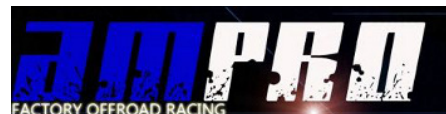




# YAMAHA



**Race Report:** GNCC Rnd 1 Florida

**Rider:** Paul Whibley

**Team:** AmPro Yamaha

**Bike:** Yamaha YZ450 F

**Result:** 4th



Round 1 of the GNCCs kicked off in Florida. Rain during the hours leading up to the start of the pro race had the dusty sand dampened down to perfection.

I got a good jump off the line and led the way to the first turn, getting bumped from the inside stood me up mid turn but I still managed to edge out Josh Strang for the holeshot. Josh snuck up the inside on turn two and took the lead. I was able to follow him most of the first lap till we came to one of the mud holes. I gambled on a direct line through the middle while Josh went around. The line paid off with the ruts looking much worse than it really was, I moved into the lead for a time before Mike Lafferty came by while I was cleaning off some of Josh's roost from my goggles. I again got back to the lead by going through the middle of the next mud hole and lead the way through scoring. About a mile after going through the barrels a stick jammed my rear brake and brought me to a stop. Removing the stick dropped me from the lead to 5<sup>th</sup>. Pushing pretty hard I regained most of the positions during the lap and then bridged the 15 second gap to Charlie Mullins who was leading to follow him through scoring at the end of the second lap.

Coming into the pits I had to stop for gas while Charlie and Kailub Russell must have had bigger tanks on their KTMs as they went for another lap. I tried to push again to regain the lost ground that the pit stop had cost me and burned up too much energy. Charlie and Kailub got into a good battle and pushed each other well clear of anyone else. Late in the race Josh came by me and took 3<sup>rd</sup>. Settling for 4<sup>th</sup> was not what I wanted but there is still a lot of racing to come.

1<sup>st</sup>: Charlie Mullins

2<sup>nd</sup>: Kailub Russell

3<sup>rd</sup>: Josh Strang

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