

- 1) OK, Mike Haderer, you ride for Yeti and Fox Racing Shox, Can you tell us a bit more about yourself?

Well what do you really wanna know. Im 22. Live in northern California. been riding bikes for about 6 years now. This is my 4th season on Fox and Yeti.

- 2) I saw you at Fort William this year for the World Cup 4X, you looked pretty good, is this your first year of World Cups? Have you been USA race based up until now?

I Raced MSA in 2007 but it was after a pretty bad injury at the Deer Valley National. This was my first time ever racing in europe and first season trying to do most of the world cup series. In 2006, my rookie year in elite, I was 4th overall in the Norbaga racing series.

- 3) You ride for Yeti and Fox, is this a factory deal?

Not at all. I run most of the same parts that the factory guys ride but I completely fund all of my racing on my own.

- 4) I saw you and Ross were the 2 USA guys riding for Yeti at the World Champs, You got a 21st place at your first worlds, were you happy with how you raced there? Tell us a little more about how your Worlds was?

This was actually my second worlds. I raced 4x at Rotorua in 06 but was still recovering from a severe shoulder seperation.

This year I felt that after racing the first 3 world cups of the season and having consistant results even with having several mechanicals, that I was ready for a good result at worlds.

I felt good on the track and my bike was working awesome, my first round went well and in my second heat I pulled out of my pedal on the start. after that it was a tough battle and nearly made the advancement. I would have really liked a top 16 finish but at that caliber of a race you cant afford any mistakes.

- 5) What do you think sets Yeti apart from other brands?

The boys at yeti are soo focused on using their racers to develop the best products out there....the 4x and DJ are perfect examples. Myself and Jared were a big part of the newly designed DJ frame a few years back. The way they take advice and opinions from their riders and actually put it into their bikes.

- 6) How long have you been racing? Can you remember your first race, what was it and where?

I started racing in 2003. Im pretty sure my first race was a DH Race at Northstar @ Tahoe. I wasn't sure what class to race so I raced Junior Beginner and ended up winning the class by 24 seconds and won the junior expert class by 14 seconds. After that I was hooked.

- 7) Travelling round the world must be pretty hard on the body and mind, but I guess there must be some really fun times on the road, any that stick in your mind?

There are way way too many to list here. The most common usually starts with a marker and notebook while driving past a car filled with some pleasant looking ladies. The best was where we all ended up exchanging numbers, and the lovely ladies ended up driving 2 hours out of the way the next day to meet up with us.

- 8) What interests do you have outside of the MTB world?

I just bought a dirtbike last year for some cross training. This season I picked up a little project car to spend some time on this off season.

- 9) Who do you look up to in the Cycling world? any Heroes?

You can't really ignore the accomplishments of most of the guys we race against. Steve Peat is amazing to be still so fast. Jared is an AMAZINGLY diverse athlete, being able to dominate both 4x and DH. Gee Atherton is another one who has so much natural talent.

- 10) Anybody you would like to thank or plug?

I wouldn't be anywhere without the help and support of Mark Fitzsimmons at Fox Racing Shox. My folks have also supported me at huge lengths for the last few seasons. There are several more that I would love to thank by name but the list would be pretty long.