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**Race Report:** GNCC Rnd 2 Georgia

**Rider:** Paul Whibley

**Team:** N Fab AmPro Yamaha

**Bike:** Yamaha YZ450 F

**Result:** 3<sup>rd</sup> XC1



Rain and more rain is what we got at Round two of the GNCC series. It was so wet that all the water pretty much washed most of the mud away. The amount of water was the problem with all ruts and hollows full of the brown murky stuff. Determining whether it was an inch deep or bottomless was the biggest challenge.

Off the start I got a good jump and followed Josh Strang for the first few miles until a third Yamaha joined us up front. Jordan Ashburn was riding good and took his turn leading.

The pace was pretty mellow the first lap as we dipped our toes in the puddles to discover the depth. I ended up leading most of the second lap till I hit something hidden in one water hole, blowing my hands off the bars and going down. I'm sure everyone had several moments like this during the race. I remounted and re-joined the pack. Not sure of position or who it was I was racing with most of the time as everyone was now the same colour. The race continued like this for the duration with multiple lead changes. I think I lead some, not really sure what position I was in most of the time. I also think any number of riders could have won the race. If you had finished the race on a different lap, earlier or later, I think there was a good chance the podium positions would have been shuffled again to who knows what combination of the top 5 or 6 riders.

To come away from another tough race with good points is great. It would have been too easy to drown out or get wedged in some bottomless rut and prematurely end your day.

Big Thanks to the boys in Blue who got down and dirty in the trenches for this one.

1<sup>st</sup>: Kailub Russell

2<sup>nd</sup>: Jordan Ashburn

3<sup>rd</sup>: Paul Whibley

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