

## Hootman wins Grand Nationals BMX race

Jacob Hootman won the National Bicycle League's (NBL) Grand Nationals BMX race and walked away as number one, National Champion, in the 14-year-old expert class. Jacob has raced all year long, traveling to many different states competing in national competitions. The NBL Grand Nationals were held in Louisville, Kentucky, over

Labor Day weekend and is the final race of the year. This race determines where everyone places in the nation for the year and is equivalent to the "Super Bowl" of BMX racing.

Jacob competes in the 14-year-old expert class, the expert class is the most competitive and proficient class before moving up to the Elite and Pro level. Jacob

had competition from riders from all around the country. There are a total of 226 competitors in the 14-year-old class. Jacob dominated the weekend coming in first place in all his motos, semi-mains, and main event. The motos and semi mains were run all weekend long to see who would progress to the final main event.

Only eight riders make it to

the mains and Jacob not only finished number one in the main but also had enough points to be "National Champion" for 2009.



Right: Jacob Hootman with BMX trophy.

Below: Jacob leads pack in BMX race.



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