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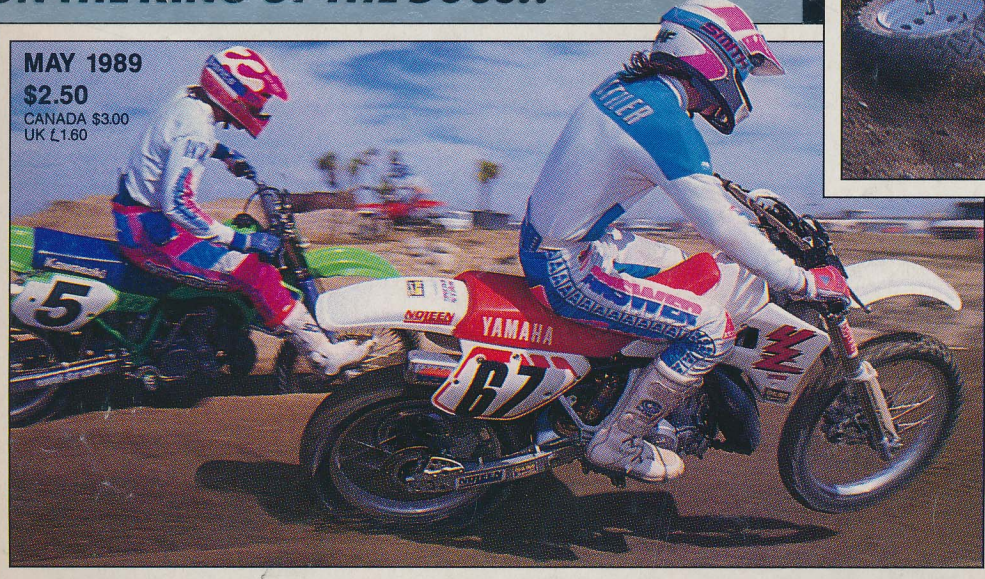
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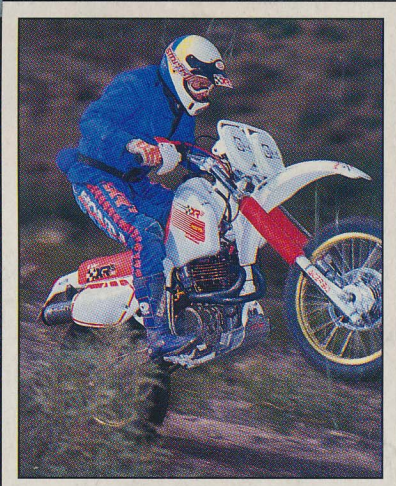


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# FRANTIC ENDURO OPENER

Hawkins hauls, Hines & Roeseler flat while Russell burns a check!

By the DIRT BIKE Staff



To say that the Salinas Ramblers MC opening Quicksilver National Enduro was exciting is an understatement. First-through third-fastest riders each finished with a score of seven and it had to go down to the tiebreaker checks to determine the winner. When the tiebreaker scores were tallied, it was last year's National Champion Randy Hawkins squeaking out the win by a mere three seconds over KTM 350-mounted Kevin Hines. Thirteen seconds back was Larry Roeseler on a Kawasaki KDX200. Hawkins' Suzuki RMX250 riding teammate, Dave Bertram, placed fourth with a score of nine. Rounding out the top five was Enduro hero Terry Cunningham on yet another Kawasaki KDX200.

#### NEW BIKES WITH OLD FACES

We could probably dispense with talking anymore about the race and concentrate on these stars competing on exciting new equipment. Suzuki promoted their new RM-based enduro machine with first- and fourth-place scores. Kawasaki's confidence in their enduro-ready KDX put their entire team on the 200s. Terry Cunningham was so pumped with his new green mount that the duo redefined the meaning of vitality. Even 1979 500cc National Champion and 1982 250 World Champion Danny LaPorte was invited out by Team Green to see what enduro riding is all about. Yamaha's YZWR hope Jeff Russell was on the attack, but experienced a rear brake failure which put him out of the results.

#### LET THE RIDERS TAKE CONTROL

**Randy Hawkins:** "I had a pretty good day! I thought I made one check, but they told me it was an 0.0. Into check seven, I went over the bars and lost a point. But those are



**Matt Stavish** traveled from Minnesota to make the California National. Stavish started his first "Double A" (pro grading) year on one of the only enduro-ized Honda CRs seen at the event.

◀ **Terry Cunningham** (front) and **Larry Roeseler** take a break at a reset following the gas stop. The Quicksilver course hadn't been too tough up to this point, but the following loop proved to be more demanding for the national stars.

**Suzuki RMX250-mounted Randy Hawkins** defended last year's championship title by winning the Quicksilver Clear Creek Enduro Opener (near Coalinga, California) by a scant three seconds; 22-year-old Hawkins is setting the mold for more up-and-coming youngsters to follow. ▶



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## QUICKSILVER ENDURO



Dave Bertram claimed he wasn't in top form for this event. However, it was riding like this that still earned him a fourth place.

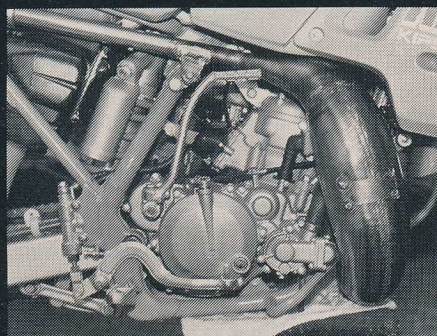
should've, would've and could've! The bottom line is that I had a fun day and the bike worked great. I'm really happy with the new Suzuki RMX250."

**Kevin Hines:** "Nobody else is riding an open bike, so I should, right? I'm getting along really well with the KTM350. After all, that's the size that I won the '87 Championship with. I feel I should've had a five, but I have a seven on my scorecard! My bike got a front flat in the second section, so I lost a point there. A bottleneck in the first tiebreaker cost me a point by being just a second late."

### RESULTS

Name	Points		
1. Randy Hawkins	Suz/7-58	15. Matt Stavish	Hon/23
2. Kevin Hines	KTM/7-61	16. Dean Joyner	Yam/24
3. Larry Roeseler	Kaw/7-74	17. Dave Wood	Kaw/26-9
4. Dave Bertram	Suz/9	18. Chris Willbanks	KTM/26-116
5. T. Cunningham	Kaw/12-76	19. Tim Willbanks	KTM/27-119
6. Todd Harris	Yam/12-77	20. Scott Reynolds	Yam/27-123
7. Jimmy Lewis	Yam/13		
8. Danny LaPorte	Kaw/15	<b>Hi-Point A:</b>	
9. Kurt Hough	Kaw/16	125 A: Jim Lewis	Yam
10. Allen Gravitt	KTM/17	200 A: Bryar Halcomb	Kaw
11. Joey Hopkins	Kaw/18-69	250 A: Todd Harris	Yam
12. Jeff Irwin	Yam/18-72	Open A: Chris Wilbanks	KTM
13. Phil Douglas	NA/20	4-Stroke A: Tom Deem	Hon
14. Grant Palanske	Yam/21	Senior A: Rick Giudice	Hus
		Super Senior A: Karl Ryser	N/A

## A LOOK AT THE BIKES



Pro Circuit ([714] 993-5401) modified third-place Larry Roeseler's engine. The smallish 200cc mill is proving to be more than competitive.



Kevin Hines' KTM 350 features a works motor that is fed by a Dellorto carburetor. White Bros. ([714] 554-9442) valves the suspension. Hines is pumped to be back on the 350 again.



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## DANNY LAPORTE: ENDURO NEOPHYTE

• **Dirt Bike:** Danny, what the heck are you doing here?

**Danny:** Kawasaki has always told me, "Come out and try an enduro." They are also trying to get me interested in riding ISDE.

**Dirt Bike:** What do you think?

**Danny:** I can't believe how fast the guys go through junk like this. After the start, we went through some manzanita and I was thinking, "This thing's probably going to be over in a few miles!"

**Dirt Bike:** Do you know how to keep time?

**Danny:** I'm a total debutante! I had no instruments. My bike had bark-busters and now I know what they're for! There are a lot of little things you have to know. It's not always speed; you have to outsmart the other guy.

**Dirt Bike:** What else are you doing this year?



"I'm impressed," said eighth-place Danny LaPorte at the finish. "These guys haul." If all goes well, former motocross champion LaPorte will ride the ISDE.

**Danny:** Just riding some SCORE races with Larry Roeseler. Parker- and Baja-type races. I'm going to ride the Superbikers in Paris, an international motocross race the following weekend and then try to defend the title I won last year with Edi Oriole in a 12-hour endurance race. Roeseler and I are also planning to enter the Atlas rally in Morocco.

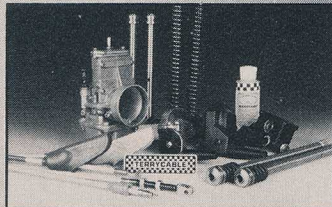
**Dirt Bike:** How do you feel about motocross these days?

**Danny:** I go to Supercross races because Jean-Michel Bayle lives right near me in Redondo Beach and I practice with him. It's kind of neat, that a European comes into Supercross and does well. It's easy going from Supercross to outdoors, but not from outdoors to indoors. I'm trying to help him out, since his parents are not here and it's hard living in a foreign country. Besides, he's a good kid—I like him. •

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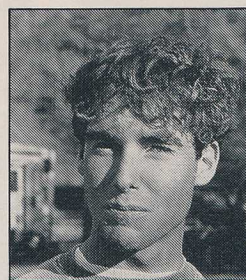
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## QUICKSILVER ENDURO



◀ Keep your eye on Jim Lewis this year. The California hotshoe smoked to a seventh overall on his 125 and finished second "A" rider behind Todd Harris. Lewis is a hard charger.

**Larry Roeseler:** "I lost some points when I got a flat ten miles or so before the second section. It was really frustrating; there were a lot of sharp rocks and, conditions being a little muddy, the water lubricated the tire and the rocks just sliced through it. I tried to ride as hard as I could with the flat and dropped two points on a check that everybody else zeroed. On the third loop, I figured what the heck, I need to try, just to see what I can do. I rode really hard and tried to salvage something out of the day. The KDX200 is lower to the ground and maneuvers well. It's like a 125 but with a little more power."

**Dave Bertram:** "I was just a little off it today. It was a fast course, but I was having trouble in the tight! I think I was trying too hard and threw it away in a couple of sections. On a more positive note, this would be a good time to thank everybody for their support with the Ride To Win ISDE program. I wish I had more time to spend with it; things are so wide open right now."

**Terry Cunningham:** "I thought it was the best Quicksilver I've ever ridden. There was a little dust on the third loop. The KDX200, I love it! They work great. I think it's going to be a successful year. Hopefully, my scores will improve from where they stand today."

**Jeff Russell:** "Yamaha's really treating me well. This is the first time I've ever had a mechanic really take care of me. Things happened today that I wish would not have happened, but that's racing. Right after gas, about 50 miles out, something hit the bleed on my rear brake caliper, busted it off and caused a brake malfunction. That more or less ended my whole second loop. Then I miscalculated my free territory and burned check four by two minutes!"

### STARTS OFF WITH A BANG

It's great to see the Japanese back in the hunt again. Suzuki, Kawasaki and Yamaha are selling the bikes they race. But, of course, KTM hasn't given an inch to these intruders. From the outcome of this opening event, it looks like '89 is going to be the most exciting season yet. The Salinas Ramblers were blessed by California's cold wave that put snow on the ground on higher elevations and kept most of the dust down. That's good, because the Clear Creek off-road riding area is a former asbestos mining operation. Many mentioned that the first two loops were not that tough. The third loop proved to be a different story. Great traction and slimy rocks through the trees made for a fun-filled day. See you next year! □



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