



YAMAHA



Race Report: GNCC Rnd 12 St Clairesville OH

Rider: Paul Whibley

Team: N-Fab AmPro Yamaha

Bike: Yamaha YZ450 F

Result: 8th XC1



Cold and rain during Saturday gave the feeling of winters boney fingers reaching out and grabbing a hold and dragging you in. Sunday dawned fine and we were able to loosen the icy grip. The temperatures were still pretty cool but the racing was hot.

I grabbed the Allballs holeshot but Kailub Russell quickly got by and led the way. I stuck with him for a couple miles but wasn't feeling that comfortable on the slick hardpack track. A few front washes and the back end trying to pass me a couple time had me backing it down. I lost a couple positions with an average line at a mud hole. I think I was riding to conservatively and not hanging it out enough. When the guys came past they were getting loose too but just going with it. Mid race I found myself in a battle with Takeshi Koikeda. He was on my tail for a long time and when I tucked the front he took the position. I quickly regrouped and sort to take back the spot. I hunted for lap after lap but couldn't make anything happen. We were running an ok pace, at time we would gain time on Aussie Daniel Milner in front of us and catch a glimpse of him, usually at the finish line grasstrack. Finally on the last lap I was able to drop the hammer a make a pass on Takeshi. I reeled in Daniel again but I didn't leave myself anytime to work with.

Racing was pretty intense up front with a massive battle going on for the win. Big congrats to Josh Strang for taking the win. Jordan Ashburn made it two Yamahas on the podium.

- 1st: Josh Strang
- 2nd: Kailub Russell
- 3rd: Jordan Ashburn

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