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Race Report: OMA Rnd 4 Fort Smith, Arkansas

Rider: Paul Whibley

Team: AmPro Yamaha

Bike: Yamaha YZ450 F

Result: 2nd



The long drive from South Carolina was pretty uneventful, right up to just after we pulled into the pits. We parked up and got out, surveying some dark clouds that had ominously moved in overhead. A crackling in the air then a massive bang. Lightning struck the ground on the other side of the pits. Several people had their hair standing on end and the ambulance was called for someone who was shocked by the surge going through the ground. From what I heard they were ok, after their hair stopped smouldering I guess. The racing turned out to be just as intense.

I grabbed the hole shot, just ahead of Russell Bobbitt. I led the way through the early miles which was mostly tracks from the morning race. Once we got out into the fresh trail, the pace slowed and the search for the track began. I took a wrong turn and the pro field went past, but no one was going fast as whoever was leading had to constantly scan for arrows. Kailub Russell ate it when he hit some old ruts in the grass. I got back into the lead after charging through an open field. A couple more miles passed then we emerged back on used trail and into the biggest swamp. Just before scoring Nick Fahringer took the lead and was a man on a mission. Over the next lap he opened up a 40 second lead. I got my head on straight and gave chase, slowly eating into his lead. We gassed after three laps and Kailub went passed, going for a forth lap before gassing. I retook the position near the end of the lap after Kailub got wedged in one of the many deep ruts. I was still chipping away at Nicks lead but the laps were ticking by. With the white flag out Nicks lead was still solid and I never got a chance to make a battle out of it. Big congrats to Nick though, he rode a great race to take his first OMA win.

1st: Nick Fahringer

2nd: Paul Whibley

3rd: Russell Bobbitt

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