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EDITORIAL



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*ride on
keep it real!!*

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Niu Bi

this is a Chinese saying for something is awesome!

This issue is really about this! Niu Bi to every story we tell you! Laxmi Magar from Nepal, getting it together to race in all of Asia, to find herself at the top at the podium. It's not easy at all, but she manages it, and it's awesome to see her still racing!

Canyon is not a new brand, but they are doing awesome, so they built a new factory in Germany, to provide even better bikes. Come with us, and see what this company Canyon is all about.

Something awesome is happening in India: SCOTT Bike Fitting system by Radlabor is soon to be launched at India's first SCOTT Technology Center in Bangalore. We tell you more about this Bike Fitting system, which you can also use for mountain bikes.

At least, and not to be selfish or arrogant, we know, we can do better next time! But for the first time, the downhill race was awesome! Niu Bi, such a race with this much prize money, and live streaming, has never happened before in Asia, and mtbmagasia was a big part of it!

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GREENLAND DOWNHILL RACE CHINA 2016

After the downhill race in Zilian, near Shenzhen, (you can read more about it here: [LINK](#)) the organization committee approached me to ask if i can help them with the next race in the month of May. The new venue will no longer be in Chaozhou, it will be in Enping, which is south west from Guangzhou. They invited me to the Greenland Resort, a huge resort with hot springs and a small lake for walking or water sports. We had a meeting to discuss what we should do, and also about the trail, which is not there yet, but the area looks promising. They also wished that I would invite some professional riders from outside of China. Best would be, top 10 riders from the UCI ranking. Once i got back to Nanjing i contacted many agencies to ask if the pro riders are interested in coming to China for racing.



Andrew Neethling



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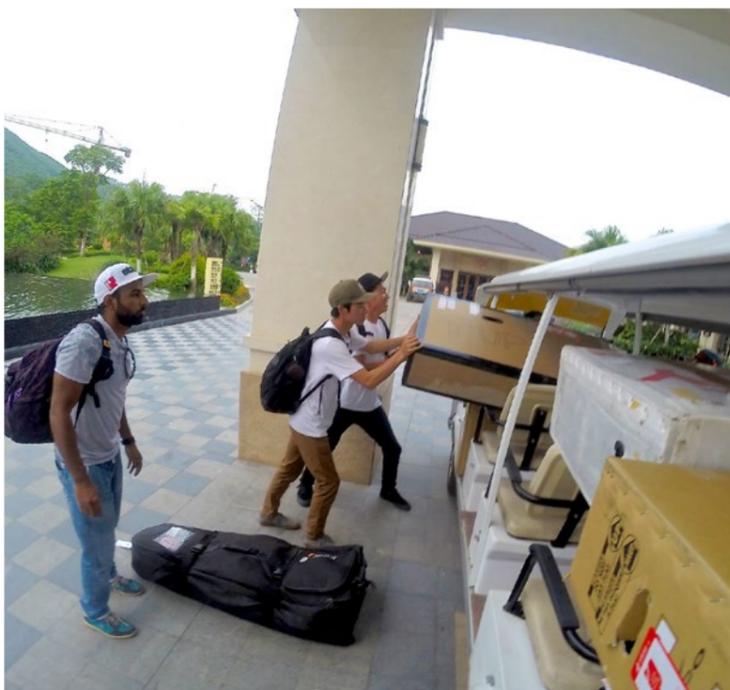
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All of them I contacted were very interested, but had some concerns about the date, since it was between the world cup station Cairns and Fort William. They were especially concerned that it was only two weeks before the world cup in Scotland. But, the UR-Team confirmed Tracey Hannah and Andrew Neethling were coming. Asian Downhill Champion in 2016 Kazuki Shimizu from Japan confirmed to come too, so also Hajime Imoto and Takuya Aoki, also from Japan. From Taiwan, they sent also the two fastest riders, and i was happy to see again Asian Downhill Champion from 2015 Dan Chiang Sheng Shan along with his fellow fast rider, Chiang Si Han. An exciting slate was completed with the Korean rider Lee Chang Yong and Indian rider Imran Khokar.

I was constantly in contact with the riders, and had many chats with them, and they were very curious to see some footage from the trail. Yes of course, they are all professional riders, so they want to see on what trail they have to perform best. I got some pictures, and seen many wooden features. The riders were a bit afraid, it's not natural anymore, since they all ride UCI standard trails, even some ride UCI world cups. Some bridges have to be changed, after a rider got badly hurt.

Finally May 17th! Lee Chang Yong was the first in Guangzhou, and Panda sent him straight to Enping, via the Airport bus, even though i told him, he should wait, so we can go all





Lee Chang Yong

together. I arrived then, and then all other invited riders, along two new riders who i did not know. There was Daniil from Russia, and Doug Sharpe from Canada, but living in Beijing. I knew of Doug, a guy in Beijing doing a lot for biking, but never met him, so it was cool to finally meet him. So funny, he is also 7 years here in China, but we never had the chance to race against each other!

We arrived all safe in Enping, and got in our rooms! The hotel rooms are just fantastic, i think i have never been to a race where they provide you with such nice rooms!

On Wednesday morning, we all went up for the Track Walk, and it was very interesting. We all found out, the trail is very cool, except the wooden features. Some are useless, and the bridges are dangerous if you want to go full speed. But in total, looks good!

Afternoon, we took the bikes outside and had a run, and it was really cool. I liked the trail, and also understood that the bridges would be a bit difficult to ride. The landings at the ending of the bridges were far too steep, and if you approached very fast, there would be no chance to get in to the landing, the bridges will send you off. We saw a lot of crashes from riders.

Imran Khokar also had a crash on Thursday when we were up with all foreign riders to do a photo shoot. His fork got damaged, and i felt bad

that he had no bike to ride anymore. So we changed the brakes and set up my bike for him. I was happy to give him the bike, even though i wished so badly to race it. But I had already ridden it, and that helped me to shoot some pictures then, and leave the racing for now.

Friday, it was worse for training. It was raining just the whole day, and it was super slippery! There were still a lot of riders out there, to train on the trail, but also then so many crashes. But nobody got hurt seriously. Also on the trail were Tracey and Andrew. They had fun, but also said the bridges were very dangerous.

Saturday morning, time for seeding and we were lucky, it was still pretty slippery, but it wasn't raining anymore. Andrew Neethling won the qualification, and then it was coming down to the top 10, with all foreign riders. Imran had a crash, and managed to get 29th. Afternoon, they held the 2X. The course was really cool, except that it was an unfair start! I felt bad for all riders who had to start on the left gate (looking from the riders, down the hill). I knew, even if you can pedal so hard, you will not make it first to the wall, and then, as the trail was going into a single trail, which only one rider can pass, so you had to brake, or go over the tape and pole, which automatically was leading you to disqualification. This makes no sense at all, when you can't get in front of the other rider. I felt bad, since

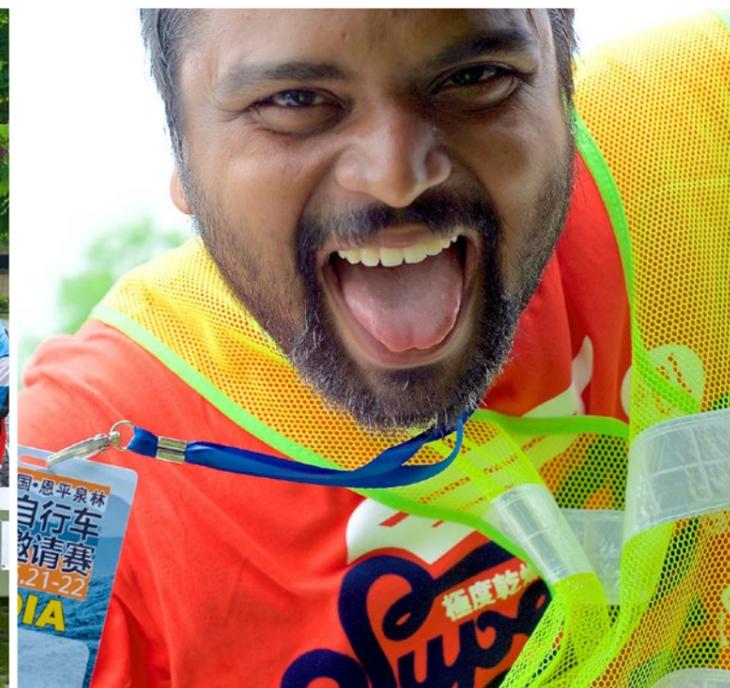


Takuya Aoki / Chiang Sheng Shan





Tracey Hannah



these were all professional riders, and they ride for the prize money, so it had to be fair then. One foreign rider even complained loudly that his opponent from the last heat had touched him, and touched the pole, which should have disqualified him. But rider complaining never could have passed his opponent, starting in the left gate! That rider made it easily to the final, because he always just started on the right side. We saw it clearly, what it meant to have this starting arrangement. Tracey also had the bad luck to start on the left side, and she lost her heat. Andrew Neethling had the right gate, and you can guess, yes he was winning against Swiss rider Markus Ruchti. They must change this for next time, it is very important.



Saturday evening, free beer, and pool party! Also a show from actors spitting fire. And as i knew it it would be a relaxed evening, i showed up with just my bathrobe, hotel key, and GoPro. I arrived, and Li Yu, my old friend, just dragged me into the pool! Revenge, revenge, he went also in the pool, but he was wearing jeans and a t-shirt. No worries, his phone was not swimming with him.



Sunday, as everybody was wishing, the sun came out! And it was not so humid as the last few days! In the morning the open category started the race! Wu Chao, from the Changsha Clockwise Team, won out of 49 riders with a time of 3.28.43. It would give him the 17th place in Elite. So quite fast also from

the open riders category, who raced the exactly same course as the elite riders.

Afternoon, again a lot of spectators came to watch the race, now even more than for the 2X. And the good thing now was also that a Guangzhou TV station was doing a live stream! In the finish area there was a huge LED Screen, and you could watch who is just on the trail riding! This is the first time ever in China that a TV station hosted a downhill race live!

The Asian riders i had invited worked hard to get to the time from Andrew Neethling, but, when it was over, he was again at the top spot! With a time of 2.47.65 he put a very fast run down. Behind him was Dan [Chiang Sheng Shan] from Taiwan with a time of 2.49.48. Hajime Imoto came 3rd with his time of 2.53.22, followed by his country men Kazuki and Takuya! Lee Chang Yong got 6th with a time of 2.56.81, so everything was close together from the top riders.

Tracey Hannah came first in the women's elite category. With a time of 3.06.73, she beat many male riders time! Which is good, so we in Asia know what is all about, to go fast! Second place was July from Taiwan! She had a nasty crash, flying all over the place after the drop in the beginning. The Marshal helped her to get back to the trail, and after she flipped out of the safety net, she continued the race! Well done July!!! Chen Ying Yan, a 15 year old girl from Guangzhou, came 3rd, big



Kazuki Shimizu







respect to her, riding this trail!!

The prize ceremony was held, and everybody was celebrating! It was truly a very good event! All we can do is next time promote a better trail which will suit a race (speed is important) and a fair 2X. We can do only better!

Thank you all!! see you at the next race!!

RESULTS

DH Elite men

- 1st Andrew Neethling (RSA) 2.45.65
- 2nd Chiang Sheng Shan (TPE) 2.49.48
- 3rd Hajime Imoto (JPN) 2.53.22
- 4th Kazuki Shimizu (JPN) 2.54.08
- 5th Takuya Aoki (JPN) 2.56.34
- 6th Lee Chang Yong (KOR) 2.56.81

DH Elite women

- 1st Tracey Hannah (AUS) 3.06.73
- 2nd Cai Ji Ling (TPE) 4.33.17
- 3rd Chen Ying Yan (CHN) 5.20.75

DH Open men

- 1st Wu Chao (CHN) 3.28.43
- 2nd Peng Yi Ming (CHN) 3.37.41
- 3rd Pan Yan (CHN) 3.39.60

Whip Off

- 1st Andrew Neethling (RSA)
- 2nd Kazuki Shimizu (JPN)
- 3rd Hajime Imoto (JPN)

2X

- 1st Andrew Neethling (RSA)
- 2nd Markus Ruchti (CH)
- 3rd Lee Chang Yong (KOR)





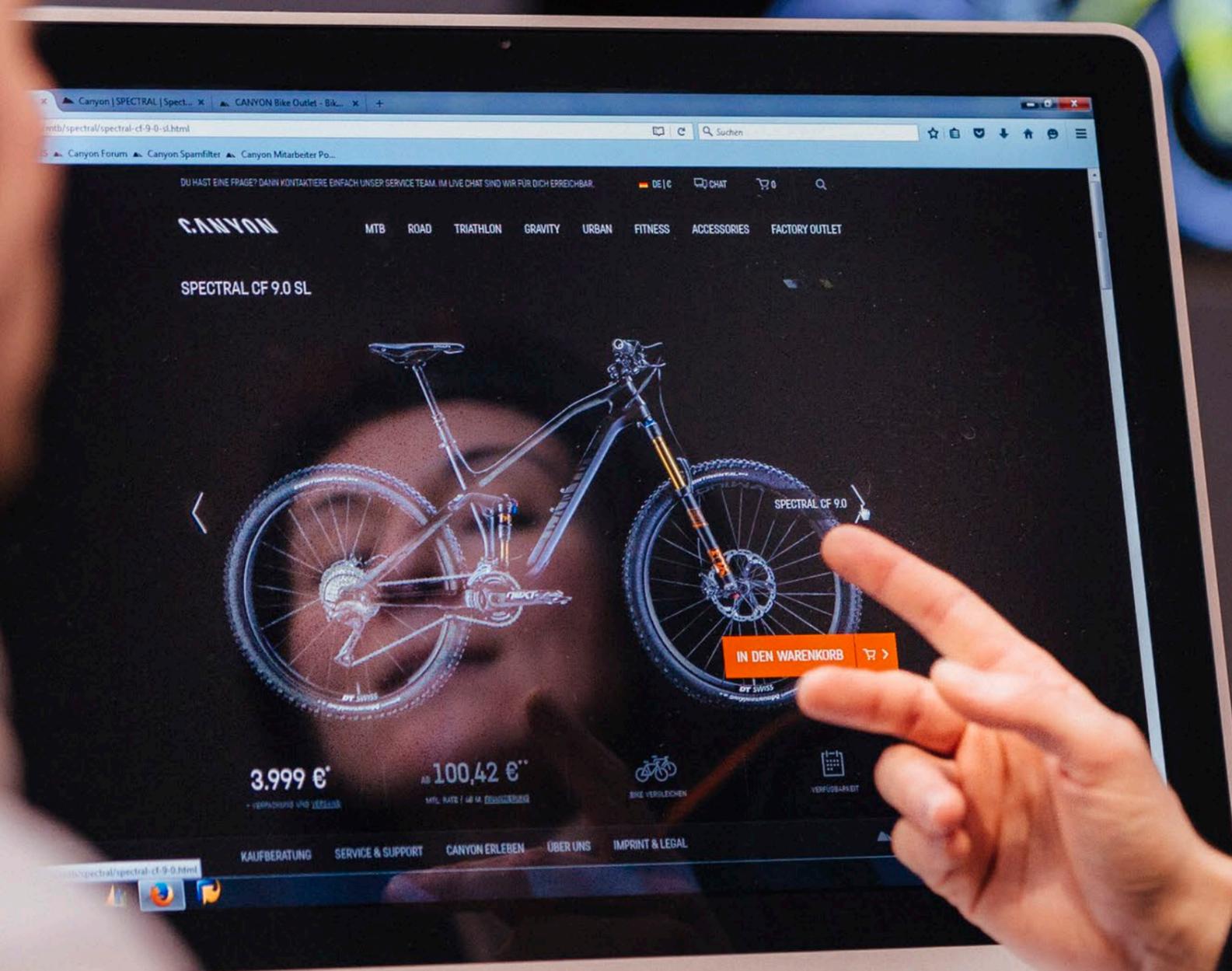
”LEARNING TO RIDE BIKES GAVE ME FREEDOM. THIS IS THE EXPERIENCE

I WANT TO SHARE WITH OUR CUSTOMERS.“



Canyon started life as Radsport Arnold back in 1985. What began as a business run out of founder Roman Arnold’s garage has evolved into one of the bike industry’s leading innovators. Following the success of the first ever Canyon bikes developed in the late 90s, the company changed its name to Canyon Bicycles GmbH in 2001. For years, talented engineers and designers have been drawn to Koblenz, Germany, for the development of an ever-expanding range of road, mountain, triathlon, fitness and urban bikes. Canyon’s technology-first approach focusses on applying the most cutting-edge materials, working together with the world’s best riders and ensuring everything produced delivers the finest quality and performance. Canyon products are available exclusively via direct sales.

CANYON



Canyon is the most popular bike brand in Europe. We don't say that, readers of the most influential international bike magazines and websites do. Over the years Canyon has been singled out multiple times among road and mountain bike communities for some of the most respected awards in the industry. Every time this happens it gives us new motivation to push ourselves further and become even better.



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CANYON BICYCLES GMBH FACTS AND FIGURES

Founder/ Ceo: Roman Arnold (picture on the right side)

Company: Canyon Bicycles GmbH (since 2001, previously Radsport Arnold)

Headquarters: Koblenz, Germany

Year Established: 1985

Websites: canyon.com (in 16 languages); purecycling.ch (in three languages)

Distribution: Direct distribution (worldwide); with eleven local distribution partners and four subsidiary companies

Core Market: Europe

Products: Mountain, road, triathlon, urban and fitness bikes in addition to components, clothing and accessories

Employees: more than 700 worldwide



LAXMI MAGAR

I CHOOSE,
THEREFORE I AM

Laxmi was quick to take the lead as the whistle blew at the starting line for the 14th Nepal National Mountain Bike Championships (XCO) 2016 in the Women's category. As she made her way up the climb and was racing down the first hill, it made it very apparent that she was here to race, to take home the title what rightfully belongs to her, for the 4th time. She finished with an impressive timing of 1:34:04, a good 6 minutes 34 seconds ahead of Pushpa Bhandari.



Laxmi Magar



Gaurav Man Sherchan



Gaurav Man Sherchan



Many may laugh that there were only five women mountain bikers contending the title. But what they exactly fail to see is the quiet Laxmi is a woman who refuses to confirm to cultural expectations of being a woman in a largely male dominated society.

So what is exactly different about Laxmi. Well, she took up the saddle in 2008 and has never looked back. Many girls aspired to take up mountain biking, and some of them honestly were pretty good, maybe even better. Laxmi is one who continues to ride through all that hardship, with a smile.

Talking to her about her childhood, she remembers, 'I pretty much grew up in the streets of Kathmandu and saw the hardship my mother went through, observed my aunt and other women from the village carry heavy loads up those steep mountain trails. As a little child, I told myself that this was not going to be my life.' I laugh with her and ask her, 'but haven't you chosen a life of more hardships climbing up those mountains on a mountain bike?'

She is quick to answer with a smile, 'I was young and angry, ready to pick up a fistfight, even with the boys. The girls were scared of me for obvious reasons. Then I found my peace, solace – a life on a mountain bike. Every mile I have put on the peddle has allowed me to forget the difficulties I had to face as a little girl child, reasons I never understood as to why, and the difficulties I continue to face today as a woman athlete. In the chaos of cultural expectations, financial problems of being an athlete in a developing country, I get on my bike everyday as though yesterday did not exist.'

Eight years, eight long years she has have been mountain biking without any real financial support. Irony - all of her life growing up, she wanted to run away from the harsh life of physical pain and financial distress but she is drawn to an even more difficult life. She has been to almost all of the races in the South Asian region and has made to the podium on many, rather most occasions. People who do not know her closely envy her as she travels, I life that many young girls dream of without knowing all that she endures to pursue that dream.

For all these seven eight years of racing, she started off with borrowed bikes, upgrading to a welded bike, further upgrading to second hand mountain bikes on the verge of breakdowns but a heart that simply would not give in.

After her fourth win of her title at the 14th Nepal National Mountain Bike Championships 2016, everyone was amazed at how much she had improved her performance over the last nationals, over the last race.





When asked her how, she mentioned with a smile, 'I always knew I could ride faster but none of my bikes were my size and the last bike I had gave me serious back pains on the climbs, the one before that was too heavy, and the list goes on. The Scott Scale 710 I rode today is my first real bike that I got to order for my size, and well, and for the first time in my life, I raced like I really wanted to. All in all, I must say I am really thankful to Scott Nepal (Pathfinder Cycling Nepal), and specially, Dalle Restaurant to me get my first real ride, after eight years of racing.'

It is interesting to know that Dalle Restaurant, a very famous chain of momo's (dumplings) of Nepal has funded the beautiful Scott Scale 710. Subash Gauchan, CEO of Dalle Restaurant feels, 'Our support is not just about her or mountain biking but a message to the dreams of those thousands of young girls of Nepal who feel lost and without support.'

Laxmi cannot imagine life without her mountain bike, and it is women like her with a heart of a lion who will pave way for young girls to live a life as they choose to. As she loves to say, 'I choose, therefore I am'.



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SCOTT India have been steadily expanding their presence in the country through their line-up of bicycles, accessories ever since their entry into India 5 years back. They boast of a robust network of bicycle dealers across the country ensuring good reach to riders all over the country. In this continuous effort, they have also opened the first SCOTT Technology Center in Bangalore which opened its doors just a few months back.



SCOTT, as a brand has been known for their Innovation, Technology and Design that they bring into each of their products. While the SCOTT Technology Center, will house a wide range of bikes, accessories and state-of-the-art workshop for bike repair under one roof, it also is home to the latest Bike Fitting Machine which has just been setup. The SCOTT Bike Fitting System by Radlabor is developed to define the Perfect Bike Geometry plus all Adjustments needed for an Optimized & Utmost Efficient Position on the Bike.

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