

Race report 3/8/10

This past weekend the **Racer's Edge / GT** Team journeyed to Morristown, Tennessee for the **NBL Spring Nationals**. Nearly 25 team members, along with several supporters, made the long trip down I-81 for an awesome weekend of racing. The team unveiled their new **Hot Shoppe** jerseys with style. After placing 5th out of 19 teams on Saturday, the team was honored to participate in Sunday morning's parade lap. A good score was turned in on Sunday as well and official team results are TBA.

One of the team's newest recruits, **Kyle McRory**, scored a perfect on Saturday in the VERY heavily stacked 19-25 expert class. He would take second in Sunday's main, despite his perfect motos. **John Stanton** was also very impressive in his first race in the same, crazy fast, expert class. He finished a solid fifth, in his semi both days.

The 40-44 cruiser class brought out all the big guns. **Mark Bell** rode strong all weekend, scored a fourth on Saturday, but just missed the main on Sunday. The little Bell's, **Jordan** (8) and **Hunter** (6) both earned fourth on Saturday and cleaned the stands on Sunday. Ma Bell (**Michele**) had the ill communication and executed her role as BMX team manager, flawlessly, while keeping everyone super pumped all weekend.

**Christi Hartlove** had epic battles, both days, with the younger class #1 Rider, "RC" Colon.. The two exchanged several passes for the lead in each race and Christi would have to settle for second each day, by less than a bike. **Mike Hartlove** scored a fifth on Sunday and but was most proud of his boys first performance aboard their new **GT Bicycles**. **Nathan** (9) also in his new **FLY Racing** shoes, took third Saturday and second on Sunday. **Billy** (7) took second in his main both days after winning all of his motos on Saturday. **Connor** (5) finished fifth in the semi each day and had never seen a class that big. You know BMX is alive and strong when the 5 Rookie is one the biggest classes of the weekend.

**Mike Hummel** missed a perfect score by one moto on Saturday, as team mate **Dave Mock** played the role of the spoiler and ran solid seconds the rest of the weekend in 30-34 Cruiser. Hummel went on to score a perfect in Sunday's race and will be moving up to the 35-39 class in June, hopefully capped out in points and opening the door for Mock to set up for a run at the title. **Chris Bryan** raced the most laps and turned in solid numbers on the team sheet both days in his 25-29 cruiser and expert classes.

**Walter Holda** survived the storm of 40-44 Cruisers and finished fifth in his semi on Saturday. **Brandon** and **Brady Holda**, enjoyed solid performances in their first race as 8 yr. olds. Brandon finished sixth both days and Brady fifth on Sunday. "**Kennyboy**" **Knott** had a great weekend, earning a fourth and a third in 19-25 Novice. "**Big Daddy**" **Joe Knott**, had some good motos in the combined 50+ cruiser and made his presence known before getting sidelined with a case of MCD (Moto Combination Debacle)

The next team events are scheduled to be the **Jack Frost Classic** at Egg Harbor, New Jersey and **NBL Northeast Regional** at Howell, New Jersey.

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