

Race Report: Pala, CA, May 25, 2019



Justin Cooper was back up on the podium at the second round of the outdoor nationals. Repeating his opening round's performance, Cooper took the first moto win and finished fourth in the second: for second overall. Ferrandis joined Cooper on the podium finishing third overall. Nichols battled at the front of the pack in the first moto but had to work his way forward in the second after the gate flinched on the start. He went four-seven for fifth overall. The team's rookie, Masterpool, ended the day in fifteenth

## Qualifying:

### 250 Practice 1 Group A:

**Dylan Ferrandis:** 4<sup>th</sup>, 2:09.352

**Justin Cooper:** 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2:08.827

**Colt Nichols:** 1<sup>st</sup>, 2:08.600

**Ty Masterpool:** 13<sup>th</sup>, 2:12.424

### 250 Practice 2 Group A:

**Dylan Ferrandis:** 6<sup>th</sup>, 2:09.767

**Justin Cooper:** 1<sup>st</sup>, 2:06.917

**Colt Nichols:** 5<sup>th</sup>, 2:09.068

**Ty Masterpool:** 16<sup>th</sup>, 2:12.156



### **Overall Best Qualifying times:**

Justin Cooper qualified in pole position, with a best lap time of 2:06.917, which was over a second and a half quicker than second. Nichols was the third fastest qualifier, with a time of 2:08.600. Ferrandis' time of 2:09.352, placed him sixth. Masterpool took the sixteenth fastest position, with a time of 2:12.156.

### **Moto 1:**

Justin Cooper took the holeshot and Nichols was behind in second. Ferrandis was tenth on the first lap and Masterpool nineteenth. Ferrandis crashed and dropped to eighteenth. The Frenchman got back on the gas and broke into the top ten. He finished in seventh. Masterpool was working his way forward and got into twelfth by the end of the moto. On the last two laps things got heated amongst the front runners. Nichols lost one position then made a mistake and lost another. Justin Cooper never looked back and took the win.

### **Moto 2:**

Initially the gate flinched, causing Nichols to jump too early, which set him back when the gate actually dropped. He was in eighteenth by the end of the first lap. Justin Cooper got a fourth-place start. Masterpool was up front in third and Ferrandis was eighth on the first lap, after also getting held up on the start. Ferrandis started working through the field. He got into sixth then got behind his teammate, Cooper, who had advanced into third. He then made a pass to claim the third-place spot. On the last lap Cooper put in a blindingly fast lap-time which allowed him to catch up to Ferrandis. He was out of time and crossed the finish line in fourth behind Ferrandis in third. The team's

rookie, Masterpool, took a seventeenth-place finish. Nichols gave an impressive effort at coming through and finished in seventh.



Justin Cooper remains second in the Championship. Dylan Ferrandis and Colt Nichols switch places: Ferrandis currently lies in third and Nichols in second. Ty Masterpool moves up a spot and is now thirteenth in the rankings.

## 2019 RIDER POINT STANDINGS

POS.	#	NAME	HOMETOWN/BIKE	Total Points	01 - Hangtown	02 - Hangtown	03 - Fox Raceway	04 - Fox Raceway
1	92	Adam Cianciarulo	KAW KX 250	92	22	25	20	25
2	32	Justin Cooper	YAM YZ 250F	86	25	18	25	18
3	34	Dylan Ferrandis	YAM YZ 250F	70	20	16	14	20
4	39	Colt Nichols	YAM YZ 250F	68	16	20	18	14
5	23	Chase Sexton	HON CRF250R	65	18	15	16	16
6	31	RJ Hampshire	HON CRF250R	51	15	14	22	0
7	26	Alex Martin	SUZ RMZ 250	48	0	22	11	15
8	36	Michael Mosiman	HQV FC250	47	14	10	13	10
9	61	Garrett Marchbanks	KAW KX 250	42	13	4	12	13
10	196	Hunter Lawrence	HON CRF250R	41	10	9	0	22

Round three will take place at the high-altitude track of Thunder Valley, CO, on June 1, 2019.

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