


**Race Report: MidEast Hare Scramble Series**
**Rider: Paul Whibley**
**Team: AmPro Yamaha**
**Bike: Yamaha YZ450 F**
**Result: 1st**


The weekend before the resumption of the GNCC series was spent at the Mid-East Hare scramble in Jonesville SC. Overnight rain had conditions in the virgin woods primed. The 6 mile track was pretty tight and plenty of roots were starting to rear their heads after the morning events.

I drew eleventh pick of the gate but somehow still pulled the hole shot and led the way through the first lap. Everyone just followed me as I searched for the trail in the fresh section that was added for our event. Once one lap was on the board I was able to up the pace and start to stretch the field out. Jesse Robinson showed me a wheel once or twice on the first lap but now that it was clear where the trail went I was able to start to open a lead.

The dirt was perfect with some nice ruts forming and the Kenda's were really hookin up. Katherine brought me in for fuel just over the hour mark. Thanks to Todd for handling the dump can duties for us. I had moved out to around a two minute lead and set about extending that as I re-entered the race for the final few laps.

A few sections were giving riders some grief with the ruts becoming pretty deep in the gulley's and hollows that the trail looped through.

With the white flag waving and a safe lead I was able to relax and enjoy the last lap, closing out the race with nearly a five and a half minute lead. Jesse maintained his hold on second place with Casey Leatherman putting in a strong ride to claim third.

**1<sup>st</sup>: Paul Whibley**
**2<sup>nd</sup>: Jesse Robinson**
**3<sup>rd</sup>: Casey Leatherman**

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