



Rider: Paul Whibley

Team: Yamaha

Bike: Yamaha YZ 125

Event: NZXC Rnd 4/GNCC Rnd 2

Result: 1st

Race Report

The NZXC series reached its penultimate round at Maddix Park and was co-sanctioned with the GNCC series. I hadn't done hardly any riding since having my appendix out and was still supposed to be on light duties so I took my YZ 125 to Tauranga with the plan to get some seat time and just have fun.

Off the line I got smoked by all the 450s but was able to sneak around the outside and dropped into third. Dust was really bad early on but as we got further back into the bush evidence of the last rainfall still remained. My stomach was a little sore early on but as the race progressed I loosened up. I moved up into the lead late in the lap after the leaders made mistakes. Simon Lansdaal took the lead for a lap but I soon regained control on the following lap. It really was a lot of fun on the 125. The track got choppy and a few slick spots made finding traction hard work but the little YZ just handles so well. It was easy to switch up lines to alternative smooth ones seemingly inaccessible to others. As the track got rougher and rougher the more being creative paid off. I ended up winning the race comfortably. Simon held out Jason Davis for second, while Peter Broxholme and Adrian Smith filled out the top five. I was also happy with how consistent my lap times were. As well as capturing the fastest lap of the day, over 8 laps my times only varied 20 seconds with the last lap just 10 seconds off my fastest.

- 1st: Paul Whibley
- 2nd: Simon Lansdaal
- 3rd: Jason Davis

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