

Martinsville: the unpredictable paperclip

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The Martinsville Paperclip being the shortest track on the NASCAR circuit, always offers a fair amount of unpredictability and excitement, and it didn't disappoint on this day either.

On Saturday during an autograph session, Nascar driver Kyle Larson fainted and was rushed to a Charlotte hospital, where he was kept overnight for testing and observation. Larson watched from a hospital room on Sunday while Regan Smith drove Larson's car to a 16th place finish. Since then Larson has been completely cleared to go back racing.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. finished 47 laps down in 36th place. After battling multiple shifter issues, which included a

shifter breaking. He also had numerous pit road violations from having too many crew members over pit wall at one time, not once but twice. Then came the speeding penalty on pit road, then to end the day he was involved in a wreck.

Another driver having a rough day was Paul Menard who finished 23rd after ending up sideways more than once during the race.

Danica Patrick had the best finish of her Nascar career finishing 7th.

But when the checkered flag dropped it was Denny Hamlin that would be taking home the grandfather clock, to add to the previous four he has in his collection. What a better way to end the weekend than a new clock and a win at your home track. *Photos by Leon/Jen McVay*



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