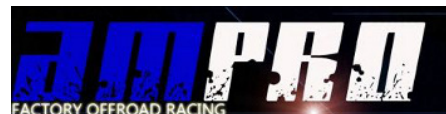




YAMAHA



Factory Connection
THE BEST SUSPENSION. PERIOD.

KENDA
TIRES AND TUBES



Race Report: BRXC Round 2 "Makakahi", Pahiatua

Rider: Paul Whibley

Team: AmPro Yamaha

Bike: Yamaha YZ450 F

Result: 1st



First race on the new 2014 Yamaha YZ 450 and all started well. I haven't spent a lot of time on the bike since the end of the US GNCC season and went with the setup that we started to develop before I left the States. I was confident the platform would work just as well when translated to NZ conditions.

I practiced a couple of starts on the line and while I didn't have the new Vortex ECU yet, I managed to sneak in the hole shot and lead the way around the first lap.

Morning rain combined with green grass and hard clay made the track really slick. Carefully negotiating the steep hills and dodging the sheep I completed a lap in just over 30 minutes. Jacob Hislop was close behind, taking full advantage of the parted white tide of sheep. During the second lap with a clear track I was able up the pace and start to build a solid lead.

Katherine handled the pit stop, although the belly is starting to grow, she still got me gassed up and back into the race quickly.

I was able to put it on cruise control for the last hour of the race. Last year's BRXC Charles Alabaster moved into second during the race. Also a young guy to watch is Ben Exeter, who has shown some good speed in the past and is now beginning his training for a run at the National XC series, moved into third place.

By the time the flag came out, the track had dried and conditions were prime. The track had a fun mix and flow and was praised by those that rode.

- 1st. Paul Whibley
- 2nd. Charles Alabaster
- 3rd. Ben Exeter

Paul Whibley is supported by:

AmPro Yamaha, Monster Energy, Shoei, Sidi, Smith, G2, Asterisk, Moto SR, Vortex Ignitions, EC3D, Bush Riders MCC, Darbis, GHQ, Sargent Motorcycles, Yamaha NZ, Rosscos Start Up Services, Works Connection, Pro Taper, Race Pace Services, Unabiker, Leatt Brace, Tire Balls, bikesportnz.com, Stuk, KettleClamp, Alliance Offroad, Ride Eng. Moto seat

The AmPro Yamaha Team is supported by:

FMF Kenda Yamalube Asterisk CV4 Cycle Gear Factory Connection GYTR IMS Leatt Brace MSR Pro-Clean Rekluse Shoei Slavens TM Designworks Cybra Twin Air Wiseco ZipTy Racing AllBalls Racing Pro Taper Stuk Ride Eng Braking

