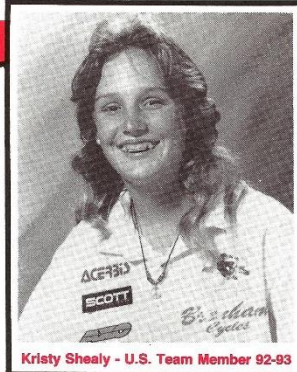
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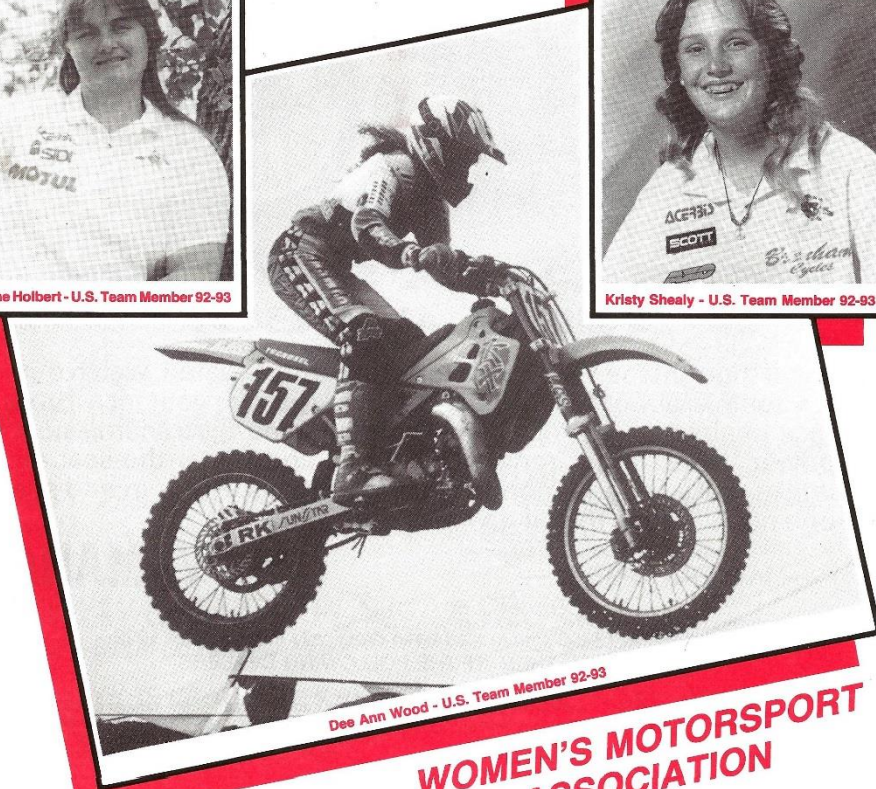
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(Left to right) Nadine Holbert, Grand National Champion Cindy Cole, Dee Ann Wood, and Kristy Shealy were the top finishers.



Cole crowned at Perris

By Tony Alessi

PERRIS, CA, OCT. 31

Women from across the globe gathered at Perris Raceway on Halloween for the Women's Motorsport Association and GFI co-promoted Freestyle Women's West Coast Motocross Championships, and it was 18-year-old Cindy Cole who emerged the queen of the day when

the dust settled. Cole topped the 125cc Pro class and finished a strong second behind Texan Dee Ann Wood in the 250cc Pro class to earn the Women's Grand National Championship.

The quiet teenager left her home in the hurricane-ravaged town of Cape Coral, Florida, with the dream of

besting the world's fastest women and earning a spot on the U.S. Women's MX Team. Cole's hopes looked dim as she and her father Skip drove the 3000-plus miles to California with a broken-down Suzuki RM125 and no 250cc machine to ride.

"I blew up my 125 just before we had to leave," said Cole. "It had a broken crank and a seized top end."

Cole's 125cc machine was repaired and readied throughout the night prior to the race by Mike Norris, owner of Suzuki Country Racing, while Suzuki's Pat Alexander provided a Suzuki RM250 for Cole to race.

"I've only ridden a 250 about four times before, and this was the first time

that I ever rode a Suzuki 250," said Artco/Maier/Scott/Dunlop/Factory Connection/Shoei/Oury/WD-40/Yoko/Powermist/Spectro/New England Cycle Center/Pro Circuit/Ricky Z's-sponsored Cole.

When the gate dropped for the first 125cc Pro moto, Cole's dreams began to materialize as she shot into the lead ahead of Wood, Australian Tiffany Greenwood and 13-year-old Texan Kristy Shealy.

Though Wood did her best to challenge for the lead, Cole stole the show by ripping around the track and running away with the moto win. Wood and Greenwood were left to battle over the runner-up position. Greenwood displaced Wood near the halfway point of the 10-lap moto, but a spill on the last lap allowed Wood to sneak back into second. Greenwood remounted her machine in time to salvage third, just ahead of Shealy.

Cole was again the fastest out of the gate in the second moto, and led Wood, Greenwood and Shealy through turn one. With a clear track ahead of her, Cole's plan of attack was simple: ride smart and stay out of reach.

Cole did just that as she repeated her first-moto disappearing act and sped away from Wood. Once she had established a comfortable lead, Cole settled into a steady pace for the remainder of the race.

Wood seemed a bit nervous and made a few mistakes in the early laps, allowing Greenwood to blast by and into second. After being passed, Wood settled down and followed the Aussie's lines. Wood stalked Greenwood for the rest of the race, but came up short in her bid for second. Cole easily notched the moto and overall wins, while Greenwood's 3-2 scores edged Wood's 2-3 for second overall. Shealey finished fourth in moto two for fourth overall.

"I just wanted to get out ahead and stay there," said Cole. "Once I pulled a lead I relaxed and tried to save my energy for the 250s."

"I haven't been riding all that much because I have a broken finger," said Wood. "At least not enough to have my timing down good enough to scream a 125."

Cole returned to dominate the opening 250cc Pro moto as well. Wood started the moto slowly, but once she found her rhythm seemed to close in on Cole in the closing stages of the race. Hawaii's Corina Chinen finished a distant third, well ahead of Bonnie Warch.

The second moto saw Cole and Wood handlebar-to-handlebar as they squeezed through the first turn. Cole gained the advantage, but Wood latched on to her rear fender and played shadow throughout the moto. In the closing laps, Cole began to tire and Wood turned up the wick. Wood dove to the inside line approaching a step-up jump and the pass was made. With that, the race was set. Wood greeted the checkered flag just ahead of Cole. Third went to Chinen, while Nadine Holbert and Warch rounded out the top five. Wood's 2-1 finishes edged Cole's 1-2 for the overall win, while Chinen was rewarded for her consistent finishes and tallied third overall.

"I started to get really tired near the end," admitted Cole. "A 250 really wears you out."

"A mistake on a 250 isn't as crucial as on a 125. You can make up for it with power and timing isn't as important," said Wood. "I'm glad to have at least won the 250cc class. Cindy and I get to race against each other again next month, and hopefully I'll be up to speed."



Dee Ann Wood earned the win in the 250cc Pro class with 2-1 moto scores.

Corina Chinen (2) battled in the 250cc Pro class with Nadine Holbert (93).



When the scores were tallied, it was Cole who earned the final spot on the U.S. Women's MX Team, joining fellow racers Wood, Shealy and Holbert and officials Gale Webb, Tami Rice and Brenda Hannah.

At the day's conclusion, an emotional ceremony was held in which multi-time Women's MX Champion Mercedes Gonzalez passed on her crown to Cole.

Gonzalez, who has retired from motocross in order to pursue a career in Stadium Superlite racing, also took part in an international exhibition race earlier in the day.

In the one-moto exhibition race, Gonzalez easily outdistanced the rest of the field with a start-to-finish romp. Second went to Greenwood, and third was Stefy Bau.

When asked why she didn't opt to compete in the regular Pro classes, Gonzalez replied, "I've officially retired, and I went out on top as



Australian Tiffany Greenwood (16), American Mercedes Gonzalez (7) and Italian Stefy Bau (210) raced in an International Exhibition.



running strong. I've probably been on a bike only a half dozen times all year, and I just didn't want to put myself through all of that again. A lot of these girls want me to race so that they can try to beat me, but I figure that they had nine years to do so and they didn't, so why give them another shot when I'm vulnerable and not ready?"

Just for the record, Gonzalez's lap times during the International race were roughly two seconds per-lap faster than Cole's winning times.

Gale "MX Mom" Webb was the dominant force in the Vet division, posting a two-moto sweep of the class. Webb gated poorly in each race, but steadily worked her way through the field to earn her wins. Val Roberts finished second overall, and Debbie Matthews was third.

A First-Timer's class drew the most attention and the largest field of the day. Over 20 wives, girlfriends, sisters and daughters filled the starting gate,

and though they had never raced before, the action was quite exciting. The starting line looked more like a swap meet than a motocross race, as the women competed aboard a wide variety of machinery. Minis, four-strokes, enduro bikes, dual-sport bikes and conventional motocrossers filled the grid.

Christine Russell ran away with the first moto win aboard a Suzuki RM80, while Suzuki RM125-mounted Laurie Shipper finished a strong second. Emily Doser survived a couple of scary moments aboard her Kawasaki KX80 to edge Kimberly Alessi for fourth.

In moto two, Lydia Couch powered ahead of the field aboard a Honda XR350 and romped away with the win. Shipper again finished second, ahead of Russell and Doser.

Shipper's consistent 2-2 finishes netted the overall win, while Russell, Couch, Doser and Alessi rounded out the top five. **CN**

Results

P/W STK: 1. Melissa Franks (Yam); 2. Andrea Holbert (Yam); 3. Andrea Franks (Yam); 4. Kerri Clark (Ind).

P/W MOD: 1. Melissa Franks (Yam); 2. Andrea Holbert (Yam); 3. Andrea Franks (Yam).

60: 1. Melissa Franks (Kaw); 2. Heather Matthews (Kaw).

80: 1. Laura Harris (Suz); 2. Andrea Webb (Suz); 3. Kimberly Alessi (Kaw); 4. Amy Harrison (Suz).

FIRST-TIMER: 1. Laurie Shipper (Suz); 2. Christine Russell (Suz); 3. Lydia Couch (Hon); 4. Emily Doser (Kaw); 5. Kimberly Alessi (Kaw).

BEG: 1. Erin Donnelly (Kaw); 2. Stacy Bremner (Yam); 3. Christine Russell (Suz); 4. Jeanie Argento (Suz); 5. Laurie Shipper (Suz).

JR: 1. Jodie Hollow (Suz); 2. Judith Stark (Yam); 3. Kimberly Pravda (Kaw); 4. Karen Nielson (Yam); 5. Shirlynn Smith (Hon).

INT: 1. Laura Harris (Hon); 2. Val Roberts (Hon); 3. Becky Kukla (Kaw); 4. K.O. Halfhill (Kaw); 5. Andrea Webb (Suz).

125 PRO: 1. Cindy Cole (Suz); 2. Tiffany Greenwood (Kaw); 3. Dee Ann Wood (Kaw); 4. Kristy Shealy (Suz); 5. Diane Piper (Suz).

250 PRO: 1. Dee Ann Wood (Kaw); 2. Cindy Cole (Suz); 3. Corina Chinen (Kaw); 4. Nadine Holbert (Yam); 5. Bonnie Warch (Hon).

VET 1. Gale Webb (Hon); 2. Val Roberts (Hon); 3. Debbie Matthews (Kaw); 4. Debbie Simmons (Kaw); 5. Sherlynn Smith (Kaw).

MALE SUPPORT: 1. Alex McElyea (Suz); 2. Ty Kady (Kaw); 3. Ray McIntosh (Kaw); 4. Dave Lynch (Hon); 5. Terry Varner (Yam).

1992 OFFICIAL RESULTS:

125 PRO

1. Cindy Cole - USA
2. Tiffany Greenwood – Australia
3. Dee Ann Wood – USA
4. Kristy Shealy – USA
5. Diane Piper – USA
6. Nadine Holbert – USA
7. Corina Chinen – USA
8. Tami Rice- USA
9. Jamie Pamintuan – USA
10. Tina Clary – USA
11. Bonnie Warch – USA
12. Stefy Bau – Italy
13. Mollie Bourke – USA
14. Brenda Hannah – USA
15. Gale Webb – USA
16. Patrizia Columbo – Italy

JUNIOR

1. Jodi Hollow – USA
2. Judith Stark – USA
3. Kimberly Pravda – USA
4. Karen Nielsen – USA
5. Shirlyn Smith – USA
6. Cheri Featheringill – USA

VET

1. Gale Webb – USA
2. Val Roberts – USA
3. Debbie Matthews – USA
4. Debbie Simmons – USA
5. Shirlyn Smith – USA
6. Brenda Hannah – USA
7. Kathy Stolper - USA

Pee Wee STOCK

1. Melissa Franks – USA
2. Andrea Holbert – USA
3. Andrea Franks – USA
4. Kerri Clark - USA

250 PRO

1. Dee Ann Wood – USA
2. Cindy Cole – USA
3. Corina Chinen – USA
4. Nadine Holbert – USA
5. Bonnie Warch – USA
6. Diane Piper – USA

INTERMEDIATE

1. Laura Harris – USA
2. Val Roberts – USA
3. Becky Kukla – USA
4. KO Halfhill – USA
5. Andrea Webb – USA
6. Susan Lee – USA

BEGINNER

1. Erin Donnelly – USA
2. Stacy Bremner – USA
3. Christine Russell – USA
4. Jeanie Argento – USA
5. Laurie Schipper – USA
6. Kathy Stolper – USA
7. Jackie Longton – USA
8. Augie Augusto – USA

80cc

1. Laura Harris – USA
2. Andrea Webb – USA
3. Kimberly Alessi – USA
4. Amy Harrison – USA

60cc

1. Melissa Franks – USA
2. Heather Matthews – USA

Pee Wee MODIFIED

1. Melissa Franks – USA
2. Andrea Holbert – USA
3. Andrea Franks – USA

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FIRST TIMER CLASS

1. Laurie Schipper – USA
2. Christine Russell – USA
3. Lydia Couch – USA
4. Emily Doser – USA
5. Kimberly Alessi – USA
6. Julie Sokatch – USA
7. Sherry Lynch – USA
8. Karen Lombandi – USA
9. Debbie Beam – USA
10. Lisa Tyrell – USA
11. Cynthia Fling – USA
12. Ilene Paredes – USA
13. Pam Kady – USA
14. Kristina Bell – USA
15. Dani White - USA

MALE SUPPORT CLASS

1. Alex Mc Elyea
2. Ty Kady
3. Ray McIntosh
4. Dave Lynch
5. Terry Varner
6. No Name
7. Joe Tuttobene
8. John Doe - #1x
9. John Doe 2 - #30
10. Ric Mc Cantis
11. Bobby Hudson
12. John Grice
13. Dave Simmons

NOTE: Championship titles are reserved for PRO classes only.

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