



Rider: Paul Whibley

Team: Yamaha

Bike: Yamaha YZ250x

Event: Demon Energy Hard Enduro

Result: 3rd

Race Report

It had been a while since I had entered an event but since I had so much fun at last year's Mt Damper Hard Enduro I decided to stick my head back in my HJC and strap on the Sidis again. It was a bit of a last minute decision so no real prep was done on my behalf for this event, lucky for me Yamaha had a new bike just for this type of riding, the 250X. This year's event was two laps of around 38km. A prologue was held on Saturday but I couldn't make it, so had to take the time penalty at the start of Sunday's race. Each lap had a killer hill, well it actually had a few but there was one main killer each lap. First lap it was Devils Staircase. I actually got up pretty clean and didn't have to push. I continued to pass a few guys as the lap progressed. Second lap it was onto Boil Up Hill. I remember this hill from last year. But this time there were no ropes. There were a couple of helpers. Adrian Smith, was a big help on this one. With plenty of pushing and shoving I got to the top. Along the bush ridgeline and back down to the track. There was another Gold section that dropped us down through some pines and into a clay chute that was so slick. No braking or turning on this stuff, just try to ride it out, otherwise it's an instant soil sample. Completing two laps and reaching the finish is an achievement in its self and brings a sense of satisfaction.

- 1st: Jake Whitaker
- 2nd: Chris Birch
- 3rd: Paul Whibley

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