

NASCAR Chaos Richmond Style!!

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With qualifying rained out on Friday, the starting order was determined by the practice speeds Kyle Larson started the race from the pole, but got caught up in an incident with Clint Bowyer on the first turn of the first lap to bring out the first caution of the race and then he restarted last. Keselowski inherited the lead as a result of this incident, but he too was plagued by trouble on pit road, costing him five positions.

However that wasn't the only tempers that were boiling, with 10 laps to go there was a four-car battle for the win, which led to contact between Matt Kenseth and Brad Keselowski. This led to Jeff Gordon and Joey Logano getting by Keselowski, upon this happening Keselowski got ticked off and deliberately brake checked in front of Kenseth, causing Kenseth to collect AJ Allmendinger and Dale Jr. With only nine laps to go Logano got by Kenseth and Gordon to take the lead, Joey Logano claimed his second win of 2014. He now joins the ranks of Kevin Harvick as the only multi-race winners. After he exited his car Keselowski exchanged some words with Kenseth at which time he throw his gloves at Kenseth. While during an interview Dale Jr. seemingly agreed and in a jokingly response stated that Keselowski just needed to "Get over It".

Besides the heat between the drivers there were the issues with Goodyear. It seemed that the right front tires weren't lasting for more than 55-60 laps, before the tire had internal separation issues causing burning rubber, which in turn caused other parts of the car to catch fire. Reed Sorenson knows this first hand, when his car caught fire on pit road to the point rescue workers had to help him get out of his car.

Come September, chances are you'll see a brand new compound after an extensive tire test from Goodyear.

A punch was thrown between Marcus Ambrose and Casey Mears, after the two made contact while battling for 18th position. Later on that day Vice President of Competition Robin Pemberton refused to commit to anything claiming officials needed to watch more video and the incident could still rise above the NASCAR'S "Boys Have At It" policy letting off-track conduct run its course.

The results for Richmond are as follows: 1st- Joey Logano, 2nd- Jeff Gordon, 3rd - Kyle Bush, 4th - Brad Keselowski, 5th - Matt Kenseth.

Something to think about is? Does NASCAR's statement "Boys Have At It" mean the same as "Rubbing Is Racing" from yesteryear?? *Photos by MSA Staff*



Remembering J.B. Day

Monday May 5, we lost a true racing advocate, J.B Day, of Easley SC. Day was a life-long racing fan. While Day had a racing career of his own in the 1950's, he is most remembered for his extensive collection of vintage racecars. These include cars of GRHOF inductees Raymond Parks, the Flock Brothers, Billy Carden, Gober Sosebee and Ed Samples were just some included in his amazing fleet. If you've ever been to the Mountain Moonshine Festival in Dawsonville, most of the vintage racecars were on display by JB Day. Day himself even built and owned a small museum in his hometown of Easley SC, where he stored all of his vintage cars along with over 3,000 historic racing photos throughout the halls. Day was a legend among the drivers and fans of yesterday for his efforts to preserve racing history for years to come.



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