

## ***STEVE LEIVAN ~ 2014 Race Report***

**Event:** Round 6 OMA Nationals - Planview, IL - August 24

**Bike:** KTM 250 XC

**Result:** 4th Pro 1

**Event Info:** This weeks OMA race was less than six hours from home but it was certainly not less hot than at home. That was the biggest concern prior to the race and the most talked about detail in the pits. The good thing was there was moisture in the ground and the trail wasn't super tight or technical.

My start wasn't anything special so the beginning of the event saw me going through the motions and trying to find a groove. That groove thing never really happened though. My front mousse started to deteriorate and I felt like I was trying to steer with a front flat. It was especially difficult in the single track section that had a rut from previous races. The tire kept trying to walk up the sides of the rut and it required lots of strength on my end to maintain control.

I considered stopping for a wheel change but the race length had been shortened by 20 minutes and there were other guys having problems, so a lengthy pit stop may have done more harm than good. In the end, I toughed it out and continued to just "go through the motions" as best I could. It was a tough day but better than sitting in the air conditioning on a 100+ degree day.....

Results: 1. Whibley (Yam); 2. Jarrett (KTM); 3. Bonnuer (KTM); 4. LEIVAN (KTM); 5. Thomas (KTM)

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