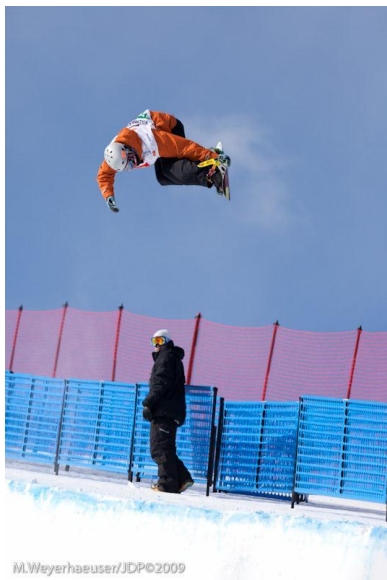


Since narrowly missing Olympic qualification at the 2006 Winter Olympic Games my goal has been to qualify for the 2010 Games.

I have been snowboarding since I was nine years old and have always enjoyed different sports, participated in athletics, football and martial arts before finally deciding that I would pursue a career as professional snowboarder. My second love is golf, and whenever I am at home spend hours on the golf course trying to reduce my handicap.



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Snowboarding is a relative new sport and I am proud to have been part of the GB Halfpipe snowboarding team since the early stages of development, representing Scotland. I have now been part of the GB Snowboard Half Pipe World Cup team for over 4 years and hold a Gold Olympic Passport. The 2010 Winter Olympic Games rapidly approaches and all my training is now geared towards qualification.

Last year was very productive with some good World Cup results and my goal to be inside the world top 50 was attained, finishing in 22nd on the World Cup ranking. I have been working with the Highland Institute of Sport over the last few years and just recently moved to the Scottish Institute of Sport. The strength and conditioning programme the Institute developed for me with the RGU has been invaluable and has been a big factor in my increased performance. They have also provided me with Physio which has helped me recover from injury and sport psych.

It was important that I positioned myself well in the World Cup Rankings at the end of last season to make sure I had a chance of Olympic qualification. The last 3 Competitions went well, finishing 16th at the Canadian WC in Stoneham, 20th at the Spanish World Cup in La Molina and finally having my best result ever finishing 9th at the World Cup Championships in Valmalenco, Italy.

Since the last World Cup competition I have also become the British Halfpipe Champions which as always been one of my goals

I am currently 22nd in the World Cup Rankings will 3 World Cups left to go before Olympic Qualification is decided. I will be heading out to New Zealand in August for the first of these. My confidence is high and a reasonable result will secure my place at the 2010 Winter Olympic Games

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