

Ambrose powers past Keselowski for win at the Glen

August 15, 2011.—Marcos Ambrose passed Brad Keselowski on the first lap of a green-white-checked-flag finish at Watkins Glen and won Monday's rain-delayed Heluva Good! Sour Cream Dips at the Glen under caution when a violent multicar wreck exploded behind him on the final circuit.

Ambrose, who charged through the bus stop (inner loop) and powered past Keselowski to the inside, became the fifth first-time winner in NASCAR's Sprint Cup Series this year.

Keselowski was second when the yellow flag froze the field. Kyle Busch, who lost the lead on the final restart on Lap 91 of 92, came home third, followed by Martin Truex Jr. and Joey Logano.

Kevin Harvick, Juan Pablo Montoya, AJ

Allmendinger, Jeff Burton and Jimmie Johnson completed the top 10.

"I've fought so much to get here, to finally win and be here in victory lane is a dream come true," said Ambrose, who made the most of his vaunted road-racing skills on Monday. "I flew the kids home (Sunday, when the race was postponed)—it was their first day of school—and this kind of makes up for it.

"To win in the Cup series is an incredible feeling, and I'm very, very proud."

Ambrose, 34, who moved his family from Australia to pursue a career in NASCAR, was making his 105th Cup start. He has three wins in 74 Nationwide starts, all at Watkins Glen.

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Talladega Plans Return Traditional May Weekend for 2012

Talladega Superspeedway announced today that the 2012 Aaron's Dream Weekend returns to a traditional place on the calendar; May 4-6. The 2012 Talladega 500 Weekend also moves up on the calendar to October 5-7.



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Talladega historically held a race in May from 1971 through 1994. The shift in dates should bring a favorable change in the weather that has affected the past two spring weekends at Talladega Superspeedway. May historically is a drier and less stormy month than April in Alabama.

"We approached NASCAR about changing the date of the Aaron's Dream Weekend and have been extremely pleased with their cooperation and flexibility," said Talladega Superspeedway Chairman Grant Lynch. "May is a great month to visit Alabama and we look forward to welcoming all our race fans. As one of the most historical tracks in NASCAR, it's great to see another tradition return to Talladega."

Race fans don't have to wait until 2012 to experience the excitement of a Talladega race weekend. True southern hospitality combined with the most competitive racing in NASCAR awaits race fans during the Oct. 21 -23 Talladega 500 Weekend. For tickets, call the Talladega Superspeedway Ticket Office today at 1-877-Go2-DEGA. Guests that purchase their tickets in advance have the opportunity to save over those who purchase during race week. Tickets are also available online at www.talladegasuperspeedway.com.

