

What Is 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 Western countries. 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.

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Thomas
"Downtown"
Brown

Helmet Color: White
Presented by: Ken Bike Law
Hometown: Athens, GA

Known more for his exploits on the short circuits that dominates US Road Racing than his exploits on the track, this winner of the professional 2014 USA Crits series will show why his long sprint from "Downtown" wins on Main Street every time.

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Erin
Young

Helmet Color: Black
Presented by: Bruce Hagen
Hometown: Minneapolis, MN

Erin is so fast that by the time you see him cross the line his mustache will be longer than his mullet. A sprinter with a heart of gold he spends his weeks as a mechanic for a nonprofit bike shop that provides internships and services to at-risk and homeless youth and his weekends dominating races around the U.S.

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Mark
Wagner

Helmet Color: Red
Presented by: Saucebox Finery
Hometown: Saint James, NY

Hailing from the war-torn asphalt bowl known as Kissena Velodrome, Mark has only recently come to accept his calling to races less than 10 laps long. He doesn't have the large, muscular build of a sprinter, but just like a chihuahua, he's either too confident or too stupid to let the big dogs intimidate him.

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John
Croom

Helmet Color: Light Blue
Presented by: Ethic, Inc.
Hometown: Rock Hill, SC

Down to a svelte 210lbs from 300 doesn't mean John's going to give up the Deryn wheel to a little breeze or a hard shoulder. Watch John defend his spot all night long forcing those that dare challenge him to pay the toll of riding in the wind to beat him.

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Kevin
"Celtic Thunder"
O'Donnell

Helmet Color: Grey
Presented by: Outback Bikes
Hometown: Atlanta. GA

Don't call it a dress. That kilt Kevin wears hides a powerful set of legs that are going to bring the thunder after a brilliant flash of speed.

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Morgan
"Blue Ox"
Anderson

Helmet Color: Green
Presented by: Snyder Cycles
Hometown: Atlanta. GA
Originally from Brainerd, MN, Morgan is a relative unknown who doesn't let his Type 1 diabetes slow him down. He's going to show why he's Paul Bunyon's sidekick known for doing the heavy lifting around the DLV.

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Brody
Hartley

Helmet Color: Orange
Presented by: Starlight Apparel
Hometown: Athens. GA

Known more for his overall track abilities, Brody is looking forward to mixing it up with his short game this year. Hard to believe he's still a junior, but he's proving why he deserves to represent the U.S. at events around the world.

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A. Bernard
"Boogie"
Cobb

Helmet Color: Pink
Presented by: The Marlay House
Hometown: Charlotte. NC

With several Top-10s in National level Kilo and Match Sprint events, ABC can Boogie his way to any podium he wants.

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Chad
"Them My Points"
Conley

Helmet Color: Purple
Presented by: Faster Mustache
Hometown: Atlanta. GA

If you didn't already know the locomotive known as the Conley Express was high-wheeling through the field, his exuberant victory sayings will certainly let you know when he's arrived.

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Charles
"The Chaz"
Rosignol

Helmet Color: Dark Blue
Presented by: Third Eye Software
Hometown: Atlanta. GA

It's easy to lose Chaz in the mix, with his unassuming attitude and riding style. But not paying attention is what he wants, causing you to ask yourself "Where'd He Go?" as you watch him cross the line for the win.

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Ben
"BJB"
Bryant

Helmet Color: Brown
Presented by: Loosenuts Cycles
Hometown: Decatur. GA

When you hear the cry, "Don't Chop Me Bro" you know BJB is in the mix. Crafting his wily tactical concoctions (much like his award winning home brews) he'll move through the field for the sweet taste of victory.

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Darel
"Hitman"
Christopher

Helmet Color: Yellow
Presented by: Metro Atlanta Cycling Club
Hometown: British Virgin Islands

Darel carries on the DLVs proud tradition of hosting an "Island Style" racer from the Carribean. He's 160 pounds of twisted steel and when he puts the pedal to the metal you'll understand why they call this rookie the "Hitman."