

Brad Keselowski wins from the pole at Kentucky Speedway

Sometimes the fastest car doesn't always win. At Kentucky Speedway, it did.

Battling back from varying pit stop strategies, Brad Keselowski climbed six positions over the final 47 laps to pick up his second win of the season in dominating fashion in Saturday night's Quaker State 400 presented by Advance Auto Parts. By winning, Keselowski guarantees himself a berth into the Chase and also becomes the first two-time winner at the 1.5-mile speedway in three years.

"Our car was awesome," said Keselowski, who earned his 12th career NASCAR Sprint Cup Series win. "The team did a great job and I'm just really thankful to have a car this good. I don't know how else to put it. The Miller Lite



Ford Fusion was hauling and I just can't wait to get deeper in the season and the post-season. I think this is where we need to be to have a shot at another championship, so I'm just real proud of everyone right now."

Keselowski drove to a 1.015 second margin over Busch and claimed his second checkered flag of the season, his first since winning at Las Vegas Motor Speedway in March.

Even with the fastest car of the night, the 2012 NSCS champion wasn't sure he would have enough to catch Busch at the end. "It was gonna be tough," he said when thinking about having to chase him

down. "I knew it was gonna be really, really tough. I figured we'd get to him, but I didn't really think I'd be able to pass him. I caught a little break in lap traffic and the car was just that good. I was able to take advantage of it and get the lead. That was awesome."

Keselowski's trip to Victory Lane was momentarily interrupted, as he cut his right hand while opening a champagne bottle, which exploded in his possession. He rushed to the infield care center, where he received four stitches, changed his race uniform and returned to Victory Lane for additional post-race celebrations.

"We were playing around with some champagne bottles and as I told my good friend, 'We should have stuck with beer.' We were having too much fun with champagne and one of the bottles broke and I cut my hand open. It's no big deal," the 30-year old said.

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