

Race Report: Minneapolis, MN, February 9, 2019



Justin Cooper and Mitchell Oldenburg lined up at the opening round to the Eastern Regional series in Minneapolis on Saturday. Justin's rookie season in 2018 had been cut short due to injury, and after a successful outdoor season, he returned to supercross eager to make his mark at the season opener. He ended the night with his first supercross podium. Mitchell Oldenburg finished second in his heat race and took a sixth-place finish in the main after a thirteenth-place start.

Qualifying:

250 Practice 1 Group A:

Justin Cooper: 1st, 47.495

Mitchell Oldenburg: 4th, 47.675

250 Practice 2 Group A:

Justin Cooper: 2nd, 46.804

Mitchell Oldenburg: 5th, 47.222

Overall Best Qualifying times:

Justin Cooper was the second fastest qualifier, with a time of 46.641. Mitchell Oldenburg's time of 47.222, placed him fifth overall.



Heat 1:

Justin Cooper started out in fourth. He instantly took over the third-place spot and held it for the remainder of the heat race.

Heat 2:

Mitchell Oldenburg started out in second. A few laps in he made a mistake and lost the position. He got back on the gas and reclaimed the position, ending in second.

Main Event:

The gate dropped and Justin Cooper went into the first corner lying in seventh, Mitchell Oldenburg was thirteenth. Both of the Monster Energy/Star Racing/Yamahas started working their way forward; with Justin Cooper getting into fifth and Mitchell Oldenburg in sixth. Cooper began catching the front runners and when two riders ahead of him crashed, he was readily available to take over the third-place spot. Not long after Cooper lost the position, but he lost little time. He followed the rider in third and chipped away at the distance keeping him from a podium finish. With two laps to go, he attacked and successfully made a pass. He finished his first race of the year in third. Oldenburg ended with a respectable sixth-place finish.



One round in and Justin Cooper lies third in the Championship. Mitchell Oldenburg holds down the sixth-place spot.

2019 RIDER POINT STANDING

POS.	#	NAME	HOMETOWN/BIKE	Total Points	01 - Minneapolis
1	24	Austin Forkner	Richards, MO	26	26
2	28	Jordon Smith	Belmont, NC	23	23
3	32	Justin Cooper	Huntington, NY	21	21
4	26	Alex Martin	Clermont, FL	19	19
5	23	Chase Sexton	Clermont, FL	18	18
6	66	Mitchell Oldenburg	Godley, TX	17	17
7	37	Kyle Cunningham	Willow Park, TX	16	16
8	45	Brandon Hartranft	Brick, NJ	15	15
9	52	Jordan Bailey	Orlando, FL	14	14
10	55	Kyle Peters	Greensboro, NC	13	13

The second round of the Eastern Regional Series will take place at the AT&T Stadium in Arlington, TX, on February 16, 2019.



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