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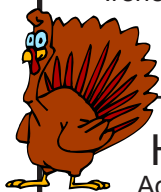
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Jugendkönig Expects Full Recovery

Good news! Carpathia's Jugendkönig, Jacob Reiter, is expected to recover fully from injuries sustained in a 4-wheeler accident on July 5. Reiter (19) had punctured both lungs, broken some ribs and his left collarbone when his 4-wheeler rolled over onto him while riding on a moto-cross track near his home in Ray Township.

"He is a very experienced rider," said Jake's mother, Jeanne. "He's been riding those things since he was a kid with his father." Reiter had been riding with his friend, Tim, on a moto-cross track built in a neighbor's back yard. Apparently, Jake came over a jump and his machine nose-dived, causing it to roll and land on top of him. Tim, who was following on his own 4-wheeler, was forced to take evasive action to avoid colliding with his downed friend as he came over the same jump.



"Tim ran over to Jake, asking him if he was alright. But, Jake could not sit up and was having trouble breathing", reported Jeanne. Tim immediately ran for help and both Jake's family and EMS were called. "I remember laying on the ground," recalled Jake, "Tim ran off to get help. The next thing I remember was a lot of people talking around me. Then they lifted me onto a stretcher."

Reiter spent the next two weeks at St. Joseph's West. For the first three days, he was in intensive care. Doctors put tubes into his lungs to drain the fluid that was accumulating there and causing breathing problems. Reiter was also maintained on a ventilator for the first two days. The fractured ribs and collarbone were allowed to heal naturally and Jake was often sedated

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