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Race Report: GNCC Rnd 1 Florida

Rider: Paul Whibley

Team: AmPro Yamaha

Bike: Yamaha YZ450 F

Result: 2nd



A new venue closer to Daytona had everyone guessing as to what the track would be like. One thing that's almost for certain is sand whoops in Florida. Well not this year! We pretty much had a mud race. After walking the track it was clear this was not your typical Florida track. The grass track section revealed some hard park while in the trees the surface water was keeping everyone guessing as to how deep it was going to go. By the time we lined up the track had been rerouted and reworked after the quads and am bikes that much of what had been walked was either unrecognizable or unusable.

The flag flew and the 2014 season was underway. I was third round turn one but moved into the lead before entering the woods. I didn't really want to lead the way through the maze of bogs but someone's got to do it. I lead the way most of the way through the second lap until Charlie Mullins got me in the grass section leading to scoring. Charlie was riding well and we started to open a gap. We both ended up gassing early, I needed goggles. I came out of the pits in the lead again and then got stuck in one nasty mud hole. Charlie used the outside line that just opened up to retake the lead. I pushed hard to close the gap and later in the race found myself back in the lead after Charlie went down in the fast grass track. Charlie again retook the lead just before scoring. Early in the second to last lap, I clipped something in a deep rut that bent my brake lever back to my foot peg. I stopped and kicked it out so the wheel would roll. I stopped again further down the track when I saw some help (thanks Todd)to lay the boot into it cause it was so far bent I would stand on the brake when I stood on the pegs. By this time Charlie was gone and now I just need to hold onto second. The brake kept snagging in ruts and bending out again so I just kept kicking it in when I could and made it to the line.

1st: Charlie Mullins

2nd: Paul Whibley

3rd: Josh Strang

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