



**Race Report:** Mid East Hare Scramble Series, Jonesville SC

**Rider:** Paul Whibley

**Team:** AmPro Yamaha

**Bike:** Yamaha YZ450 F

**Result:** 1st



With thunder storms in the area the day before everyone was expecting muddy conditions but as we rolled into the pits it was evident that the rain had missed the track. A quick look inside the woods at the trail revealed dry conditions; we would certainly stir up some dust as the racing progressed.

With the wave of the green flag I grabbed another good start and led the way. Knowing it was a bit dusty I tried to go early and open up a gap. The youth race had exposed plenty of roots and the trail was already quite choppy in many places. One lap in the books and I had about a 20 second lead over Jesse Robinson, with Japanese rider Takashi Koikeda not far behind him. We were quickly into traffic on the second lap of the 5 mile circuit but passing was slightly easier than the last Mid East round with some alternative lines forming in the fresh woods. Katherine manned the pits solo and she topped up the fuel super quick with the IMS dump can. I was back into the race before second come into sight and I set about building on my solid lead. Jesse ran into problems and Takashi took command of 2<sup>nd</sup>. NZ import Adrian Smith was wringing out the little YZ 125 and had a race long battle with fellow Yamaha riders Cory MacDonald and Matthew Nix.

Over the last couple of laps I was able to extend my lead and comfortably take the win. Takashi maintained second with Adrian securing third late in the race, making for an all International podium.

1<sup>st</sup>: Paul Whibley

2<sup>nd</sup>: Takashi Koikeda

3<sup>rd</sup>: Adrian Smith

Pic thanks to Katherine Whibley

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