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**Race Report:** OMA Rnd 8 Moose Run Illinois

**Rider:** Paul Whibley

**Team:** N-Fab AmPro Yamaha

**Bike:** Yamaha YZ450 F

**Result:** 2nd



The final OMA of the season was the infamous Moose Run held in Illinois. The unique layout of a 40 mile lap with contrasting terrain of flat out corn fields separated by tight and twisty fresh woods made bike setup a compromise. The YZ 450 could have pulled and extra gear across the fields or made use of some super mellow power to thread through the at times maze of logs the resembled a collapsed jenga puzzle.

I got a good start and grabbed the FMF hole shot and lead the way through the first 8 miles. Once into the fresh single track Russell Bobbit and Nick Fahringer joined me up front as we took turns discovering what hidden surprises lay under the leaf litter. Nick and Russell both run a fast pace in the virgin trail and being more similar to a National Enduro than a regular OMA soon turned up the pace. As we came into the fuel stop halfway around the lap, Russell elected to go for it and didn't stop. Everyone else stopped for gas but Russell's gamble paid off as he gapped us and was able to run and hide. On the second lap with the trail clear of leaves I pushed hard to break away from Nick and catch Russell. But it seemed no matter how hard I pushed the gap stayed the same to Russell up front. He was riding really well and I had to settle for second in the end. Thanks to Sam from G2 for his support and gassing me at the race.

Would have been nice to have won the last round but with the Championship already wrapped up, it was little more than bragging rights. But those bragging rights sure would have been sweet. Good ride Russ.

1<sup>st</sup>: Russell Bobbit

2<sup>nd</sup>: Paul Whibley

3<sup>rd</sup>: Nick Fahringer

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