

Double dose of gold for motocross youth

Connor caps stellar season with pair of national titles

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To say Connor Stevenson led the pack would be putting it mildly.

To say he left his competition in the proverbial dust might not even sufficiently characterize how the just-turned nine-year-old Campbellville racer reigned supreme at the Maguire's Motocross Racing Series (MMRS) National Championships.

With the added incentive of being in his last year of the 50cc seven-and-eight-year-old ranks, Connor not only prevailed in that division, but was also golden in the 65cc six-to-nine-year-old class.

Dominated might be a more accurate description, as he won all four mottos

(two in each class) by a more-than-convincing margin — an average of 20 seconds a lap in the 65cc and close to half-a-minute overall in the 50cc.

"It's pretty cool to win two national championships. We worked so hard at this all spring and summer, so it's a great feeling," said Connor, who unlike during his winter/spring indoor season — when training time was severely curbed due to his commitment with the OMHA final novice AA Winterhawks — was able to focus solely on his motocross development this summer.

"This was my last year in the 50cc, so I'm pumped that I could end with a national win. I can't wait for next year to go after another Canadian title and see if I can challenge for one in the U.S. as well."

Along with the extra confidence that came from having another year of racing under his belt, Connor feels he made noticeable strides in some of the fundamentals of his sport.

He said, "I really felt that I improved in my corners and my body positioning on the bike. This is where you get all your speed. Jumping over 80 feet on big double jumps also helped a lot because a lot of my competition isn't doing that yet. I was just a lot more confident in my riding."

That was certainly evident at the MMRS nationals, where Connor earned the 65cc Holeshot Award, and even tried his hand at the 85cc level — finishing ninth among the seven-to-11-year-olds.

That followed a strong showing at the CMRC Walton Grand National Championships, where he highlighted the weekend with a second-place finish in the 50cc seven-and-eight-year-old division.

He took fourth in the 65cc among seven-to-nine-year-olds and placed 21st in the 85cc.

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Connor Stevenson proudly displays the hardware he recently secured in national motocross competition.
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