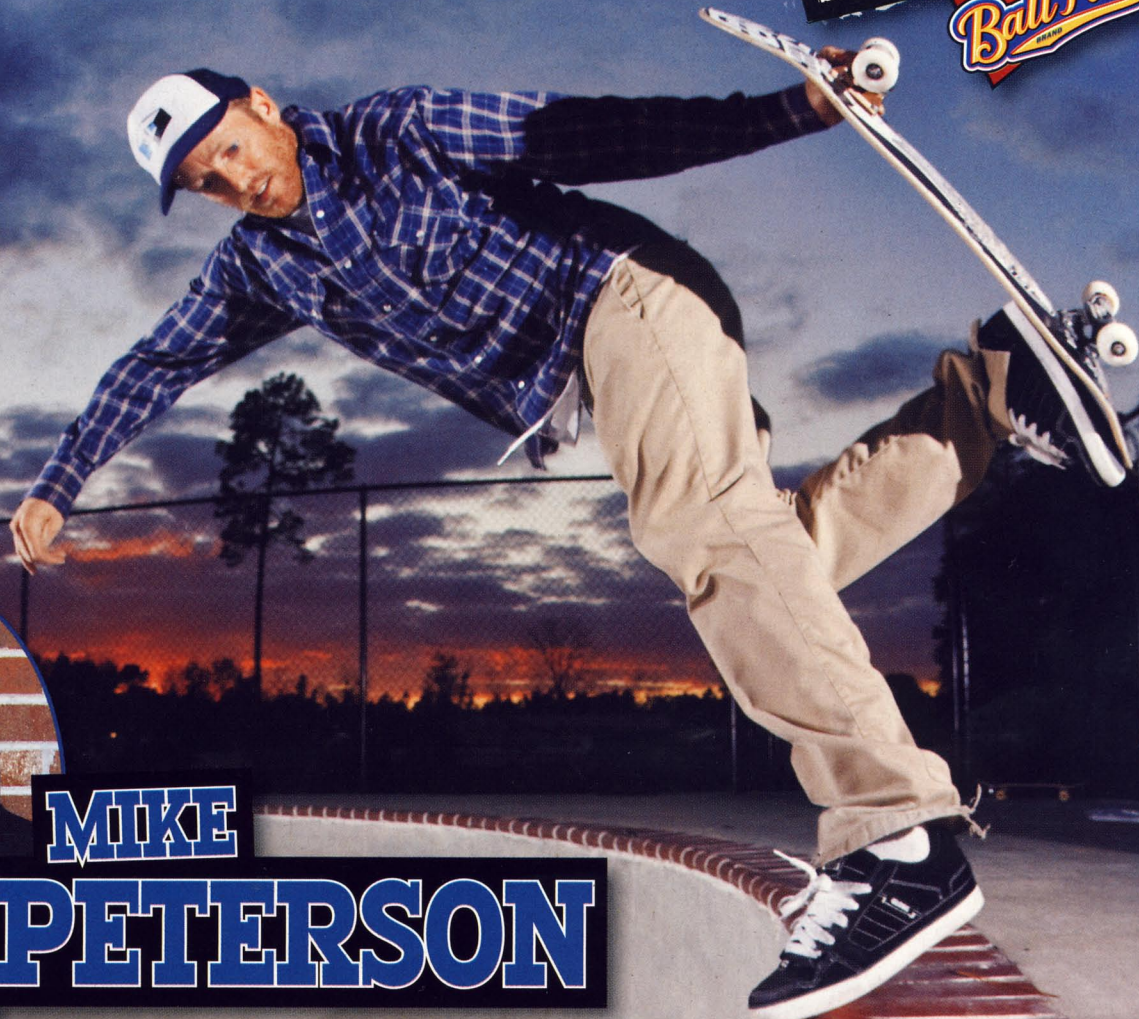


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MIKE PETERSON

Hometown: Jacksonville, Florida
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What's the best thing about riding for Consolidated, and how long have you ridden for them? I've been with Consolidated for about four years now. It's the most awesome company because they let you do whatever you want to do. They make being a skateboarder easy. They're like family to me.

What's a typical day in the life of Mike Peterson look like? I wake up around seven with my daughter Hannah, take her to school, and then usually go skate. I typically go skate the parks close to my house. My wife Sarah is a schoolteacher. She takes care of Hannah in the evenings and then I go out and get sessions in at night.

Who has been the most influential person during your skateboarding career? Buck Smith has always been the dude I looked up to. He was the man when we were growing up. I try

to skate with him as much as I can, but I usually skate with Kyle Berard the most. Those two dudes are high on my list.

What have you been working on recently? I just got back from a trip to North Carolina. I'm filming for a video called *You Gotta Get That*—it's an East Coast video with myself, Berard, Gilbert Crockett, Dan Murphy, Bobby Worrest, and a bunch of dudes from North Carolina. It's gonna be really awesome. It's made like a homey video, but it's got some of the best pros in it. I think everyone will be psyched on it. A twelve-year-old kid would like it the same as a 35-year-old.

What's the scariest thing you've ever done on a skateboard? Buck Smith and I did double back bonelesses on the tombstone at the deep end of the bowl at Kona one time. It's way over vert. I thought we were gonna collide before we went up 'cause we were crossing paths. It was super scary but awesome when we did it.

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