

## **Jimmy Soliz - Thousand Oaks, California**

Jimmy was racing motocross at the pro level when at age 21, he crashed off a jump during a race and sustained a spinal cord injury. Five years ago, he was approached in therapy and given an application to Adaptive Sports Association (ASA) in Durango, Colorado, to participate in a learn-to-ski program. After that experience, he wanted to become more competitive in the sport. His friend Kevin Mather, who was part of a development program in Aspen at the time, invited Jimmy to stay with him to learn how to race. He went on to train with the team in Aspen for two seasons, and moved to Winter Park this year to train with the NSCD. Jimmy earned his first career podiums in January at WPAS races in Winter Park and Park City, Utah (GS bronze, super-G bronze, slalom silver), and his goal for the rest of the season is to earn his first win. Jimmy is a multi-time motocross race winner, having raced since age 3 when he got his first motorcycle. He even won the 7-year-old BMX National Championships title! Off the mountain, he enjoys playing nine-ball pool tournaments and watching motocross competitions.