



Unadilla GNCC Round 10 Race Report



The summer break came to an end for the GNCC series this past weekend. Thousands of riders made their way to the Unadilla Valley MX Park for the 10th round of the series. It was very obvious that everyone was ready to get back to business and back to racing! The conditions at the track were as close to perfect as anyone could ask for. On Sunday morning the temperatures were chilly and the skies were clear. As the day started to develop it was very evident that the race would not get started on time due to the tremendous turnout. Riders stood in line for hours at a time just so they could ride the historic Unadilla track. As those riders stood in line, the mini bike guys made their way to the start. Obemeyer Yamaha/Raines Riding University/Offroadviking.com's Cody Ruckle and Zack Ponder were both there aboard their Yamahas. Cody had his best finish of the season where he would end up 3rd in his class and 7th overall! Zach also had a great day finishing 2nd in his class and 14th overall! Cody leaves Unadilla 2nd in points only 9 points down from first. Zach leaves with a six point lead in his class.

As the Youth Bikes finished up, the normal routine has the morning race preparing to head to the line. Around that time the announcement was made that the morning race would start late. Riders wouldn't leave the line until 12:00. This caused riders in both the morning and evening race to change their routines. Leann Bange would have a solid finish on the day pulling off a 5th in the Women's class and 25th overall in the morning race. Leann leaves New York 3rd in points trailing second place by only 9 points.

The evening race was looking at a 3:00 start, which is two hours later than the norm. Jed Haines and Brad Bakken were more than ready aboard their Yamaha YZ250Fs! The teammates would spend much of the day racing with each other in the New York dirt. Jed was at home running the infamous Unadilla MX tracks given his motocross background. Brad had made the move over to the 4 stroke during the break

and it was obvious he had done his homework. Brad was able to stay with Jed all day and looked like the Bakken of old. Brad was able to finish ahead of Jed at the end of the day in 5th place in class and 15th overall. Jed brought his Yamaha home in 6th place in class and 18th overall. Jed left New York 4th in points and Brad sits 6th in points after the event. Brad sits only 10 points back from 5th and once he moves into 5th this will place both riders in the XC2 top 5!



Unadilla was very good overall to the entire Obermeyer Yamaha/Raines Riding University/Offroadviking.com team. The weekend allowed the riders to secure very important points in each individual point's battle. Now the team will turn their attention towards round 11 of the GNCC series as we head to St. Clairsville, OH.





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