

## Zippo 200 at Watkins Glen

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The winner of the Zippo 200 was not a surprise. Joey Logano and Brad Keselowski ruled in practice and lined up number one and two at the start of the race. The surprise was the number of penalties and caution flags during the race and how the racers recovered from their penalties and problems.

Six cautions, one red flag and thirty-six infractions made for an interesting race. One major infraction was given to Joey Logano when he left pit road with his gas can still in his car. Cautions were caused by debris on the track, two times when cars stopped on the track and two accidents in the final 20 laps of the race.

With six laps to go, Brendan Gaughan, number 62, and Kenny Habul, number 20, made contact at turn 7. Number 16, Ryan Reed, also got spun around. Fire broke out under Habul's car as he made it to pit road. With fire retardant foam all over pit road, the red flag went out. The rest of the pack stopped at the back of the track while pit road was cleaned up. Kenny made a mandatory ambulance ride but was fine.

Brad Keselowski came in 2nd. Brad led the majority of the race even though he had car problems at one point which

moved him back in the pack to 10th place. Chris Buescher who started 5th, took the third spot. Fan favorite, Boris Said, came in 4th. Another fan favorite, Chase Elliott, who also spun out early on, finished 7th.

It was Joey Logano who took the checkered flag even after dropping to 13th after his infractions. This was Logano's 25th victory in 143 Xfinity races. This was his first Xfinity Road course win.

While Joey moved into the Winners Circle, Ty Dillon and Regan Smith were pushing and shoving each other next to pit row. Dillon tried to go three wide on lap 40 which sent Regan spinning causing him to drop from the top 5 to number 29th. He never got back into the top 10. Ty finished fifth. Regan finished twentieth.



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