

WXC WORLD RACING

Professional Mountainbike Team
presentationguide

2013

Rider Profiles

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WELCOME

With WXC World Racing Team, we want to put mountainbiking at the top of cycle sport in the UK, and develop a creditable team to challenge at the top of the world stage.

We are able to do this by providing space for young, mainly British, talent to develop. Since the start of our existence, we have achieved great success, as can be seen in our palmares which has become better than our wildest dreams, as the team has helped developed some of the country leading international and Olympic riders. It would seem that talent can flourish quickly within the safe, professional sphere of this mountainbike team.

The more experienced riders in the team have also done themselves proud, and made significant headway, with no exception, in the international arena as well as continuing to produce outstanding results and medals in the UK .

The fact that we are spreading our wings and also working towards reaching the top at an international level has resulted in us being the home to 3 different nationalities. The latest being Zephania Blasi from Tuscon, Arizona in the USA . Zephania has just finished the US Pro series finishing sixth overall, with an outstanding second placing in round 4.

2013 sees us take our next giant step forward, and with all the success the London Olympics has promoted our beloved sport, the goal for WXC World Racing is to work towards making a significant contribution to this continuing.

Trevor Brown
Team Manager
WXC World Racing





WXC World Racing **LEADERSHIP**

Trevor Brown

Team Manager

During the last nine years, Trevor has been fundamental in developing and sustaining four of the UK's most important Women's Cycling teams – Raleigh/ERV Pro Cycling (2005-2007), AKO Ducati Corsa (2008-2009), the WXC Mountain Bike Team UK and presently the UCI registered WXC World Racing Professional Mountain Bike Team.

These teams have accumulated a significant medal tally, National titles, and more importantly laid the stepping stones for some of the most exciting female athletes to emerge in the sport in the last few years including the 2012 Olympic rider, Annie Last.

Team Support

Keith Loveday – Assistant Manager

Ian Brown – Mechanic

Keely Bunton – Rider welfare/Youth Development

PALMARES 2004 - 2012

1 WORLD TRACK TITLE

1 EUROPEAN TRACK TITLE

33 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES

8 NATIONAL MOUNTAINBIKE SERIES TITLES

1 NATIONAL CYCLO CROSS SERIES TITLE

2 SCOTTISH MOUNTAINBIKE SERIES TITLES

3 IRISH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE

1 IRISH NATIONAL MARATHON TITLE

1 IRISH NATIONAL JUNIOR CYCLO-CROSS TITLE

1 IRISH MOUNTAINBIKE SERIES TITLE

1 SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE

6 WCRA CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES

BERYL BURTON TROPHY WINNERS

ISLE OF MAN YOUTH TOUR WINNERS

SLEEPLESS IN THE SADDLE TEAM WINNERS

ENDURO 6 WINNERS

2 MOUNTAIN MAYHEM 24 HOUR SOLO WINNERS

SET TO RISE 12 HOUR SOLO WINNERS

2 BONTRAGER 24/12 – 12 HOUR SOLO WINNERS

BONTRAGER 24/12 – 12 HOUR TEAM WINNERS

3 SOUTHERN CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES

3 SOUTHERN SERIES TITLE

2 UK 24 HOUR SOLO CHAMPION

EUROPEAN 24 HOUR SOLO CHAMPION

1 MOUNTAIN MAYHEM 24 HOUR TEAM WINNERS

1 SOUTH WEST CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES

2 SOUTH WEST SERIES TITLE

2010 TRANS WALES SOLO WINNERS

3 BRIGHTON BIG DOG 6 HOUR WINNERS

246 WINS

356 PODIUM

451 TOP TEN PLACINGS



Zephanie Blasi



Zephanie Blasi

Before signing for WXC World Racing at the beginning of 2012 Zephanie rode for the No-tubes Pro Team in the States where she stood on the podium on a number of occasions, winning 4 State XC championships and 2 D/H Championships as well as a being a winning team member World Champion in the 24 hour of Adrenilian World Championships.

Zephanie is a strong leader of the Team and brings inspiration to our young riders with her professional approach.

Residence:	Tuscon, Arizona, USA
Born:	08.08.1976
Height:	157cm
Weight:	50kg
Relationship:	in one :)
Started with biking:	1998
Favourite food:	Pizza and sushi
Favourite drink:	water
Hobby:	Taking care of my pets
Study/work:	Professional cyclist
Best result ever:	2nd place at the USA National series event and 6th overall in the series with missing an event
Season goal:	Better performance at World Cups...not getting pulled. Podium on all British Series. Consistent training and proper nutrition.

Joanne Clay

In her first year as an elite rider, Jo has consistently finished in the top five in the National Series and National Championships. Jo tasted the experience of top level World Cup racing this season and has the commitment to become one of the UK's top mountainbikers.

Residence:	Leek (Great Britain)
Born:	30.05.1985
Height:	168cm
Weight:	60kg
Relationship:	in a relationship
Starting with biking :	Downhill mtb after accident on a motocross bike then changed to xc racing 2yrs ago
Favourite food:	lasagne or chocolate!
Favourite drink:	Pint of bitter!
Hobby:	Snowboarding/horse riding
Work:	Horse rider/groom
Best result ever:	5th at Sherwood, 1st ever race at elite level, was not what I expected!
Season goal:	To finish top 3 nationally and top 50 world
Dream goal:	To compete in World Champs and Olympics Rio 2016

Joanne Clay





Carla Haines

Carla Haines

Carla is what the Team is all about. She has been with the Team since she was fifteen years old. Now in her last year as an Under-23, she has already won the National Championships and intends to repeat that in her last year. At 21, she is one of our most experienced World Cup riders.

Residence: Plymouth (Great Britain)
 Born: 04.05.1991
 Height: 157cm
 Weight: 53kg
 Relationship: single
 Started with biking: seriously 2009
 Favourite food: Chicken Chorizo Paella
 Favourite drink: Rose or Red Wine
 Hobby: Surfing and Camping
 Study/work: Swimming Teacher/Gym instructor/Lifeguard & Cyclist!
 Best result ever: 2011 Gold Medal U23 National Championships
 Season goal: Gold Medal in U23 National Championships
 Dream goal: To be the best I can ever be.

Claire Oakley

Now a first year Elite/Under-23 Claire has won everything at Junior level in Ireland, including MTB National Championship, Road Championships and Track Championships. She has a great future ahead of her with sights set firmly on Rio 2016 as Ireland's number one.

Residence: Newtownards, Co Down (Ireland)
 Born: 10.05.1993
 Height: 170cm
 Weight: 60kg
 Relationship: Single
 Started with biking: Aged 7, Friend Got Me Started.
 Favourite food: Pasta Bake
 Favourite drink: orange
 Hobby: dog walking
 Study/work: Professional cyclist
 Best result ever: Junior National mtb champ
 Season goal: Podium Elite Champs
 Dream goal: Olympics Rio 2016



Claire Oakley



Natasha Berry

Natasha Berry

Enduro/marathon rider of the Team, with a great victory and podium in 2012, and a second place in the 7th stage MTB race Tour of Wales by just 20 seconds.

Residence:	Portsmouth (England)
Born:	21.10.1980
Height:	162cm
Weight:	55kg
Relationship:	married
Started with biking:	2005
Favourite food:	nutella
Favourite drink:	vanilla shake
Hobby:	Horde riding and golf
Study/work:	Radiographer
Best result ever:	Brighton Big Dog Champion 2012
Season goal:	XC Marathon Champion
Dream goal:	Compete in World Marathon Champs

Gretel Warner

Another one of the Team's young development riders coming through from an early age. Now a first year Junior, this is a massive year as she looks on the world's best Juiors as well as taking on our own national series and championships.

Residence:	Swanley, Kent (England)
Born:	07.06.96
Height:	157cm
Weight:	44.5kg
Relationship:	single
Started with biking:	When I was 4 years old
Favourite food:	Chicken fajitas or pasta
Favourite drink:	water
Hobby:	Mountainbiking
Study/work:	Sixth Form and Life Guard
Best result ever:	National Schools Champion
Season goal:	Podium at NPS
Dream goal:	National Champion and top ten in World Cup



Gretel Warner

Abigail Van Twisk

Abigail is Trevor's latest discovery. A very talented young rider in both mountain biking and cyclo-cross, Abigail is looking forward to competing in the colours of WXC World Racing with the National Series and Champs as her season's goals.

Residence:	London (England)
Born:	01.03.1997
Height:	162cms
Weight:	43.5kg
Relationship:	single
Starting with biking :	3 ½ years old, cycling to school
Favourite food:	Lasagne
Favourite drink:	Lemonade
Hobby:	Cycling!
Work:	School
Best result ever:	3 rd in first MTB National
Season goal:	Improve my results in National Series and Championships
Dream goal:	Compete for GB





CARLA HAINES

National Elite U-23 Cross Country Champion

A cyclist wearing a white jersey with a red stripe and a white helmet is riding a mountain bike on a dirt trail. The cyclist is leaning forward in a racing position. The background is a blurred green forest.

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