



Rider: Paul Whibley

Team: Yamaha

Bike: Yamaha YZ450 F

Event: Dirt Guide Series Rnd 3

Result: 1st

Race Report

There must be some kind of weather god smiling down on the Dirt Guide series because just like the last round we emerged from rain and miserable conditions on the drive to the event to race in perfect conditions.

I grabbed the holeshot again and led the way around the first 26 minute lap. A couple small mistakes on lap two allowed 2nd placed rider Hadleigh Knight close in and put some pressure on. I had a small lead when I came into gas on lap three but Hadleigh had gassed up the lap earlier and just snuck through scoring and into the lead as I came out of the pits. The race was on. Hadleigh was riding really good and it made for an exciting race. I pushed hard and shadowed the husky pilot putting the pressure back on him but not yet finding a way past.

Just after we started the 5th and final lap Hadleigh appeared to hesitate for a second and I took full advantage and moved back into the lead. I later learned he was attempting to check fuel in his bike. I opened up a gap and rode a good pace into the finish. Hadleigh struck problems and actually ran out of gas late in the lap.

It was an exciting race and hats off to Hadleigh who really showed some impressive speed.

With this win I wrapped up the Dirt Guide Series for 2015 with around to spare.

1st: Paul Whibley

2nd: Sam Greenslade

3rd: Jake Whitaker

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