

Sports Spotlight

Motocross: More than Just a Sport to Him

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For Southern Valley Sophomore, Callum Wright, motocross is more than just a sport. From the moment he swings his leg over his dirtbike, he feels the thrill of the engine beneath him and the whoosh of the wind on the backroads. High speeds, tall jumps, and tight turns aren't just challenges; they're opportunities to push himself both on and off the track.

However, racing is not for the faint of heart. High-speed crashes, broken bones, and broken bikes are all a part of the sport. Yet, those who dare to take the risk understand the reward of riding with peers, along with the memories made on and off the track. Although Callum Wright has broken his collarbone and crashed his bike while riding, he remains an avid dirt bike rider, stating, "I love the adrenaline and enjoyment I get from riding." The rush of clearing a big jump, beating an opponent, and the satisfaction of crossing the finish line make all the breaks and bruises worth it.

Callum got his start thanks to his older brother, SV alumni Caleb Wright. Watching his older brother ride ignited a passion for the sport in Callum at a young age. Caleb not only introduced Callum to the sport, but also guided him on how to handle his bike, navigate jumps, and keep control at high speeds.

With his brother's encouragement and guidance, Callum was quickly able to show off his skill and abilities, setting out to blaze his own trail in the motocross community.

Motocross may be an individual sport, but for Callum, the community built around it is just as important. Fellow riders and their families act as mentors, friends, and supporters, helping with bike maintenance, offering advice on different techniques, or lending a hand after a crash. "They've taught me a lot about technique and what to do for bike preparation," Callum notes.

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When Callum isn't racing locally, he takes his skills to Colorado to the Rocky Mountain Enduro Circuit. Racing in Colorado gives him a chance to face new tracks and tackle challenging terrain. Every race is a test of focus, technique, and endurance.

School, sports, and weather don't always allow for daily rides, but when Callum hits the track, he makes every moment count. Each



Callum takes a break from the track to observe his friends on the track

jump, each race, and each lap is a chance to challenge himself and experience the thrill that keeps him coming back.

For Callum Wright, motocross isn't just about speed or competition; it's about adrenaline, enjoyment, and growth. The crashes, bruises, and setbacks are all part of the journey, but so are the friendships, memories, and lessons learned along the way. On the dirt track, whether at home or racing through Colorado, with the roar of the engine in his ears, Callum has found a place where he truly feels at home.

