



Name: Alberto Solanno

Height: 6'0"

December Weight: 195 lbs.

Race Weight: 180-185 lbs.

Birthdate, Location: San Jose, Costa Rica

Childhood Heroes: "Juan de Dios Castillo, a local cyclist who won the Tour de Costa Rica when I was a kid. And my local soccer team."

Hobbies and Interests: "Learning bicycle mechanics, mountain biking with my dog, hiking, recreational motorcycle riding, and large-scale remote control cars."

Favorite Movies: "*Face Off* and *Kill Bill*."

Musical Tastes: "All music."

Favorite TV Shows: "*Keeping Up Appearances*, *Absolutely Fabulous*, *As Time Goes By*, and *Dirty Jobs*."

Favorite Meal: “Seafood with rice.”

Favorite Breakfast Cereal: “I do not like cereal in general.”

Favorite Pre-Race Meal: “Buttered bagel with coffee.” (*EE note: not anymore*)

Favorite Ice Cream Flavor: “Dulce de Leche.”

Childhood Dream: “To get away from my family.”

First Car: “1989 Mercury Cougar.”

First Job: “Taxi Driver in Costa Rica. I was sixteen years old!”

Favorite Vacation Spot: “The Czech Republic.”

Pre-Race Feeling: “Can you please stop counting and let us go?”

Early Racing Memory: “I did my first Beginner Cross-Country race on a 40-pound bike.”

Funny Racing Memory: “I didn’t make it up the first hill and had to DNF.”

Greatest Racing Moment: “Yet to come...”

Most Painful Moment in Life: “Losing my father to cancer when I was thirteen years old.”

Worst Injury from Racing: “Not applicable.”

Closest Racing Friends: “Joe Baldacci, Team Campmor.”

Funniest Racer: “Tim ‘Haitzy’ Haitz.”

Favorite Race: “All of them.”

Embarrassing Racing Memory: “In one of my Beginner races, at the start when I took off, the tip of my seat pulled down my shorts. My behind was exposed for all to see. I was very embarrassed.”

Toughest Competitors: “Mike Montalbano.”

Favorite Athletes to Watch: “Alberto Contador, Kenneth Lundgren, Harlan Price, Tim Haitz.”

Qualities You Most Admire in People: “Not quitting.”

What You Love Most About Riding Your Bicycle: “When I’m head-to-head with a geared bike.” (Alberto is Expert Single-Speed racer...)

PALMARES

2007

2nd Overall H2H Series, Expert Single-Speed Category

3rd Tymor Park

3rd Ringwood Classic

7th Lewis Morris Challenge

7th Chain Stretcher

8th Wawayanda Spring Cleaning

9th Dark Horse Gallop

10th Bulldog Romp

14th Stewart Challenge

2006

2nd ROTD

4th Overall H2H Series, Sport Category

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