

Race Report: Daytona, FL, March 9, 2019



Daytona Beach hosted the tenth round of the Monster Energy Supercross series. The infamously technical track brought about some great racing for the fans. Justin Cooper took his first heat race win and went on to take his third main event podium of the season. After missing last week's main event due to a practice crash in Atlanta, Mitchell Oldenburg came back strong. He got into many battles and took a fourth-place finish in the main event.

Qualifying:

250 Practice 1 Group A:

Justin Cooper: 2nd, 1:11.211

Mitchell Oldenburg: 4th, 1:12.118

250 Practice 2 Group A:

Justin Cooper: 3rd, 1:10.161

Mitchell Oldenburg: 4th, 1:10.935

Overall Best Qualifying times:

Justin Cooper qualified third overall, with a best lap time of 1:10.161. Mitchell Oldenburg best time of 1:10.935 gave him the fourth overall qualifying spot.



Heat Race 1:

Mitchell Oldenburg got off to a great start in second. He went down in the sand and dropped to fifth. During the last few laps, Oldenburg pushed hard; allowing him to make another two passes. He finished in third.

Heat Race 2:

There was a pile-up in the first turn. Cooper, who started in third, got around it quickly then moved into second. He was right on the tail of the lead. A pass in the rhythm section gave him control of the race and he went on to take his first heat win of the season.

Main Event:

The Monster Energy/Star Racing/Yamaha of Justin Cooper stormed out of the gate in second. Cooper made a few errors which cost him two positions. However, he did not let these errors determine his results. He charged on taking a podium spot finish, in third. Oldenburg started in eighth. He began chipping his way through the field. After a great night of racing, he ended in fourth.



Justin Cooper continues to hold down the second-place spot in the Championship. Mitchell Oldenburg moves up one position, from ninth to eighth.

2019 RIDER POINT STANDINGS

POS.	#	NAME	HOMETOWN/BIKE	Total Points	01 - Minneapolis	02 - Arlington	03 - Detroit	04 - Atlanta	05 - Daytona Beach
1	24	Austin Forkner	Richards, MO	125	26	26	26	21	26
2	32	Justin Cooper	Huntington, NY	102	21	23	19	18	21
3	23	Chase Sexton	Clermont, FL	102	18	21	21	19	23
4	26	Alex Martin	Clermont, FL	78	19	15	17	9	18
5	73	Martin Davalos	Tallahassee, FL	71	7	18	18	15	13
6	45	Brandon Hartranft	Brick, NJ	71	15	14	12	13	17
7	28	Jordon Smith	Belmont, NC	70	23	19	23	5	
8	66	Mitchell Oldenburg	Godley, TX	69	17	17	16		19
9	37	Kyle Cunningham	Willow Park, TX	65	16	13	14	8	14
10	55	Kyle Peters	Greensboro, NC	62	13	16	15	2	16

The series moves to the Western Region for round eleven. We will see the return of Colt Nichols and Dylan Ferrandis in Seattle, WA, on March 23, 2019.



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