Hanszen Tabbed Race Favorite

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Hanszen College plans to win the Beer-Bike Race this year, as they have for the past two.

With performance like an impressive 2:06.1 "best-time" average of their top ten riders, and an even more impressive 3.83 beer team average, the Hanszen team will be hard to beat.

As a possible aid to predicting the outcome of the race, here are the best times of the bike team captains: Jim Scott, Hanszen, practice lap time of 2:00.4; Dave Bailey of Wiess, 2:04, Tom Rodeheaver, Baker, 2:05; and Paul Miller of Will Rice has a 2:07. These times

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might indicate a close race for second place between Wiess and Baker.

Will Rice is having problems — rider problems. Having lost a few of their best riders from last year, they are working diligently to rebuild their team. Perhaps last year's record will provide the morale boost that will make the difference.

Wiess Plans

No one knows what Wiess is doing. No one notices the handful of men who practice each night. Have they given up hope of beating Hanszen? Or are they secretly planning a big surprise? No one knows!

Baker has had only a small nucleus of three or four men practicing regularly. But the race requires a ten-man team. So what has Baker done?

Exactly what it has done every year: recruit the rest of the team two weeks before the race. The team times may not be too bad, but no one knows for sure because they are never written down. However, the inexperience of the team is shown by the fact that Baker has experienced about seven wrecks.

Wheelies?

What do the riders say? Tom Rodeheaver stated, "Baker intends to win the race with the most inexperienced team since the first race." Similarly serious, Dick Wesley, co-captain from Wiess observed, "Wiess's first ten riders can all do wheelies (wheel stands) off the line."

And with more of a cry than a shout, Chuck Younger of Will Rice commented, "We would appreciate it if Hanszen and Baker would stop insinuating, implying, and ... telling us that they are going to beat us, or we are going to fall down in front of them."

Hanszen's chances may still be good. Roy Meals has revealed the secret Hanszen strategy: "We plan to take the lead in the first lap and perhaps use an oil slick or smoke screen in true James Bond style. There are rumors that Jim Scott will ride with playing cards and clothes pins on his wheels to add a little excitement to the last half of the race."