



## Acerbis 4 Hour

The Acerbis 4 Hour was on again, and it was an event that is a must do on the calendar for anyone who likes off-road racing.

I again teamed up with Yamaha New Zealand team mate Adam Reeves to see if we could do one better than our second place effort at the recent 6 Hour event.

The track was super dry and super dusty thanks to a lack of rain hitting the Taupo region. The start was going to be critical to the whole outcome of the event - so it was important to get a good one!

I got a bad one - again! It seems I have not yet discovered the quick-starting procedure of the WR and we were away at around mid-pack of over 200 bikes with a lot of work to be done if we were going to get back into this race.

But it was nearly over before the first lap ended. The wall of dust was making passing near impossible and with the leaders having a clear track, I was over five minutes slower on the first lap than the front runner.

However, Adam and myself plugged away at the track and slowly but surly made our way back into the top ten, and then up to sixth overall and fourth in class by the chequered flag - literally on the wheel of fifth place overall and a podium in our class.

We were definitely quick enough for a top three - I just failed on the start again. We will get it next time!!!

In other news, I have finally sorted out some awesome looking decals from Darryl at Workshop Graphics for the WR450F. It's pretty safe to say the stickers look bloody good so I'm really stoked! I also spent a day with the DRD Crew this week where we did a test on my WR for the magazine and the TV, so keep an eye out for that too my friends.

And as always, stay well everyone,

Chris

