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Race Report: Mid East Rnd 7, Jonesville SC

Rider: Paul Whibley

Team: N-Fab AmPro Yamaha

Bike: Yamaha YZ450 F

Result: 1st



Conditions were pretty dry but the Pea Ridge track is always a fun one. A large turnout of riders had the start line packed waiting for the flag to fly.

I grabbed the hole shot and made the most of some clear air before we got back around into traffic early on the second lap. I knew I wasn't far behind the last row as I came around on lap one as the track was still getting changed to direct us into the scoring chicane. And quickly I caught the first dust cloud being kicked up by a gaggle of riders. Passing was tough with a lot of these riders not aware the leaders had already come around to lap them. It also makes it tough to get through when the riders are in groups of five or more as they are all over the place trying to pass each other. I collided with one guy and went down after the first creek jump at the muddy crossing when he didn't realize we were coming through. Once a few laps had been completed and the traffic spread out, passing improved a little but there were still a lot of riders on the track.

The big creek jump drew a good crowd of spectators and as the up ramp wore down the landing got harsh, creating a few puckering moments I'm sure. At the gas stop, Takeshi's wife and Daughter gassed me up and gave me goggles. Big thanks for their help.

After two hours I got the flag and the win. It was a tough day with so many riders on a short track. A longer loop really needs to be used when entry numbers get so high so everyone can enjoy their ride.

1st: Paul Whibley

2nd: Takeshi Koikeda

3rd: Casey Leatherman

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