

chutes that San Jose is famous for.

Brelsford caught and passed both Beauchamp and Lawwill in one swoop on lap four, only to have an air cleaner and carb pull loose on the second round, losing the two spots and then dropping out altogether on round six. Scott and Sassaman started to dice back and forth for the lead with the front spot changing eight times before the rookie started to pull away, making no mistakes along the way!

Lawwill and Beauchamp, at least half a straightaway back, were nose to nose in and out of third. Rex finally took it away for good on the eleventh mile but could not close Scott for second. Lawwill finally had some luck at San Jose. The engine soured in the late laps and had the race gone one more lap, he would have dropped at least five places or out of the race entirely. Where was Roberts? Where was Romero? From the start of the race Kenny was riding his yellow banana harder than ever before, just to try and stay in fifth place.

Frank Gillespie and Romero were the chief threats, both taking the position away over 30 times before the finish! Six riders headed for the checkered flag, fighting for the spot, but Roberts is known for being at his best out of the final turn. The Champ ended up fifth, a half a lap back of the winner.

Gillespie was edged for fifth, but nipped Romero, who nipped Mark Williams, who nipped Skip Aksland, who nipped Corky Keener. From Roberts to Keener the gap was less than three lengths!

Along the way, Jimmy Odom came up with a short in the wiring on the starting line and did not compete. Young Foster, trying for too much too soon, crashed at full throttle coming out of the far turn early in the race. Gennai and John Hateley dropped out before the finish.

The victory for Sassaman will eventually prove to be worth over \$5000. He was talking so fast in the winner's circle that few could keep up. He did get out the fact that former champ Carroll Resweber was one of the key men responsible for the bike. Resweber was buried in the crowd that was surrounding the victor's circle.

Beauchamp had again picked up a sizeable bundle of money and Scott was happy. He was now second in the standings behind Rogers and it is dirt track all the way except for only two more road races.

One of San Francisco's leading daily papers, noted for its racing coverage, pulled off what may be the goof of the year. Their results the following day had Sassaman riding—a Honda!

Perhaps the best thing about the entire race is that the circuit returns to San Jose for the last National mile of the season. It all happens again on Sunday, September 21st. Maybe we'll find out if the kid from Georgia is for real.

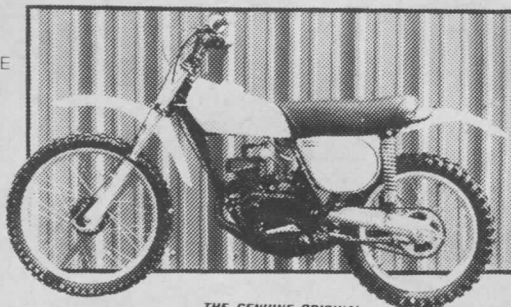
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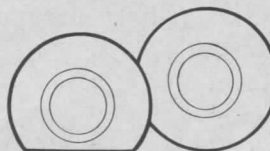
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