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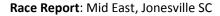












Rider: Paul Whibley Team: AmPro Yamaha Bike: Yamaha YZ450 F

Result: 1st



The last off weekend I sat out and licked my wounds but since it made no difference to my condition or recovery I decided that I would race this past weekend. Also the Mid-East Hare scramble was only a little over an hour's drive from the AmPro Yamahas base.

I got off to a good start, taking the hole shot and leading former GNCC front runner Jesse Robinson around the first couple of laps before I got away and established a gap. The Pea Ridge Farm was a good track last year but this time round the woods were in perfect shape with some nice ruts forming quickly in the turns. The creek jump kept the crowd entertained but the true die-hard fans who ventured a little further into the woods were rewarded with the mud hole that swallowed a few bikes whole. The lines through the bog changed quickly and anyone who was not on the game was caught out.

Katherine and Ricky Russell (who broke his chain on lap one) handled the IMS dump can and fresh Smith goggles at the pit stop and got me back out on the track in quick time.

As the race progressed I was able to increase my lead over 2<sup>nd</sup> place and as the race wound down had a safe lead. Jesse came under fire from Trevor Bollinger who has put in some top riders at the GNCCs this season. Trevor eventually got the better of Jesse as the temperature and humidity began to rise.

This weeks a short one with the GNCC university happening at Snow Shoe, we will be heading up on Wednesday to help with the rider coaching ahead of the race itself.

1<sup>st</sup>: Paul Whibley 2<sup>nd</sup>: Trevor Bollinger 3<sup>rd</sup>: Jesse Robinson

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