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TODAY:
CLOUDY

HIGH OF 15
LOW OF 6



TUESDAY:
MIX OF SUN
AND CLOUD

HIGH OF 14
LOW OF 2



WEDNESDAY:
SUNNY

HIGH OF 21
LOW OF 6



THURSDAY:
MIX OF SUN
AND CLOUD

HIGH OF 21
LOW OF 11



FRIDAY:
MIX OF SUN
AND CLOUD

HIGH OF 20
LOW OF 10

Enduro racing is in David Mierzwinski's blood



THE SCOOP MABLE HASTINGS

Twenty-four-year-old Mansonville native David Mierzwinski has been participating in motocross racing for many years and recently celebrated some amazing achievements in the sport. While he enjoys his "day job," the wild side of extreme enduro racing flows through Mierzwinski's blood and the excitement is palpating. Motocross enthusiasts will understand this while the rest of us may view the sport and find ourselves burying our heads in fear as the roar of dirt bikes signal the start to an unpredictable adrenaline rush as a race commences.

On Sept. 4-5 Mierzwinski participated in the "Battle of the Prospector" event which is an extremely hard enduro race that took place in Murdochville, Quebec. A two-day event found the conditions on the first day held in the mountains to be rainy with a total race time of 2.5 hours. Mierzwinski managed to pull



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out of the first day with a first-place finish in the intermediate class. The second day was a bit warmer taking place on an entirely new track on a different mountain with a 3-hour race time.

"I finished the second day with a first-place finish," shared Mierzwinski. "Finishing 1st overall in intermediate class for the two-day competition felt great," he added.

On Sept. 25-26 Mierzwinski was at yet another race held this time in Gooderham, Ontario called, "The Corduroy Enduro," also known as "Canada's toughest race". Another two-day event totalling 264km of racing in about thirteen hours. Mierzwinski excelled yet again taking 1st place in the expert class on the Saturday and 1st place in the expert class on the Sunday; finishing 1st overall in the expert class over the two days!

"This was an extremely gratifying result," shared Mierzwinski. "I give credit to my amazing girlfriend, Megan Stone who not only puts up with this craziness but has also been a Star pit crew member."

After doing a total of twelve races this season all across Quebec

and Ontario Mierzwinski extends his gratitude to his sponsors that include: Duroy Motosports, Beta Canada, Bell Helmets, DP Brakes and Evo Suspension.

"I would never have been able to pursue my passion was it not for the support of my parents, Eddy Mierzwinski and Renata Frankiewicz," he said.

Mierzwinski also races in the FMSQ Cross-Country circuit where he is ranked 6th place in the intermediate class for the 2021 championship. He has remained in the top 10 in every race.

When looking to the future Mierzwinski is hopeful.

"I really hope my future in racing will bring me many podiums and maybe a championship also," he said while smiling.

We may not understand it but I know few who do not witness a motocross race and walk away shaking their heads in awe. Athletes like David Mierzwinski ride these bikes like a rodeo rider might a steer. One need not question the passion but merely marvel at the ability.



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