

**Sketch\***



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East Coast Powerhouse

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Sketch is one of the most underrated skateboarders on the planet. He is pretty quiet and keeps to himself until he gets to know you, and then you get to know the real Sketch. The completely belligerent maniac that parties as hard as he skates, and that's probably why you don't know who he is yet! Most people ask "Why the hell do they call him Sketch, he's not Sketchy?" I think he was titled Sketch more for the instances of insanity you witness while skating with him. He lands everything! A lot of which shouldn't have gotten landed. He also skates everything, including a lot of sketchy spots that shouldn't have gotten skated! I mean retarded sketchy rails you never thought could be skated. Or he will pull a blunt in a pool with a 1 foot tranny and 7 foot of vert! He kills everything; transition, handrails, ledges, bottles of vladdy, he kills it all! So keep your peepers on Sketch and look for his pro model sooner than later because he has more talent than half the pro circuit today! - Jason Chapman owner Frequency Skateboards

It's tough to describe Sketch, I mean he's super talented and definitely crazy! He can get a months worth of amazing footy in a day. Half of the time I wonder what rock he crawled out from under, but don't judge a book by its cover, even if it is a cruddy dirty cover. Look out for Sketch he rips! - Dan Corrigan Heater Skateboards Rider

When it comes to Sketch I get speedwobbles just thinking about his name! What else can you say about him other than he's one of the rawest, most talented, most brain dead people I have ever skated with! He's fueled by alcohol, cigarettes, double cheeseburgers, and green leaves! He is awesome! - Powell Professional Rodney Jones

# "I have no positive messages!"

**SKETCH DAVID ROSE** EAST COAST POWERHOUSE

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**Lets start with the fundamentals. How old are you and who are your sponsors?**

I am 23 years old and I am sponsored by Charmcity Skatepark/shop, Armored Division Wheels, Billabong Clothing and Frequency Skateboards.

**Where are you from?**

I am originally from Virginia Beach but I have lived in Wilmington, North Caca Laca and I had a place in Philly for a bit.

**You lived in Philly with Andrew Caughen didn't you? That dude has been rocking girl pants since 1980! I think KREW should pay him copyright for infringing on his style!**

Andrew has been wearing that shit since day one! After Philly I moved back to Virginia Beach and then to Baltimore.

**How was the scene in Virginia Beach? There are a lot of rippers coming up down there.**

The scene at the beach is all right. There's a few spots and the people are down with the cause! Jewtang, Neal Wood, Chaplin, Tufty, Booker, Shawn, Kyle Berard, Holtzcam, the Caple bros, and Haymes are the people I try to skate with when I visit Virginia Beach.

**You have settled in Baltimore. Any particular reason?**

Yeah, Baltimore has been good to me. It's the dirtiest little city but it has a lot of fun spots to skate. It is also home to my lovely girlfriend.

**Don't you hang out with Bucky Laak's dad all the time?**

Yeah, Herman is cool as shit and down with skating! He is always ready to drink da beers.

**What is your favorite spot?**

There are too many to mention! Portsmouth rail was prime pickings when I was living at the beach. Now, just cruising around downtown skating everything in sight.

**I noticed that you are Apple's latest victim as evidenced by you wearing your headphones 24/7. What's in your iPod?**

Well, I've been jamming to some Mars Volta, Bowie, Slayer, the Violent Femmes, Bauhaus, Skynard, Assassinate Caesar and Placebo.

**Any hip-hop?**

Hell no!

**What is your favorite band?**

Bauhaus! And I don't care what anyone thinks!

**Does music influence your skateboarding?**

Hell yeah, it puts me in the zone! It pumps me up.

**What drives your skating? Is it progression?**

I dont know man, anyone around me that is killing shit. That drives me to want to skate harder. Everyone is nuts these days! Danny Way jumping the wall, he is the king of progress. That shit stokes me!

**I noticed you can skate both ways at almost the same level. Does it really feel that different?**

No, it doesn't really feel that different.

**So you don't have a stance? No tricks are easier one way than they are the other?**

I can do some trickies better switch than regs and the other way around. And I am goofy foot, son! For example, switch flips and switch tres are easier than regs. I don't know why, I've been skating for about 15 years or so and I think sometimes it feels a little different and sometimes it doesn't, it's just always been like that.

**All right. I have seen you nollie crook a 10-stair rail and nosepick a four foot subbox on stairramp. It seems to me that you're just as good on street as you are transition. Do you have a favorite?**

Lately it's been tranny because I can go from one wall right to the other, just trick after trick and it saves me from pushing around a parking lot. I like to flow! But as long as I'm on my skateboard somewhere I'm stoked. Basically, I love all types of skateboarding!

**So that would include contests; correct?**

No, definitely not!

**But you win every contest I have seen you enter; probably the last 10 or so. You won the Texas Death Match with a backside takeoff up the escalator over that fat's head. You win contests and you're not into it at all?**

I'm very lucky, I guess. I don't know, contests suck way too much. But I didn't even know that someone was underneath of me, that's crazy! I really just like to skate with a few of my friends or have a nice session at the barn ramp. I'm not into all the crowds and the hype at big contests.

**What's your most memorable session?**

Any and every session I have with anyone! It's so hard to pick just one. Maybe any session with Lemondrops (Justin Lennon) at the barn ramp because that dude is crazy!

Background Photo by Chris Montague

**SKETCH SWITCH BACKSIDE 50/50 - Sequence by Josh Holtz**



We shot two photos this day. One of the nosepick featured on the right and a nollieflip into the bank that Sketch landed with all four wheels on the bank and rode away like the bottom of the bank was really there. Unfortunately the nollieflip was too high and the photo just didn't look as nice as this classic nosepick!



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**Any influences growing up?**

Yeah, my cousin Pat because he got me into this drug called skateboarding. We used to skate at Trashmore a long time ago. Also, anyone I used to skate with back in the day.

**In your part in Interstate #4 you opened it with "I have no positive messages." I think that's one of the best video quotes yet. Any particular reason why you don't have any?**

Positive message? None here. There was no reason for not being positive. I guess I'm not a very positive kind of guy.

**You had a leg injury a few years ago that almost killed you. What happened?**

I thought I had a spider bite, but it turned out to be an expanded blood vessel that got to be as big as a baseball.

**Did you go to the hospital?**

I was in the hospital for a month and then I couldn't skate or walk for 3 months.

**Wow, four months without skating is a long time. How could you stand it?**

I couldn't. I would skate with crutches. I was going out of my mind.

**How was recovery?**

The first couple of months back on my board I would skate at my friend Cremo's house. He had a two foot mini ramp in his den. I spent a lot of time on that mini, just getting my legs back. Recovery was a bitch, but here I am.

**Any regrets?**

The only regret I have is smoking cigs. I need to quit.

**Any plans for the future?**

The only plans I got are to stay alive, work and to skate as much as I can until I can't walk.

**Any shout outs? Thanks yous?**

Andrew at Billabong, Tony at Armored Division, Jay nugs at Frequency, Holtzcam, Bo, Preston, Rodneck, Bauhaus, Lennon for just being a nut, Heather for being my girlfriend, my parents for birthing this fine young man I've become today and everyone else that I know for helping me and skating with me.

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In about two seconds number fifteen stands up and his head is directly in the middle of Sketch's trucks. So technically this is a backtail-cranium slide that Sketch made flawlessly and first try. Sketch wasn't even aware that the kid was there. Check the new Charmcity video for the footage!



**SKETCH BACKSIDE OVERCROOK - Sequence by Josh Holtz**