

Race Report: Detroit, MI, February 23, 2019



Detroit hosted the second Triple Crown event of the season. The two heat races and one main event format was replaced by three ten-minute main events. The two Monster Energy/Star Racing/Yamahas of Mitchell Oldenburg and Justin Cooper displayed some great racing during some heated battles in the main events. Cooper went 3-5-3 to finish fourth overall. Mitchell Oldenburg's finishes of 6-6-8 gave him seventh overall.

Qualifying:

250 Practice 1 Group A:

Justin Cooper: 7th, 48.922

Mitchell Oldenburg: 3rd, 48.445

250 Practice 2 Group A:

Justin Cooper: 4th, 47.649

Mitchell Oldenburg: 7th, 48.277

Overall Best Qualifying times:

Justin Cooper qualified fourth overall, with a best lap time of 47.649. Mitchell Oldenburg was the seventh fastest qualifier, with a time of 48.277.



Main Event 1:

Justin Cooper got off to a fifth-place start and Mitchell Oldenburg was tenth. Oldenburg began working his way forward. He made one final pass and took over the sixth-place spot; which was where he ultimately finished. Cooper got into fourth then caught up to the two riders ahead of him. One of the riders went off the track on the last lap and Cooper scooped up another position, finishing in third.

Main Event 2:

Justin Cooper was seventh, and Mitchell Oldenburg was eighth on the first lap. The teammates battled back and forth throughout the race. After an action-packed ten minutes of racing, Cooper ended in fifth and Oldenburg took another sixth-place finish.

Main Event 3:

Mitchell Oldenburg was sixth going into the first turn and Justin Cooper was ninth. Cooper moved up a few positions as the riders settled on the first lap. Justin Cooper got by Oldenburg; advancing into sixth. Justin attacked for another position, but once he got by, he made a mistake and dropped the spot. Oldenburg was right in the midst of the action with his teammate. Unfortunately, Oldenburg slid out in a corner and dropped to ninth. Cooper's pace allowed him to catch back up to fifth. This time he successfully got by and made another two passes - finishing in third. Oldenburg finished eighth.



Justin Cooper drops one position in the Championship and is currently lying in third. Mitchell Oldenburg remains in sixth.

2019 RIDER POINT STANDINGS

POS.	#	NAME	HOMETOWN/BIKE	Total Points	01 - Minneapolis	02 - Arlington	03 - Detroit
1	24	Austin Forkner	Richards, MO	78	26	26	26
2	28	Jordon Smith	Belmont, NC	65	23	19	23
3	32	Justin Cooper	Huntington, NY	63	21	23	19
4	23	Chase Sexton	Clermont, FL	60	18	21	21
5	26	Alex Martin	Clermont, FL	51	19	15	17
6	66	Mitchell Oldenburg	Godley, TX	50	17	17	16
7	55	Kyle Peters	Greensboro, NC	44	13	16	15
8	73	Martin Davalos	Tallahassee, FL	43	7	18	18
9	37	Kyle Cunningham	Willow Park, TX	43	16	13	14
10	45	Brandon Hartranft	Brick, NJ	41	15	14	12

The series moves to Atlanta, GA on March 2, 2019, for the first of two East-West Showdowns. There, all four of the Monster Energy/Star Racing Yamahas will compete together for the first time this year.



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