

Joey Schulser did a season with Yeti at the World cups, and now works for them doing webstuff (among other things)

1) Hi Joey, tell us a little about yourself, how old are you, where do you live?

Well I'm 19 years old and going to be race age 20 for the 2010 season. I was born and raised in the mountains outside Boulder, Colorado, USA. Boulder is the town right next to Golden where the Yeti factory is located. This is a huge benefit for me to have them so close. Its also been great having the Mountain States Cup series in Colorado to race while I was growing up. I am going to school at the University of Colorado Boulder but will be taking this spring semester off this year to focus on my racing and training now that I've been bumped up to the World Cup team.

2) Your racing on the World Cup Team next year along side Jared Graves & Aaron Gwin, how well do you know them?

I have actually had a really good chance to get to know the guys. This is a good thing going into the World Cup season because we all know that we get along well and have a positive and supportive team dynamic. I have known Aaron for almost two years now. He has been a great mentor for me and always has some good advice for me. I guess you could say he is a role model. I got to meet Jared this past season at US National Champs when he stayed with the team and then spent the next three weeks with him at races as well as another week in Australia. I got to know Jared really well over that time. We get along great and again he is a great mentor.

3) What was the first thing you did when you heard you got on the team?

Well I think the first thing I did was go harass Damion, John, and College at Yeti for about an hour and we talked and planned about the season. Then I called my parents and my girlfriend to let them in on the good news.

4) The World Cup is mostly based in Europe next year, which tracks (out of the whole season)are you looking forward to the most?

I'm looking forward to Schladming and Maribor the most. WC finals in Windham, NY, USA will be amazing.

5) Whats your perfect race track?

3 Minutes, steep, rocky, wide, and loose.

6) I guess in Colorado right now there is a load of snow, so not much biking? Are you into Winter sports?

Yeah it's been pretty snowy. I have been getting some good xc riding in still. I have

recently taken 3 trips to Moab and a trip to France where it is hot, sunny, and dry! I do ski a bit but its just not the same as biking!

7) Where was the last place you rode?

Snow drifting on campus on the commuter bike. good fun.

8) What is your most favorite place to ride?

Morzine, France and Whistler, Canada. My back yard DH trails are a good time as well.

9) I guess I could get in trouble for asking this, but any trick new Yeti stuff to give you guys more of an edge in 2010?

There is some stuff in the works for our 2010 race bikes, and some talk of perhaps an old school throwback kit, but I guess we will just have to wait and see what happens! There is always something in the works at Yeti.

10) Who would you like to thank?

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