



Rider: Paul Whibley

Team: Yamaha

Bike: Yamaha YZ250X

Event: Nutbuster Hard Enduro

Result: 2nd

Race Report

One of the events I've had on the Bucket list for a while was the Nutbuster Hard Enduro near Christchurch.

I was in the South for a PWR Yamaha Demo event so I would have been rude not to stop off on the way home and compete.

The prologue EX at the Christchurch A&P show on Friday was heaps of fun. Lucky there was plenty of practice on offer so I could warm up to riding EX and make a couple adjustments to the set up on the X 250. I felt more and more comfortable and was able to post some good times in qualifying. In the final I was running second for half the race but was receiving pressure from Hamish Macdonald. I had a poor line in the rock garden and Angus eventually made a pass stick. I was pretty happy to place 3rd and was well setup for Saturday's main event.

Heavy rain overnight forced several track changes and a delayed start time. Once underway and into the Gold sections, it was clear it was going to be a demanding day. But, that's what Hard Enduros are all about. The challenge just to survive and make it to the finish line.

The challenge of swollen creeks, steep rocky hill climbs and steep shingle slides kept riders on their toes the whole day. The relentless terrain just wore you down. But I completed the day and got to see the checkered flag. Second rider home. Again pretty happy with the ride. The 250 X was awesome too, just the tool for the job.

1st: Angus Macdonald

2nd: Paul Whibley

3rd: Tony Parker

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