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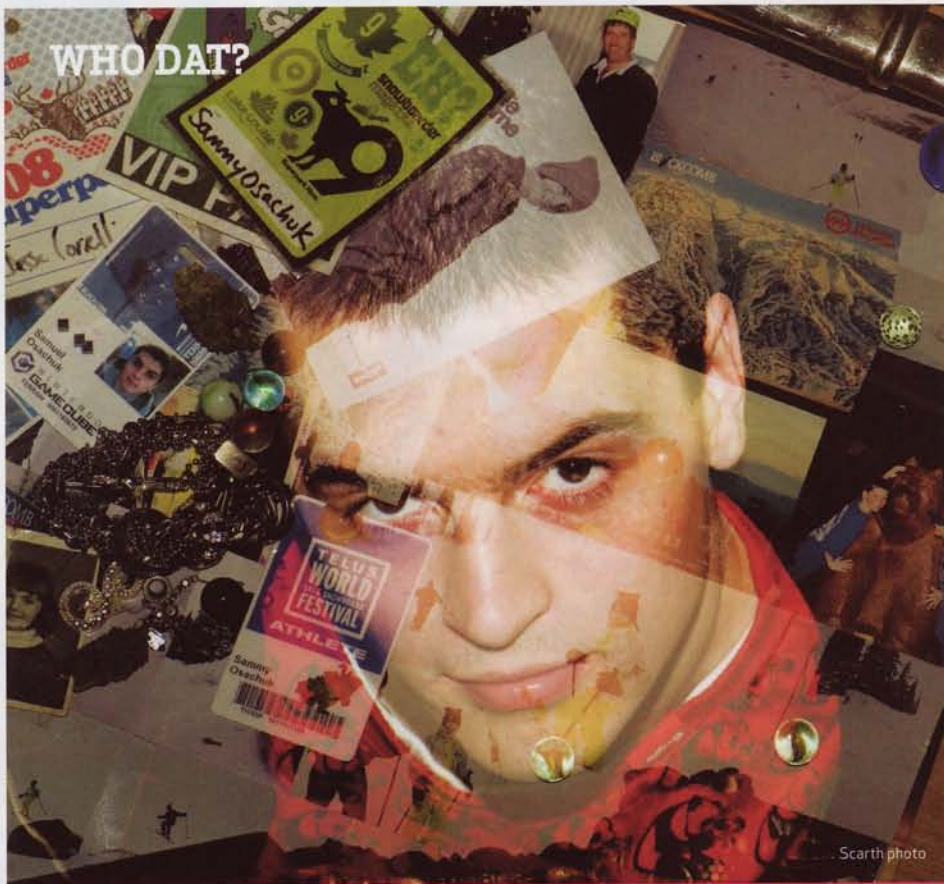
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Devun Walsh, Whistler, BC.

WHO DAT?



# sam osachuk

*It wasn't until this season that I got to meet Sam Osachuk. Before that I had only heard rumours of a younger Os who, at the time, lived in Mammoth. Now I live with the guy, and he's not only a great person with a fantastic voice but also an amazing snowboarder. Sam's the kind of guy you want to be around because he's like an energy bunny; he just keeps on going. So how should I conclude this? Ladies, watch out. Shreds, watch out. Sam's comin' up hot, whether you like him or not. Go get 'em, Bones! —Andrew Geeves*

*Sammy is one of the craziest people I know—seriously. That aside, he's the man, not to mention funny as all hell. His riding skills are well-rounded and sharp. From shredding pow in Whistler to hitting big booters at Mammoth, I've seen him do it all. Actually, the last time we partied together he ended up fighting the Flow snowboarding president. Think he gives a fuck? —Scotty Lago*

**AGE:** 23  
**YEARS RIDING:** 9  
**YEARS SPONSORED:** 3  
**SPONSORS:** FLOW, RIPZONE, THE CIRCLE, STUNT WAX  
**BOARD AND BINDINGS:** FLOW TEAM BOARD, NXT AT BINDINGS  
**STANCE:** REGULAR  
**WIDTH:** 25  
**ANGLES:** 15° FRONT, -15° BACK  
**HOMETOWN:** KITCHENER, ON  
**CURRENT RESIDENCE:** WHISTLER, BC  
**VEHICLE:** MAZDA B2600I 4X4  
**SNOWMOBILE:** SUMMIT 670  
**PREFERRED TERRAIN:** EVERYTHING  
**OFF-SNOW ACTIVITIES:** SKATEBOARDING, WIFFLEBALL, MAKING REMIXES, C-LO,

PING-PONG, POPPIN' COLLARS, WRITING, READING, CYBER-DATING, DANCE PARTIES, TIME CRISIS, MOVIES  
**PARTNERS IN CRIME:** MIKE OSACHUK, JESSE KUMLEA, ANDREW GEEVES, HOODLUMS, BEAU, WILLEY, 4.10, MOLLOY, DARK LOVE, GARRITY, MAXWELL, DR. WEIRD, NICK MOORE  
**SHRED HEROES:** MAC ATTACK, DELUXE, OS  
**FAVOURITE TRICK:** STYLELY BACK 55  
**IDEAL CONDITIONS:** AN ASTONISHING NATURAL JUMP PRESENTS ITSELF TO ME AND MY SHRED HEROES JUST BEFORE DUSK ON THE DAY AFTER A FOUR-FOOT FEBRUARY CAKING OF CHAMPAGNE POWDER  
**FIRST SETUP:** BLACK SNOW MOGUL MONSTER  
**LAST TRICK STOMPED:** BACK 5 INDOONESIAN

## Roots and ties: where are you from?

I grew up shredding ice in Kitchener, ON, then moved to Barrie, where we rode crust. After that I moved to Whistler, where I wiped the crust out of my eye, slipped on the ice outside my door, and ripped Whistler Blackcomb a new one. None of this would have happened without the support of the best person I know. So, thanks, Mom.

## Let's say you're on Jeopardy. Your brother Mike's name comes up, and you have two seconds. What do you say?

Right off the bat, I gotta holler at my big brother, Mike: "Os, if you never made me pull you home at night on our GTs, I never would've had what I do now. I'm pretty sure that's why I'm so damn tall, too. Next step is shredding together again, but don't even think I'm going pull you home on your beat-ass snowmobile."

## I hear you have a pimpin' ride.

My truck's name is Shelly. I bought her for \$100, thinking that I would just use her for a while. Slowly I fell in love; she asks for very little and gets less than she deserves.

## Sounds sweet. Any problems?

The rear diff is blown, so Shelly's not really a four-by-four anymore. She's standard, which is good because the brakes are questionable. There are power-steering capabilities, but they're broken, and I'm sure the exhaust isn't doing Mother Nature any favours, either.

## What about your sled?

It came to me on a fix-it-ride-it, break-it-buy-it deal. Thank you, Guy Smalley and the Daggers.

## Why is Sammy Osachuk heard but not seen?

Because I'm so damn skinny! [laughs] Last season, I rolled the dice and moved to Mammoth. I wanted to be closer to the Flow team and at the same time just keep shit fresh. Whistler is my home, but making a home in Mammoth presented a ripe amount of opportunities and challenges.

## What stands out about living in Mammoth?

The fact that I had no place to stay and didn't know anyone. I needed to live somewhere and had to make the place tight so I could really enjoy others and myself. I ended up living with Big Dan and Danny Garrity and Greg Maxwell, two Atomic riders. We all reaped the benefits of living with Big Dan; anytime a holiday rolled around we would receive boxes of candy and money. This was probably the most reliable sponsor I ever had... thanks to Big Dan's mom.

## Is the U.S.A. where big dreams come true?

For me, yeah. I was cruisin' everywhere in my roommate's Escalade. On one particular occasion I wanted to make a good impression with some favourable people and one of three gorgeous Swedish babes. Rolling up in the Escalade was priceless.

## How was coming home to Whistler?

Out of no fault but my own, for one period of my life, I slept in a forest in Bayshores. It took having dirt on my back for me to know that I had to work to have a house to live. You think I would have learned, but after Cali I slept under a stairwell of a hotel and was clipping tickets for the rest of the season. I also slept in Motel Mazda, in Lot 8, which was



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ski-in and -out. It was around this time that I saw an employment ad in need of security guards. Everyone made fun of me, but I went for it. Now I'm a professional security guard under the Private Investigators Act, and legally you could hire me to sleuth your shit.

**So after sleeping under a stairwell, would you say you have taken the right steps recently?**

These days I do a lot of gorbyscoping from my balcony above the village square. It's a nice apartment and it feels like home. Also, it's comforting to know that I have a place to sleep and a fridge full of cold air.

**We heard that your writing skills, literally, won you a date with Silvia Mittermuller?**

I entered the online contest from *Snowboarder* mag and won. We went on a snowboarding date up the Blackcomb Glacier, which was fun, but it didn't end up going anywhere.

**What else interests you?**

I'm into the unknown. I like finding out things that you can't learn in school or discussing topics where there are no rights and wrongs, just ideas and possibilities.

**Tell us about your band, Skin and Bones?**

It's not really a band just yet. We're working on the vocals but also focusing on beats and remixing the hell out of TV commercials, radio

and the Internet. We're really getting a feel for what our sound is and what our music will be like, which is gonna be fuckin' crazy considering the wide eclectic taste that makes up the two halves of *Skin and Bones*.

**What's going down this year?**

One step at a time. I do tend to overanalyze this or that when really it's the day-to-day things that will make a big difference. For example, you're not going to be in Paris in July if you're not working the previous September, so I want to film for a video part. It would also be cool to one day do some turns with any of the gurus of Canadian photography: John Scarth, Oli Gagnon, Dano [Pendygrasse], or Dice K.

**Let's wrap this up by talking about snowboarding.**

My shred influences have always been changing, but only one remains the same. Right now MFM has the best steez, and I can really relate to the way he terrorizes the resorts. Anyone who has seen the new Absinthe movie knows that he is murking that shit. It seriously reminds me of the way Os, Pitts, Drove and I would work the mountain. My friends are my biggest influence, especially the ones that rip tits. But that's not to say I haven't learned from everyone I ride with. —Natalie Langmann

Booster time in  
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