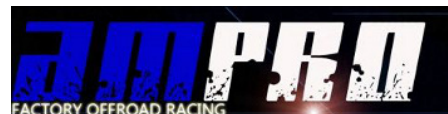




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Race Report: GNCC Rnd 13, Crawfordsville IN.

Rider: Paul Whibley

Team: AmPro Yamaha

Bike: Yamaha YZ450 F

Result:



This report is a little late as there was plenty of packing and sorting gear before getting on a plane and heading back to NZ after the race. Better late than never, though.

The Ironman GNCC is a fun race and it was back in its rightful place as the final round for 2013. I got a good start and just missed out on the hole shot with my team mate Jordan Ashburn taking the honours. We ran one and two for most of the first lap till Kailub Russell and Charlie Mullins came flying by. I gave them plenty of room as they were locked in a tight Championship battle with whoever won the day, would win the title. They soon moved passed Jordan as well, both entirely focused on their own race. I pushed to get passed Jordan, wanting to follow Charlie and Kailub and get a front row seat on the title decider. But by the time I got by Jordan, their speed had quickly carried them out of sight.

Also after a lap I was in my own battle with Thad Duvall and Josh Strang closing in and making a move when I tipped over in a muddy rut coming out of a creek. I lost a little time to them at the Ironman hill when an evasive manoeuvre to miss a stuck rider near the top had me clipping a couple spectators who ran out to help. After the race one of the guys I run over came by and got me to sign his jeans that had a massive hole torn out of the butt. He seemed pretty stoked to have gotten so close to the action.

I got back up to speed and back into third after Josh went down and re-passing Thad. So to complete the return with another podium finish was a good way to close out the season. Some more hard work during the off season should put us in the thick of it come the start of the 2014 season.

1st: Kailub Russell

2nd: Charlie Mullins

3rd: Paul Whibley

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