

Garrett Bachand gains following, 10 sponsors

by Anthony Himes
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Many accomplished high school athletes get trophies, their names in the news and looks from college scouts. But for Salida senior Garrett Bachand, his success on his KX 250 F dirt bike has gained him a big following and 10 sponsors to help him get better.

Bachand races for three different dirt bike racing series: the Rocky Mountain Enduro Circuit, the Colorado Off-Road Championship Series and the Webe Harescrambles Series.

Bachand stands on top of the standings in both the RMEC series and CORPS series and fourth place in the WHS series.

"I'm just liking the ride," Bachand said. "I'm better at more of the tight singles tracks and less of the wide open tracks."

In his last three races, Bachand finished first in the B 250 class and second in the B class overall at the RMEC Snowshoe enduro Aug. 4 in Grand Junction; first in 250 and second overall B class in the Webe Harescrambles Trinidad race Aug. 18 in Trinidad; and sixth place B 250 class and fifth place B 250 class Sept. 7 and 8 at the Webe Harescrambles Series in Monte Vista.

All the series include several classes: the Pro Class, A Class, B Class, C Class and mini riders. Bachand races in the B 250 class.

Bachand finds time to practice at least twice a week. He said he tries to find someone to go riding with and practices the little things, such as hand and feet placement.

Racing in three series and going to school, Bachand still finds the time to balance everything.

"For senior year I don't have too many classes," he said. "I just throw my bike in the



Courtesy photo

Garrett Bachand races during the Webe Harescrambles Series Sept. 8 in Monte Vista. Bachand finished fifth in the 250 B class race.

back of the truck and go out afterwards."

Bachand's 10 sponsors help with almost all the financials that go into racing.

"They save us a lot money," Bachand said. "Racing is a lot of money. Traveling, gas, all of the parts I break when I fall or wreck. They're there when I need new gear, hand-grips and other stuff. New tires are a big deal because I go through those like crazy."

Bachand's next event is Sept. 28 and 29 in the co-sanctioned Webe and RMEC in Espanola, N.M. If he finishes in the top 13 in Saturday's RMEC event, he will clinch first in the standings and won't have to travel to Texas for extra races. The Webe event Sept. 29 is the one Bachand said he wants to do better in, hoping to finish in the top three at season's end.

"I plan on riding with a friend to practice and then get race ready either Thursday or Friday. I'll load up and drink a lot of water because it will probably be hot down there."

People can follow Bachand's journey and race results at his racing website, garrettbachand.com.

Huskies bite Lady Spartans Tuesday

by Brian McCabe
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The Lady Spartans volleyball team took their match against Florence High School to four games in a best-of-five-games contest, but ended up falling to the Huskies Tuesday in Florence.

"We won the third game 25-20 and lost the fourth game 25-21," said head coach Kristi Spanier. "We played hard. The first two games were a bit further apart, however — 25-16, 25-17, something like that."

ty and C teams, made up of younger players, both won their matches, with the JV winning two of their three games and the C team beating Florence in both of their games.

Freshman Abby Ceglowski really stepped up her game this week, Spanier said, as did senior McKenzie Everett, who played very well.

The Lady Spartans will take to their home court Friday when the varsity team faces off against the Fountain Valley Danes from Colorado Springs at 6:30 p.m.

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