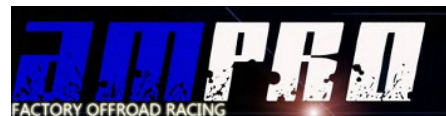




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Race Report: GNCC Rnd 8 Masontown WV

Rider: Paul Whibley

Team: AmPro Yamaha

Bike: Yamaha YZ450 F

Result: 5th XC1



Rocks were on the menu for the eighth round of the GNCCs. If you weren't careful they would chew you up and spit you out quicker than you could blink.

I got a good start and nabbed the hole shot. My teammate Jordan Ashburn also got off to a flier and challenged for the honours but ended up crossing the hole shot line on his head, but he was close.

I led the way into the slick woods. The downpour that came through, 30 minutes before we started turned the hard packed clay to ice and the rocks resembled snot covered landmines. Like I mentioned earlier, before I could blink I was on the ground. I don't know what I hit but whatever it was took me down in an instant. I managed to mangle my rear brake lever but it still worked. I got back into the fight in third where I completed the lap. Another get off in the second lap tweaked the bars. I remounted but had to stop and bash the front wheel on a tree after discovering it was pointing the wrong way. Still it was hard to ride; the right hand side had been bent up pretty good. Pretty much all of the XC1 class had gone by me while I was sorting myself out and it took a good couple of laps before I got used to the new bar bend and was able to start to pick up the pace a little. I ended up riding most of the race with XC2 leader Grant Baylor. It wasn't until the last lap when I got passed him and received a pit board that I was closing in on Jordan Ashburn. I squeezed by Jordan up a slick rooty hill a couple of miles before the finish. By the time we came to the line I could see Chris Bach just in front of me but wasn't close enough to challenge him, crossing the line 5th in XC1.

1st: Kailub Russell

2nd: Josh Strang

3rd: Charlie Mullins

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