



Race Report: GNCC Round 4 Big Buck, South Carolina

Rider: Paul Whibley

Team: AmPro Yamaha

Bike: Yamaha YZ450 F

Result: 2nd



A good start was important with the dry and dusty conditions at the fourth round of the GNCC series at Big Buck in South Carolina. Everyone would be pushing it going into turn one trying to get up front and into some clean air.

A swift kick and some controlled traction delivered by my Vortex ECU provided another great start and the hole shot check. Kailub Russell swept past around the outside as I protected the inside on about the fourth turn. Charlie Mullins tried to come by before we hit the woods but I was able to hold off his challenge. I kept Kailub in sight during the first lap, or as much as I could with some sections of the track being dusty and forcing a fall back until the air cleared. Charlie came up on the second lap and succeeded in moving by me this time. In the sections of the track where the dust wasn't bad I could see both Charlie and Kailub in front of me but the one really dusty section around the 5 mile marker saw both myself and Charlie constantly loose time on Kailub.

The AmPro Yamaha team of Katherine, Ryan and Gary handled the pit stop and got me back into the race quickly to continue the chase of the two KTM riders. I was able to move past Charlie and into second when he briefly got stuck in one of the few mud holes. Later in the lap I tangled with a rider who made the mistake of looking over his shoulder to see who was coming up behind him. He rode straight into a tree and his bike spat out in front of me and I went down as well. I gave the guy an earful at the time but he was really only trying to get out of the way so no hard feelings. I was just frustrated as this mistake cost me time that would be hard to make back up on Kailub. Remounting with twisted clamps I soon had Charlie back on my tail. The two lap board came out and over the last couple of laps I edged away from Charlie but there was no catching Kailub who rode another great race.

1st: Kailub Russell

2nd: Paul Whibley

3rd: Charlie Mullins

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