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Garrett Bachand, 17, Salida, races his dirt bike Saturday in Farmington, N.M. Bachand took fifth place Saturday and third place Sunday.

Bachand places despite early crash

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Despite crashing into a piñon tree while going 45 mph on his dirt bike, Garrett Bachand, 17, Salida, continued his race Saturday to finish fifth in the B Division 250 in Farmington, N.M.

He crashed during the first lap of the first race of the weekend.

Before allowing him to continue racing, paramedics performed a concussion test.

Darren Bachand, Garrett's dad, said Garrett had a mild concussion, but because the race counted for two different race circuits, Garrett was determined to place.

"I was pretty proud of him,"

his dad said.

The Saturday race counted for both round 4 of the Rocky Mountain Enduro Circuit and round 1 of the Webe Racing Hare Scrambles series.

The next day Bachand competed in another 2-hour race for round 2 of Webe.

In day 2 of the series Bachand finished third in the B 250 and fourth overall in the B division.

His next race, round 2 of Colorado Off-Road Championships, is Sunday in Fountain.

In his three circuits, Bachand is second overall in the Rocky Mountain Enduro, third overall in the Colorado Off-Road and fourth in the Webe.



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