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Race Report: GNCC Rnd 8 Millfield Ohio Rider: Paul Whibley Team: N-Fab AmPro Yamaha Bike: Yamaha YZ450 F Result: 4th XC1



A good start and I snatched the holeshot from Stu Baylor. Running a little deep into turn two I handed a couple positions back. I followed Stu for a few miles until he went down on the slick clay track made slicker by the rain only an hour earlier. I lost sight of the leaders not long before we entered the "Penton Section" and managed to take a wrong turn. I walked this section the day before but the track had been changed. Problem was the tape that was put up was too high and I went under it without realizing at first. I quickly noticed there were no fresh tracks in front of me and spun around but lost a lot of time. I later heard that I wasn't the only one who made this mistake and took the old track.

Nearing the end of the lap I got briefly stuck in the mulch pit. It was one of those bizarre times when you just wonder what's going on. I basically tried to avoid a downed rider and got cross rutted. When I tried to get going again I broke through the top layer of the mulch into some slop underneath. A bit of pushing and some help and I was freed quickly. I found myself kinda in no-man's land playing catch up. I felt like I was riding well but didn't seem to be making an impression on the gap to the guys in front. Over the last couple laps I started to erode the distance to the guys in front of me. Pit board splits were dropping. On the last lap I caught and passed Chris Bach and Stu Baylor. And as we came into the pits about a half mile before the finish I caught sight of Jordan Ashburn. I pushed hard on the MX track and took my shot as we came into the scoring chicane. I got alongside Jordan but short of punting him off the track there was no room to make a pass on the slick clay.

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

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