



Race Report: GNCC Round 8 Snow Shoe, WV

Rider: Paul Whibley

Team: AmPro Yamaha

Bike: Yamaha YZ450 F

Result: 3rd XC1



Riders were seeded into rows of five and lined the road atop of Snow Shoe Mountain ready for the start of the eighth round of the GNCCs. A live engine and each row would be released at 10 second intervals, something a little different at Snow Shoe since there is limited space at the top of the mountain.

I took the start and led the way down the ski slope until Kailub Russell passed me in a brave move and nearly paid the price, hitting a rain bar, 4th gear, and riding the front wheel for ages, only just saving it. I followed him into the woods and through some massive mud holes that looked like a bomb had gone off after the quads and morning races had been through. A small tip over in a rocky section dropped me back a few spots and I found myself struggling to find a good rhythm in the slick conditions. By the end of the first lap I had dropped back to 6th and had lost contact with the lead bunch. It took a lap to settle in but by the fuel stop I had caught back up to my teammate Jordan Ashburn. I pushed hard and made a pass on a tricky rocky hill, also slipping past Andrew Delong on his Husky in the same move near the top. I next chased down Jason Thomas and we battled it out over the last couple of laps. I made a pass stick on the last lap when he dropped it in a rock garden, that some drunken spectators had dumped a load more rocks and logs onto the track in hope of spicing up their spectating spot. I managed to open up a small gap. I was now up to third and made it to the finish to salvage some good points from a tough day at the office.

1st: Rory Mead

2nd: Kailub Russell

3rd: Paul Whibley

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