

Race Report: Indianapolis IN, March 16, 2019



Round eleven of the Monster Energy Supercross Series took place at the Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis. Just a few days prior, Mitchell Oldenburg's son Ryker had been born. The new dad took second in his heat race. He just missed the podium in the main event; finishing up fourth. Justin Cooper backed up last week's heat race win, and took his fourth podium of the season, with a third-place finish.

Qualifying:

250 Practice 1 Group A:

Justin Cooper: 2nd, 49.965

Mitchell Oldenburg: 4th, 49.995

250 Practice 2 Group A:

Justin Cooper: 3rd, 49.215

Mitchell Oldenburg: 6th, 49.681

Overall Best Qualifying times:

Justin Cooper was the third fastest qualifier, with a best time of 49.215. Mitchell Oldenburg qualified sixth, with a time of 49.681.



Heat Race 1:

Oldenburg took the holeshot and led the first few laps. Nearing the end of the race he lost the lead but finished strong in second.

Heat Race 2:

The Monster Energy/Star Racing/Yamaha of Justin Cooper started out in second. The top three riders were very close; Cooper was right behind the leader but at the same time, third was right on his tail. Cooper attempted a pass for the lead but got blocked. This slowed him down and he lost a position. Cooper got back on the gas and chased down the two riders ahead of him. He made two passes and took the heat race win.

Main Event:

Oldenburg just missed taking the holeshot. He got pushed wide on the first lap and fell to ninth. Cooper got a great jump out of the gate but went off the track and came out in eleventh. Both of the Monster Energy/Star Racing/Yamahas worked their way through the field. Oldenburg had gotten into third and a podium finish was looking promising for him, when out of nowhere Cooper came charging. Cooper got by Oldenburg on the last lap resulting in a podium finish for Cooper and a fourth-place finish for Oldenburg.



After six rounds of racing, Justin Cooper lies third in the Championship. Mitchell Oldenburg moves up two places in the rankings, from eighth to sixth.

2019 RIDER POINT STANDINGS

POS.	#	NAME	HOMETOWN/BIKE	Total Points	01 - Minneapolis	02 - Arlington	03 - Detroit	04 - Atlanta	05 - Daytona Beach	06 - Indianapolis
1	24	Austin Forkner	Richards, MO	151	26	26	26	21	26	26
2	23	Chase Sexton	Clermont, FL	125	18	21	21	19	23	23
3	32	Justin Cooper	Huntington, NY	123	21	23	19	18	21	21
4	26	Alex Martin	Clermont, FL	92	19	15	17	9	18	14
5	73	Martin Davalos	Tallahassee, FL	89	7	18	18	15	13	18
6	66	Mitchell Oldenburg	Godley, TX	88	17	17	16		19	19
7	45	Brandon Hartranft	Brick, NJ	82	15	14	12	13	17	11
8	37	Kyle Cunningham	Willow Park, TX	81	16	13	14	8	14	16
9	55	Kyle Peters	Greensboro, NC	79	13	16	15	2	16	17
10	28	Jordon Smith	Belmont, NC	70	23	19	23	5		

Next, we will see the return of Colt Nichols and Dylan Ferrandis for round twelve of the series. This Western Regional round will take place in Seattle, WA, on March 23, 2019.



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