

# POWER RACING UPDATE

The time had arrived for the final round of the Woodhill Two-Man series, a race both myself and partner James were hanging out for.

The dynamic of the two-man race is such an engaging event. It is all the action and excitement of racing, mixed with the fun and enjoy ability of hacking around with your mates. Batting out a 30 minute lap, then having a 30 minute break to watch the action unfold, check out your lap times, see where your rivals are makes race day that much more fun. Top that off with a win and it can't get much better.

The sad news was that our main title rivals were out of the race before it had even begun with injury from a week earlier. This meant that all James and myself had to do was ride the race and the series was ours. But that's not how we do things round here and both wanted to finish off the three-round series with a win.

I elected to start proceedings and got off to a very good holeshot on the fast-starting Honda CRF450R. From there it was just a matter of putting my head down and railing off the kilometres as the track went from farm land to forest and back to farm land again. It was a superb course, with the farm sections very much to the 450's liking.

I arrived back buzzing with fun and had gapped the field by over a minute, handing the reigns to James, who was riding my practice 450 for the day. He proceeded to turn the wick up too and we started stretching a comfortable gap with two laps to go. But as the story goes, it ain't over till its over. A very mistake riddled fifth lap from myself cut over a minute off our lead, with the bike having other ideas on course direction. It was as if my 450 knew something was fishy? More on that in the next update.

I made it back to the pits, still with just over a minute lead, and James went out to finish off the day. It was nail biting stuff as he was 1 minute over his expected lap time. Relief when the red blur arrived first over the hill. however, right on his tail was the Yellow rider Joshua Jack, within striking distance. The final 500 metres were a real good watch and James put the Honda across the line in first - sealing the day win and series for us and for Honda.

This was the second year in a row that James and I have won the very popular Woodhill Two-Man series and it was great to retain the title. Thanks must go to James for the fast times, Honda for the reliable bikes and everyone else out there cheering us on. Can't wait for next year!

Chris



*James Ainsworth jumps down to the finish line to take the win.*

