

**Race Report:** OMA Rnd 4 Michigan**Rider:** Paul Whibley**Team:** AmPro Yamaha**Bike:** Yamaha YZ450 F**Result:** 1st

With very dry and dusty conditions, a good start was going to be super important at the fourth round of the OMA series. The tight sandy trails combined with some choking dust would make passing very difficult.

I took another good start and snatch the hole shot from Russell Bobbitt who also knew the importance of getting out front early. The fast grassy field off the start was the best place to make a pass before we ducked into the woods and I made sure I held my lead until then.

Once inside the woods the trail tightened up a lot and defending the lead a lot easier.

I felt good on the bike and was riding pretty comfortable and by the five mile marker I had about 25 seconds on Russell. Nearing the end of the lap there was a super tight section, first gear, lock to lock stuff. The YZ 450 was a handful in there and I was concerned that both Russell and Nick Fahringer (who was running third) would close up fast on there more nimble two strokes. My worries disappeared when I completed the lap and had increased my lead.

I continued to keep the heat on and wanted to get a nice buffer before I hit lapped traffic and was slowed by their dust. Although with a fairly long lap any traffic was pretty spread out and I managed to weave my way through without too much of a hold up.

Katherine and Ryan handled the pit stop and I was able to push my lead out further during the closing laps of the race. Nick Fahringer was able to move past Russell Bobbitt in the latter part of the race and set the finishing order.

1st: Paul Whibley2nd: Nick Fahringer3rd: Russell Bobbitt

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