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Duster P MTN

285mm x 140mm
C/F: 190g
Ti-Alloy: 240g
Cro-Mo: 255g



D2 EDGE FLEX
Dual injected, nylon-glass
base with rubberized
edges for optimal pedaling
efficiency

COVER MATERIALS
Soft microfiber top with
embossed graphics and
durable Kevlar sides



NOSE PLATFORM
Wider surface area
for increase control
and power transfers
on inclines

PERI-CANAL
Continuous relief
channel from tip to
tail with light-weight
EVA foam

FLAT-FORWARD DESIGN
Allows ease of movement
and enhanced pressure
distribution in multiple
riding positions



#kazuki #shimizu #interview



#bravepeakbikepark



#super8 #enduro #race



#mokokchung #mtb #festival



ICS THINK SMART. **RIDE FREE.**

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get out and play

#ixsplayground



Natsuki Yamazaki
Hideyuki Suzuki

Mesum Verma
Eiso Sakanaka

Kazuki Shimizu

interview



Hi Kazuki, you are one of the top riders in Asia, so many riders know you! But tell us a little bit about yourself for those that don't know you.

I started racing at the age of 3 and won most of bicycle races such as XC, CX, BMC, road, track and so on. (LoL) I started DH at age 12 as I knew from XC race that I am faster in DH than climbing up, and concentrated more and more for DH/4X. At the time, KONA created youth team in Japan and I belonged in the team. Since then I've ridden for KONA Japan for 9 years, and finally in 2014 I could run for the World Cup DH team, Madison Saracen, which was one of my targets/dreams at that time. I ride for Patrol Mountain FJC since 2015 to realize movement, "from Asia to World".





When you were a kid, did you also do other sports? Now that you ride professional downhill mountain bike, when you are not on your bike, do you do other sports?

I played basketball in Junior High School (middle school), and belonged to the Cinema club at school. In between I did some light athletics little bit.

Nowadays I do little bit of BMX, skateboarding, surfing to get experience of different things you can not get from mountain biking.

How did you go from a normal rider to a professional rider? What does it take to be so fast and so consistent like you? Talent alone is not enough to be so good. What do you do beside riding your bike, to be fit for the world cup?

The turning point was at the age of 19, when I won MTB DH Japan championship. I wanted to try myself to see how much I could grow. Besides talent I see “motivation” and “mentality” are key words. Motivation to ride aggressively, fast, is necessary not only during the race but also in practice. By doing so, your average speed will improve, and at the end your result will be better. A strong mentality to keep quiet, stable even during a race.

Do you care also about what you eat and drink? Beside that, what are your favourite foods and drinks?

I drink and eat whatever I want. Limiting foods/drinks initiates mental stress. I personally like meat. Steaks, BBQ. I feel





myself powerful after eating it.

The world cup racing is brutal! You rode some this year, and didn't make it into the final, even though you were always pretty close! But with so many fast riders in the world cup, it is hard to get into the top 80. What do you think is the difference between you, and the top 80 riders? What do you think you need to do to get into the final? And in 2018, will you ride again some world cup races as you know, next year, after the seeding, only the top 60 can enter the final.

I try to concentrate deeply race line at any condition (wet, dry and so on) and know which gear to use at which corner.

Congrats on the overall win of the Coupe de Japon, the most important downhill race series in Japan! How many races do you attend per year? Beside the world cup, do you also attend some other international races?

Thanks a lot! In 2017 I participated in the Asia Championship and World Championship only as international races. I rather concentrated on races in Japan this year to put my effort on managing a roller sports park (Skate, BCM, MTB, Inline) which I could even do after retirement as a professional carrier as MTB DH racer. There I give basic lessons to kids, organize events and so on.





You would be sent to a island (not Japan and you can only take one bike. Which bike would you take with you, dh or enduro bike? And if money is no object, where would you travel with your bike in Asia, where would be your must-ride destination in the world?

ENDURO BIKE to enjoy climbing up also.

*Asia: Luang-prabang, Laos.
The city is beautiful!!*

*World wide: Grand Canyon, USA/Canada
just want try once ever!*

What's your motto? Any tips for young riders? Last words are yours! Thank you for having time for us! Ride on! Keep it real!!

Motto: "appreciation"

*I thank to anyone who supports/
supported me for bringing me to this
situation.*

*to young guns
"be aggressive"!*

*Thanks a lot again to anyone who
supports/supported me. I turned 25
years old this year and got the chance to
change my surroundings this year. I will
continue to liven up MTB scenes more
and more, and I hope you to continue
supporting my activity.*

*Pls, remember my name, Kazuki Shimizu,
and I am looking forward to riding with
you in the future.*





X FUSION

MANIC

(AM/XC/ENDURO)

FEATURES

Internal cable routing only
New shifter style remote
Double key-way design prevents lateral twisting
Wide range of seatpost angle adjustment
Two bolt style head

SPECIFICATIONS

Travel: 125mm
Weight: 610g
OD: 30.9mm / 31.6mm
Color: Black
Length: 421mm
Insertion Depth: 285mm



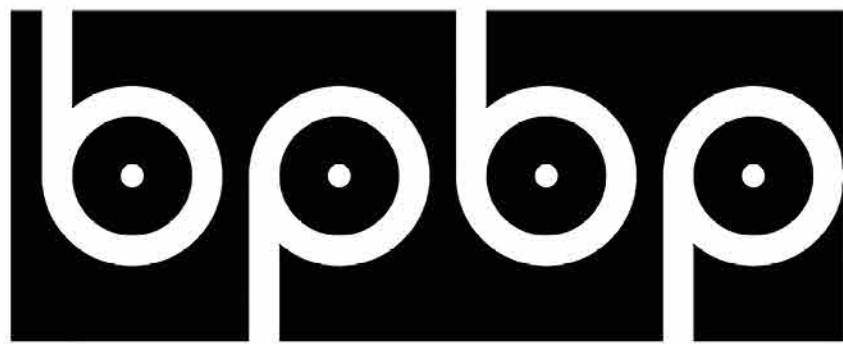
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brave peak bike park



**Location:**

The Brave Peak Bike Park (BPBP) is about 150km southwest of Hangzhou. It's nearby the small town of Tonglu. From there, it is another 40km to the village Xiaobao. There are busses from Hangzhou which will reach Tonglu in circa 2 hours. If you arrange a stay at the bike park, the BPBP crew will pick you up. By June this year, there should be a bullet train connection super close to the village Xiaobao, which





makes traveling convenient even directly from Shanghai, for foreign guests. If you live in China, right now the easiest way to go there is with a car. Later of course, it will also be easy to reach the bike park with the train, from any location in China.

Accommodation:

They have built a brand new hotel there, with different rooms. From single rooms to 3 bed rooms and kind of a

dorm with 6 beds. It's not like a usual dorm, as every bed is in a separate room with no door, just a curtain. In the 6 bed room is one shared bathroom, and enough space to put your bike in. All rooms are nicely done, with one little problem, which I told them about, and I hope they will do something about it. There is no hook for clothing, and especially when it's bad weather, as when I was there, there is no place to hang up your clothes. Riders in my room just then hung their wet clothes on the lamps, which I





He Jun Yuan

think is not the intention of it. As for the food included in the hotel, there is a restaurant, you can order Chinese food only, which is very tasty and not expensive. If you want foreign food, or something different, you must bring it with you.

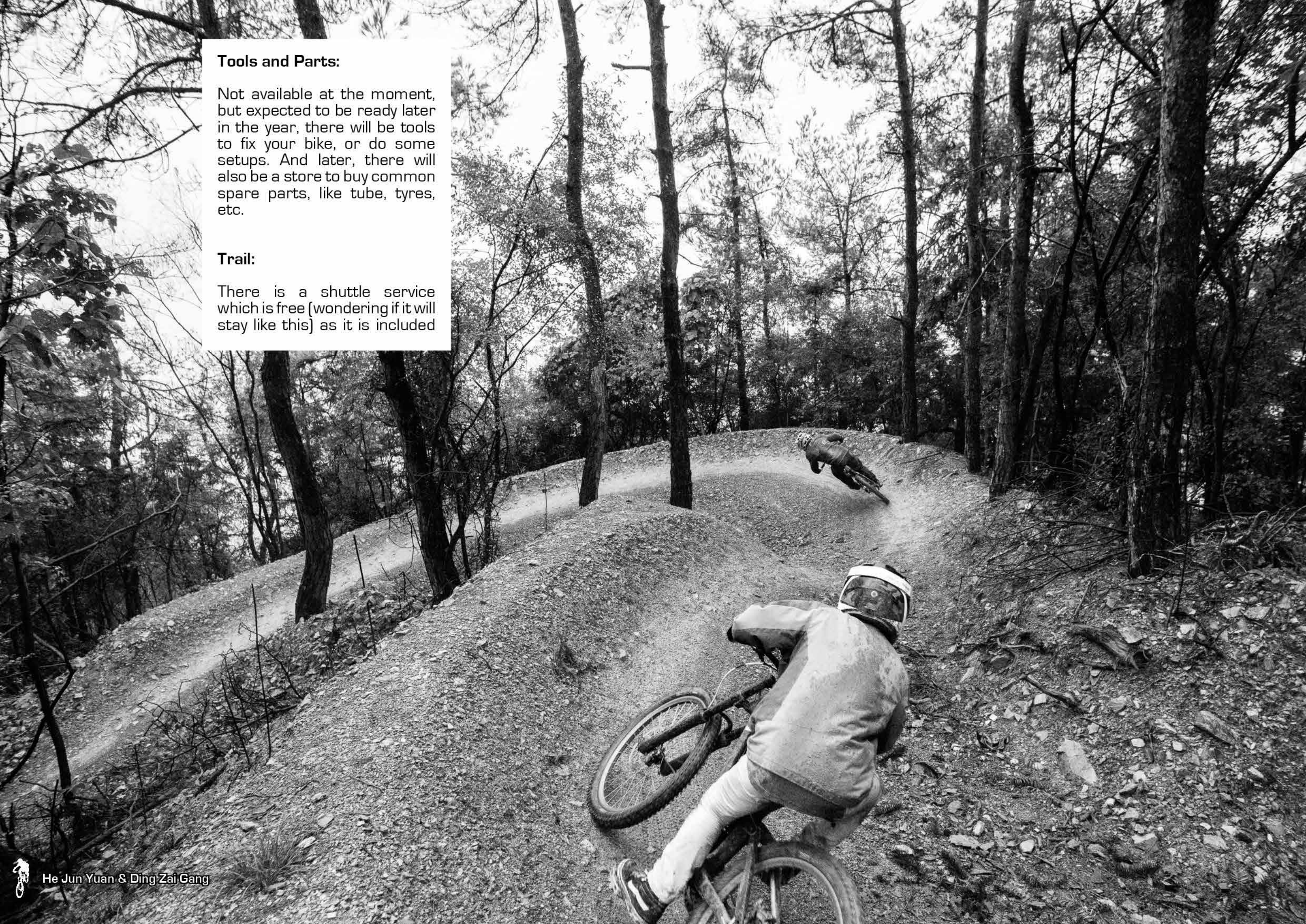
They offer beer too, Chinese and some foreign brands too. If you want harder booze, you should also bring with you, or you can try Baijiu, which is strong Chinese alcohol (up to 40%) but which will not be to everybody's taste.

Tools and Parts:

Not available at the moment, but expected to be ready later in the year, there will be tools to fix your bike, or do some setups. And later, there will also be a store to buy common spare parts, like tube, tyres, etc.

Trail:

There is a shuttle service which is free (wondering if it will stay like this) as it is included





in the room fee. There is now one trail, which is 4km long. It's pretty well shaped, and it's really bike park style. There are no really difficult sections, but of course, if you blast down like a pro, it will be more technical. The trail is wide enough to really let loose. They are working day and night to have 2 to 3 more trails before summer starts! There is a jump line, with pretty big kickers. I did not try it out those days, as it was raining when I was there. But from what I saw, they are well built, have a steep and long landing.



They now are also building some road gaps.

I never visited the two bike-parks up north in Beijing, but what I can tell from pictures, BPBP has so far done the best job of all of them. I had a really nice stay there, and I also also saw some riders I met years ago from Xinjiang, other riders too. It was not empty like other bike-parks in China, where if you happen go alone, you will ride all by yourself. I went alone there, but was shredding then





with others. Also a big plus is that BPBP have two shapers who care for the trails all the time. They are also both good riders, so you know that they know what they are doing. And they are also smart, improving things always (they had problems with the water on the trail after raining, but now they have improved the drainage).

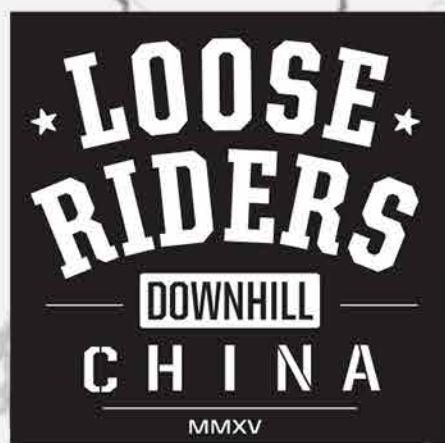
If you are in Asia, close to China, I can only recommend BPBP, if you are looking for something like this.

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*The bike park is recommend
by LOOSE RIDERS CHINA, as
both diggers are LRC riders.*



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brave peak bike park

XIAOBAO

FIFTY-FIFTY



Guidering 104 PCD

AL-7075 T651, Black Blue Red Green

Range: 30T 32T 34T 36T

Compatibility: 9/10/11 speed

Size/PCD: 104PCD

Weight: 36g(30T) 36g(32T) 48g(34T) 60g(36T)



Chainguide DHR Series

AL-6061 T6, Black Blue Red Purple Green Orange

Plastic Parts: High molecular nylon, black or white

Range: 32-36T or 38-40T


Mounting Standards: ISCG03/OLD or ISCG05


Weight: 150g (ISCG05 32-36T)



BLOODY GREAT GAME SUPER 8



Kimberly Lin 

Kimberly Lin
Hua Hua 

Mt. Dadu, located in the middle of Taiwan, has the best night view of Taichung City, the total range from north to south is 20 km. You can look from the sky to the ocean view if you stand on the ridgeline, and then turning your body 90 degrees, you can look down and enjoy the whole city view of Taichung City. The red dirt, with round, big gravel, and the spectacular view, plus the wind that never stops, this is a place you will never forget.

This is the best place for MTB. You can meet everything in your





imagination riding with this mountain, and SUPER 8 was born like that. It is the biggest MTB carnival in Taiwan, held every December. At first the founders designed an 8 km circuit, you can be the winner if you ride the most laps. As time went by (and the riders complained), they changed the rule in Enduro. It has 3 lines, you will be the winner if you complete it fastest.

SUPER 8 is much more than a race game. They design different difficulties in 3 lines, and the bikers can choose by their own level for challenging themselves. You can cross the wooden bridge or pump through the gap or even fly over the platform. Or, you can choose to walk through it, with your bike, of course. The game

has 3 groups, boys, girls and costume. You can be your favorite character, or you can be the crowds' favorite or disgusting roles and be impressive and satisfied yourself in the applause. You can see the Monkey King from Chinese myth speeding up on the bike from your left, while the fake Wonder Woman flies over the



3M platform from your right. Yes, SUPER 8 is the biggest MTB carnival indeed. All the MTB bikers in Taiwan gather in Mt. Dadu, trying to adjust their bike (or costume) to be the best present. Everyone pursuing a different purpose, the best photo, the better score, the applause (or laughter) from people, being remembered (on social media), or just have FUN,

I tell you what, **IT FEELS BLOODY GREAT TO BE HERE!**





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Mokokehung Mountain Bike Festival





The race was organised by the Trail Hounds Cycling Club, the first cycling club in Mokokchung whose vision is put Nagaland in the Mountain Biking Map of India and beyond.

Through these events the club hopes to popularise cycling as a sport and as a lifestyle which would bring in social and economic development because cycling is a tourism catalyst.

The club believes that Nagaland is a place where mountain biking will flourish because of its epic mountain terranes with natural beauty and the warm and hospitable nature of the locals.

Mountain Biking being very new to Nagaland, It was one of a kind event in where the local riders and spectators saw professional cyclists sending in jaw dropping Performances. Such exposure will definitely go a long way to inspire a



generation to take up cycling professionally.

The second edition of the Mokokchung Mountain Bike Festival was held successfully with people coming from all walks of life to witness the one of a kind event in Mokokchung.

The event saw participants coming from the UK, Nepal, Maharashtra, Sikkim, Himachal, Meghalaya, Arunachal, Manipur, Assam & home state Nagaland.

The event was endorsed by the Tourism Department Government of Nagaland with Marin Bikes California as the title sponsor, Summit Components UK as the supporting sponsor, Pedalroads Cycling as the start line support sponsor, Krank Hub, Pitstop and Soyim Printers as the Local Sponsors and mtbmagasia, Freerider magazine as the media partner.

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MMBF 2.0 - Results

A. Mokokchung Cross Country

1. Himal Tamata Nepal
2. Okesh Bajracharya Nepal
3. Deepak Nepal
4. Tendon Michael Terang Assam
5. Dipankar Assam

U-17 Local Category

1. Akumdong Longchar Dimapur
2. Pontiang Dimapur
3. Jongshir Mar Mokokchung

Only Lady Participant

Merensangla Longkumer Nagaland

B. Mokokchung Xtreme_DH

1. Prachit Thapa Magar Nepal
2. Suman Tmg Nepal
3. Gautam Taode Maharashtra
4. Raj Kaushal Himachal
5. Apshai Meghalaya

Best Crash - Kelvin Manipur

Local Category

1. Kaolim Hanso
2. Kevilebo Lzotso
3. Seyieo Sekhose
4. Tzudiyong Jamir
5. Imolangba Ozukum

Only Lady Participant

Anissa Lamare Meghalaya



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