



## Motocross

One of the biggest motocross races ever held in the Sandy area drew 385 riders and numerous spectators to the Mountain View Cycle Park Sunday afternoon.

The event was one of a series of 10 races for the Yamaha Gold Cup. A purse of \$3,000 at each race was a big reason why 111 professional riders came to Sandy in the second of the season's 10 races.

Despite the wind, rain and cold, the racing was excellent. The feature, a 40-minute race in the 500cc class, was dominated by the Sun brothers. Chuck Sun of Sherwood, the current national 500cc champ, won the race while brother Ron of Beaverton took second. Larry Hooper of Medford was third.

Longview's Jim Anderson was the winner of the Pro Division 125cc race,

coming up with the best showing in the two 20-minute races.

Ron Sun won the 250cc race and Anderson was second. The Mountain View course is approximately 1.5 miles long.

Some other riders weren't so lucky. Jim Pomeray, who was the first American ever to win a world Grand Prix race, was scheduled to race but couldn't get his bike running. Pomeray's fame didn't help him to borrow a bike, however, because he also has a reputation for being murder on transmissions. He watched the races from the sidelines.

The races are drawing riders from all over, though mainly from Oregon and Washington. Other races are scheduled for Washougal, Wash., McMinnville, and in Montana, Washington and Idaho.



(clockwise from top) Sherwood's Chuck Sun (#1) checks in with brother Ron after the 500cc race where the brothers came in one-two; at the start of the mini-bike race, Mark Baumgardner of Portland (127) jumps out to a quick start on the field; Tumwater's Tom Poage (590) safely navigates the course's longest jump in the 500cc pro division; Milwaukie's Jerry Ebert gets the checkered flag in the intermediate 500cc race; the brothers Sun duel down a straightaway near the finish of the race.



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