



# YAMAHA



**Race Report:** GNCC Rnd 7, Masontown WV  
**Rider:** Paul Whibley  
**Team:** N Fab, AmPro Yamaha  
**Bike:** Yamaha YZ450 F  
**Result:** 8<sup>th</sup> XC1



I spent a few day leading up to the event riding and practicing at a friend's place in Pennsylvania in similar terrain to what we would be racing. Slick rocks would be the dominate feature at the track so some set up tweaking with G2 Throttle Cams and an alternate map selection on the Vortex ECU had the bike setup dialled in.



I got a good jump of the line and came into turn one in good shape, but washed the front. I saved it but ran a little wide allowing Kailub Russell and Jason Thomas up the inside. Heading through turn three Jason slid a little and I clipped his back wheel and went down. It was pretty dusty and I ended up getting run over. Feeling a little banged up from an earlier practice crash, the skid marks up my side just added insult to injury. The bars were also bent and clamps twisted. Back on the bike I managed to kick the handguard up and out of the way. Once I got into the woods I found a suitable tree to give the front end a quick realign. Back rolling I seemed to struggle to push and close the gap to the pack in front. I picked off a couple guys during the race and finished in the points but it was far from the result I was looking for. Overall a disappointing result from the weekends racing at the GNCC in West Virginia and a lot of work to do to get back onto the box at the next one.



- 1<sup>st</sup>: Kailub Russell
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Charlie Mullins
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Josh Strang



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