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ROCKSTAR ENERGY HUSQVARNA FACTORY RACING'S THAD DUVALL CLAIMS SECOND AT OPENING ROUND OF GNCC

JOSH STRANG RACES HIS FX 450 TO A FIFTH PLACE FINISH

The Big Buck introductory round of GNCC took place in Union, South Carolina. Course conditions were pristine due to the rain that fell before the race started, making the dirt and rough terrain near perfect. The track was 13 miles long with the top contenders averaging 28 minute lap times.

Rockstar Energy Husqvarna Factory Racing's Thad Duvall got a good start and rounded into the woods in fourth place. He quickly worked his way into the lead where he would battle until the halfway point of the race. The tough conditions took a toll on Duvall as he rode tight, losing his lead position and racing between second and fourth place. As he became a little more comfortable aboard his FX 350, and began to put down smarter laps, Duvall worked into second place on the last two laps where he would remain until the checkered flag.

"I am happy with a second place result, but was hoping for more. I got a great start and was able to lead for a while on some great dirt. There was a lot of lapped traffic for me to navigate through, but I made it out and got some good points to start the season off with. I look forward to pushing forward in all of the future rounds." said Thad Duvall.

Josh Strang claimed the holeshot racing into the woods aboard his FX 450. He started off a little tight and fell back to fifth place by lap two. The top four contenders had about a one minute lead on Strang. He rode at pace with them and this consistency allowed him to stay in fifth where he would ultimately finish the first round of the season.

Husqvarna Motorcycles supported, Rockstar Energy athlete, Tayla Jones battled the entire race with



Rockstar Energy Husqvarna Factory Racing's Thad Duvall finishes the opening round of the GNCC in second place. (Photo: Ken Hill)



Rockstar Energy Husqvarna Factory Racing's Josh Strang races his FX 450 to a fifth place finish. (Photo: Ken Hill)

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contenders but maintained her lead to finish round one in first place for the Women's Elite class.

Big Buck GNCC Round 1 Pro Results:

1. Kailub Russell (KTM)
2. **Thaddeus Duvall (HQV)**
3. Steward Baylor Jr (KTM)
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5. **Josh Strang (HQV)**

