



Rider: Paul Whibley

Team: Yamaha

Bike: Yamaha YZ450 F

Event: North Island Enduro, Final

Result: 1st

### Race Report

The final round of the North Island Enduro Series was held at Waitawhiti Station near Pahiataua. The weather forecast was terrible. Gale force winds and heavy rain were predicted but the day dawned calm and fine!

The first test was not far into the first section. Starting in farmland then diving into the bush, then a quick sprint through more farmland to the finish. I put in a good time with the FX 450 working good in the bush.

The next test was a longer test through mostly farmland. The more open nature meant a lot of time was wasted searching for arrows. There was a couple fun bits down through a pine block and a cool tight piece near the end that spectators could watch. Although the times from this test were scrapped at the end of the day since many got lost.

One lap done with a pretty cruisy trail pace and a long wait at the check.

The next lap was a repeat of test one and two. This time it was much easier to follow and less time was wasted looking for the track. Still at the end of the lap, a long wait for the check to open.

Third lap and only test one was timed. The trail pace was tighter but still a good 20 minutes waiting.

The last lap was a shortened loop with a supposed tight trail time but still we made it to the check with time to spare. Overall a good, fun day on the bike, taking the win.

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

2<sup>nd</sup>: Charlie Richardson

3<sup>rd</sup>: Allan Gannon

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