

MAYBURY TO COMPETE AT PRESTIGIOUS MEET

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HURRICANE MILLS -- Buffalo Valley's **Walker Maybury** just made his dream come true. The 17-year-old dirt bike racer has qualified for the largest amateur motocross race in the world, the 31st Annual AMA Amateur National Motocross Championships at Loretta Lynn's Ranch. Maybury took on more than 20,000 hopefuls from across America to earn one of just 1,386 qualifying positions.



(Pictured: Walker Maybury competes at a recent motocross event. Maybury qualified for the AMA Amateur National Motocross Championship at Loretta Lynn's Ranch).

"The Amateur Nationals at Loretta Lynn's is the event every motocross racer in the country wants to compete in," said event director Tim Cotter. "A win at the Amateur Nationals gives a rider instant national notoriety and can serve as a springboard to a lucrative professional motocross career."

Most of America's top professional motocrossers, including James Stewart, Ricky Carmichael, Travis Pastrana and Jeremy McGrath, have won AMA Amateur National Championships at Loretta Lynn's. The race is so prestigious that in previous years, teenage stars Dean Wilson, from California, and Eli Tomac, from Colorado, were awarded premier professional contracts for the 2010 season.

Maybury started riding when he was just 6 years old. With the help of sponsors such as Mid-State Motorsports, Oneal Motocross, Cycra, Pirelli, Twin Air, Matrix, Leatt Brace and Gaerne Maybury has had the opportunity to pursue his dreams. He has placed in over 40 races in the last 3 years and competes nearly every weekend at Meadow Creek MX Track in Crossville, Fast Farms MX Track in Altamont, and Christiana MX Track in Christiana.

Maybury will attend the competition with **his parents Larry and Sherry Maybury and aunt and uncle Sue and Dennis Taylor** for the week long competition. The race runs

Sunday through next Saturday.

Maybury is just one of the over 20,000 riders who spent the last four months qualifying for the event. The top finishers in area and regional qualifiers earn a berth into the national championship race at Loretta Lynn's.

The track is built on a section of Loretta Lynn's Ranch and Campground in Hurricane Mills. The course contains a variety of jumps, corners and other obstacles designed to test the skills and stamina of the racers.

Most riders attend the event with the help of their families. In fact, many groups consider the event their family's summer vacation. Besides races, the ranch provides family-friendly facilities including a game room, swimming pools, arts and crafts activities as well as a fashion and talent show.

About the AMA Amateur National Motocross Championships

Produced by MX Sports, Inc., the AMA National Motocross Championships is the world's largest amateur motocross race. Hosted annually since 1982 at the home of country music star Loretta Lynn in Hurricane Mills, Tenn., the event is the premier amateur motocross race in the world. Approximately 25,000 racers attempt to qualify in 33 classes for the 1,386 available gates at the finals. The National event, christened "The World's Greatest Motocross Vacation", is held the first week of August annually. As proof of the significance of winning an AMA Amateur National Championship title, most of today's top motocross and Supercross stars, including Ricky Carmichael, James Stewart, and Ryan Villopoto, won championships at Loretta Lynn's. For more information, please visit www.mxsports.com.

About MX Sports

MX Sports, Inc. is a Morgantown, West Virginia-based motocross production company. The group coordinates the AMA Amateur National Motocross Championships, which includes a national qualifying program consisting of 52 Area Qualifying races held annually from February through May and 12 Regional Championship races conducted in June at select motocross facilities across the country. Less than five percent of the Area Qualifier entries actually qualify for the national championship event, held during the first week of August at the home of country music star Loretta Lynn in Hurricane Mills, Tenn. For more information, please visit www.mxsports.com.

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