

SINCE THIS EMAIL WHICH WAS WRITTEN BACK IN JUNE 2018, BLAKE STOPPED BY TO GIVE AN UPDATE:

He was picked to represent team US in Spain which was held August 2-5. The team won 2nd in the WORLD!
First at Nationals 2nd year in a row which was held in Wichita, Kansas.
He was also invited to tour again this Spring (2019).

June 2018

My grandfather would hold me and ski around the lake when I was very young, I was only a couple of months old.
I started skiing by myself around 2 years old, by 6 years old competed in my first Regionals and by 7 my first Nationals.

Competitions coming up are:

June 22nd- Jr. U.S. Open in Axis, Alabama

July 28th- Eastern Regionals in New York

August 5-7th- Jr. Worlds, I made the 6 Man U.S team so I will be representing America vs. all the other countries in Toledo, Spain

August 11th- U.S. Nationals in Kansas

Late August is Malibu Open in Charleston, South Carolina, this is an invite only tournament that they invited me to.

I also have an opportunity to go to Pan Ams in Chile, representing the U.S. again in November and possibly Mumba masters in Melbourne, Australia in January .

Some tournaments I have competed in are:

Masters- the only way to get in is to win Nationals, Jr. U.S. Open, Europeans, or be top 5 in the world.

I have also competed in every Eastern Regionals and Nationals for the past 10 years straight.

I've represented America twice for the Can Am Games where America and Canada went against each other. I carried the team both years and won both years.

Also competed in 2 prior Jr. U.S. Open tournaments.

Some of my big accomplishments are:

I won Nationals last year for boy 3 which is about the ages of 14-18.

I placed 3rd at Masters for under 18.

4th in Jr. U.S. Open.

(All of the medals listed above are for the discipline on jumping)

I am also ranked tied 2nd in the world for under 18 in jumping and 2nd in the United States.

I have over 10 National medals to my name including a first place, a second place and multiple 3rd, 4th, and 5th place .

Pretty much every year I have competed in nationals I have medaled except for some select years so there is a high chance that my medal count is much higher.

I have over 20 regional medals to my name with close to 5 if not more 1st place medals, most of my medals for regionals are 1st, or 2nd place.

I have made the U.S National team 3 years in a row and have made the Eastern Region all-star team for 5 years.

My grandfather was very big in the sport, he has also won multiple national medals and even won at the senior worlds. He was the person who brought me up skiing and taught me how to ski. He has been my biggest supporter and my main coach through all of the years.

My uncle was a pro skier right out of high school skiing on the pro tour. He did hold regional and I believe maybe even a national record but I can't quite remember. He has also been one of my biggest coaches. He signed sponsorship deals with Boyle eye wear, power bar, and solaman. But after a terrible ski crash he was forced to resign and only skis for fun now.

The main discipline that the 3 of us excel in is jumping. To sum it up you try to go as far as possible off a ramp with a set height and a set boat speed. My grandfathers best is 158ft which back then without gps on the boats and using only wooden skis is very good. My uncles best is 214ft, he is one of the select few ever who have broken the 200 foot mark. He had the help of new ski and boat technology. And currently my best is 172 feet.

But all three of us don't only focus on just jumping. We all also hold national medals in slaloming which is one skiing going around bouys, the boat goes 36 mph and the bouys are a set distaway from the boat guides in the center of the course. It is required to go through the entry gates, around all 6 bouys and out the exit gates to complete a pass, once u complete a pass they shorten the rope so it is harder to get around the bouys. This goes on until you fall, miss your entry or exit bouys, or you don't make all 6. There is also tricks but we don't focus that much on it. You are scored and given points for the tricks that you do in a 20 second time period, you have 2 of these 20 second runs to do as many tricks as possible trying to achieve the highest score. Each trick has a predetermined point value so it is not like figure skating or other things like that. But we all also excel in overall, thanks where u compete in the 3 mentioned events in a tournament. Depending on your score you get a points, the closer you are to the record the more points you get. In overall they total all of these points up and the one with the most wins.