



Rider: Paul Whibley

Team: Yamaha

Bike: Yamaha YZ450 FX

Event: Central Enduro Series, Masterton

Result: 1st

## Race Report

Light rain greeted riders for the Central Enduro at Bideford near Masterton. This was my first race on the new FX 450. I had done a few laps on the bike at Taikorea but a farmland Enduro was going to be a little different.

Starting on minute 3 there was only a couple bikes through the course before me but this was good as the rain had conditions pretty slick.

The first terrain test started in some pines then quickly ran out into farm tracks. Putting in a safe effort I was able to catch riders who started on the row in front.

The second test was really short and was fresh pines. Basically starting at the top of the block and working our way down and out the bottom. I was having a good run until I blew a turn and struggled to get back onto the track.

Third test went well. A mix of tight pines and fast gravel logging tracks. Being a longer test allowed time to get into a good rhythm.

One lap done and into a repeat lap with an extra section for expert riders. Although only one test this lap, test 3 again. Faster speed averages kept things interesting. The track was much better the second lap with a few lines emerging.

The last expert only section provided the most fun of the whole day with a super tight trail time through the longer 3<sup>rd</sup> test.

Overall the FX work well and I came away with the win.

1<sup>st</sup>: Paul Whibley

2<sup>nd</sup>: Adam Easton

3<sup>rd</sup>: Charlie Richardson

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