



**Race Report:** GNCC Round 7, West Virginia

**Rider:** Paul Whibley

**Team:** AmPro Yamaha

**Bike:** Yamaha YZ450 F

**Result:** 1st



The latest round of the GNCCs was held in West Virginia near the Racer Productions base in Morganton.

I got another great start grabbing my seventh hole shot, although I didn't hold the lead long as Rory Mead moved by and took off like a scalded cat. The rocky, slick trail lent itself to his style and it wasn't long before he was out of sight. I settled into a battle with Charlie Mullins and Kailub Russell although I went down twice on the second lap and handed them a sizable advantage. Picking myself up, I put my head down and began to make up some time. Rory's pace had slowed, and by the end of the second lap all three of us had moved by him. During the third lap I regained contact with Charlie and Kailub and in a grass field that led to a gravel road I first passed Kailub then swept around the outside of Charlie on the gravel. With the lead back in my hands I tried to settle into a good pace and open a gap but Kailub came with me and would hound me the remaining 3 laps. Charlie dropped out with some problems leaving the two of us up front with a good lead over everyone else. The scorching temperatures and technical nature of the track created some brutal conditions. Over the last two laps I held off Kailub's attempts to snatch the lead. On one hill climb we bounced off each other as our alternative lines came together. I held it on and got to the top still with the lead. Another attempt came in the grass field where I had passed Kailub earlier. He held a high line on the off camber and moved in front, although I was able turn off the cushion on the outside and straight line to the next turn retaking the lead. In the last couple miles I was able to break away and open a 10 second lead that I held to the flag to take the win.

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1<sup>st</sup>: Paul Whibley

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

3<sup>rd</sup>: Rory Mead

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