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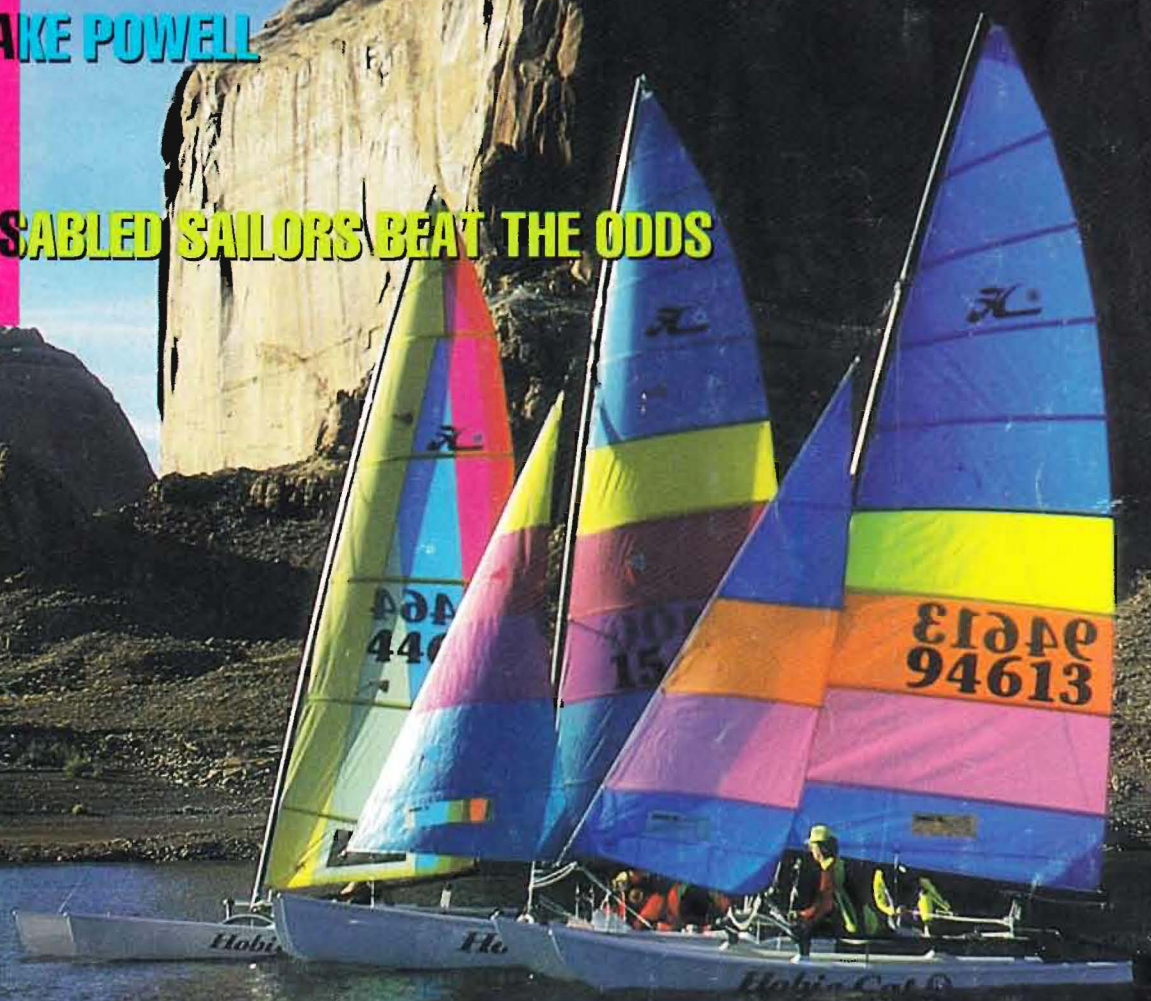
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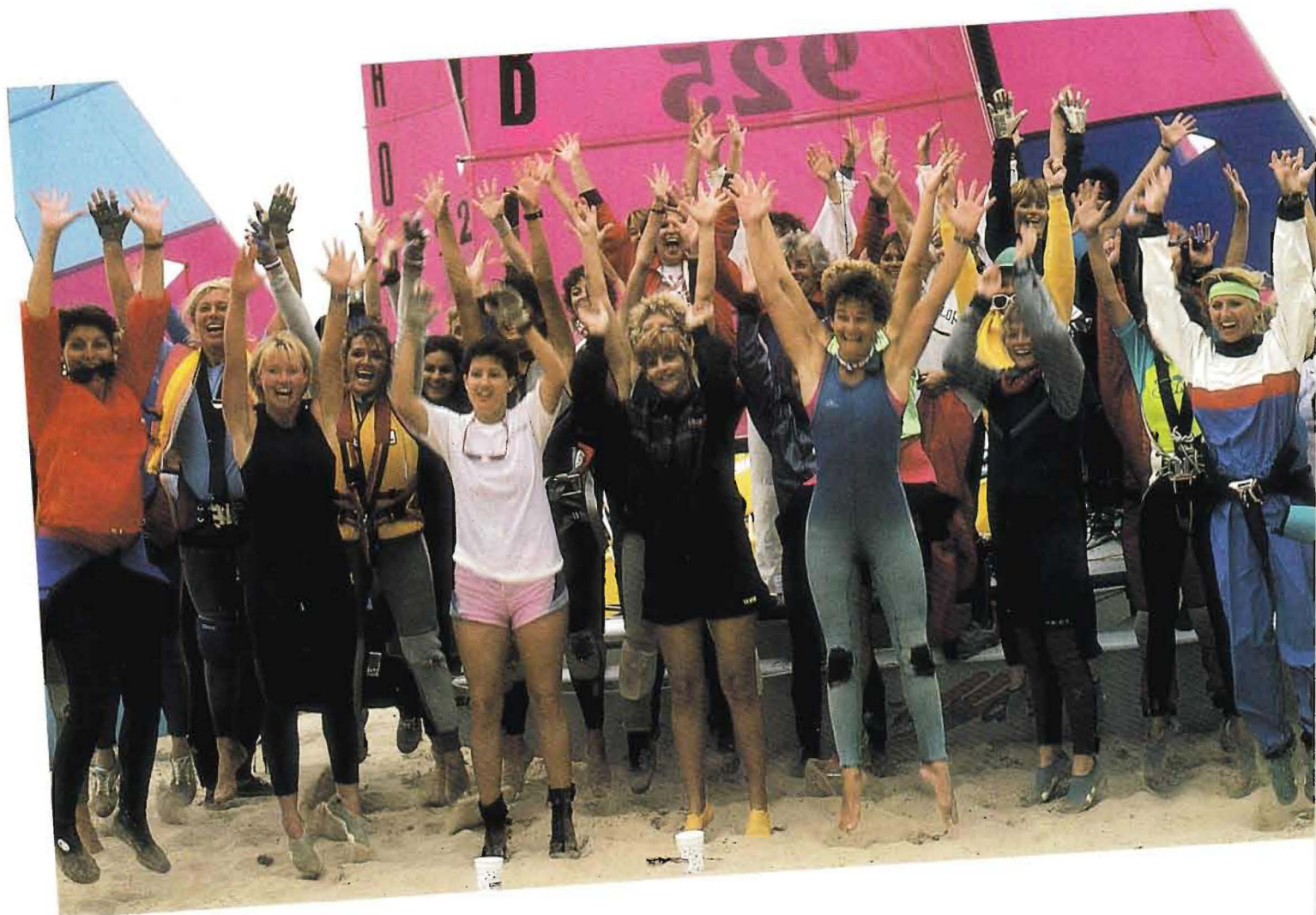
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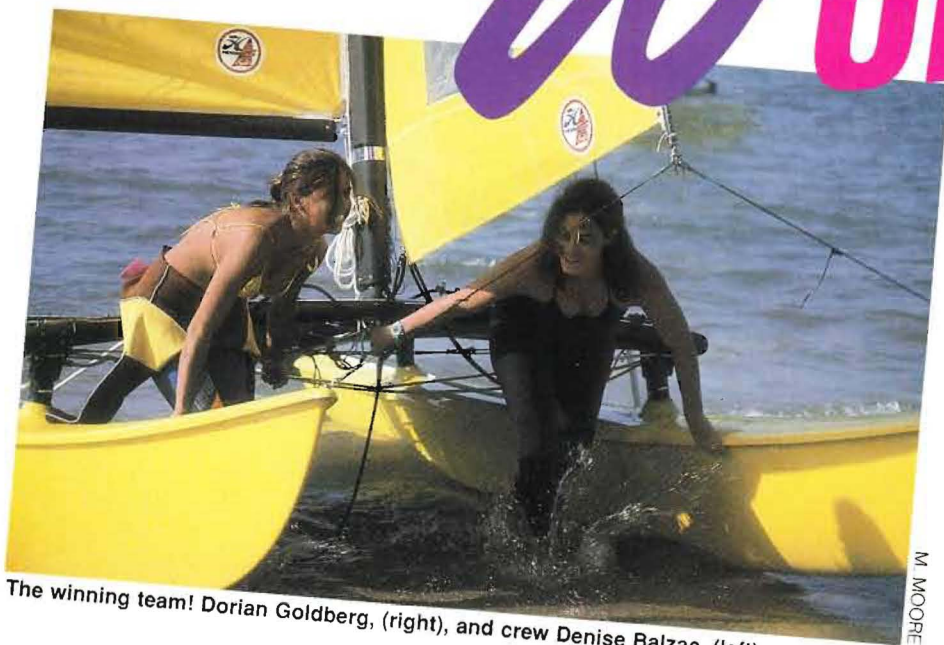
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LAKE POWELL

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IT'S A WOMAN'S WORLD



The winning team! Dorian Goldberg, (right), and crew Denise Balzac, (left).

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Let's go racing!

Chicago Hosts First Women's Hobie Cat 16 World Championship

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he Windy City made its Hobie debut as it hosted the top female Hobie Catters from around the world for the first Women's Hobie Cat 16 World Championship. This premiere event took place on the great Lake Michigan from August 30th - September 1st, 1989. The lakeshore site was just three blocks from the heart of downtown Chicago. What a town Chicago is - fun, fun and more fun!

The racing weather ranged from light and shifty 1-3 knot winds, to "hike your brains out and hold on tight" 25-30 knot winds with frequent 45 knot gusts - no kidding! San Francisco Bay's winds couldn't hold a candle to this windy

wildness. The water and air temperatures were never less than pleasant, and "the girls" certainly appreciated the fresh lake water over the usual salt crust stuff.

With 58 women representing a total of six countries, this certainly felt like a world event. Two teams from South Africa and one each from Australia, Puerto Rico, Canada, and Great Britain made up the international challengers, who were joined by teams from California, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Florida, New York, New Jersey, New Hampshire, Minnesota and Michigan. California and Michigan were the most heavily represented, entering four teams each.

Chicago Is Their Kind Of Town

The race site was conveniently located just across the highway from the Days Inn Chicago, which served as host hotel and race headquarters. The sandy lakeshore where the new Hobies were beached faced a park known as Olive Park. (The Chicago Parks District welcomed the event with open arms.) It was especially breathtaking to sail offshore and look up at the sky-full of buildings towering over us like giants. The famous Sears Tower (the tallest building in the world) topping out at 110 stories, and the John Hancock building at 98 stories, looked over the cats as if they owned them. Thank goodness the winds were blowing onshore and not through that mass of concrete.

John Barnett of Texas, Race Committee Chairman, and Kim Kymlicka, IHCA Director, made it all happen along with the help of Pam Curtis of Oklahoma Fleet 132. Beach Captain Paul Ulibarri, with his expertise and all-around Hobie knowledge, was on hand to help the ladies. John Barnett and his race committee recruits from the local yacht club were dubbed "three men in a tub." The designation came about because the 65-foot yacht to be used as the committee boat never made it to the event. Therefore, John, being the good sport he always seems to be, used a Hobie skiff instead. At times they did look silly, but as it turned out, the races were executed perfectly and without any undesirable incidents. Thanks JB, you're the best!

Light Fun

The first of three race days planned began Wednesday morning with a practice race. The winds were extremely light with constant 45-90 degree shifts. Yuck. The standard triangle race course was placed just outside the breakwater only one mile offshore. Spectators could take their pick of buildings from which to watch the races. Regardless of the vantage point, a great view of Chicago was enjoyed by all.

Kerry Dautel and Sharon Atkinson of Brisbane, Australia won the light air practice race. Dorian Goldberg and Denise Balzac of Isla Verde, Puerto Rico would

have won, but giving in to the superstition "It's bad luck to win the practice race," they tacked only a boat length away from the finish line and headed back to shore.

After lunch the ladies were hailed off the beach for the first start of the Series. The tension was pervasive as everyone left the lakeshore. The winds remained light throughout the day. Therefore, due to the afternoon start, only two races were scored for Day One. Again Dorian and Denise of Puerto Rico dominated, scoring a first and third. Mary Lou Langford of New Mexico and crew Terri Fuller of Castle Rock, Colorado jumped right into second scoring two keepers, a third and a second. Judy Fuller and Jeannie Summers of Carrollton, Texas won the second race to capture third overall.

That night the women were treated to a special welcome party hosted by a brand new Chicago hot spot known as the Baja Beach Club at North Pier. This ultimate party place was made up of three fun-filled levels. You could play pool or any video arcade game on one floor, dance to the Dixieland piano bar on another floor, and rock 'n roll or disco on the bottom level. The staff went out of their way to welcome the Hobie ladies. We were provided with plenty of good food and drink as well as our own private veranda overlooking the Chicago River. The party was a great opportunity for the ladies to become acquainted with each other. It was nice to see the many new faces in the group as well as the regulars. Linda Leon, who earned a women's Hobie national title in 1986, was there as well as Dr. Ann Karnitschnig, who has sailed in every event since 1978. Julie Renfro, the 1987 Women's Hobie National Champion, made it to the event as well. One of the few regulars missing was Annie Nelson. (Annie and I won last year's Nationals in Corpus Christi, Texas.) She had given birth to a healthy baby boy just weeks prior to this event, and was unable to attend. "See you next year for sure!" she says.

By 3:00 AM as the ladies were leaving the Baja Beach Club, the good news was our beds were only two blocks away. The bad news was we had to be in good enough shape to race in less than six hours.

A New Day, A New Wind

Day Two the red eyes opened to early morning winds of 15 knots. By 11:00 AM we were all on the water and ready to begin the first race. The sky turned somewhat threatening as dark clouds moved in. John Barnett did a good job monitoring the weather radio. According to the forecast there was no danger of lightning, but there was warning of heavy winds.

The wind-hungry Aussies, Kerry and Sharon, won the first race by a long shot. Belinda Klaase and Desiree Moon of South Africa won the second race. Dorian

and Denise seemed to have gotten lost as they scored a 12th followed by a fourth. After the second race the ladies were instructed to head back into shore for lunch. The wind had been increasing since the start of the first race and had been estimated to be at 20 knots by noon. As we ate our lunches, it was rumored a storm was on its way and we would not be sent out for any more races this day.

Later it was decided that we would go out but we would race within the breakwater rather than outside as before. By the time this decision was made, the winds had increased to a strong 25, with gusts estimated as high as 40 knots! My

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crew Jana Seaman and I were quite impressed to see how 'gung ho' the girls generally were about going back out. Knowing that we would be racing within the breakwater removed the feelings of fear from the ladies' spirits. It was time to go fast and give it our best.

Sure enough, the girls probably went as fast as they've ever gone on a sailboat. Hooting and hollering sounds filled the race course. Everyone stayed together like a swarm of bees, even after the start! Dirty air? Believe me, we were all looking for it! The fact there were only a couple of capsized teams proved these women know their stuff. Only one team had to be rescued by a chase boat and that was because they had demasted.

Four races were scored for Day Two of the Series. The Aussies had no problem going faster than everyone else in the strong winds. The only team to come close to them was that of Belinda and Desiree. Kerry and Sharon earned three firsts and one second, putting them into the lead. The top four teams remained within a few points of each other. Day Three would be the final test.

At the end of the second day, I spoke with Juli Inventasch and crew Janet Jeffers of Syracuse, New York. Having sailed only in a couple hometown regattas, they had decided to come to the event at the last minute. I don't think the two of them weighed more than 210

pounds together. Still, they managed to beat over half the fleet in most of the races. These girls were definitely hooked and felt that more women sailors should go ahead and just do it.

Stormy Weather

That night the storm finally hit the city with full force. The winds had died back down to 20 knots, but the rains hit hard. Chicago made national news as it received a record total of eight inches of rain between the hours of 8:00 PM and 4:00 AM. At 3:00 AM most of us were awakened by the most dramatic lightning show I had ever seen. It was as if hundreds of strobes were flashing non-

Africans and the Californians. Susan Welch moved into sixth place overall due to her win of the final race. Way to go, ladies! (For complete race results see *Hobie Racing*.)

Women Of The World Unite In Fun

After a nice awards dinner followed by a toast to all participants and sponsors, it was time to party the Friday night away, Chicago-style. Paul Ulibarri led a bunch of the ladies to Rush Street, where an entire city block was jammed with over 20 clubs. One of the highlights for me was actually getting to say "Follow that cab"



A view from the top: Chicago's shoreline.

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stop at an incredibly fast rate per second. What an experience!

By morning things had calmed down considerably. Being the lucky ladies we seemed always to be, while the city was mopping, we were hoisting the sails for the final day of this First Women's World Championship. The winds were still a good 20 knots, but since the forecast indicated they would die down, the race course was moved back to the outside of the breakwater. Sure enough, by the time the first race had started, the winds were down to a light 7 knots.


Dorian had won the first two races, putting her back into the lead over the Aussies. Mary Lou Langford of New Mexico managed to sail every race, earning consistently low scores, to put her into second place overall.

The final race was won by Susan Welch and Carol Burris of Houston, Texas. In the end, Dorian and Denise of Puerto Rico had earned the title of First Women's Hobie Cat 16 World Champion. Mary Lou and Terri were second, followed by the Aussies, the South

to our cab driver.

Our group of 14 partied from one club to another. Belinda and her boyfriend, Colin, also from South Africa, impressed everyone - including the locals - as they stole the dance floor doing their version of the Jitterbug. They were hot! It was 3:00 AM as we left the last club on the row. A vote was taken which led to one more stop: food! Ranaldi's Pizza Parlor was open so we decided to make ourselves at home by filling up on that good ol' Chicago pizza.

Rather than packing up and going home on a Saturday morning, most of the teams had decided to stick around and become more acquainted with the big city. Some headed to the Sears Tower, others toured places such as Wrigley Field. But everyone went shopping! I'm sure damage was done, especially by the ladies seen going into Saks Fifth Avenue!

Next year the women's event will be in Clearwater, Florida. The local fleet promises to make it the best women's sailing event ever. So practice hard and have a safe year. See you there! 

REGATTA RESULTS

INTERNATIONAL

EUROPEAN HOBIE CAT 16
HYERES L'ALMANARRE, FRANCE
SEPTEMBER 26-OCTOBER 1, 1989

FINALS

NAME	COUNTRY	POINTS
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HOBIE 16A

1.	Mohr/Mohr	Ger	9.75
2.	Manvis/Boom	NL	11.75
3.	Viudes/Davo	Sp	22.00
4.	Spijker/Alessie	NL	30.00
5.	Lange/Hazewinkel	NL	30.75
6.	Iturbide/Danglade	Fra	35.75
7.	Jonsson/Ohm	Swe	36.00
8.	Bardram/Olsen	Den	48.00
9.	Stoll/Bindseil	Ger	50.00
10.	Robert/Laisney	Fra	50.00

HOBIE 16B

1.	Lottini/De Mase	It	15.75
2.	Ogereau/Vinet	Fra	16.75
3.	De Guevara/Gutierrez	Sp	20.50
4.	Reverbel/Cummins	Fra	26.00
5.	Backes/Backes	Ger	27.00
6.	Svensen/Brint	Den	28.00
7.	Scicluna/Scicluna	Fra	29.00
8.	Loy/Congia	It	32.00
9.	Grange/Luthy	Swi	34.00
10.	Destremeau/Daubois	Fra	34.75

WORLD'S

HOBIE 16 WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
AUGUST 30-SEPTEMBER 1, 1989

FINALS

NAME	COUNTRY	POINTS
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1.	Goldberg/Balzac	PR	29.25
2.	Langford/Fuller	USA	34.00
3.	Dautel/Atkinson	AUS	35.25
4.	Klaase/Moon	S.A.	44.75
5.	Leon/Katterman	USA	45.00
6.	Welch/Burris	USA	61.75
7.	Renfro/Kiel-Deans	USA	62.00
8.	Pesane/Taylor	USA	63.00
9.	Fuller/Summers	USA	63.75
10.	Sherrrod/Eichenberger	USA	70.00
11.	Defuria/Kavanaugh	USA	73.70
12.	Carlick/Smith-Murra	CAN	82.00
13.	Provoyeur/Rabinowitz	S.A.	89.00
14.	Larocque/Lenczicki	USA	104.00
15.	Pryor/Halvorsenn	USA	112.00
16.	Iventasch/Jeffers	USA	115.00
17.	Niles/Keyser	USA	125.00
18.	Stubenvoll/Stafford	UK	134.00
19.	Kroupa/Carlson	USA	137.00
20.	Moore/Seaman	USA	142.00
21.	Villa/Villa	USA	148.00
22.	Knight/Chamberlain	USA	154.00
23.	Karnitschnig/Dulka	USA	166.00
24.	Akert/Rubino	USA	170.00
25.	Dickerson/Klaase	USA	180.00
26.	Duncan/Hill	USA	184.00
27.	Haff/Mitchell	USA	190.00
28.	Baker/Alexander	USA	195.00
29.	Larkin/Williams	USA	204.00

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HOBIE 21 USYRU ALTER CUP
DETROIT, MICHIGAN
SEPTEMBER 26-29, 1989

FINALS

NAME	STATE	POINTS
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1.	Egusa/Parizeau	CA	23.25
2.	Bergstedt/Touhy	NJ	31.00
3.	Crocker/Pitt	AL	39.75
4.	Sample/Freeman	AR	40.25
5.	Porter/Mooneyham	NV	45.00
6.	Corrie/Marshack	WA	58.00
7.	Feree/Isco	IL	70.00
8.	Liston/Liston	MI	79.00
9.	Vandenoever/Cherry	MA	82.00
10.	Manganello/Stock	CT	91.00

PROFESSIONAL

SALEM PROSAIL SERIES 1989

	Name	Wrightsville	Annapolis	Newport	San Francisco	Total Points
1.	Pete Melvin	51	49	50	51	201
2.	Carlton Tucker	50	51	48	50	199
3.	Ed Baird	49	48	49	48	194
4.	Bill Whitehurst	48	50	51	44	193
5.	Larry Suter	47	45	46	49	187
6.	Martin Willard	44	47	44	46	181
7.	Clive Mayo	43	44	42	42	171
8.	Mike Kelley	42	43	47	39	171
9.	Kevin Smith	40	42	40	41	163
10.	Jimmy Deans	37	40	43	40	160
11.	Bill Finn	39	39	39	37	154
12.	Scott Fox	38	41	37	34	150
13.	George Vandervort	41	38	35	33	147
14.	Joel Hunter	35	37	38	32	142
15.	Chris Webster	33	33	36	38	140
16.	Tom King	34	35	33	35	137
17.	Sonny Vigeon	32	32	32	31	127



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