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## Calhoun outfielder rides dirt bike to ease stress

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Calhoun Community College outfielder Jeremy Korpi recently took advantage of rare weekend away from baseball.

Because the Warhawks had played eight games in a seven-day span, coach Mike Burns rewarded his team with a few days off.

So, what does Korpi, a 2007 West Morgan High grad, do when he's not chasing down fly balls?

"I rode my dirt bike a little," he said.

Korpi has been riding dirt bikes since he was 8, and he said that's something his college coach may not be aware of. He doesn't get crazy on his bike, though. Korpi said he likes to take an easy ride through the woods to escape the stress created by school.

"I won't hit any jumps until after baseball season is over," he said. "When summertime rolls around, I'll hit some jumps."

It's a good thing that Korpi's careful with his bike during the season. He wasn't so mindful just before his junior year at West Morgan.

"I had a pretty bad wreck, and I didn't know if I would be able to play that season," he said. "I thought my ankle was broken, but it just swelled up and hurt for a little while. That was when I thought it would be a good idea to not ride as much during the season."

Korpi is passionate about both baseball and motocross, but he didn't hesitate when asked which feat — a home run or big air — is more exciting.

"Well, I haven't hit any homers this season, so, if I do, that's more exciting," he said, adding that he hopes he can produce a little more power when Calhoun returns to action Friday at Northwest-Shoals.

Korpi, who's hitting .355 with 12 RBIs, also played golf this past weekend, but he admits he's not as good at golf as he is motocross.

"To tell the truth, I didn't even keep score," he said. "It feels good to be away from practice for a few days, so I tried to do a lot of things this weekend and just have fun."