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Bio

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Date of birth: 15.12.85

Nationality: Norwegian

Living in: Haugastøl, Norway

Height: 189cm

Weight: 86kg

Other sports: Skiing, Mountainbiking,
Cablepark-wakeboarding

Education:

-10 year elementary school

-3 year sports highschool

Kiting since: 2001

Kited in: Brazil, Dominican Republic,
Spain, Italy, USA, France, Switzerland, Austria,
Norway, Finland, Sweden and Denmark

Sponsors:

- F-One Kiteboarding
- Norrøna
- DecosseCustoms
- Atomic bindings
- Tecnica
- FishermansFriend
- Fluid Net
- Haugastol.no

Why snowkiting?

Snowkiting combines every sport i have done or ever want to do! I can fly of huge hills, do tecnical wakestyle tricks or just cruise around in the powder ... Everything with the same kite!



About me

The last 5 years of my life has been focused on one thing. Snowkiting! When I first tried it 5 years ago I knew I was hooked. The feeling when the kite pulls you wherever you want to go is amazing!

Growing up in Haugastøl, Norway you have to love the winter! Before I started kiting my life was all about skiing. A lot of skiing! I competed in several disciplines, and got some good results. In October 2000 I broke my arm and I couldn't train/ski for 12 weeks. After this, I quit skiing and started kiting!

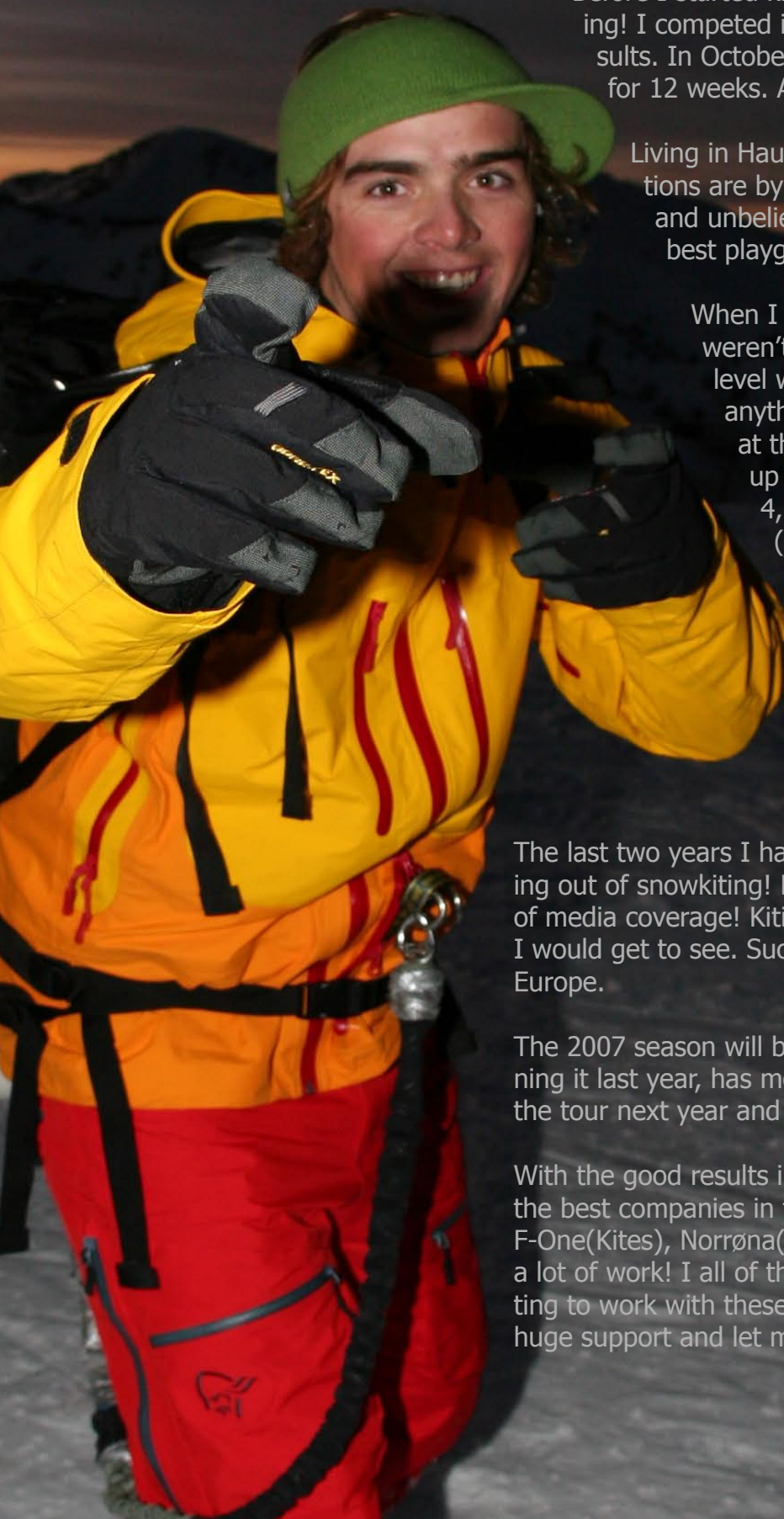
Living in Haugastøl was my key to success. The kite conditions are by far the best in the world. Wind 6 days a week and unbelievable amounts of snow makes Haugastøl the best playground I could ever imagine!

When I started snowkiting it was a young sport. There weren't too many people doing it, and the general level was low. The first year I kited, I didn't learn anything! I didn't take lessons, and the kites I used at the time were hard to learn on. In 2003 I signed up for the Norwegian championships. I finished 4, and got my first sponsorship with Fluid -Net (Naish Kites). The same year, I finished 11. At the last stage of the Corona wintertour . After this, it was no turning back. After this I have basically taken part in every major contest in Norway and all the Corona Wintertour stages. (Results on page 3)

The last two years I have been lucky enough to be able to make a living out of snowkiting! My results have been good, and I have had lots of media coverage! Kiting has brought me to places id never thought I would get to see. Such as Brazil, Dominican Republic and most of Europe.

The 2007 season will be my 5 season on the Corona Wintertour. Winning it last year, has motivated me to keep on competing! I am doing the tour next year and hopefully the year after as well!

With the good results in competitions I have been lucky to get some of the best companies in the industry to work with! My sponsorships with F-One(Kites), Norrøna(Clothing), Decosse(skis) and Fluid-Net requires a lot of work! I all of the snowkite specific testing for all 3 brands! Getting to work with these brands is like a dream come true. They give me huge support and let me test out all my good (and bad) ideas!





Best Results:

Snowkiting

- 1. CoronaExtra Wintertour, Norway 2004
- 1. Norwegian Championships (freestyle) 2005
- 3. Overall Wintertour 2004
- 1. CoronaExtra Wintertour, France 2005
- 1. CoronaExtra Wintertour, Switzerland 2005
- 4. CoronaExtra Wintertour, Geilo (injured in semi-final) 2005
- 2. Overall Wintertour 2005
- 1. ISKA World Championships Austria 2005
- 1. CoronaExtra Wintertour, Italia 2006
- 1. CoronaExtra Wintertour, Italia 2006
- 1. CoronaExtra Wintertour, France 2006
- 1. Overall Wintertour 2006
- 1. Norwegian Championships 2006

Kiteboarding

- 1. Windy weekend 2004
- 2. Norwegian Championships 2005
- 2. Invitational Ekstremsportveko 2006

Plans for the 06/07 winter-season:

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER:

Cumbuco, Brazil

-For the last two seasons I have been 3 months in Brazil. Brazil has everything I could wish for! It's warm, windy and it offers some insane flat-water and wave spots!

NOVEMBER:

Sydney/Newcastle, Australia

-After spending the last autumns in Brazil, I want to do something new!

I will be based around Sydney for 3 weeks, searching for the best wind and waves! The last week i will be at the Merimbula Open. It is one of the biggest kiteboarding events in Australia.

DECEMBER:

Haugastøl, Norway

-The first two weeks on snow I will spend at home in Haugastøl. We get snow from October, so in the December the conditions are perfect! We also starting filming for our new film project with Snowkitefilm.com

Col du Lautaret, France

-From the 17-23 I will be in France for the Snowkitemasters. www.snowkitemasters.info

JANUARY:

La Thuile, Italy

-This is the first stage of the Corona Wintertour. I won the event last year, and hopefully i can do a good competition this year also.

USA/Canada

-If everything goes as we plan, i will go to USA/Canada for a 5-6 weeks roadtrip. Last year I did a 3 week trip in Utah, Colorado, Wyoming and Montana! It was a huge success. We had good conditions 15 out of 18 days! Like last year I will compete at the Montana Snowkiterodeo.

FEBRUARY:

USA/Canada

Roadtrip untill aprox 20.

Japan

If we get the right contacts, and the snow is good i will go to Japan for 10 days.

MARCH:

Semnoz, France

-2 stage of the Corona Wintertour.

-East-Europe

Roadtrip two weeks

APRIL:

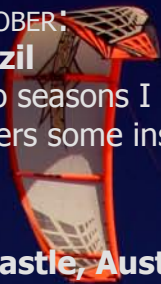
Geilo, Norway

-3 stage of the Corona Wintertour

Haugastøl, Norway

-1 month of filming with snowkitefilm.com. This is the time we filmed most of "Entropy" last year!

The weather and wind is usually good, and the Hardangervidda plateau is packed with snow!



Media coverage

The last 3 years I have had lots of media coverage. Ranging from local newspapers to world wide TV networks like CNN.

Some examples are:

Newspapers and Magazines:

Dagbladet, Aftenposten, Hallingdølen, Drammens Tidende, Bergens Tiende, BA, Varden, Finnmarken, Ultrasport, Fri flyt, Kiteworld, Powerkite magazine, Stance, Kitesurf Magazine, Kiteboarding Magazine, The Kiteboarder, Kitesurf, Cosmopolitan, ViMenn, Kitemagasinet, Tønsbergs blad,

TV:

Nrk, Nrk2, Tv2, TvNorge, 8MB, France2, M6, LibertyTV, Rai Uno, Eurosport, Sport+, Canal+sport, Tv5 Monde, F3, Telemadrid, F2, Eurosport International, ESPN, Game one, Tv8, MCM, MTV Europe, RTL, CNN, SkyNews.

DVDs released the last two years that I have parts:

Wendigo, High, Higher, Snowkite addict and The next chapter I am also featured in the upcoming "Entropy" "20/10" and the new Wintertour DVD

From January05 to March06 NRK (Biggest TV channel in Norway) I was part of a project called "denye". The project was to follow 5 young athletes for 15 months. I had my own blog on their webpage, which was updated every day. In addition to that ii was featured in various shows on NRK such as "Guru", "Sportguru", "Sportsrevyen" and several news shows. www.nrk.no/denye

From September06 NRK is starting a new similar project to "de nye" that i will take part in. The pilot web page can be found at: <http://blogg.nrk.no/kite/>

Be sure to check out www.snowkitefilm.com its updated on a regular basis with new clips!











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