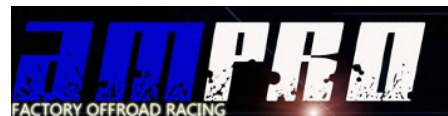




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Race Report: Raglan Rox 4 Hour
Rider: Paul Whibley
Team: Freedom Moto/ Yamaha NZ
Bike: Yamaha YZ450 F
Result: 3rd OA / 1st Team



Local rider and rising star Jason Dickey stormed to the win at the Raglan Rox 4 hour. Grabbing the lead early and quickly opening up a solid lead on lap 1. Adrian Smith came home in second on the new Yamaha YZ250 FX. I rode with Callan May in the teams class. This being my first race since I last raced in the States in the end of October I was a little rusty. Also it is going to take a little time to adjust to farmland racing again.

I got a good start and led the way early on but the slick green grass freshly watered by some light drizzle soon had me on the ground. I had to fight my way back toward the leaders with Jason and Adrian already up front and now pulling away. I got taken out on a downhill when my line was crossed. Remounting and having to repass some riders that I had just worked past. By mid lap I was up to third then lost the track. Searching for arrows lost a lot of time and about 15 riders bunched up until someone found an arrow. Having to fight my way through again all the while the two leaders kept pulling away. By the end of the lap I was back up to third but was 3 minutes down on the lead.

Callan had his turn but had to come in early and we lost some more time in the pits with an extra stop.

Throughout the rest of the race we pushed hard and clawed our way back and Callan got back by Adrian on the second to last lap. Callan had couple crashes on the last lap and a determined Adrian had us finish right behind him in third.

I talked to Adrian post race and he kinda lost the track where I got lost but he said he was still close enough to Jason to see where to go. A tough day but a good warmup heading into the National Cross Countrys in a few weeks.

- 1st: Jason Dickey
- 2nd: Adrian Smith
- 3rd: Callan May/Paul Whibley

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