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AMERICANS STOMP AT MX & TROPHÉE DES NATIONS

For the second straight year, a "second string" team of four Americans romped to victory in both the Motocross and Trophée des Nations. After Donnie Hansen was injured prior to the Trophée event in West Germany, the Honda-mounted team was without even one national champion. Johnny O'Mara was the only rider to make a return appearance; he was joined by Honda teamsters Danny Chandler, David Bailey, and Jim Gibson.

Chandler, who isn't even a fully sponsored Honda rider but competes, instead, under Honda's support program, did the impossible; he won both motos at the Trophée event on his Honda 250 and both motos at the Motocross events in Switzerland on a 500. Nobody in the history of the series has ever accomplished a clean sweep, and the victories proved that Chandler's win at the 500 USGP in Carlsbad wasn't a fluke.

O'Mara finished fifth in the first Trophée moto and third in the second, with Bailey and Gibson turning in solid top-10 performances. Bailey showed his ability on a 500 at the Motocross event, where he finished second to Chandler in the second moto and fourth in the first (behind Andre Vromans of Belgium and David Thorpe of Great Britain). Vromans, you should recall, is the guy who nearly snatched the 500cc world motocross title from Lackey in Luxemburg.

If ever the Americans have had the

Honda again entered the American team in the world team motocrosses under the supervision of Roger DeCoster. From right to left are David Bailey, Johnny O'Mara, Danny "Magoo" Chandler, and Jim Gibson.

Europeans on the run, it is now. The Trophée and Motocross titles wrap up a year that witnessed both Danny LaPorte winning the 250 motocross world championship and Bad Brad finally snatching the coveted 500cc title. Americans now own every world motocross title except the 125, and if the rumor of Johnny O'Mara competing in that class next season is true, there is a good chance America will soon own that one too. Not bad for a bunch of guys who were called amateurs by the Europeans just a few years ago.

Keep your eyes on next month's "Sport" section for complete coverage and more photos of this event.

Motocross des Nations Overall Team Results

1. USA	24
2. Belgium	40
3. England	51

Trophée des Nations Overall Team Results

1. USA	23
2. Belgium	34
3. Germany	64
4. Holland	86
5. Italy	116
6. Luxemburg	128