



CLAY WOESTE #858

50cc National Champion!

Clay was born on Feb. 11, 1999 in Florence, Kentucky to Matt and Karen Woeste. The Woeste family will soon be making there home in Aurora, Indiana. Other members of the Woeste family are Clay's boxers: Chuck & Checkers. Clay is an honor roll student who admits he has to study to keep his grades up. His favorite subjects are gym, reading, art, and social studies. Clay looks forward to ! playing football and basketball in addition to his motocross racing.

Clay's parents bought him a bicycle at the age of 3, when his dad saw the control he had on a bike he asked Clay if he would like a motorcycle so at the age of 4 he started riding a PW50 around the yard. After riding the PW till

it fell apart they upgraded to a Polini. Clay said that after watching his dad ride around on a dirt bike and watching motocross on TV he decided he wanted to try racing so at the age of 5 he began racing.

As most are aware Clay is the **2008 Loretta Lynn National Champion** in the 50 Sr class. Clay took the win on a Cobra Sr. riding with the race # 12. Most will not know why Clay chose #12 it was the football number for Clay & Matt's best friend Greg Long who lost his life too early and is now watching over Clay as one of his guardian angels in heaven. The other guardian angel watching over Clay is Nick Howard #228.

Loretta Lynn 's is the only National title Clay has won up to this point but his goal is to add some more National titles to his trophy collection.

In 2006 Clay was the Kentucky State Series Champion on a 50cc Jr.

The road leading Clay to Loretta's was paved racing locally at his home track Podium One with fellow racer Trevor Windgassen. In order to get fast Clay says that he and Trevor just kept pushing each other.

Clay gives a lot of credit to Billy William of Suspension Plus who has not only provided training to Clay but is one of the few people that can keep him calm and focused. Billy wasn't able to be at Loretta's this year and Clay said he

had to use prayer to help him be calm and focused.

Clay qualified for Loretta's the first time in 2005 on KTM JR 50, he ended up placing 32nd overall. At that point Clay decided he wanted to do better. In 2006 Clay returned to Loretta's on the Cobra Jr and took 3rd overall. In 2007 Clay made it to Loretta's on a Cobra Sr and again got the 3rd spot podium finish to be in the record book of only 4 who have gotten podium the first year as a SR racer.

Gatorback Motocross track is Clay's favorite National track. Clay got 3rd place finish in 2006 and 7th place finish in 2007 at Mini O's.

2008 Oakhill National Clay placed 2nd. Baja Brawl 2008 1st place on the 50Sr and 3rd place on the 65. Clay was 1st alternate on the 65 for Loretta's this year since everyone else showed up to race didn't get to run it this year but is excited about trying again in 2009.

I asked Clay to give me a comparison of moving up from a 50 to the 65 in which he responded that the clutch and gears on the 65 makes it different it has more power and you are competing against older riders.

2007 Clay took part in the KTM Challenge at the RCA DOME winning 1st place winning a trip to Las Vegas unfortunately Clay had pneumonia and was feeling pretty bad he ended up looping out in the whoop section and thought he had fractured his arm. Getting to hang out with the pro guess was a memory to last a life time.

Favorite Pro Rider: James "BUBBA" Stewart Favorite free style: Travis Pastana who Clay said was great to all the kids.

Clay runs some indoor events at Earlywine and Taylor's Cowtown due to the fumes it really isn't his favorite thing to do but it is racing so he still has a good time.

Best Memories for Clay are:

Using his Karaoke skills to the challenge in a Fox sponsored event winning \$300.00 for singing "Blank 182 all the small things"

Road trip to Lake Whitney in their new toy hauler ended when they hit a patch of black ice and skidded causing the toy hauler to rollover causing the toy hauler to be a total whip out according to Clay he thinks there could still be parts of along the road side, lucky for the family angels were watching over and there were no major injuries and the bikes were found flipped and only one had small damage to some plastic.

Aneolia Pass in Georgia running in 1st crashed hard on a jump side ways and flipped his bike ended up finishing 5th place with a bent rim and swing arm.

Clay isn't blessed to have a practice track but spends almost every weekend racing. On those off weekends Clay says he isn't very happy.

After getting on the Podium in 2006 Clay was given the opportunity to ride for Cobra on the national rider program and acquired other sponsors because of this connection. At the present time Clay's sponsors are:

Cobra Factory, Thor, Allegan Motorsports, Liquid Performance, PR2, Suspension Plus, Plessinger Cycles, Two2Cool, Exotic Motorsports.

Trained by David Kilgore at Gary Semics track David is Gary's stepson. Clay remarks that the best thing about training is he learned better control using his brakes.

Clay is very modest about his racing but did say that after winning Loretta's it did boost his confidence, gave him more recognition and made more people aware of who he is. Clay's goal in life is to be the first person to make it as a pro football player and pro motocross racer at the same time. He knows it will be tough because the outdoor riding circuit and the beginning of football crossover one another but he still wants to try.

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