



# YAMAHA



**Race Report:** GNCC Rnd 9 Snow Shoe, WV

**Rider:** Paul Whibley

**Team:** N-Fab AmPro Yamaha

**Bike:** Yamaha YZ450 F

**Result:** 8<sup>th</sup> XC1



A pretty disappointing result from the weekends race. 8<sup>th</sup> place in XC1 is definitely not where I want to be finishing.

I had a good start from the second row and caught the first row only to throw it away and stall the bike and drop back while trying to re-fire it. The trail ran down the ski slopes and into the woods and I quickly began to notice the bike wasn't working how I would like. I continued with the lap but really struggled. I came into the pits after the lap was completed and made some major changes. This improved the bike and I was able to pick up the pace a little. But to be honest, I had lost so much time fighting with the bike through the first lap and the extended pit stop I was so far behind that there was little hope for a decent finish at this point. I tried to refocus and push but I was so frustrated with the situation that it affected my performance even after the pit stop.

Lucky for me the Snow Shoe track is kinda tough and my Hare and the Tortoise approach allowed me to pick off a few guys late in the race as the track wore them down.

We (re)learned a few lessons at the race and made some basic mistakes. We need to be way more prepared for these races and need to test new products before we race them.

We have a two month break in the GNCC schedule now so hopefully we can regroup and finish the season off strong when we return.

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

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

3<sup>rd</sup>: Andrew Delong

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