



DATSUN 500cc USGP

MAGOO MASTERS CARLSBAD

Chandler wins the overall, Malherbe breaks, and Lackey takes the lead

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Darrell Shultz and Brad Lackey gated perfectly in the first moto. The eventual winner, Chandler, is nowhere to be seen.

It seems as if the spell is truly broken, if what they say about the third time being the charm is true. Marty Moates cracked the long-standing European domination of the Carlsbad GP for the first time in 1980, and last year Chuck Sun took the trophy back home to Sherwood, Oregon. This year, Carlsbad once again fell to American pressure, when the darkest of dark horses, Danny "Magoo" Chandler—Mister Crash and Burn himself—showed the crowd his new "smooth" side and took the 500cc International race with a first-moto win and a fifth in the second.

Chandler was a surprise win to most of us familiar with his riding style: wide

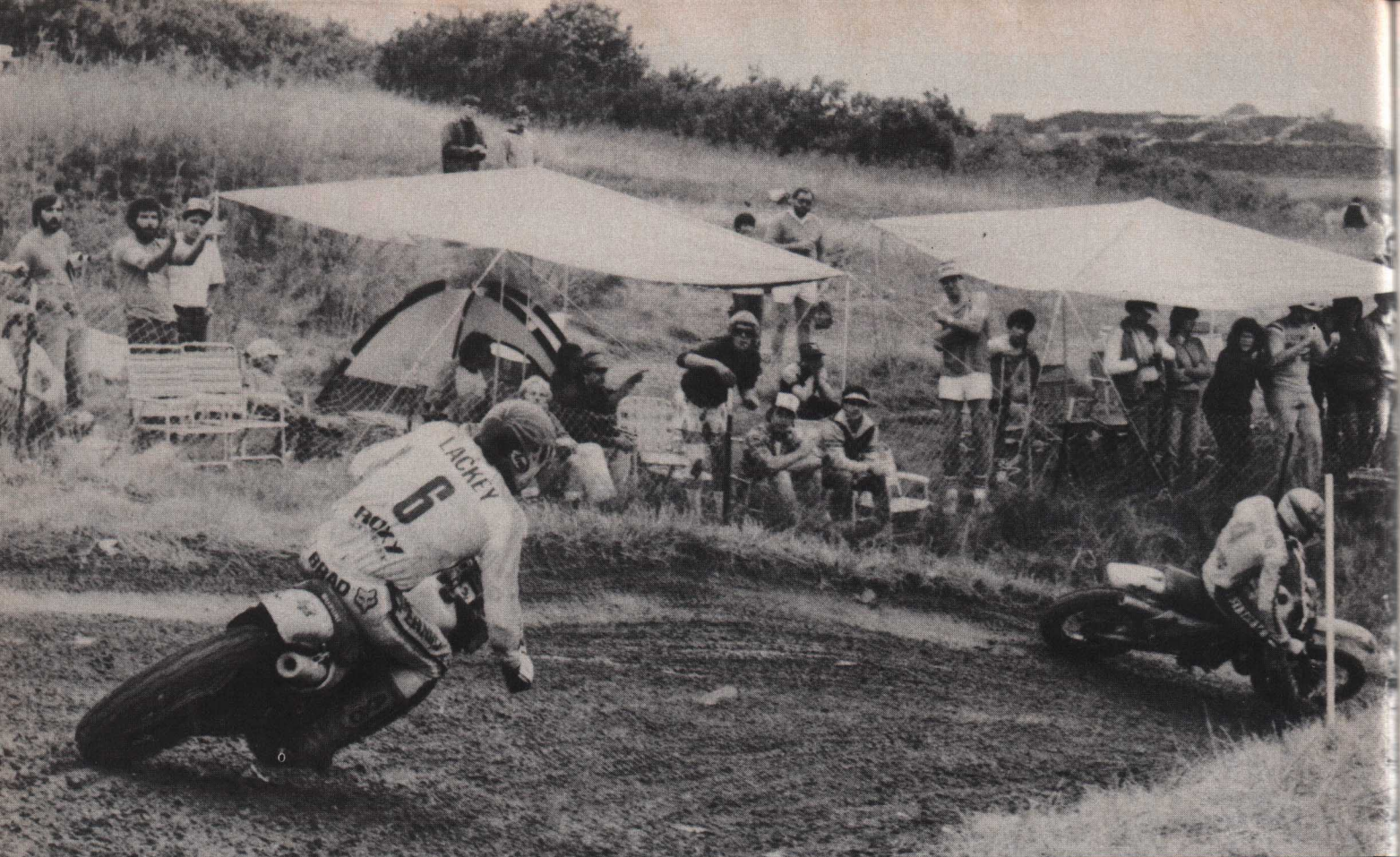
open, on the ragged edge of control, until he finally wins or crashes big. He's been cruising along in fifth place in the National 500cc races, alternating between disappointment and flashes of brilliance. Curiously, our own Super Hunkey predicted Chandler's win five days before our Carlsbad event, saying no one else had the same potential to do what Chandler could do. This prediction caused a few howls of laughter and a general grabbing of wallets. A number of the *DB* staffers are walking around poorer for the experience.

Magoo came out of the first turn of the first moto in fourth place, behind a trio of Americans: Darrell Shultz, Jeff Ward, and Brad Lackey. Lackey was definitely

the crowd favorite, but that didn't bother Chandler at all, as he passed the Suzuki rider midway into the second lap after Ward faded back, and went on to pass Shultz later in the same lap.

From the third lap on, the freckle-faced Honda rider ran off with the moto, at one point stretching out a 27-second lead over second-place rider Shultz.

In the second moto, Shultz once again got the holeshot, followed by Gary Semics on a Honda, and then Chandler. Magoo drove by Semics early on, and started pursuing Shultz. Darrell had everything under control until he almost bailed, twisting one of his bad knees. This action eventually put him out for the day, and



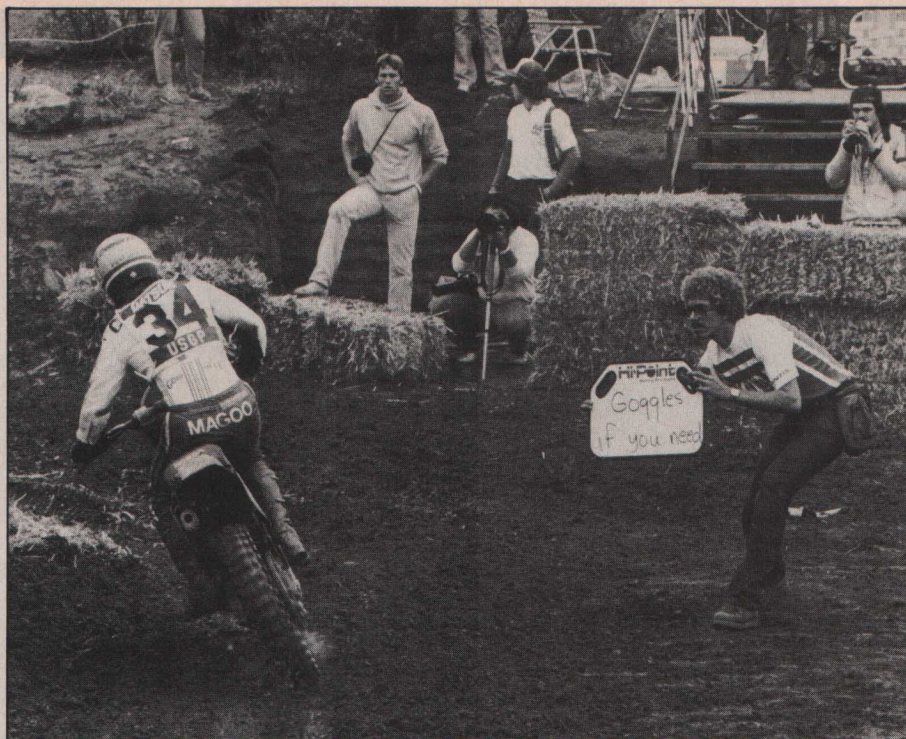
At the tail end of moto two, Lackey and Vromans had the battle of death. They finished side by side, with the nod going to Vromans.



Goggles down and riding blindly, Danny Chandler pulled out the stops en route to winning the GP. A smoother style and pure desire gave Magoo the edge.



World Champ Andre Malherbe crashed in the first moto and broke his leg, ending any chances of a repeat title win.



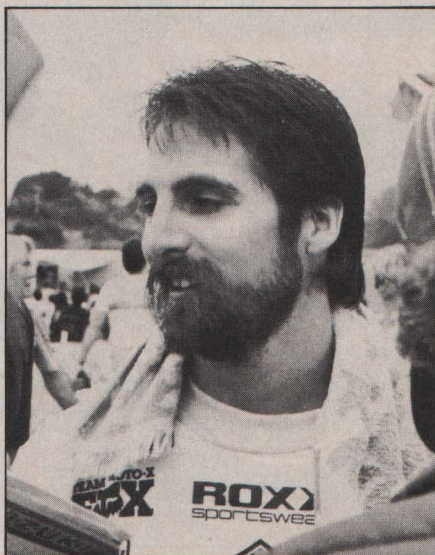
Magoo rode almost the entire first moto with no goggles. His mechanic offers assistance; Danny kindly declines.



Giving Bad Brad fits is his teammate Andre Vromans. A mere 20 points separate the two Suzuki riders heading down the stretch.



Mike Bell won the second moto, which gave him a fourth overall for the day. His European teammate, Neil Hudson, didn't fare as well, with 7-7 scores and a sixth overall.



Although Brad didn't take the overall, savvy racing at Carlsbad increased his World Championship points lead.

once again it was Magoo in the lead.

It looked like another runaway win until ten minutes from the finish, when Mike Bell came around in the lead, followed by Andre Vromans, Alan King, Lackey, and finally Chandler. Chandler was tiring and dumped it, letting the four riders by. When the checkered flag dropped it was Bell, Vromans, Lackey, King and Chandler, with Chandler taking the overall win.

What of the ongoing battle between Lackey and Andre Malherbe for the World Title? Unfortunately, Malherbe lost control in a slick spot 20 minutes into the first moto and wound up breaking his leg and putting himself out of contention for the rest of the season. Lackey shed no tears, however, as his 3-3 finish at Carlsbad put him firmly in the points lead, 22 points ahead of second-place Vromans. With consistent finishes in the four races left on the World Championship calendar, and a little bit of luck (God willin' and the crick don't freeze), Brad Lackey could realize a nearly-ten-year ambition, and finally be the first American 500cc World Motocross Champion. Let's hope he does it.

But this day belonged to Magoo, who may be once and for all changing the out-of-control reputation he had in the past. He rode a smooth race and wound up the third American to win the USGP in Carlsbad. Hats off to Magoo! □

CARLSBAD, CALIFORNIA RESULTS JUNE 10, 1982

500cc INTERNATIONAL

1. Danny Chandler (Hon)	1-5
2. Brad Lackey (Suz)	3-3
3. Andre Vromans (Suz)	4-2
4. Mike Bell (Yam)	6-1
5. Alan King (Suz)	5-4
6. Neil Hudson (Yam)	7-7
7. Chuck Sun (Hon)	10-6
8. Goat Breker (Kaw)	9-8
9. Jaak Van Velthoven (KTM)	11-9
10. Bill Grossi (Hus)	12-10
11. Phil Larson (Hon)	13-11
12. Jaak Verwaayen (Hon)	16-13
13. Andy Stacy (Mai)	18-14
14. Patrick Fura (Hus)	25-12
15. Darrell Shultz (Hon)	2-DNF
16. Graham Noyce (Hon)	8-DNF
17. Mike Kessler (Mai)	14-DNF
18. Bo Edberg (Hus)	15-DNF
19. Jeff Ward (Kaw)	17-DNF

250cc SUPPORT

1. Broc Glover (Yam)	2-2
2. Rick Johnson (Yam)	5-1
3. Scott Burnworth (Yam)	1-5
4. Jim Gibson (Hon)	3-3
5. Warren Reid (Suz)	4-4
6. David Bailey (Hon)	7-6
7. George Holland (Suz)	6-7
8. Kris Bigelow (Hus)	10-9
9. Phillip Oveland (Hus)	9-10
10. Robert Reisinger (Suz)	8-14

WORLD POINT STANDINGS AFTER CARLSBAD

1. Brad Lackey (USA)	146
2. Andre Vromans (BEL)	124
3. Andre Malherbe (BEL)	121
4. Neil Hudson (GB)	111
5. Graham Noyce (GB)	91
6. Dave Thorpe (GB)	76
7. Jean-Jacques Bruno (FR)	51
8. Hakan Carlqvist (SWE)	48
9. Gary Semics (USA)	45
10. Jukka Sintonen (FIN)	35