

Quick Dan Facts:

Daniel George Thiessen

Born: August 28, 1983

Hometown: Waldheim, SK

Years at NBC: 2002-2004

Hobbies: Watching football and hockey, cooking, & going for drives/walks with my wife

Married: Yup

Quick Mandy Facts:

R: Well Dan, first of all, thanks for inviting me over to watch the Riders game as we take on the Argonauts *ahem* I mean for letting me interview you today.... But perhaps we should start with the really important question, it's half-time and Saskatchewan is trailing the Argos 12-7. What is your prediction for the outcome of the game?

D: Saskatchewan wins 35 – 25. I'll never go against my team!

R: While we're in the sports realm, what are your favorite NHL teams?

D: TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS! GO LEAFS GO! (Mr. Fehr will like that...)

M: I don't really have one. Probably Calgary or Edmonton... whoever is doing better.

D: Boo, you should cheer for my team and support me.

M: Meh...

R: Dan, I know you were married recently. Tell me how you met your lovely wife.

D: I met Mandy at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Saskatoon at the College and Career group. Holly Flett (Joel's [NBC: 2002] sister) introduced us. I came up to her table and introduced myself. My first impression of Mandy was that she was quiet, shy, and breathtaking. I thought this may be my chance to pursue a relationship with this girl. I couldn't believe how pretty and shy she was. I was loud and outgoing, while she was quiet and wanted to be by herself. It was difficult, but I was persistent! She's starting to get more outgoing now, though.

R: Are you, in turn, finding you're become more quiet?

D: No, I don't think so. I'm still the same old Dan that I was at NBC.

R: What do you find God's been teaching you through marriage?

D: For me, I find marriage takes a lot more patience than I'm used to. Also, I'm finding that a lot of change is necessary, but change for the good. We're still getting used to the marriage thing. We're only a couple months in and there's so much to learn! It's been a great few months thus far.

Mandy Andris Thiessen (née: Hildebrandt)

Born: January 3, 1988

Hometown: Nipawin, SK

Hobbies: Reading, bike rides, long walks by the river, taking the scenic route, and board games

Married: June 25, 2011, Circle Drive Alliance Church, Saskatoon

R: Where do you both work?

D: I've been working at the Saskatoon Co-op on 51st Street for almost two years now. I work as a gas bar clerk, and I get to take people's money! I'm hoping to continue working there, and become a supervisor.

M: I work at WESCO Distribution Centers Incorporated where I'm a customer service representative. I answer the phones, and do paperwork and computer work.

R: So you pretty much run the show?

M: Ha ha, I guess you could say that.

R: I know that you've both moved to Martensville recently, how is choosing a church going? Where do you feel God is leading you? How do you expect to be involved?

D: We're looking for a church with young married couples that we can get to know. We're looking pretty much wherever... wherever it feels like the right place is. Another aspect that we both appreciate is the music and worship at the church. We'd like to get involved in small groups as well, and be in a church where we feel valued. We feel that being newly married, we have the opportunity to start anew, and find a church where we can serve and that we can be in community with. We'd be interested in volunteering, doing PowerPoint / MediaShout, and kids and youth programs, we'll have to see where God leads.

R: What have you learned at NBC that has best served you in life thus far?

D: I made a lot of good friends at NBC, and I wouldn't want to be without my friends. So many of them are so close, and they're able to challenge me and encourage me. God put these people in my life for a specific reason, and they remind me that I need to be an encouragement to my other friends. It's amazing to see how God can do so much work through other people!

I am so thankful to NBC for everything that they've done for me. I had a really good two years there and learned a lot about my self-worth. I came to NBC because I needed to find something. Finding out how God values me, as well as making all these awesome friends made for time very well spent!

I think NBC is where people realize stuff about themselves. They see that God made them for a specific purpose, and gave them special characteristics for that purpose. God also challenged me in many different ways and I'm never going to give up on Him! Great school, great people, and great atmosphere!

R: Well Dan, I see that halftime is now over, and I believe that's a perfect time to complete our interview. Thank you for being so open and honest about your life and your time at NBC. I echo everything that you've said about the school. Thanks a lot for your time, I appreciate it.

[Touchdown Riders... we take the lead 14-12!!]

D: Go Riders Go!

[FYI: Saskatchewan goes on to win 30 – 20, not too far off Dan's prediction!]