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Race Report: Mid East Rnd 2 Laurinburg
Rider: Paul Whibley
Team: NFab AmPro Yamaha
Bike: Yamaha YZ450 F
Result: 3rd



There was a fairly large International field for a local series at round two of the Mid East series. With Josh Strang from Australia, Myself and Callan May from New Zealand and Takashi Koikeda from Japan. Add to that mix Pro MX/SX rider Zach Osborne also turned up. Off the start I got an ok start in third but moved past Zach and the leader quickly and broke in the trail up front. The track was fairly flowing sand and as the laps ticked by got better and better. I lead almost all the way to the fuel stop, until I tucked the front in a soft turn allowing Josh and Zach by. As we came out of the pits Zach was leading, I held second with Josh hot on my tail. The racing was close the whole time with Takashi mixing it up with us as well. It was kind of hard to make a break with quite a lot of traffic to push through. As the race wound down it looked like Zach may have the win. He was riding strong and I couldn't find a way past him. Mid last lap Josh pulled a good pass on me on a fast sandy road, then some how he got passed Zach as well. Takashi dropped back a little over the last lap. Callan had some brake problems early in the event and had to settle for 8th I think. Overall it was a good, fun race with plenty of close racing and position swapping.



- 1st: Josh Strang
- 2nd: Zach Osborne
- 3rd: Paul Whibley



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