



Race Report: OMA Round 6 Millville, MN

Rider: Paul Whibley

Team: AmPro Yamaha

Bike: Yamaha YZ450 F

Result: 1st



The OMA series ventured north to the Millville MX circuit in Minnesota over the weekend. With first pick on the line I took a spot in the middle, Russell Bobbitt took his usual spot just inside me. When the green flag waved both Russell and I shot off the line side by side. He had the inside running to turn one while I tried to hold it on around the outside. Russell maintained his position and led us around through the whoop section of the MX track and out through the new section along beside the creek. We had a good pace and began to edge clear of Nick Fahringer and Shane Klemik who were running 3rd and 4th. I continued to look for a way around Russell and an opportunity presented itself when Bobbitt bobbed going down a rocky single track hill and went off into the weeds. I took the lead and tried to make a break for it.

Russell recovered quickly and hounded me for a couple of laps. I continued to keep the heat on and began to open a gap. At first it was 4 seconds, then 9 and after the gas stop it had grown to over 30 seconds. As I completed another lap I could see that my lead had continued to grow and as I rounded the second part of the MX track before ducking back in the woods I was far enough in front that Russell could no longer see me.

The track was getting choppy and the dry conditions had a few powder berms forming in the woods. The twisting and turning layout of the woods added to the physical nature of this race and after 2 hours and 34 minutes in the saddle I crossed the line to take the round 6 win. I had stretched the lead out to around 2 minutes with Russell maintaining his second place spot and Nick holding down third.

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1st: Paul Whibley

2nd: Russell Bobbitt

3rd: Nick Fahringer

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