

Round 11 of the Grand National Cross Country series was a tough one for everyone. If you didn't start out a red head you were one by the end of the day! That red dust flew high over Yadkinville, North Carolina due to the extremely dry conditions. No doubt Team Am-Pro Yamaha was ready to take the challenges of what this tight course had to offer. Sixteen XC1 Professionals took up the front row of the day's main event. It was Charlie Mullins who had no problem getting the ball rolling at this round, he grabbed the hole shot and was a front runner from early on. Suzuki rider Jimmy Jarrett was the leader in lap one. Charlie was on his tail with Barry Hawk in fourth and Jason Raines in seventh. Thad Duvall started out the XC2's with a upper pack start but took a little cool off break when he ended up in a creek bed. He later thanked an unknown spectator on the podium for their help getting him going in time to salvage a good charge for the lead.

The Second lap was a little messy with Barry Hawk breaking his nose early in the first lap by Paul Whibley's tire. He said it felt like warm water running down his face like a hose. Charlie was hunting down Jimmy Jarrett who was leading lap one and two and Jason Raines had to keep high and tight with David Knight breathing down his back. Thad was still recovering from his crash and trying to make up time on the leaders Justin Williamson and Josh Weisenfels.

On lap three and four Charlie took the lead with Barry now having to pass Garrett Edminsten to get into the third place position and Jason getting passed by Knight, Robinson and Joshua Strang. Thad Duvall was still in third place chasing down the leaders with only pit boards to know where the leaders were at.

Lap five and six started to turn things around for Jason Raines, he passed Strang and was behind David Knight up until just after the now famous creek jump, where he really put the pressure down on Knight and went for the pass that would this time stick for good. Charlie stretched out his lead on now second place Paul Whibley who was followed by Garrett Edmisten and Barry Hawk. Thad would stay in third place until the last lap just to make his parents grow one more grey hair. (Don't Teenagers always try to pull that!)

The last lap would turn out to be a little hairy for Mullins. Just when he thought he had it close in sight he hits a lapper going over the creek jump and knocked him off his bike. With some quick moves to get going he rode

the rest of the race safe and to the finish for his second GNCC win on the year! Barry managed to maneuver his way around Edmisten for a podium finish and Jason just getting in is comfort zone just 15 seconds way from Jesse Robinson and David Knight behind him he crossed the finish line in seventh place. Thad Duvall wanted to make a grand entrance into the finish line barrels in first place but not before he did some "riding on the edge" moves to pass Weisenfels and Justin Williamson. Through out the day all the team riders had to dig down deep and over come battles with riders they thought were too far away to pass and they all were winners in their own races.

The Yadkinville land owners really put out a lot of effort to put together a great race, installing a new jump over a creek out in the woods that made it easy for a lot of spectators to go out and see that yes, woods riders really can jump, and they also had the afternoon riders run through the abandon house again along with the tunnel. But the best part of all was that the Team Am-Pro Yamaha riders had a big part in making the show what it was, and that was a great day of racing! All the racers would like to thank Yamaha for their support this weekend and many more to come.

RESULTS

Charlie Mullins-**1st**

Barry Hawk Jr.-**3rd**

Jason Raines-**7th**

Thad Duvall-**1st (XC2) 9th overall**

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