

# Race Report: East Rutherford, NJ, April 27, 2019



New Jersey was the penultimate round for the Eastern Regional riders. Mitchell Oldenburg has been stepping up his game as the season has progressed. This weekend he won his heat race and took his first main event podium. It was Justin Cooper's hometown race and he was back up on the box, with a third-place finish.

## Qualifying:

### 250 Practice 1 Group A:

Justin Cooper: 4th, 54.437

Mitchell Oldenburg: 2nd, 53.953

## **250 Practice 2 Group A:**

Justin Cooper: 8th, 55.529

Mitchell Oldenburg: 2nd, 52.976

## **Overall Best Qualifying times:**

Mitchell Oldenburg was the second fastest qualifier, with a best lap time of 52.976. Justin Cooper's best time of 54.437 gave him the seventh qualifying spot.



## **Heat Race 1:**

Oldenburg started out in front. He made a mistake and lost the lead a few turns in. Oldenburg then closed the gap and reclaimed the number one spot. He went on to take his second heat win of the season.

## **Heat Race 2:**

Justin Cooper started out in ninth. He soon worked his way into fifth. After making a few more passes, Cooper found himself in second place. However, a crash sent him back to fifth, which was where he finished.

## **Main Event:**

The Monster Energy/Star Racing/Yamaha's were fifth and sixth on the first lap, with Cooper ahead of Oldenburg. The two advanced through the field, then Oldenburg closed in on his teammate. He made a pass, and moved into second. He went on to take his first podium of the season. Justin Cooper was next to finish, in third.



Justin Cooper moves up to second in the rankings. He is just nine points off the lead going into the final

round. Mitchell Oldenburg holds on to fifth position, but closes the points gap between him and fourth.

<b>2019 RIDER POINT STANDINGS</b>				Total Points	01 - Minneapolis	02 - Arlington	03 - Detroit	04 - Atlanta	05 - Daytona Beach	06 - Indianapolis	07 - Nashville	08 - E. Rutherford
POS.	#	NAME	HOMETOWN/BIKE									
1	23	Chase Sexton	Clermont, FL	174	18	21	21	19	23	23	23	26
2	32	Justin Cooper	Huntington, NY	165	21	23	19	18	21	21	21	21
3	24	Austin Forkner	Richards, MO	152	26	26	26	21	26	26		1
4	73	Martin Davalos	Tallahassee, FL	134	7	18	18	15	13	18	26	19
5	66	Mitchell Oldenburg	Godley, TX	128	17	17	16		19	19	17	23
6	26	Alex Martin	Clermont, FL	121	19	15	17	9	18	14	13	16
7	45	Brandon Hartranft	Brick, NJ	118	15	14	12	13	17	11	18	18
8	55	Kyle Peters	Greensboro, NC	115	13	16	15	2	16	17	19	17
9	37	Kyle Cunningham	Willow Park, TX	108	16	13	14	8	14	16	16	11
10	52	Jordan Bailey	Orlando, FL	91	14	11	8	6	12	13	12	15

The final round will be an East/West Showdown, which will take place at the Sam Boyd Stadium on May 4, 2019



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