

# Killer Dork Sessions

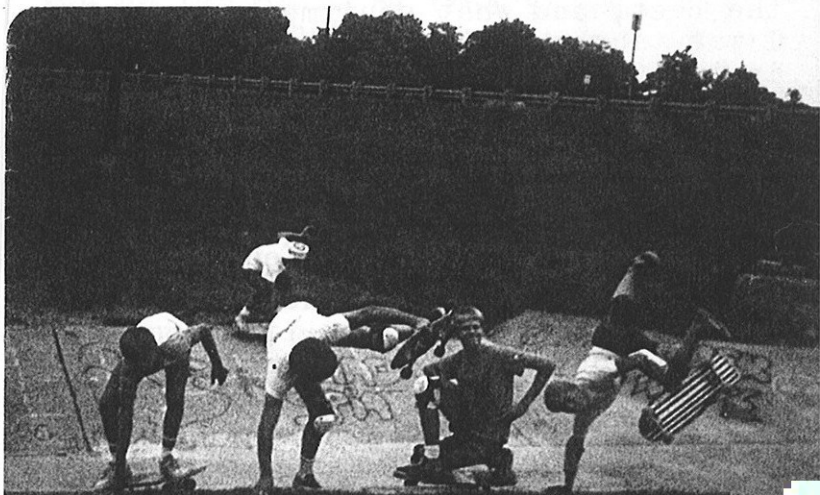
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Above: Riverdale... Inside: Baltimore

## A NEW GENERATION OF SKATERS

I have been skating for four years now and have witnessed many different attitudes and approaches to skating. Most of the new breed of skaters these days concentrate on competition, who's the best, and what equipment you ride. I was taught that style, creativity, individuality, and spontaneity were what skating is about.

Do these new skaters just need a year learn what it's about? Maybe I was just taught wrong. They could be right. Maybe skating's just like BMX or even football. I surely don't think so. I guess that they didn't skate when it was 'out' and don't know what it's like spending half of your time skating alone.

I feel that these new jock skaters won't last too long. For them, there's no sensation, no pleasure received from a barking grind or a quiet carve. They skate for acknowledgement and acceptance. You'll find no acceptance here. For them skating's just another trend. They call a tough day's skating in hot weather 'practice', like they're being forced to skate.

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They search out others like themselves and they put us down, they call us posers, they're macho skaters and we suck. If you fit the discription I have made then listen well, STOP LYING TO YOURSELF, STOP TELLING YOURSELF THAT YOU'RE THE BEST. Be true to yourself and realize what it's about. IF YOU STILL FEEL THE SAME WAY THEN GO PLAY FOOTBALL!

I'm not saying anybody in particular. I'm not saying that all new skaters are like this. The ones who do fit the description probably will never even read this. Sometimes the truth hurts. That's all. Skate lots and have FUN!!!



## THE LONGEST DAY

It was Friday night, the phone rang, it was Jeff. He informs me of tomorrows activities. We were to go to Landsdown and the chesapeake ramp, 'we' meaning Jeff, Tony Albano, and I. I knew it was the trip that I had waited for all Summer. Experiencing a full day of skating is a rare and memorable event when you're with Tony.

We departed from Jeff's house at 9:00 and reached our destination at 10:00. It was HOT at Landsdown, in both the temperature and the skating. The terrain was a park built in the mid 70's, it had no vert, but air was a reality. Jeff was catching speed lines and lofting, cars. I launched boneless into the 100° atmosphere. Tony was unreal, reversing ice plants, carving fakies, ollies, and many slides. We stayed until 2:00 and then refueled our bodies. Chesapeake was close, we got there by 2:30.

Tony was amazed by the size of the ramp. It's 24' wide, 10' tall, 16' flat and has a channel. Tony road in on the fresh layer and blasted a 4' air on the facing wall. Jeff 'grinded with authority'. I caught my fare share of air.

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We stayed for a night session. Tony learned 'gay twists' and in the process twisted his ankle gayly. When the skating ended, a dork session was held on the flat. It had been 12 hrs. since we left home so we decided to leave for home. It's great having friends who enjoy having this much fun.



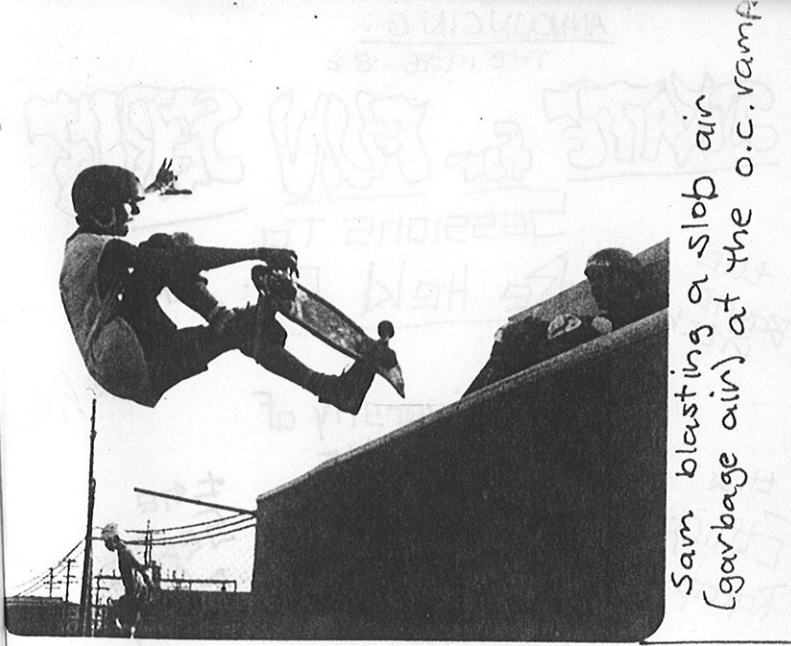
Tony Albano and Jeff at Landsdown

THE LONGEST DAY



Jason from B-Town at the Ethiopia...

FOOD



Sam blasting a slob air  
(garbage air) at the o.c. ramp

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THE WAVE RAMP (1/4 pipe for street.)  
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