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Rider: Paul Whibley Team: AmPro Yamaha Bike: Yamaha YZ450 F

Result: 3rd



Three months off the bike and away from racing after my sports hernia surgery, I was finally making my return at the penultimate round of the GNCC series. I was excited to be back on the line but didn't have too many expectations. Some seat time and build back into it for the 2014 season was the main aim for the day.

Off the start I got a good jump and was up front when we rounded turn one and headed for the All Balls hole shot line. I took the HS and led the way through the dry and hard packed 12 mile first lap. I tightened up a little as was expected with the lack of bike time recently and gave way to Charlie Mullins on the second lap. With tight arms I tried to relax and expected a stream of others riders to follow Charlie. Although as a few laps ticked by I still held second. After the gas stop I still was running second but Kailub Russell had moved up and put some pressure on. He wanted by badly as he is locked in a championship battle with Charlie. He soon took the spot and set off. I lost sight of him in some of the dusty fields but as the race wound down I regained some time and on the last lap I could see him again. With the checked flag out I had him in my sights but wasn't close enough to do anything.

Third overall on comeback from the surgery was pretty good. Everything felt good and strong and I am looking forward to the next race.

Thanks to all the sponsors, supporters, fans and family that have stuck by us and given plenty of encouragement.

1<sup>st</sup>: Charlie Mullins 2<sup>nd</sup>: Kailub Russell 3<sup>rd</sup>: Paul Whibley

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