

Race Report: Thunder Valley, CA, June 1, 2019



After coming so close to an overall win, Justin Cooper repeated his previous two rounds results at Thunder Valley: going one-two for second overall. Cooper put on a dominant performance on the high-altitude track, but got his foot peg caught in a rut half way through the second moto, costing him the win. Ferrandis went three-five for fourth overall. Colt Nichols ended the day in sixth. Rookie, Ty Masterpool had some breakthrough moments when he holeshotted the first moto and took his first top ten pro moto finish. He went six-sixteen, for thirteenth overall.

Qualifying:

250 Practice 1 Group A:

Dylan Ferrandis: 1st, 2:05.105

Justin Cooper: 2nd, 2:05.413

Colt Nichols: 10th, 2:07.820

Ty Masterpool: 11th, 2:08.761

250 Practice 2 Group A:

Dylan Ferrandis: 2nd, 2:05.032

Justin Cooper: 7th, 2:06.459

Colt Nichols: 6th, 2:06.259

Ty Masterpool: 13th, 2:08.532



Overall Best Qualifying times:

Dylan Ferrandis qualified second overall with a best time of 2:05.032. Justin Cooper's best time of 2:05.413 placed him third in qualifying. Nichols's was the eighth fastest qualifier, with a time of 2:06.259 and Ty Masterpool's time of 2:08.532, placed him fourteenth.

Moto 1:

Ty Masterpool and Justin Cooper got great jumps out of the gate. Masterpool took the holeshot but Cooper got pushed wide and came out in fourth. Ferrandis was in sixth and Nichols eleventh. Masterpool lost the lead and dropped to seventh. Meanwhile Cooper was working his way forward: he made a pass for second then got on the tail of the leader. He went wide open down a hill and took the lead. Ferrandis was also advancing through the field on his Monster Energy/Star Racing/Yamaha. He moved into third half way through the moto. The rain began to fall then lightning was spotted which brought out the red flag. Justin Cooper took the win, Ferrandis was third, Masterpool was sixth and Nichols fourteenth.

Moto 2:

Justin Cooper took the holeshot and Nichols was in third. Ferrandis was tenth on the first lap and Masterpool eleventh. Ferrandis crashed and dropped to sixteenth. Fifteen minutes in Cooper got his foot peg caught in a rut. He went off the track and tipped over. He got going again in third. Nichols moved back into third then passed Cooper when he went down. Ferrandis came back strong and worked his way into eighth. Nichols lost a spot and Ferrandis turned up his pace on the last

three laps. He was making up a few seconds on the riders ahead of him. He made a pass for fifth then caught up to Nichols. The two ended with Nichols in fourth and Ferrandis in fifth. Cooper pushed all the way to the end and crossed the finish line in second. Masterpool ended in sixteenth.



Three rounds in and Justin Cooper is still second in the Championship rankings. Dylan Ferrandis holds on to third and Colt Nichols is fourth. Ty Masterpool moves up a position, from thirteenth to twelfth.

2019 RIDER POINT STANDINGS

POS.	#	NAME	HOMETOWN/BIKE	Total Points	01 - Hangtown	02 - Hangtown	03 - Fox Raceway	04 - Fox Raceway	05 - Thunder Valley	06 - Thunder Valley
1	92	Adam Cianciarulo	KAW KX 250	139	22	25	20	25	22	25
2	32	Justin Cooper	YAM YZ 250F	133	25	18	25	18	25	22
3	34	Dylan Ferrandis	YAM YZ 250F	106	20	16	14	20	20	16
4	39	Colt Nichols	YAM YZ 250F	94	16	20	18	14	8	18
5	23	Chase Sexton	HON CRF250R	94	18	15	16	16	14	15
6	36	Michael Mosiman	HQV FC250	85	14	10	13	10	18	20
7	31	RJ Hampshire	HON CRF250R	77	15	14	22	0	16	10
8	26	Alex Martin	SUZ RMZ 250	69	0	22	11	15	12	9
9	196	Hunter Lawrence	HON CRF250R	66	10	9	0	22	11	14
10	61	Garrett Marchbanks	KAW KX 250	63	13	4	12	13	9	12
11	12	Shane McElrath	KTM 250 SX-F FE	61	7	13	6	11	13	11
12	936	Ty Masterpool	YAM YZ 250F	49	9	7	9	4	15	5

The series will take a weekend off then return for round four at High Point, PA, on June 15, 2019.

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