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Race Report: BRXC Round 3

Rider: Paul Whibley

Team: AmPro Yamaha

Bike: Yamaha YZ450 F

Result: 1st



Round 3 of the Bush Riders series was held on the Cristie Farm near Alfredton. Lining up on a ridge for the dropoff downhill start, strong winds buffered the riders making it very difficult to hold the bikes up and even harder to hear the shotgun blast. I was barely ready when the gun went off and Im sure there was some kind of delay in the sound getting to me as I could see bikes to my left already moving before I heard the shot. Anyway, no holeshot but I got round turn one in the top five. After a couple of creek crossings and within a few kms I moved into the lead. I pulled a little gap but was riding pretty easy as there were a few slick spots in the grass that hid some old ruts and bumps. Mid lap I missed a turn and temporarily lost the track. Finding the arrows again on a downhill ridge I slotted in just in front of Daniel Cristie I think on his KTM. Daniel knew the track pretty well, being the family farm and it took a while to shake him. A nice pine section allowed me to grow a lead again.



A lap in the books took around 26 minutes. Charles Alabaster moved into second and kept the pressure on. He was only about 30 seconds behind at the fuel stop. I upped the pace a little and gave myself a little more breathing room in the second half of the race. Finishing out the race almost two minutes ahead of Charles, with Daniel still holding down third.



The track turned out to be pretty fun with some pine trees and a cool section down a rocky creek bed through a gorge.



The track layout stayed off most of the ridge tops and the strong wind wasn't a problem in the end.



1st: Paul Whibley

2nd: Charles Alabaster

3rd: Daniel Cristie



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