

About The Keirin

Keirin racing originated in Kokura City, Japan in 1948. It has since become a Japanese social institution attended by around 57 million spectators every year. It is also Japan's most popular sanctioned betting sport. Japanese Keirin fans place bets amounting to 1.15 trillion Yen annually. In regard to public perception, Keirin compares most closely with greyhound or horse racing in the west. Races are held nearly every weekend at 50 tracks throughout Japan. American riders have a strong history in the Keirin event, with no less than 4 different riders being invited to compete in the international Keirin series in Japan since 1981. Pennsylvania native Marty Nothstein won 2 World Keirin Championships in 1994 and 1996 before going on to become Olympic Champion in the Sprint competition in 2000.

The Riders

1 Matt Baranoski 'Red Baron'

Helmet Color: **White**
Presented by: **Ethic, Inc.**
Hometown: **Perkasie, PA**
Back for at third run at 'The Keirin', this time Matt brings with him two World Junior Championship bronze medals and Elite National Keirin Champs gold and silver medals.

2 Alexander Gil 'Muscles from Miami'

Helmet Color: **Black**
Presented by: **Outback Bikes**
Hometown: **Miami, FL**
A familiar face at the DLV, a fabulous turn of speed is a highlight of 'Muscles' riding ability. So look for him to unleash it when the bell rings. Ding Ding Ding!!!

3 Oneil Samuels 'Jamaican Sensation'

Helmet Color: **Red**
Presented by: **MACC**
Hometown: **Kingston, Jamaica**
Coming to us from an island down south, Oneil is the lanky Jamaican with some seriously speedy legs. He may not look powerful, but those legs can go.

4 Joe Eldridge 'Smokin'

Helmet Color: **Light Blue**
Presented by: **Team Type 1**
Hometown: **Atlanta, GA**
Smokin' Joe is a diabetic, pro bike racer and co-founder of Team Type 1, the only pro team to include riders with type 1 diabetes. He's a class act, and on the attack.

5 Jesse Miller 'Mean Streak'

Helmet Color: **Yellow**
Presented by: **Rumba Time**
Hometown: **Clemson, SC**
He's a realtive new-comer to track racing, but this guys Mean Streak serves him well. A Clemson University star bringing some ACC heat to the battle.

7 Steve Carrell 'The Crusher'

Helmet Color: **Orange**
Presented by: **Peachtree Bikes**
Hometown: **Atlanta, GA**
The Crusher is back with a vengence bringing his veteran heat to the Keirin. Steve has a fantastic turn of speed and uses it to crush the competition.

9 Tony Scott 'The Blade'

Helmet Color: **Purple**
Presented by: **SBL**
Hometown: **Atlanta, GA**
A several time Rider of the Year here at the DLV, The Blade will be wielding himself for the Keirin. Not known for his sprinting prowess, his smarts should get him in there.

11 Jon Woodroof 'Two Tone'

Helmet Color: **Brown**
Presented by: **Faster Mustache**
Hometown: **Atlanta, GA**
Two Tone's his name and "Ape'n It" is his game. Watch on the back straight for some high level Ape'n and the front straight for the full out Ape'n to occur. down the back

6 Calan Farley 'The Killer'

Helmet Color: **Green**
Presented by: **Batdorf & Bronson**
Hometown: **Pittstown, NJ**
A first timer at the DLV, The Killer will be bringing his instincts along with his heat. He's still a junior, but that won't hold him back from taking on the older racers.

8 'THE CHAZ'

Helmet Color: **Pink**
Presented by: **The Marlay House**
Hometown: **Atlanta, GA**
C-H-A-Z, CHAZ CHAZ CHAZ is how his chant goes. A man of mystery, an enigma if you will, Chaz is Atlanta's finest who is not afraid to mix it up with the big boys.

10 Valentin Todorow 'The Matador'

Helmet Color: **Dark Blue**
Presented by: **Sfatto Clothing**
Hometown: **Atlanta, GA**
Originally starting out as a star in the Little 500 in Bloomington, IN Val is bringing his heat to the track. Look for the aggressive attacking style to jump out from the back.

12 Kyle Knott 'Kryptonite'

Helmet Color: **Grey**
Presented by: **OZ Pizza**
Hometown: **Mars Hill, NC**
Only Kryptonite can stop Superman, and Kyle has it. Kyle has a need for speed and is surprisingly fast. A sneak attack could be in the cards.