

# Race Report: Nashville, TN, April 4, 2019



A new city in the Series brought with it an unexpected twist in the points. Justin Cooper, who finished third in the main at Nashville, still lies third in the rankings. However, the points gap has tightened and Justin is now just seven points off the Championship lead with two rounds to go. Mitchell Oldenburg, seemed to have the track dialled, but a crash in the main sent him to the back and he took a sixth-place finish.

## Qualifying:

### 250 Practice 1 Group A:

Justin Cooper: 4th, 51.119

Mitchell Oldenburg: 2nd, 50.669

**250 Practice 2 Group A:**

Justin Cooper: 4th, 49.680

Mitchell Oldenburg: 5th, 49.818

**Overall Best Qualifying times:**

Justin Cooper's best time of 49.680 gave him the fourth overall qualifying spot. Mitchell Oldenburg qualified fifth overall, with a time of 49.818.



**Heat Race 1:**

By the end of the first lap, Justin Cooper was in fourth. He advanced into third, then began reeling in

second. After many attempts, Cooper was not able to get by and finished third.

### **Heat Race 2:**

Oldenburg's jump out of the gate was on point, however he got bottled out in the first turn and came out in eighth. Oldenburg made a strong come-back; making pass after pass until time ran out with him lying in third-place.

### **Main Event:**

The Monster Energy/Star Racing/Yamaha of Justin Cooper took the holeshot, and Mitchell Oldenburg was third. Justin lost the lead and tried to take it back but ended up going down. He got back up in eighth. Oldenburg also had a crash on the first lap, which set him back to twenty-first. Oldenburg had the track dialled and he made it all the way into fifth by the end of the race. Cooper redeemed as many points as he could and took a third-place finish.



Justin Cooper will go into the penultimate round, in third, with a seven-point deficit off the lead. Mitchell Oldenburg moves up one spot; from sixth to fifth.

**2019 RIDER POINT STANDINGS**

POS.	#	NAME	HOMETOWN/BIKE	Total Points	01 - Minneapolis	02 - Arlington	03 - Detroit	04 - Atlanta	05 - Daytona Beach	06 - Indianapolis	07 - Nashville
1	24	Austin Forkner	Richards, MO	<b>151</b>	26	26	26	21	26	26	
2	23	Chase Sexton	Clermont, FL	<b>148</b>	18	21	21	19	23	23	23
3	32	Justin Cooper	Huntington, NY	<b>144</b>	21	23	19	18	21	21	21
4	73	Martin Davalos	Tallahassee, FL	<b>115</b>	7	18	18	15	13	18	26
5	66	Mitchell Oldenburg	Godley, TX	<b>105</b>	17	17	16		19	19	17
6	26	Alex Martin	Clermont, FL	<b>105</b>	19	15	17	9	18	14	13
7	45	Brandon Hartranft	Brick, NJ	<b>100</b>	15	14	12	13	17	11	18
8	55	Kyle Peters	Greensboro, NC	<b>98</b>	13	16	15	2	16	17	19
9	37	Kyle Cunningham	Willow Park, TX	<b>97</b>	16	13	14	8	14	16	16
10	52	Jordan Bailey	Orlando, FL	<b>76</b>	14	11	8	6	12	13	12

The series moves to Denver, CO, on April 13, 2019, for the Western Region's penultimate round.



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