



**Race Report:** OMA Round 2, Kentucky

**Rider:** Paul Whibley

**Team:** AmPro Yamaha

**Bike:** Yamaha YZ450 F

**Result:** 1st



Over the weekend round two of the OMA series ran at a new venue in southern Kentucky. The quads had the track pretty torn up on Saturday but with some hard work by OMA promoter Bill Gusse, the track was reworked and was almost completely fresh for the bikes come Sunday.

From the start I quickly took control of the race. Grabbing the hole shot and jetting out to a lead that would continue to grow with the race. National Enduro Champ Russell Bobbitt gave chase over the first couple of laps before succumbing to my AmPro teammate Jordan Ashburn. Nick Fahringer and his 300 Husaberg moved up to join the fight for second place around the middle of the event.

I had a good pit stop and had completed gassing before second place came into sight. I felt the track was getting better with each passing lap with some nice ruts forming in the soft woods. One steep rooty hill and several mud holes kept us on our toes but smart line selection was key to negotiating the obstacles.

The scrap over second began to heat up late in the race. Nick Fahringer continued his move forward, taking control of the position and dropping Russell and Jordan, leaving them to fight over the final podium position.

Katherine and Ryan were giving splits on the pit board so I could monitor the gap back to second. I could tell there had been a war going on back there as a different name was often listed with the split to second place. I was able to ride safely to the win, going 2 for 2 in the early part of the 2012 OMA season.

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

2<sup>nd</sup>: Nick Fahringer

3<sup>rd</sup>: Russell Bobbitt

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