

## Edwards holds off Kyle Busch for 35th Nationwide win

September 3, 2011 - Polesitter Carl Edwards held off Kyle Busch during a frantic final 10 laps of Saturday night's Great Clips 300 at Atlanta Motor Speedway and, despite a pit-road penalty early in the race, notched his sixth Nationwide Series victory of the year and the 35th of his career.

Busch, who chased Edwards to the checkered flag after passing Ricky Stenhouse Jr. for second place on Lap 186 of 195, was the runner-up, .697 seconds behind Edwards. Stenhouse, the series points leader, came home third, followed by Kevin Harvick and Kasey Kahne.

After regaining the lead from Harvick following a Lap 177 restart, Edwards stayed there and held a comfortable advantage until Busch cleared Stenhouse for second.

"That was the hardest we could race out there," Edwards said. "Kyle and I, Kevin, I raced Kasey—it was a lot of fun. This track is as good as it gets. This was a blast."

Edwards' crew was fastest during pit stops under caution on Lap 165, and he led the field to a restart on Lap 169. Harvick, however, grabbed the top spot before the lap was over and stayed there until contact from Justin Allgaier sent Turner Motorsports teammate Reed Sorenson's Chevrolet into the Ford of Trevor Bayne in Turn 2. Photos by MSA Staff

