

Bike races . . .

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Randy Gaffney, 29, of Cedar Falls, Iowa, finished the race nearly one lap ahead of the next placer. He was awarded \$200.

Gaffney, who rides for and works at Europa Cycles of Cedar Falls, said he had "an exceptional day, having pulled out of a two-month slump."

Gaffney pulled ahead of the pack on a preem, with about 15 laps remaining. He won the preem, a cycling term for a race within a race where cyclists attempt to place in individual laps for prizes. He also won a \$75 bike part.

Gaffney has bicycled for six years, he said. He has competed for about the past three years. Gaffney was contender in the U.S. Olympic Trials last spring. He said he plans to try for a place on a national biking team.

Gaffney, 29, said he considers himself "one of the old ones."

Maybe it's time to start spending more time with his four-year-old daughter, he said. But in the next breath, Gaffney turned to a fellow cyclist and asked if he wanted to come along to Florida with him for a month of racing.

The total purse for the Senior Mens race was \$1,000, about \$700 of it going to Gaffney and his teammates.

Also competing in the race was UNL senior Terry Anderson, and U.S. Olympic track team member Les Barczewski of Wisconsin. Anderson, one of the two UNL students on the Nebraska Racing

team, placed ninth and Barczewski placed second.

In the Mens Category Three and Junior Mens division, Phil Heying, 20, of Lawrence, Kan. won the \$100 first place. Heying, a sophomore at the University of Kansas, has been racing since March 1980—about 25 races. The race was 20 miles, with places and preems totaling \$500.

Comparing school and racing, the fine arts major said he puts an equal amount of time into each, but he said, "if I had to give up one, I'd pick art."

Heying said he will continue to race because "I'm winning at this. I've got a long time to get good at art."

First place in the Veteran's Men and Women Category Four went to Dave Dessel, 21, of Ames, Iowa. The race was a 15-mile, 20-lap trial; top place was \$100. The total purse was \$400.

Dessels, who has won five races in his career of 1½ months, led the race the entire way.

Dessels said being the leader is harder than the other contenders' positions. The leader must break the wind and fight the mental battle of being out in front alone.

Lincolnite Jeff Handeland finished first in the citizens race, which is 5 miles and 7 laps.

Handeland, 16, of 8130 S. Cherrywood, is a junior at Lincoln East High School. Having owned his current bike since last November, Sunday's race was Handeland's first.

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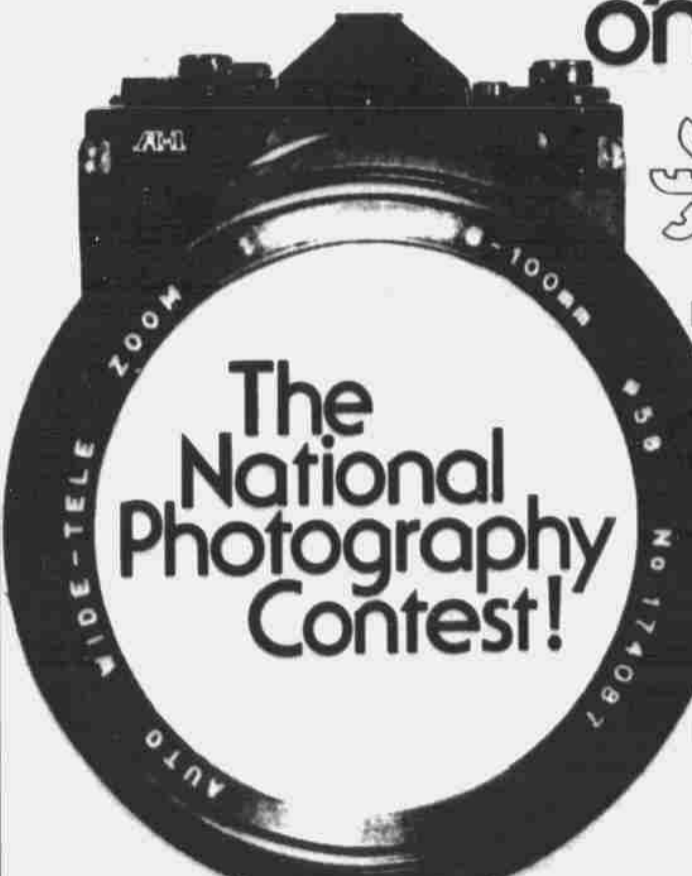
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