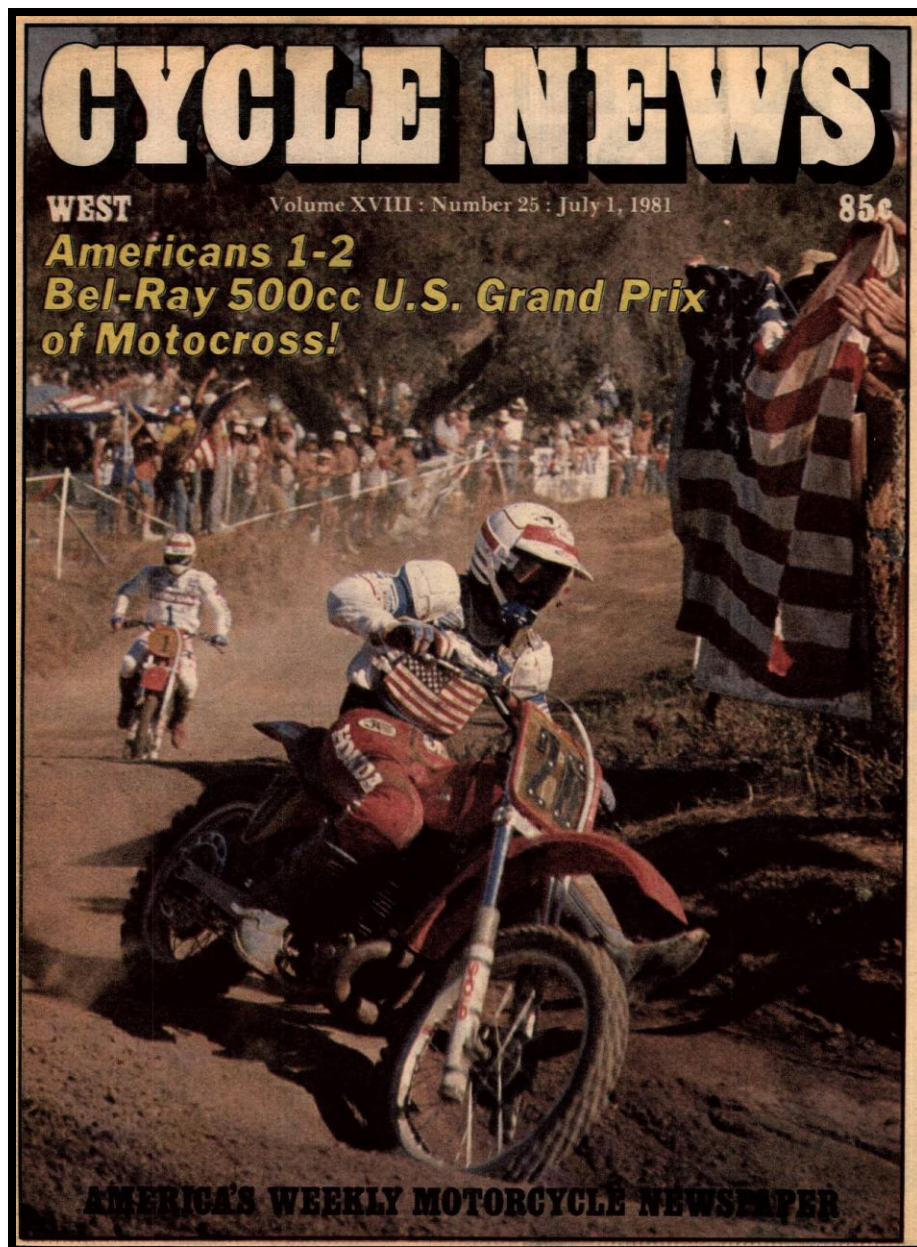




## 1981 Women's 125cc Motocross National Championship

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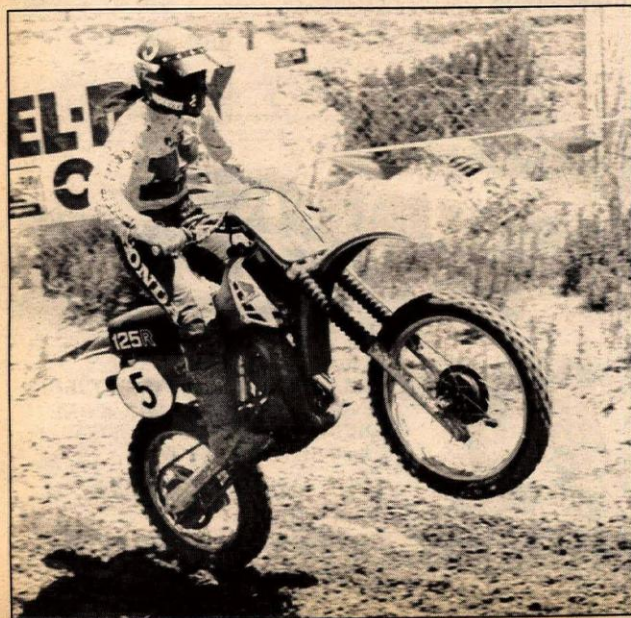
*Carlsbad International Raceway*







(Above) Cindy Dumo slides into the lead with Dorene Payne (36) and Joyce Hoffman Lancor (6) among the followers. Kathy Holman (below) won overall.



## Holman takes Women's 125cc Expert title to Texas

By Mark Kariya

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After three often frustrating years of trekking back and forth between Texas and southern California, Kathy Holman finally achieved what she had been getting closer and closer to winning — a national championship. In winning the Women's 125cc Expert Motocross Nationals at

Carlsbad Raceway with her 2-3 score, Holman led a Honda sweep of



the top three places. Four-time women's champion of Belgium, Daniele Picard, took an American Honda-prepped CR125R to the runner-up slot with her 3-5 placings while former multi-time surfing champion Joyce Hoffman Lancor carded a 5-6 for third.

Defending champ Dede Cates suffered a spill in the first moto that left her unable to continue. The Suzuki speedster came back to win the second moto going away, though. Gates ended up 12th overall.

Run as a prelude to the Bel-Ray U.S. Grand Prix the next day and filmed by ABC's *Wide World of Sports*, the race was for 125cc Experts only. Championships in 250cc Expert and all other classes will be decided on August 30 at Carlsbad.

Cates took the lead shortly after the start of the first moto and immediately started to build a lead. On the second tour around the rough GP course, though, misfortune struck. "I just lost my concentration, hit this bank and went over the bars," she said later. Due to a tweaked knee and back, she retired from the moto.

Suzuki-mounted Kim Douglass took the reins at that point and stayed out front for the rest of the race. Despite her hands and forearms cramping from having to fan the clutch on her stock bike, Holman turned in a second-place ride followed by Picard who moved up from about a sixth-place start. Nancy Lewis took her Suzuki to fourth with Hoffman Lancor fifth at the checkered.

After a 15-minute break to allow the ABC helicopter to refuel, they lined up again for a slightly shorter 15-minute-plus-one-lap moto. Suzuki-mounted Cindy Dumo led the pack around the first turn clearly in front with Dorene Jean Payne on a Yamaha tucked in behind.

Disregarding the pain from her first-moto tumble, Cates moved up quickly, zipping by Dumo as they bounced down the short straight following Rattlesnake Gulch. Later on the opening lap, Dumo got nudged into a fence which caught her bars, tearing the clutch lever and left grip off. She finished 14th in the moto.

As they came around to complete one lap, Payne held about three bike lengths on Cates. Then came a slight gap before Holman appeared with Hoffman Lancor, Picard and Yamaha rider Tina Clary following.

Cates put Payne away shortly after that and said good-bye as she sped away from the field. Payne held firm in second but coupled with her first moto DNF (her bike seized), would only get 14th overall.

Holman knew she didn't have to beat Cates to get the overall, but wasn't so sure about Payne which worried her for a bit. "In the last moto, I didn't have to beat Dede; I had to beat Kimmi and I wasn't sure who else. I was hoping it wasn't that girl behind Dede, then my dad signaled, 'You got it' so I just cruised," the Texan said later.

Picard got by Clary on lap two but seemed to fade towards the end due, perhaps, to the unfamiliar heat. Clary went by the Belgian a lap before the end with Hoffman Lancor a short distance behind those two. Mercedes Gonzales ran a solid seventh on her Suzuki with Yamaha-mounted Kathy Wall, Kim Bozik and Donna Gilio rounding out the top 10. ●

## Results

125cc EXPERT: 1. Kathy Holman (Hon) 2-3; 2. Daniele Picard (Hon) 3-5; 3. Joyce Hoffman Lancor (Hon) 5-6; 4. Tina L. Clary (Yam) 8-4; 5. Kathy Wall (Yam) 6-8; 6. Mercedes Gonzales (Suz) 9-7; 7. Jan Murray (Yam) 7-11; 8. Kim Bozik (Yam) 11-9; 9. Donna Gilio (Yam) 10-10; 10. Marcy Lewis (Suz) 4-17; 11. Debbie Matthews (Yam) 12-12; 12. Dede Cates (Suz) 24-1; 13. Kim Douglass (Suz) 1-24; 14. Dorene Jean Payne (Yam) 24-2; 15. Lori Farmer (Yam) 16-13; 16. Jeanie Morgan (Kaw) 14-15; 17. Alice Tanner (Suz) 15-16; 18. Cindy Dumo (Suz) 19-14; 19. Debbie Jamerson (Suz) 13-20; 20. Janet Grisham (Hon) 17-18.



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