

Martin Truex Jr. Wins 2017 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Championship

Following a long and winding road, Martin Truex Jr. finally owns the biggest prize in motorsports.

The driver of the No. 78 Furniture Row Racing Toyota capped off a dominant season in fitting fashion –by capturing the 2017 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series championship with a stirring victory in Sunday’s Ford EcoBoost 400 at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

To take the title, Truex outdueled his Championship 4 competitors Kyle Busch (second), Kevin Harvick (fourth) and Brad Keselowski (seventh).

The Mayetta, New Jersey, native was the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series’ best driver all year, winning the regular season championship on the strength of four victories.

Once the playoffs began, Truex upped his performance to another level, recording a top-five finish in every postseason race except for Talladega. He won four times, including the playoff-opening race at Chicagoland, twice in the Round of 12 (Charlotte and Kansas) and the season finale at Homestead.

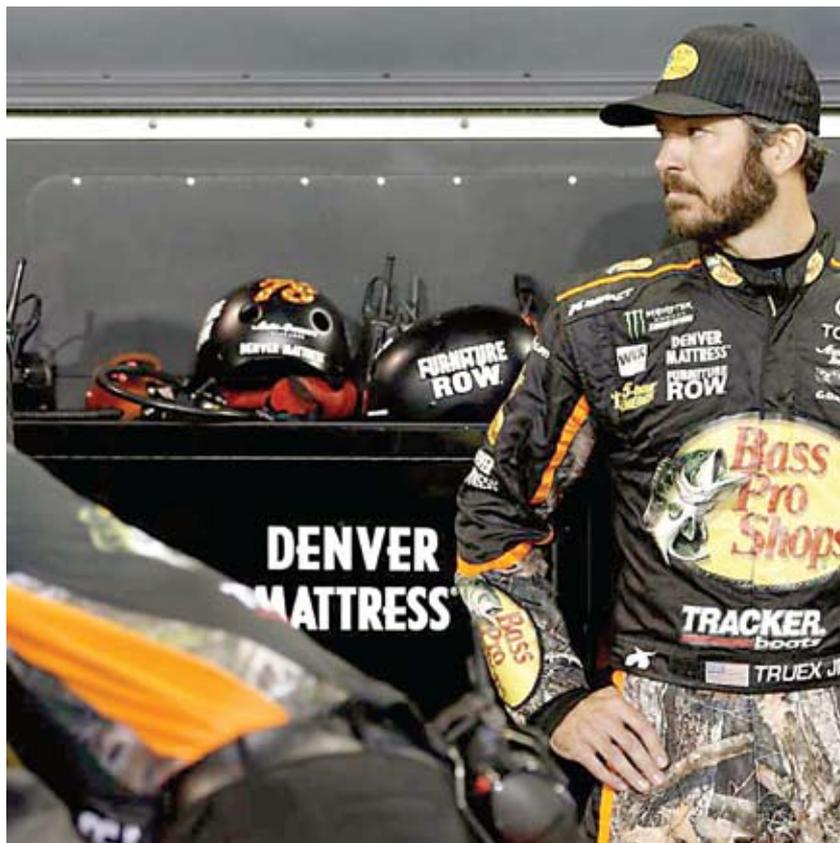
Truex finished the season with career highs in wins (8), top fives (19), top 10s (26) and laps led (2,253). He led the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series in all those stat categories.

Truex’s title also marks the first championship for Denver, Colorado-based Furniture Row Racing and owner Barney Visser.

A two-time NASCAR Xfinity Series champion, Truex joins Busch, Harvick, Keselowski and Bobby Labonte as the fifth driver in history with both an Xfinity and Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series title.

He is the first champion from New Jersey.

Truex’s teammate Erik Jones captured the 2017 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup



Series Sunoco Rookie of the Year. Driving the No. 77 Furniture Row Racing Toyota, Jones scored a rookie-high five top fives and 14 tops 10s.



On the strength of 16 victories, Toyota won its second-consecutive Monster Energy Series Manufacturers’ Championship.

Martin Truex Jr. Fast Facts

- Camry driver Martin Truex Jr. won the 2017 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series (MENCs) championship with a victory in the season finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway on Sunday, claiming his first-career Cup Series title and the second-ever MENCs driver’s championship by a Toyota driver.

- Truex’s performance also helped secure the 2017 MENCs manufacturer’s championship for Toyota, the second-straight Cup manufacturer’s title for the OEM (2016-17). Toyota also won the 2017 NASCAR Camping World Truck Series manufacturer’s and driver’s titles.

- Truex won a series-high eight races and claimed 19 top-five results and 26 top-10 finishes over 36 races to claim the 2017 driver’s championship and become the second Toyota driver to win a Cup championship. Kyle Busch was the first Camry driver to win a MENCs title in 2015.

- Truex, who earned a series-best 19 stage wins in the first season of the new format, also won the 2017 MENCs Regular Season Championship at the conclusion of the first 26 races of the season.

- Truex earned his first-career MENCs title behind the wheel of the new 2018 Toyota Camry that debuted for the 2017 season before its new, radically-redesigned production counterpart first hit showrooms this Fall. In its first season of competition, the 2018 Camry won 16 total Cup races and led 5,757 laps, the most-ever for the Camry in a single NASCAR Cup season.

- Truex has the fourth-most wins in a Camry with 13 total victories over six seasons in a Toyota.

- Truex first piloted a Toyota for Michael Waltrip Racing from 2010 to 2013 with one victory, and began driving a Camry again when Furniture Row Racing moved to Toyota in 2016.

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