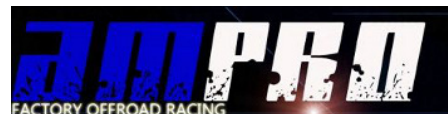




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Race Report: GNCC Rnd 2

Rider: Paul Whibley

Team: AmPro Yamaha

Bike: Yamaha YZ450 F

Result: 6th



Round two again started well, nabbing the AllBalls Hole shot and leading the way around the few hard pack turns before heading into the woods. The track was in good shape and the morning race seemed to have opened up some nice lines. I was feeling good up front ready to make amends for the poor start to the season in Florida. Crossing a little muddy creek that was filled with ruts I hit a hidden root and tipped over, dropping back to 4th. I recovered quickly and slotted in behind my teammate Jordan Ashburn. Determined not to let the leaders out of sight I pushed hard to make a pass stick on Jordan and regained contact with Josh Strang and Charlie Mullins who was leading. Though I paid a heavy price for pushing too hard and started to pump up. I tried to relax and just follow Josh but it's hard to ride fast and loosen up at the same time.

After a lap trying to hold on I had to back off and try let my arm pump reside, surrendering a few positions. I dropped back and had Jordan and Japanese rider Takashi Koikeda on my tail. After the first gas stop I began to loosen up and started to distance myself from Takashi and Jordan. I felt like I was riding good and expected to begin eating into the gap to the riders in front. But I had lost a lot of time with the arm pump and by the time we stopped for the second fuel stop I still hadn't made up any significant time. I kept pushing to the flag but the guys in front were running a fast pace and I had nothing for them. Crossing the line in 6th place pretty disappointed. I have some work to do to get back onto the box by the third round at Steel Creek.

1st: Kailub Russell

2nd: Charlie Mullins

3rd: Thad Duvall

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