

Madoc

Words: Jesse Oye with Sparo Lindsay



A park like they have in Madoc, Ontario shows anything is possible. Madoc is a small Canadian town, don't blink or you'll miss it. How they ever got a skatepark is beyond me but it clearly wasn't beyond everyone who pitched in and got the park built though.

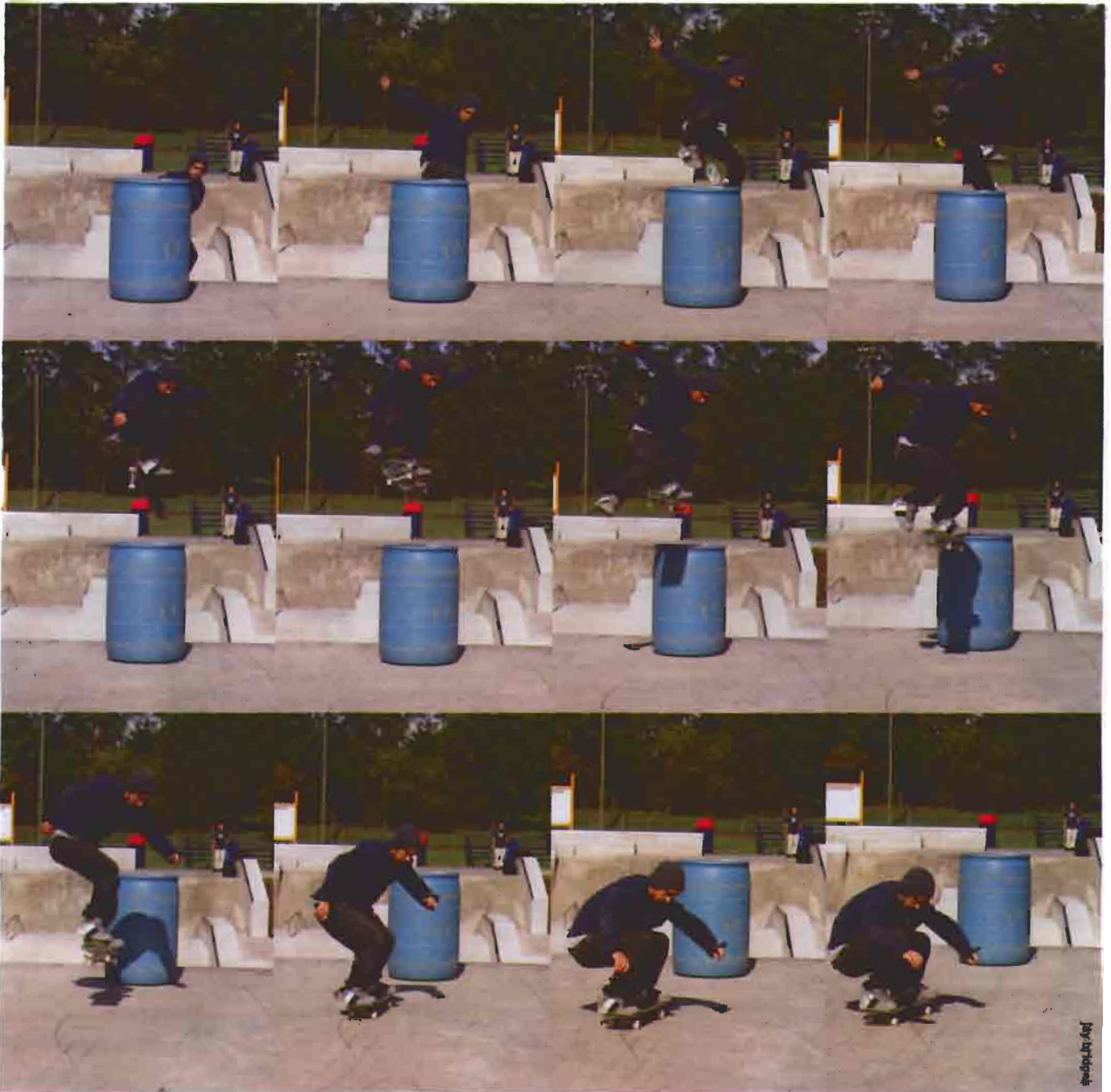
Raking leaves, shoveling snow, raffle tickets, yard sales, barbeques, dances and kids shaving their heads for money. Led by Carm Donato they did it all to raise money to get this park built. Some girls even swam across a lake for

the cause. Sound pretty small town? It is, and it's places like this that make you realize that skateboarding is not just "big city", it's "small town" and Madoc is a small town, with a big park... and an even bigger heart.

In designing the park, the key for Spectrum Skatepark Creations was to have a cohesive flow and to have something for everyone. Jim Barnum's knack for being able to pack in multiple hubbas and flat bars with pump bumps, bowled corners and spine transfers is uncon-

my. The highlights are the pump bump, spine section and a couple really fun manny pads. Since the park has been built, the scene is growing quickly and guys like Harry Shin, Isaac Shin, Dan Larouge, and Nathan Holmes can be found there daily. There's also Taste the Adventure skateboard shop that can be found two blocks away. The park just opened up last summer and it has already seen skating by the likes of Mike V and the Top of the World team out of Ottawa. Hopefully if you're in the area, you'll be next!

Dave Nolan, kickflip over the can to late judo kick.



If you are coming from Toronto, go north on hwy 62 off the 401 (that's at Belleville). You will enter Madoc about 35 mins later. Stop when you see the skate park on the west side of the highway. It's across from a large Petro Canada gas station, at the south end of town.

Driving from Ottawa, head south on hwy 62 off hwy 7 (at the Tim Hortons). Hwy 62 jogs to the east at the corner of 62 and St. Lawrence St. One block east will be a 4 way stop. Turn right, (south) about 3 blocks you will see the skate park on your right.

FACTS

Sq. Ft. : 12,850 sq. ft.

Obstacles : Funbox with ledge, rail and hip, banks with hubbas, bump to ledges, rails, manual pad, step-up to manual pad, ledges across hips, 4' mini bowl, back to back rollers, stepped ledges with bank transfer in or out.