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Race Report: GNCC Rnd 3 North Carolina

Rider: Paul Whibley

Team: AmPro Yamaha

Bike: Yamaha YZ450 F

Result: DNF



It looked to be another wet race with steady rain on Saturday, and for the quads, it was, but come Sunday the track had dried a little and wasn't too bad by race time for the afternoon event.

I got a good start and lead the first mile until I was pointed a bad line. I discovered there was nothing wrong with the main line after Kailub Russell and Stu Baylor passed me on it so I'm not sure what this guy was thinking pointing me on a clearly slower line. As it would turn out that was to be the least of my problems for the day. A couple miles into the first lap I dug the front into a real soft spot and went over the bars. I lost another couple of positions. I was riding a little tight after this in the early laps and hadn't made any forward progress by the fuel stop. Half a lap later my race came to an sudden end when the bike stopped. I tried to bump start it down a hill but no go. I was a long way from the pits but pushed it back in the hope of re-entering the race if the problem could be found and rectified. Back under the N-Fab Am-Pro Yamaha tent Bonez worked his magic but it seemed the bikes problem was terminal. With no firm diagnoses the bike is now back at the workshop getting torn down looking for the issue.

As disappointing as my day was, it was swiftly put back into perspective. Fellow Kiwi, Rory Mead crashed while battling for a podium position and suffered some serious injuries. Our thoughts are with Rory and his families at this tough time and we are all hoping for some positive news soon.

- 1st: Kailub Russell
- 2nd: Charlie Mullins
- 3rd: Josh Strang

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