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Race Report: Woodville MX River Race

Rider: Paul Whibley

Team: AmPro Yamaha

Bike: Yamaha YZ450 F

Result: 1st, 1st



The River Race at the Woodville MX is a fun event as well as unique. The likes are unseen anywhere else in the world. The spectators sure enjoy the race with a massive migration down from trackside to the riverbank to claim a good spot each time the River Race rolls around on the weekend's program. The course had been modified a little this year and the resulting layout was more similar to an Enduro X upstream, than an aqua plaining MX. The depth (no pun intended) of the field was boosted this year with former World MX and American SX champ Ben Townley signing up to give the race a shot.

Yamaha NZ lent me a WR 450 for the race since this ship is a little more watertight.

The Le Mons/shotgun start sent riders scrambling for their bikes and into the water. I holed and led the way upstream. Clearing the drop off and log crossing I worked my way up and over the ford and out of the river again to complete a lap. BT was close behind but as the laps ticked by my lead grew.

The big WR sailed through the course and safely took the win in the first moto.

In the second and final race, I again holed and set the pace. The track had cut up a little with some muddy ruts on the face of the dropoff making it tough to stay straight. Landing sideways into a river will never end well. Some deep ruts were also forming on the exit of the river near the finish line. The WR again proved a top machine, powering its way through the river without a hint of a gurgle. BT and Charles Alabaster battled over second spot.

1st: Paul Whibley

2nd: Ben Townley

3rd: Charles Alabaster

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