

An average of 250 youth participants invaded each round of the 2009 ITP/Moose Racing AMA-ATV Motocross Championship series. Multiply this figure by 10 and you have 2,500 youths competing for 13 national championships. Yes, the odds are high that you'll win a title but the rewards are far greater reaching. Year after year the youth movement in ATV racing continues to grow by leaps and bounds. Even with the economic climate a little cloudy at the present time, families who enjoy the sport seem to find a way to make it to the nationals so they can chase a dream. We at ATV Racin' Extra and the ATVRE Media Group kept our eye on all of the youths this season and there are some who made deep impressions on us with their skills and commitments.

DJ Bassani

No bigger than a minute, this New Jersey based, Hetrick Racing backed 50 Limited Jr. (4-6) racer has a race heart the size of the sky. After starting out the season with a not so stellar 12th place finish in the class, Bassani has won every round since then except one he missed in late March.

Faster than a speeding bullet and more powerful than a locomotive, he charges out of the gate during both motos of a national event as if he's in chase of Dustin Wimmer. Basanni will take back to Jersey the class championship, leaving Ethan Ahlm

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