



**Race Report:** National Enduro Round 4 Tennessee

**Rider:** Paul Whibley

**Team:** AmPro Yamaha

**Bike:** Yamaha YZ 250

**Result:** 10th



With some lessons learned from the last National Enduro and a clearer idea of how the day would run we ventured west to the latest round of this series. I decided to ride a YZ 250 at this event with such tight conditions at the previous round being described as typical.

The event started with a short 2 mile transfer section to the first test. In the section of trail I realized we were a little off on the bike set up. Slick hard ground and an abundance of rocks and roots littered the trail.

Into the first test and I attacked as hard as I dared. Quite a few mistakes and running off the track resulted in an average time. I made some changes to the bike set up and softened the suspension as much as I could before the next test.

I had loosened up and was riding better in the second test and was confident of an improvement in my time. Late in the test when passing a rider on a tricky, rooty, offcamber, he spun sideways on a root and I drilled his bike. I had to push and shove my bike around and up the hill to get by the blocked trail, losing precious seconds.

Opening the rebound in the shock in an attempt to gain some more traction improved my speed in the third and fourth tests but small crashes continued to hindered my times.

Starting to get into Enduro mode for the fifth and sixth tests and feeling like I could put up some good times. Although head ons with large pine trees in both tests put an end to that idea and left me feeling pretty battered and bruised at the conclusion of the event.

Some more lessons learned and with the goal to improve my sprint speed being the name of the game, we had a good day.

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