## PLAYBOOK X GAMES





## WHEN I KNEW ... I COULD WHIP THE BOYS

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## VICKI GOLDEN

Motocross racer and X Games gold medalist

CRED CHECK In June, Golden became the first female to join Metal Mulisha and the first female to get an invitation to compete in the men's Moto X Best Whip at X Games Los Angeles. MY MOMENT: I remember it was about two years ago, when I was 18, and I made my first Arenacross main event in the Lites class: No woman had ever made it that far. I remember sitting on the starting line with all of those guys thinking, I'm one of the lightest riders here, I know how to start and I've got one of the fastest bikes: Why am I not just putting myself at the top? And then suddenly I had the confidence to go bust it out. I had the best start of my Arenacross career and ended up with the holeshot. I was like a deer in the headlights for the rest of the race, though. On every run through the whoops, I was just trying to hold on and not crash—just make it happen. Four guys passed me, but I qualified fifth into the main event. It was the biggest thing. So big I wasn't even sure I made it. I looked at my mechanic and was like, "Is that it?" And all he said was, "Yeah, that was it." —AS TOLD TO DEVON O'NEIL

