

POPS Nationals

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REPORT ON THE '78 POPS NATIONALS -----Sep 25, 1978

Some of the POPS asked me to send them the scores of the Accuracy event and so I thought I'd send everyone who attended the meet the complete scores of both the accuracy and Hit 'N Rock. At the same time, some comments about the Labor Day weekend in general.

There were a total of 43 contestants during three days of almost perfect weather, but with the lack of any appreciable wind, several POPS were slightly hurt landing hard under their squares. There were two female POPS on hand, Margo Bates and Judy Simpson....hopefully, we'll get more as time goes on. Larry Cordeira couldn't have done better with three discs and wound up in first place, of course. Other noteworthy achievements included George McCulloch getting into the peas on all three accuracy jumps and this at 731 Don Dupont came back after having quit jumping, and came in first in the Hit 'N Rock event with a real fast 4.9 seconds and also came in 8th in accuracy....not bad for a guy who had and still has a bad back problem.

Scores are as follows:

NAME	Accuracy total	Hit 'N Rock	Name	Accuracy Total	Hit 'N Rock
1. Cordeira	0.00	7.0	Zinkand	24.10"	5.9
2. Kohlhepp	13"	8.6	Koen	37.1"	11.5
3. Gabriel	18"	14.0	M. Bates	47.3 1/2"	15.8
5. Bender	7.6"	60.0	Kennedy	70.7"	21.7
6. Ervin	8.1"	14.3	Morrison	45.8"	12.2
7. Garrison	8.2 1/2"	60.0	Jordan	69.10"	11.7
8. Dupont	9.9"	4.9	McCulloch	49.0"	29.7
9. Taylor	14.0"	43.0	Hoyt	75.0"	60.0
10. Novak	17.1"	17.6	Suddeth	75.0"	15.0
4. Thompson	20 1/2"	9.5	Hargraves	56.4 1/2"	13.8
Curtis	49.8"	7.0	J. Bates	64.7"	15.8
Rappa	injured	11.7	Rhyme	injured	29.2
Pullum	23.3"	6.4	Ellen	injured	10.8
Martin	61.10"	15.5	Reid	63.6"	60.0
Klinert	30.4"	16.2	Pierce	injured	-
Langman	46.6 1/2"	27.2	Simpson	75.0"	60.0
Allen	63.4"	16.8	Smith	60.0"	13.0
Miensopust	17.8"	14.0	Bonanno	52.11 1/2"	10.1
Cooke	50.8"	8.5	Lower	26.5"	9.4
McKeon	32.8 1/2"	26.3	Miller	49.2"	14.2
Grace	22.11 1/2"	13.3	Avery	75.0"	60.0

After the meet, the RW set went to the big Boogie for some Skyvan jumps and two more POPSTARS were put together....Star #12 with a 9-man and one new POPSTAR recipient; then Star #13 for the new POPS record with a 13 man hookup and two new recipients. The same day, the world's record of 61 was put together from 3 Skyvans which we all witnessed.

As your new TOP POP, I'm getting things together as best I can for the time being. I want to repeat to all of you to let me know far enough in advance in the event you want to sponsor next year's 'Spring' meet or even throw in a bid for the Nationals. Neither meet will be held here at United as I feel a change of scenery is due, plus the Boogie puts too much of a squeeze on us at our field. But United expects to continue the big Skyvan Boogie schedule for next Memorial Day and Labor Day. Any meet you may be planning on should steer clear of these two weekends, as quite a few of the POPS will be RWing it at the Boogie and this would tend to cut down on attendance at a meet over the same weekend. -- I'd like to

extend an invitation to all POPS RW types who can make it over the weekend of October 28/29 for a last fling with our skyvan.

We at United are going to put George McCulloch into a 20 man or better that weekend and if enough of you POPS come, I'd like nothing better than to make my 3000th freefall in an all-POPS star, so if you live close enough to make a weekend of it, come down and let me know in advance if you are. Space is getting short here - a last reminder, plan on making Godwin's winter meet at Eustis next March 3/4...it's worth the trip. My phone number here in case you need to phone me is 215/646-7726 any evening after 8.

Good jumping to you all.

Tom Morrison