

Cole Crowley's Race Report

May 29th -30th Holeshoot Race & June 5th Clements Race

Hey everyone these last couple of weeks were exiting at Lodi for the Holeshoot Series (West Coast Nationals)--5/29-5/30 both were in the morning and there was a district 36 event the night of 5/29 and at Clements the following weekend for a district points event.



The first event was the Holeshoot Series TT race. I was signed up for the 250 modified and the 450 modified classes. It was in the morning instead of at night which meant that we had to do some adjustments to the bike because of the weather. We had just got our suspension back for both the 250 & the 450 from the shop and I was confident that I was going to hook up great.

I went out for my first practice on the 450 and the bike was working fairly good but my dad tweaked the suspension a little and I was off for my second practice. The bike worked better after tweaking it some and I like the way it was handling. I went out for practice on the 250 and the suspension was way too soft, but we were not paying too much attention to that bike compared to the 450 so we left the 250 alone. Now I was excited for my heat races, I couldn't wait to get back on the track.

My first heat race was on the 250, I got the whole shot and almost fell a couple of times, because I haven't rode that bike in a while but I kept the rubber side down and took the win. Now it was time for the 450 heat, I was kind of nervous because I didn't know what I was up against. So many people came from different states that I have never raced with. We all lined up and the light turned green, I got the whole shot and was pulling away, I kept inching away until the next thing I know I have 1/4 of the track lead and take the win.

Now the 250 main was up and I was ready to go, The light flashed yellow but a few guys jumped being over excited so they got sent back. This time the light turned green and I got the whole shot, I would pull everyone for a few laps but for about 2 laps, second place was catching me, I knew I had to step it up, so I did, and pulled away more and took the win. Now the 450 main was up and everyone was ready to go at the line. Now all of the motors are revving and riders staring at the light, now the yellow light flashes and..... green and we are off. Going up the hill I was in second place and was doing my best to catch the leader, I was spinning a little and barely managed to keep up and took a second place.

The next race was at night and it was a regular Lodi TT night. I was signed up for the open a. Practice went ok but the bike wasn't doing what I wanted it to do. We made some drastic adjustments to the bike and it worked a little better so I was determined to make it work good. I lined up for the heat race and got 3rd. Now it was time for the main and I was going to push hard. We all lined up and I got a bad start but was ready to push for a good position. That only made me want to ride harder, I picked off a few guys but ended up getting 6th.



The next race was on Sunday and it was the Holeshot series. I was signed up for the 250 mod. and the 450 mod. classes. Again it was during the morning and we had to change suspension settings because of the night before. During practice the 450 was working good, it was working good enough to do what I wanted it to do, but the 250 was still soft. The 250 heat was up first and I was a little worried because my bike was soft. The race started and we were off. I got the holeshot and slightly pulled away for the whole race and took the win. For the 450 heat we were all lined up and took off, I got a holeshot and second place was bumping my back tire the whole way, but I managed to squeak out the win. Now it was time for the 250 main, I got the whole shot and led for 2 laps but someone high sided and there was a restart. I was second off the line and tried everything to get around him but he held his line and I took second. Now for the 450 main, I was excited and confident because I had won my heat race, the race began and going into turn 1, I was 2nd, in turn 3, I went wide to pass 1st but 3rd place drove it in on me, then in turn 1, me and second place both slipped under the leader. I just barely kept up with the framer in the lead to take 2nd. I ended up winning the 250 mod class and second in the 450 mod class overall for the whole shot series. Overall I had a great weekend.



The next weekend was at Clements on Saturday. I signed up for the Open A. I went out for the first practice and the track was really wet and slippery. I high sided hard and was shacking up pretty bad. My dad ask me if I wanted to go home, and I said "no way, I want to finish what I started". So we tweaked the bars back because they were bent very bad. I went out for the heat and was somewhat ready to race, ha-ha. The heat race started and off the line I was fourth, and I held my position all the way to the finish. My shin hurt so bad that i couldn't even push down on the back break pedal during the race. Well now I was off to the main hungry for the win and slightly dizzy. They didn't even have me on the sheet for the starting grid and just told me to line up on the back row on the outside. I got a bad start and was in second to last, I managed to sneak by a few riders. At the end of the race I got a better drive out of turn 4 to take 7th place. I was proud of myself for riding for points even though I was hurt.

I had a great couple of weeks at the races as always, and I would like to thank all my sponsors and everyone who has helped me to get where I am now .

Thanks alot,

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