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## The 1981 Northern Ireland Disco Dancing Final

Posted by Nishlord - 23-06-2008 16:14

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God, how I love YouTube.

Who would have guessed that No.3 was a hairdresser?

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## Re:The 1981 Northern Ireland Disco Dancing Final

Posted by wingco - 23-06-2008 16:21

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Aw, that links not working, Nish - can you have another go? Meanwhile, on the subject of disco dancing, here's this . . .

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zwakjoSs754>

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## Re:The 1981 Northern Ireland Disco Dancing Final

Posted by Nishlord - 23-06-2008 16:30

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It's working now. And oh my.

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## Re:The 1981 Northern Ireland Disco Dancing Final

Posted by Ginger Yellow - 23-06-2008 16:37

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Is that the same one off In Bed With Medinner? That was awesome.

Edit: Apparently not. That was the Yorkshire Disco Dancin' Championship.

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## Re:The 1981 Northern Ireland Disco Dancing Final

Posted by wingco - 23-06-2008 16:45

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Oh, brilliant. Emperor Rosko!

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## Re:The 1981 Northern Ireland Disco Dancing Final

Posted by Hieronymus of Hesselink - 23-06-2008 16:51

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Holy fuck.

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## Re:The 1981 Northern Ireland Disco Dancing Final

Posted by Hieronymus of Hesselink - 23-06-2008 16:52

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Tell me I misheard that contestant number 3 is representing "Sash's Nightclub".

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## Re:The 1981 Northern Ireland Disco Dancing Final

Posted by NetzerHölzenbeinHrubesch - 23-06-2008 16:58

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Is the Yorkshire one the one where the black guy is blatantly robbed of the title by some shithouse in what I can only see as gross racism.

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### Re:The 1981 Northern Ireland Disco Dancing Final

Posted by jason voorhees - 23-06-2008 17:16

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I was going to say, a thread title by this name better goddamn well have a youtube link.

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### Re:The 1981 Northern Ireland Disco Dancing Final

Posted by jason voorhees - 23-06-2008 17:22

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Do NOT eat an apple whilst watching this.

(Unless, of course, you wish to decorate your computer screen with home-chewed apple sauce. Especially during Karl "The Hairdresser" Robinson.)

Crazy to see "Downtown" Julie Brown before her Club MTV days. All that was missing was Fab Five Freddy.

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### Re:The 1981 Northern Ireland Disco Dancing Final

Posted by Nishlord - 23-06-2008 17:26

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Saturday Night Rash.

Here's some more. COME ON, ATVLAND!

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### Re:The 1981 Northern Ireland Disco Dancing Final

Posted by Nishlord - 24-06-2008 00:42

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By the way, has anyone else noticed that the bloke who put these up has a collection that consists of ITV disco dancing competitions and Nazi tanks and planes?

"Disco Stuka doesn't advertise"

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### Re:The 1981 Northern Ireland Disco Dancing Final

Posted by Disney Girl Does Dulwich - 24-06-2008 07:59

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### Re:The 1981 Northern Ireland Disco Dancing Final

Posted by evilC - 24-06-2008 08:11

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I was thinking the same. Then again, this kind of show was exactly what would have been making people like (the 16-year-old) us lot groan and exclaim "Disco is so last decade! Thank god I like Joy Division!" etc, etc.

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### Re:The 1981 Northern Ireland Disco Dancing Final

Posted by Disney Girl Does Dulwich - 24-06-2008 08:17

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Fair point though I suspect that if we went back now for a day or so we'd be pretty shocked by the number of flares still around and the hangover of disco fashion still being worn even by the up and coming youth. Mind you, you can see the New Romantic fashions infiltrating in the outfits of some of those dancers!

I blame Lee John from 'Imagination'!!!

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### Re:The 1981 Northern Ireland Disco Dancing Final

Posted by evilC - 24-06-2008 10:47

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Nishlord wrote:  
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Totally!

(...and check out the TV appearance for 'Das Model', fourth-down in the list on the right. Moody or what? Ha!)

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### Re:The 1981 Northern Ireland Disco Dancing Final

Posted by Bring me Edelweiss - 24-06-2008 10:54

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Shit- thank god I retired from Ulster's disco scene in 1980.

I was a big fan of Emperor Rosco. And his fellow DJ missus, Sybille.

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### Re:The 1981 Northern Ireland Disco Dancing Final

Posted by Taylor - 24-06-2008 14:33

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1981 still looked exactly like 1975, for the most part. Smaller collars and more colour telly would be more or less the only things you'd notice, unless you hung out with trendy kids. Decades never get into their swing for a few years - 1961 still looked like the 50s, 1991 was pretty late-80s, etc - you'd really have to spend time in clubs and clothes shops to notice that much difference, I think.

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### Re:The 1981 Northern Ireland Disco Dancing Final

Posted by wingco - 24-06-2008 14:42

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Some nice moves, mind - though the maths teacher in the first clip might have been ill-advised, all told.

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### Re:The 1981 Northern Ireland Disco Dancing Final

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Posted by Nishlord - 24-06-2008 18:17

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Taylor is dead right. I have to laugh when I see all these students thinking the 80s was some golden age of robot-pretending and Phil Oakey haircuts. I want to show them clips of The Hitman and Her and scream "WE WENT THROUGH THIS SO YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO, YOU BASTARDS!"

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Posted by evilC - 24-06-2008 18:40

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Oh, but some of us were trying to make it that futuristic nirvana, Nish...

[http://b3.ac-images.myspacecdn.com/00731/37/34/731674373\\_m.jpg](http://b3.ac-images.myspacecdn.com/00731/37/34/731674373_m.jpg)

(1981)

In my mind's eye I still look like that.

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## Re:The 1981 Northern Ireland Disco Dancing Final

Posted by Nishlord - 24-06-2008 19:23

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I bet there's the business end of a kipper tie tucked under that shirt...

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## Re:The 1981 Northern Ireland Disco Dancing Final

Posted by evilC - 24-06-2008 19:25

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Nishlord wrote:

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Wash your mouth out, young man!

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## Re:The 1981 Northern Ireland Disco Dancing Final

Posted by Nishlord - 25-06-2008 01:40

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That's what we used to do at school, anyway.

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## Re:The 1981 Northern Ireland Disco Dancing Final

Posted by Alderman Barnes - 25-06-2008 06:43

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Yeah, wearing your school tie upside down and hiding the fat end under your shirt was when the eighties really started.

I remember there was a real generation gap when I was at secondary school. All the sixth formers were hairy buggers who listened to Wishbone Ash in the common room, and they all made their ties as short and fat as possible. Us second and third years were all into Ska and did the skinny tie thing.

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Man, we showed those hippies what style was all about. Well, in my case I would have done if I'd been allowed to wear Sta-Prest and I hadn't had aviator glasses and a bowl/bum cut.

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## Re:The 1981 Northern Ireland Disco Dancing Final

Posted by Ant van Oviedo - 25-06-2008 06:44

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There you are, you see - I don't agree with you at all. That looks totally early eighties - cheap-looking flowery shirts, uncalled-for use of bow-ties and gloves (often with short sleeves), some things looking miles too big and others miles too smart, everybody (boys and girls) with the same Nolans haircut...

1975 looked much more like this:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LokaVAIZqLo>

What a great clip, though - what the hell was that bloke in the red trousers up to?

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## Re:The 1981 Northern Ireland Disco Dancing Final

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## Re:The 1981 Northern Ireland Disco Dancing Final

Posted by Ant van Oviedo - 25-06-2008 06:47

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At school we wore sta-prest, Fred Perry shirts, Jam shoes and/or loafers and Harringtons. But you're right -there was always an item of crapness to give the game away, and expose us (well, me) as frauds.

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## Re:The 1981 Northern Ireland Disco Dancing Final

Posted by Disney Girl Does Dulwich - 25-06-2008 09:50

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Just been watching the 1981 video on that Kraftwerk listing of 'Home Computer' live. Now that is the 1981 I remember...great techno pop and good parties...

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## Re:The 1981 Northern Ireland Disco Dancing Final

Posted by Ginger Yellow - 25-06-2008 09:56

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Actually, the moment when the Punk Wars were really won was when people started shouting "FLARES!!!" in the playground at anyone with trousers that you could actually get your feet through.

Somebody really needs to remake Invasion of the Body Snatchers again, this time as a teen comedy.

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