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Race Report: GNCC Rnd 4 Big Buck SC

Rider: Paul Whibley

Team: N Fab, AmPro Yamaha

Bike: Yamaha YZ450 F

Result: 5th



I got a good jump off the line and took the holeshot, although my teammate Jordan Ashburn was right beside me and snuck into the lead before we got into the woods. We came out into some fields again pretty quickly and these were dusty and fast. Once back into the woods it was a little easier to follow Jordan again with less dust being kicked up. The quads had the track pretty polished in the woods with a lot of hard pack. Late in the lap I had a vine snag around my bars, taking me down. I ended up losing a lot of positions and by the time I got going again I had dropped back to the back of the XC1 class. I pushed hard to try regain some time and tightened up.

With long laps of around 30 minutes we fuelled after 3 laps and were set for the last hour and a half. I was starting to loosen up a little and felt ready to push again. It seems at the same time the heat and rough track began taking a toll of the guys in front of me. I was getting good pit board signals with the gap to the guy in front. 8 seconds to Jason Thomas and Stu Baylor, once I was past them it was Brown and Sipes. 35 seconds to Chris Bach. Then I was getting splits to Jordan. I minute, then 40 sec, 25... Last lap and he wasn't too far in front. Soon it was 10 seconds gap, then I could see him. Once I saw him the pass came quickly. I was making time on Andrew DeLong in fourth too and had halved the gap over the last lap but ran out of time. A good second half to the race but this was a pretty hollow victory after a frustrating first hour 30 left me in a poor position to make a run at the podium.

- 1st: Kailub Russell
- 2nd: Charlie Mullins
- 3rd: Josh Strang

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