

Here we are, already at issue 2! The response has been great, and we thank everyone for the feedback.

This time around, on the X Games tip, we have the final list of athletes for Big Air, the practice and competition schedule, and the current list of athletes for Vert and Park. We also have another installment of the ever-popular **Ask the Joes**. This issue's Q&A honors went to Leigh Ramsdell... truly a man of few words.

We hope you enjoy!

### 2007 X Games BMX Big Air

During the Big Air Selection Session, the following nine athletes will be going head-to-head inside the Staples Center on Friday, August 3rd trying to grab one of the three remaining spots in the Big Air Final!

Ryan Guettler  
 Mike Mancuso  
 Dave Mirra  
 Anthony Napolitan  
 Cory Nastazio  
 Ryan Nyquist  
 Morgan Wade  
 Allistar Whitton  
 Gary Young

Remember kids, Kevin Robinson, Chad Kagy and Allan Cooke are already in the Big Air Final as the top three finishers from last year.

### 2007 X Games BMX Practice and Competition Schedule (Dates and times subject to change)

Monday, July 30th –  
 11:00am – 1:00pm – Vert Practice (Home Depot Center - Carson, CA)  
 3:00pm – 6:00pm – Big Air Practice (Staples Center - Los Angeles, CA)

Tuesday, July 31st –  
 11:00am – 1:00pm – Vert Practice  
 3:00pm – 6:00pm – Big Air Practice

Wednesday, August 1st –  
 11:00am – 1:00pm – Vert Practice  
 11:00am – 3:00pm – Park Practice (Home Depot Center - Carson, CA)  
 3:00pm – 6:00pm – Big Air Practice

Thursday, August 2nd –  
 10:00am – 1:00pm – Vert Practice  
 11:00am – 3:00pm – Park Practice  
 1:00pm – 3:00pm – Big Air Practice

Friday, August 3rd –  
 9:00am – 11:00am – Vert Practice  
 10:30am – 11:15am – Big Air Practice  
 11:00am – 3:00pm – Park Practice  
**11:30am – 1:00pm – Big Air Selection Session**  
 4:00pm – 4:45pm – Big Air Practice  
**5:00pm – 7:00pm – Big Air Final**

Saturday, August 4th –  
 10:00am – 11:30am – Park Practice  
**11:45am – 1:15pm – Park Final**  
 2:00pm – 4:15pm – Vert Practice  
**4:30pm – 5:45pm – Vert Final**

### Ask the Joes -

- 1. Name, Rank & Serial Number?** Leigh Ramsdell, Rank 12, Serial Number 4a turn right.
- 2. How long have you been involved in and/or riding BMX, and what's your current relationship with the industry?** I've been riding my beloved BMX for twenty-four years. Wow, when am I going to grow up? Right now I work for Eastern Bikes as their janitor, test pilot and media coordinator. I also judge BMX events when ever possible. And I ride.
- 3. What do you think about where BMX has evolved and what does it need the most right now, if anything?** It's real crazy to think about where BMX was, compared to where it is right now. The only thing that I think BMX really needs right now is more fun. That's right, more fun.
- 4. As far as being an X Games judge and a member of the X Games athlete selection committee, do you feel any added pressure from your athlete/industry peers?** The only pressure that I feel is to make sure that I do my best to make the correct decision on who should be in the X Games and how I judge the event. I don't let my peers get to me, or peers.
- 5. As a judge, what do you look for in a competition run?** I look for rad stunts in an amazing flowing run that uses the whole course. It helps to have originality and style too.
- 6. Will Van Homan ever win a freestyle MC battle against Catfish?** Van is my boy, but Catfish is the white Eminem. I'll leave it at that. Word.

### 2007 X Games BMX Park and Vert Athletes

(as of 06/06/07)

#### Park -

Scotty Cranmer  
 Daniel Dhers  
 Josh Harrington  
 Ryan Nyquist  
 Morgan Wade

#### Vert -

Chad Kagy  
 Jamie Bestwick  
 Kevin Robinson  
 SimonTabron  
 Jimmy Walker



The next round of athlete selections will be on June 25th, 2007. Three more athletes in each discipline will then be added to the list. The remaining two spots, as well as the two alternate spots, will be added on July 23rd, 2007.



Joe Rich (L) and Jon Taylor (R) at the 2006 Snicker's Bowl