

Trail 100 Mountain Bike Race was fast and smooth

by Troy Hawks

The second annual Trail 100 Mountain Bike Race was fast and smooth.

With a flood of national publicity after last year's event, the race more than doubled in size with more than 350 entrants.

Helped by clear skies, racers zipped through the course Aug. 12, beating last year's finishing time by almost 30 minutes.

Russell Worley of San Diego won the race with a time of 7 hours, 27 minutes and 55 seconds. He was followed by Richard Feldman of Ketchum, Idaho in 7:38.15; Charlie Hayes of Boulder in 7:54.12 and last year's winner, John Stamstad of Avon, Ohio, in 8:01.14.

Laurie Brandt of Louisville, Colo., was the first female finisher and 20th overall in 8:52.05. She was followed by Michelle Grainger of Boulder, 9:41.08; and Robin Steele of Ft. Collins, 10:49.01.

High praise was also heaped on race organizers and volunteers for running a smooth race. "I don't think I've been in a race that's been this well ran," said local Leadville Trail 100 Mountain Bike Race competitor Greg Teter.

All six local riders finished, including Billy Shott, who placed 40th in 9:25.15; David Bott, 51st, 9:39.33; Ty Hall, 98th in 10:21.45; Teter, 120th, 10:41.40; Conn Day, 145th, 11:05.43; and Tony Fox, 156th in 11:09.53.

"It was a great race," said Shott, "but the funest part was just getting ready for it." He said that he, Bott and Hall all trained together in preparation for their first Trail 100 bike race.

"I don't like to drive 100 miles, so riding it was a challenge," Shott said.

"It was exactly what I expected it to be," said Fox of his first Trail 100.

Fox, who only recently become involved in mountain biking, said he began training for the race at about the end of May. He said that he received great of help and support from Shott, Bott and Hall.

Fox said credits himself 50-percent, his support crew 25-percent and his bike the other 25-percent for finishing the race.

"What really made the race were the other riders, my support crew, and the people at the aid stations," Fox said, "they deserve great of credit for my success."

Shott said that the volunteers of the race were excellent and that he received great support from the local audience.

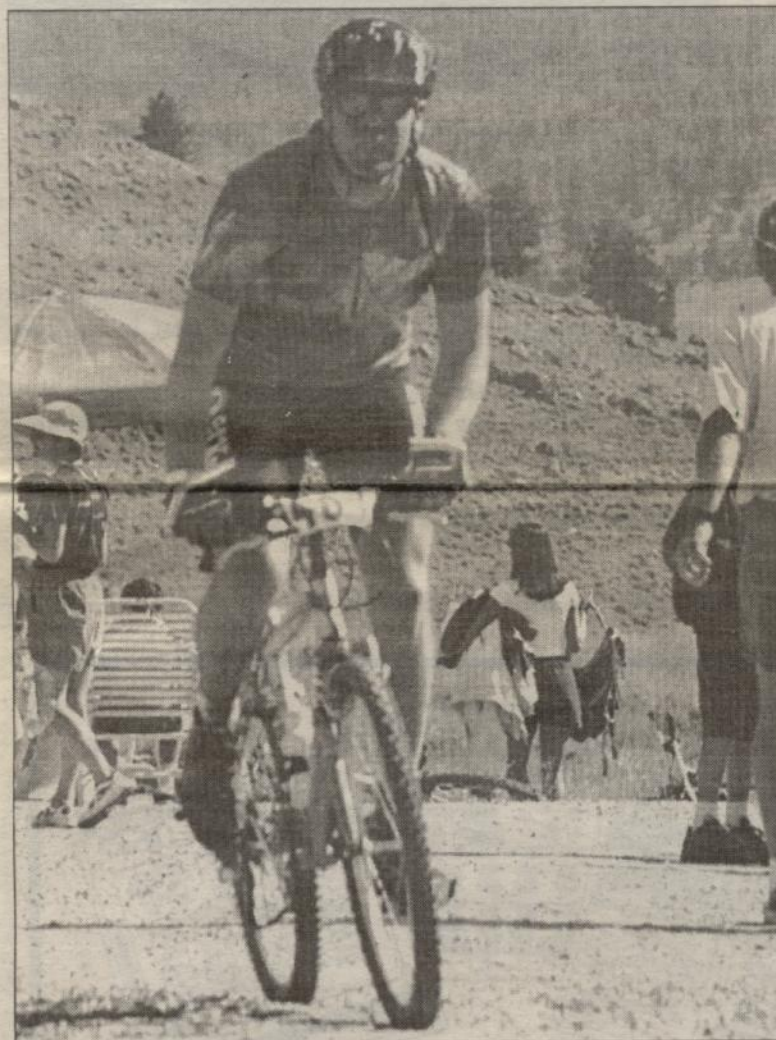
Starting at 16th and Harrison, the 100-mile course led the competitors up Lost Canyon Road to the Columbine Mine, at 12,600 feet. Riders then retraced their tracks to the finish line.

Most racers agreed that the hardest part of the course was getting back to Leadville.

"The toughest part was coming back from Twin Lakes and getting over Sugar Loaf, but after that it was home free," said Shott.

Teter, also riding in his first Trail 100 race, though has been involved in mountain bike racing for three years, this being his 10th race of the season. He said he spent the majority of his time on Sugar Loaf off of his bike.

"The last 10 miles was a killer," Teter said, "but I surely plan on doing it again."



Local rider Tony Fox gets his second wind at the Twin Lakes aid station.

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Race results

1. Russel Worley, 7:27.55
2. Richard Feldman, 7:38.15.
3. Charlie Hayes, 7:54.12
4. John Stamstad, 8:01.14
5. Rick McDonald, 8:11.26.
6. Rick Hunter, 8:21.46.
7. Jeff Chapman, 8:23.36.
8. Joerg Krasser, 8:26.51.
9. Michael Vallender, 8:31.20.
10. John Callahan, 8:38.50
11. James Selman, 8:39.56
12. Gary Plath, 8:41.44
13. Rob Templin, 8:44.10
14. Todd Murray, 8:45.03
15. Don Drosvold, 8:45.34
16. Dan Smilkstein, 8:47.06
17. Dale Atkins, 8:49.51
18. Andy Fox, 8:50.22
19. Michael Chantry, 8:52.05
20. Laurie Brandt, 8:52.58
21. Paul Gotthelf, 8:54.58
22. Steve Marolt, 8:55.37
23. Rich Eidem, 8:57.02
24. Stevan Garro, 8:59.43
25. Todd Neugent, 8:59.59
26. Roger Marolt, 9:01.38
27. Michael Marolt, 9:01.38
28. Peter Doyle, 9:01.59
29. Derek Weiss, 9:02.02
30. Tally Chapman, 9:05.09
31. Mike Ferrentino, 9:07.01
32. David Noble, 9:07.16
33. Ries Robinson, 9:07.29
34. Jeffrey Leenhouts, 9:13.42
35. Robert Rittner, 9:15.25
36. Kevin Willson, 9:17.57
37. Pat Dolan, 9:18.42
38. Dawes Wilson, 9:24.19
39. Blake Nelson, 9:24.48
40. Billy Schott, 9:25.15
41. John Armstrong, 9:27.45
42. Raymond Clark, 9:27.45
43. Michael Westmiller, 9:28.01
44. Harold Field, 9:29.01
45. Kendall Butts, 9:34.09
46. Kip Henthorn, 9:34.30
47. David Abbett, 9:37.06
48. Hugh Force, 9:37.12
49. Steven Halvorsen, 9:37.44
50. Mark Baba, 9:38.13
51. David Bott, 9:39.33
52. Michelle Grainger, 9:41.18
53. Paul Faggioni, 9:42.14
54. Chris Cook, 9:43.44
55. Fred Gifford, 9:44.27
56. Andrew Adamowski, 9:44.57
57. Rick Wilder, 9:45.58.
58. Jerry Mullikin, 9:48.08
59. David Plath, 9:48.09
60. Jib Bowe, 9:51.01
61. Darrel Mummert, 9:53.51
62. Paul Dopp, 9:53.56
63. Stevan Simich, 9:53.56
64. Douglas Carey, 9:55.05
65. Jan Bear, 9:55.58
66. Eric Rentschler, 9:56.00
67. Scott Miller, 9:56.45
68. Todd Hollar, 9:57.40
69. Woody Bristol, 9:58.43
70. Victor Frandsen, 9:59.06
71. Jim Mickey, 9:59.33
72. Craig Leach, 9:59.42
73. Jonathan Angus, 10:00.41
74. Jared Quoyeser, 10:01.09
75. Scott Chenue, 10:01.30
76. Peter Lamont, 10:02.03
77. Randy Ericksen, 10:03.17
78. Robert Knapp, 10:03.24
79. Bruce Kelly, 10:03.58
80. Alan Youngblood, 10:04.08
81. Bruce Aldrich, 10:05.39
82. Robert Hurst, 10:05.41
83. Larry DeWitt, 10:06.15
84. Michael Besser, 10:06.45
85. Richard Gutfreund, 10:07.45
86. Scott McCormick, 10:08.36
87. Kevin Vick, 10:08.36
88. Gunnar Paulsen, 10:09.04
89. Kurt Krueger, 10:10.21
90. Gregory Imlay, 10:10.23,
91. DJ Waskow, 10:15.30
92. Scott Ledbetter, 10:16.28
93. Thomas Noll, 10:17.24
94. David Wallace, 10:19.40
95. John Clum, 10:20.20
96. Andrew Tilin, 10:20.20
97. Roy Hughes, 10:20.46;
98. Kenneth Foreman, 10:21.45
99. Ty Hall, 10:21.45
100. Lee DiNapoli, 10:22.35
101. Max Nelson, 10:24.57
102. Roger Mankus, 10:25.00
103. Dave Schell, 10:26.35
104. David Wren, 10:27.16
105. Bill Boyle, 10:29.02
106. Wade Beauchamp, 107.
19:29.34
107. Shawn Gillis, 10:29.40
108. Matthew Johnson 10:30.14
109. John Brandes, 10:32.14
110. Wayne Greenway, 10:32.16
111. Richard Neville, 10:32.38
112. Frank Lewis, 10:32.52
113. Matthew Hoyes, 10:33.38
114. Edmund Foran, 10:34.22
115. Terry Chaney, 10:34.39
116. Clay Newton, 10:35.30
117. Charles Walker, 10:37.38
118. Jim Bell, 10:37.57
119. Robert Mairs, 10:39.35
120. Greg Teter, 10:41.40
121. Gerard Nolan, 10:42.43
122. Bill Fiveash, 10:48.14
123. Rick Sabata, 10:28.43
124. Robin Steele, 10:49.01
125. Mark Burke, 10:49.19
126. Paul Williams, 10:50.27
127. David Taylor, 10:50.40
128. Chris Juels, 10:50.48
129. Ron Lee, 10:51.20
130. Todd Anderson, 10:51.26
131. Christopher Chappell, 10:51.28

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