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Race Report: DRD NZ Super Enduro Rnd 2 Te Puke
Rider: Paul Whibley
Team: Freedom Moto Yamaha
Bike: Yamaha YZ450 F
Result: 1st



I still had my hands on a YZ 250 two stroke after the recent River Race so I decided to give the NZ Super Enduro Championship a crack.

A small entry but those that did show were keen to race. An added format this year was the knock-out one on one sprint races. After the series of rapid fire races it came down to myself and Adrian Smith, the current NZ CC Champ. I got the jump on the dead engine start and held my hard charging teammate at bay to take the win.

The format then reverted back to a more traditional qualification system for the final. Two semi-final races and a LCQ. I made it in as the top qualifier.

The final was to be longer and include the top 10 qualifiers. I again grabbed a good start and lead the way over the logs, not wanting to be amongst the carnage and elbow rubbing in the first turn. The water splash had created some deep ruts before the tires. The deep ruts had been filled in before the final and when I hit the soft filling it took all my speed and I didn't make the top of the tires. Second place got stuck right beside me and basically blocked the track. In the following scramble to get going again I dropped back to about 5th. I pushed hard and made some quick passes in the sand whoops and log piles I moved up behind second. Within a couple of laps I made a pass for the lead up the inside in the sand whoops. Once back in the lead it was smooth sailing to the win.

- 1st: Paul Whibley, Yamaha
- 2nd: Dylan Yearbury, KTM
- 3rd: Chris Power, Yamaha

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