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Race Report: Woodville MXGP, River Race

Rider: Paul Whibley

Team: Freedom Moto, Yamaha NZ

Bike: Yamaha YZ 250

Result: 1st



With dry conditions in the region recently having an effect on river levels, it was a little tricky to have a track that created splash as well as flow. But Gordon Brooker from Property Brokers did a great job and laid out a fun and challenging track that also kept the spectators entertained.

The first race I got off to a good start from the La Mons style start. Entering the river just behind James Galpin. A quick pass before the culvert jump had me into the lead. I opened up a small gap but the dust on the dry sections stuck to the goggles and made vision a real challenge. Charles Alabaster kept me honest and was never too far behind.

The second race started in a similar order with James Galpin again taking the hole shot. I had pressure from Ben Townley who showed me a wheel before I got past James and into the lead again. This time round with a clear track I was able to break free and open up a comfortable lead. The shifting gravel caught a few out in the second moto with a couple drowned bikes. I was able to ride safely to another win.

It's a real advantage to ride for a company like Yamaha who have a complete range of motorcycles that are super competitive. The 250 2 stroke was a lot of fun in the water. Light, quick handling and built bulletproof to handle the toughest conditions the river could throw at it and never miss a beat.

Always a lot of fun and a real crowd favourite with the entire river lined with spectators.

1st: Paul Whibley

2nd: Ben Townley

3rd: Josh Hunger

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