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**Race Report:** Bush Riders XC Rnd 2

**Rider:** Paul Whibley

**Team:** AmPro Yamaha

**Bike:** Yamaha YZ450 F

**Result:** 1st



Round 2 of the Bush Riders series was held not far out of Dannevirke on Chris Smyths farm. Waitawhiti Perendales had again put up the hole shot money and I was keen to get my hands on it.

The shot gun blast rang out and I jumped on and kicked the bike into life. First to turn one and across the line. Some nice bulldozed tracks led us around the edge of a creek early in the lap before we got into some of the more open farmland. Ben Exeter fought past Callan May mid lap and kept me in sight for a lap. A nice pine tree section brought us back down to the scoring chicane and pits. Ben wasn't too far behind so with one lap in the books I tried to up the pace and hide from the pack.

A few spots began to cut up with some bikes getting stuck in one bog near the end of the lap and the creek crossing got deeper as the race progressed.

After three laps I was in and out of the pits with Grant Christie lending Katherine a hand to gas up. I had pulled clear of the chasing riders and was back on track before they came into sight. The creek crossing got pretty tough with bikes stuck in the ruts that climbed out the far bank and seeing a bike endo as it dropped in, a cautious approach was taken. Three more safe laps and the checkered flag came out.

Hats off to the Bush Riders club for stepping up their race presentation. Plenty of banners around the pits looked good and a podium celebration post-race with nice plaques for the top 3 finishers.

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

2<sup>nd</sup>: Ben Exeter

3<sup>rd</sup>: Charles Alabaster

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