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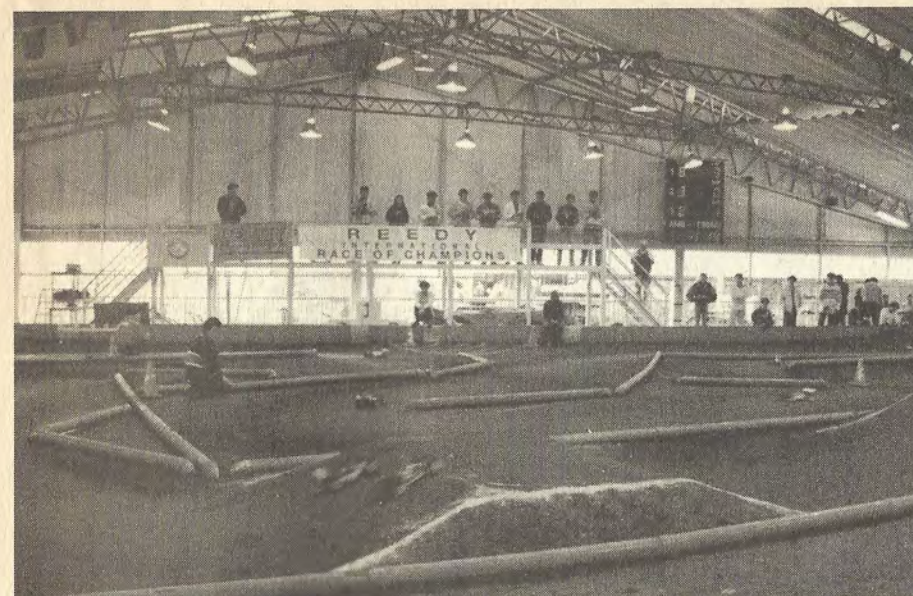
RACE of

by John Kubo

Champions

This years Reedy Race of Champions being held on Yokomo's Yatabe Arena in Tsukuba, Japan was more commonly being referred to as the World Champs Round-Up Race due to the fact that the Yatabe Arena will be host to this years IFMAR Off.Road World Championships this summer. The opportunity to race against the worlds best drivers on the future Worlds track was enough to draw drivers from all across the world. Racers from Team Associated and Team Losi came from the United States, and were joined by drivers from England, Germany, and South Africa. In fact Gary Briant and Marc V.D. Zon won the longest distance traveled award for their journey from South Africa which took 24 hours. What some people will do just to race.

Do these guys actually think they have a chance of winning?



The Yatabe Arena in Tsukuba, Japan will be the site of the 1995 IFMAR Off-Road Worlds which will be held this summer.

The Yatabe Arena is definitely a World Class facility. The Arena is complete with a fully stocked hobby shop that carries all the major brands. Next to the Arena lies a beautiful 1/10 scale outdoor on-road track. Yokomo has told us that future plans include an indoor carpet track. On-road racing is quickly becoming very popular again in Japan as parking lot racing has been catching on here in the states.

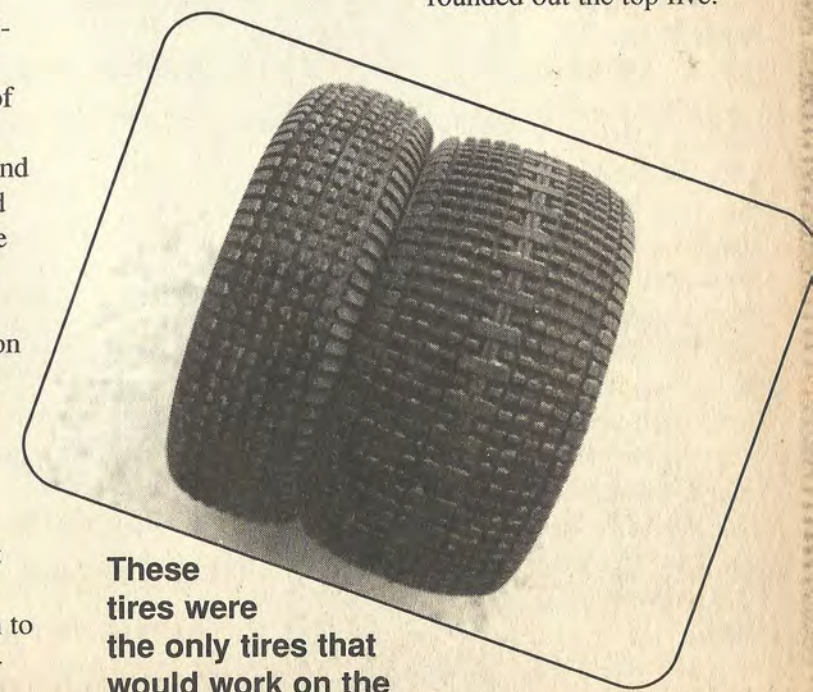
At first glance the Arena looks very similar to any other indoor track you might find back home. There is a nice large drivers stand with a separate lap counting room. The track is made up of wide lanes, flowing jumps, and a small tabletop. I did say the track was indoor but it is more like a giant tent than a building. The sides of the structure are covered with canvas, and during the summertime the canvas can be rolled up to

allow an occasional breeze to blow by. The roof of the metal structure is also covered with canvas which, you guessed it, can also be rolled up.

The biggest difference between the Japanese track and tracks back home is the unique dirt. Yup, thats right, the unique dirt. It looks like any dirt you might find in a track back home, but that's where the similarities end. Only one tire works on this dirt, and of course its made by Yokomo. Losi Silvers and Pro-Line M2s were tried with no luck; neither tire was able to hook up on the track. Once the Yokomo tires were put on I figured okay, no problem. I was wrong. The tires had to be broken in before they would work correctly. The tires needed at least 10 run times on them before they would begin to brake in. The local drivers save quite a

bit on tires since these tires don't wear out; can you believe that? The boys from Team Losi were on the ball. Before the race, the Team Losi drivers had broken in some of the tires back home. During the entire event the track stayed perfectly smooth, Although the traction did change slightly depending on the humidity and temperature.

2WD Qualifying
The first round of qualifying came with Team Losi's Greg Hodapp leading the first qualifier with an extremely smooth 15 lap run in just 5 minutes and 11.82 seconds. Local driver Atushi Hara took second place less than a second behind the leader. Masami was third with a 5.13.35, while Mark Pavidis and Brian Kinwald rounded out the top five.



These tires were the only tires that would work on the Yatabe track.



The pits were filled with drivers from all over the world.

The second round turned out to be the fastest round of qualifying. Mark Pavidis took the Top Qualifier honors with a 15 lap run in just 5 minutes and 6.53 seconds. Greg Hodapp increased his fastest run time to 15 laps in 5 minutes 8.43 seconds. Shinnosuke Adachi came in with 15 laps in 5.10.92 and Masami ran a 15 laps in 5.10.92. The track did not see those fast times again for the next 3 rounds of qualifying. Masami graciously offered Mark Pavidis to use his broken-in tires during the mains due to the fact that Mark took the T.Q. spot. Now that's sportsmanship.

4WD Qualifying

This class is usually dominated by one man, and this race was no different. Masami led the way in the first round with a super fast 15 lap 5.04.40 run with Shinnosuke Adachi on his tail with a 15 lap 5.04.46, That's only 6

hundredths of a second behind. Atushi Hara was close behind with a 15 lap 5.04.85 run. The next round wasn't so close; Masami turned the only 16 lap run to take T.Q. honors with a 16 lap 5.19.81 run.

2WD Qualifying

Pos	Driver	Laps	Time
1st	Mark Pavidis	15	5.06.53
2nd	Greg Hodapp	15	5.08.02
3rd	Atushi Hara	15	5.10.16
4th	Shinnosuke Adachi	15	5.10.29
5th	Masami Hirosaka	15	5.10.92
6th	Rick Hohwart	15	5.13.54
7th	Joel Johnson	15	5.13.89
8th	Hiroshi Suzuki	15	5.13.98
9th	Brian Kinwald	15	5.14.00
10th	Patrick Feschtschenko	15	5.15.08

4WD Qualifying

Pos	Driver	Laps	Time
1st	Masami Hirosaka	16	5.19.81
2nd	Hiroshi Suzuki	15	5.03.78
3rd	Shinnosuke Adachi	15	5.04.46
4th	Brian Kinwald	15	5.05.53
5th	Atushi Hara	15	5.05.23

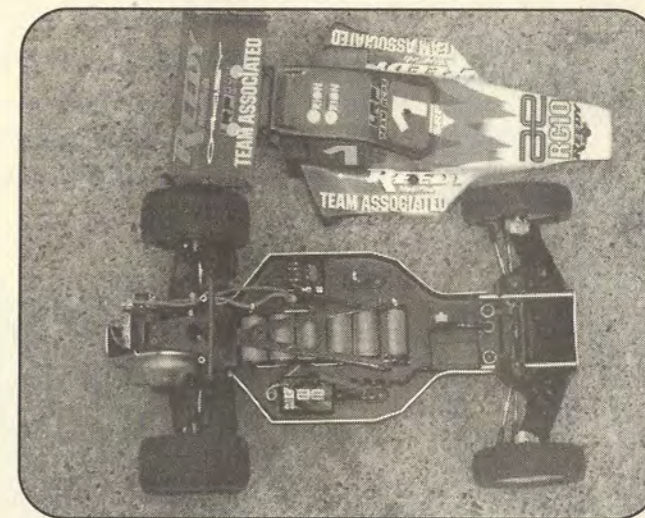
2WD A Mains

The Reedy race uses a 3 main format which means the driver with the lowest amount of points wins, kind of like golf. The first main began with Mark Pavidis jumping into an early lead, closely followed by Greg Hodapp for a couple of laps. Mark started to pull away from the field while Greg was being pressured by Atushi Hara, who himself was being pressured by Brian Kinwald. The race finished with Mark winning by 5 seconds over Hara who was able to fight off Brian for the second place showing.

In the second Main Mark jumped into the early lead once again, followed by Greg (sounds familiar) but unfortunately after 3 laps Greg ran into some unexpected problems and was forced to drop out. This put Hara in 2nd place with Shinnosuke Adachi moving into 3rd. Brian Kinwald battled his way into the 4th position and that was the way the race ended. After that second run win, Mark Pavidis was comfortably in the lead and did not have to run the following main.

The third main proved to be the most exciting race of all. As the race began, Team Losi's Greg Hodapp took the early lead. His first place position was quickly challenged by fellow Losi driver Brian Kinwald. Hiroshi Suzuki was also in contention for this win with the third spot. The race was so tight that you could probably throw a jacket over all 3 cars as they came around the turn. If anyone had made a mistake they would immediately have been passed. The pressure was on, and you could definitely feel the tension. Greg was able to hold on to his first place position with everyone else just a second behind.

Right, Mark Pavidis wins the 2wd class, Atushi Hara took 2nd and Greg Hodapp 3rd. Bottom, Mark's winning RC10.



and Hiroshi Suzuki was 3rd. In the third and final race Masami wasn't about to give anybody a break. He jumped into an early lead, which gave everyone the opportunity to play catch up. Brian Kinwald was up to the challenge. After working his way through traffic, Brian had a firm grasp on 2nd place. But, there was not enough time for Brian to catch up to the King of 4wd. Masami took the win with Brian finishing in 2nd.

OVERALL 2WD A MAIN RESULTS

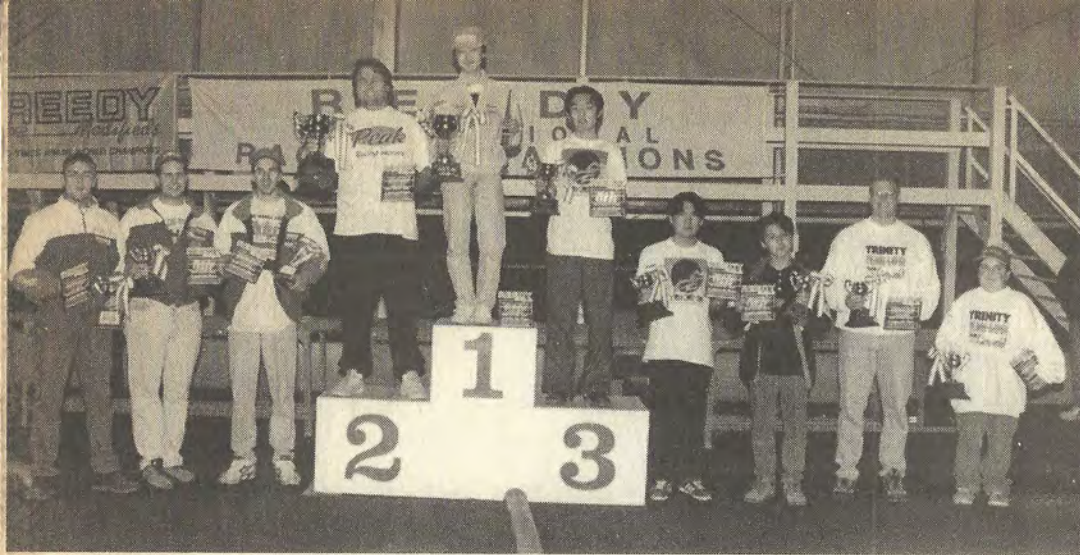
Place	Racer	Points	Car	Motor
1st	Mark Pavidis	1	RC10	Reedy
2nd	Atushi Hara	4	XX	LRP
3rd	Greg Hodapp	5	XX	Maxtec
4th	Brian Kinwald	5	XX	Trinity
5th	Shinnosuke Adachi	6	RC10	Reedy
6th	Hiroshi Suzuki	10	RC10	Reedy
7th	Joel "Magic" Johnson	12	XX	Trinity
8th	Patrick Feschtschenk	13	XX	Trinity
9th	Masami Hirosaka	15	RC10	Reedy
10th	Rick Hohwart	16	RC10	Peak

4WD A Mains

The first main would have Masami leaping into an early lead with Hiroshi Suzuki following closely behind. Masami started to widen the gap between himself and Hiroshi. The Race behind Hiroshi was

not quite as clean. with wrecks and traffic in every direction. Joel Johnson was able to drive his way through traffic and move into the third spot. The race finished in that order.

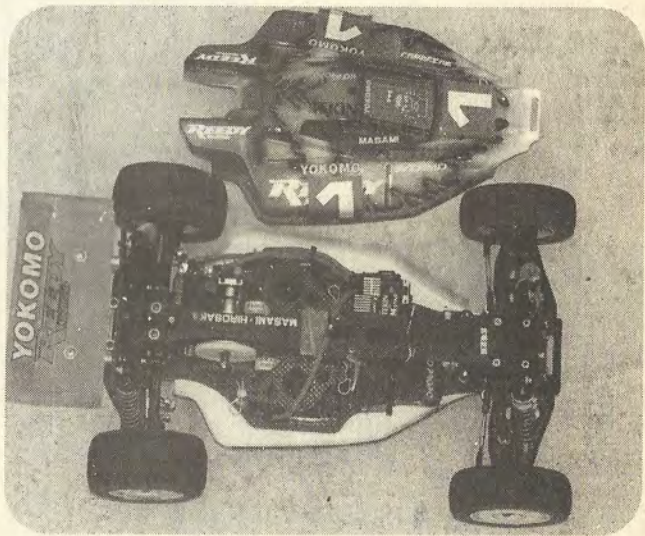
Masami didn't have as clean a start as he enjoyed in the first main, and he ended up starting in the last spot. Once the smoke cleared the leader was Rick Hohwart from Peak Performance. Craig Drescher followed in 2nd



Masami Hirosaka TQ's and wins the 4wd class, with Rick Hohwart taking 2nd, and Hiroshi Suzuki 3rd. From left, Craig Drescher 6th, Mark Pavidis 9th, Matt Francis 5th, Shinnosuke Adachi 7th, Atushi Hara 10th, the Magic Man Joel Johnson 8th, and current World Champ Brian Kinwald 4th.



Left, Masami Drives and his father Masaki, wrenches, obviously a great team. Bottom Right, Masami's Race winning Yokomo.



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OVERALL 4WD A MAIN RESULTS				
Place	Racer	Points	Car	Motor
1st	Masami Hirosaka	2	Yokomo	Reedy
2nd	Rick Hohwart	5	Yokomo	Peak
3rd	Hiroshi Suzuki	5	Yokomo	Reedy
4th	Brian Kinwald	7	Yokomo	Trinity
5th	Matt Francis	7	Yokomo	Reedy
6th	Craig Drescher	10	Schumacher	Reedy
7th	Shinnosuke Adachi	10	Yokomo	Reedy
8th	Joel Johnson	11	Yokomo	Trinity
9th	Mark Pavidis	13	Yokomo	Reedy
10th	Atushi Hara	13	Kyosho	LRP

Xtreme R/C will cover the NORRCA Off-Road Nationals in the September issue of Xtreme R/C, be sure to check it out.