

## Hill's Methodical March at Daytona Comes Up Short

Austin Hill's 2021 NASCAR Camping World Truck Series season began with a 22nd-place result at Daytona International Speedway (DIS) after being involved in late-race calamity. The driver of the No. 16 United Rentals Toyota Tundra had executed a methodical march through the field and into contention before a multi-truck accident on lap 95 ended his bid for a second DIS victory.

The Winston, Ga native's fourth full-time Camping World Trucks season started from the 18th position on Friday evening, and exercised patience in the race's first stage. While many drivers stayed committed to the bottom line, Hill ventured to the outside lane and ran as high as 11th before finishing 15th in stage 1 on lap 20. During the stage break, Hill came to the attention of crew chief Scott Zipadelli and the HRE team for four tires, fuel, and a chassis adjustment to alleviate a tight balance on corner exits.

Hill had the same game plan in Stage 2

after restarting 16th on lap 27 and worked his way forward via the outside lane. He stayed out during a yellow flag on lap 35 and was able to collect four points while running seventh position at lap 40.

Track position was a premium as the lead pack was virtually locked together in two-by-two formation. Hill pitted for fuel only under the lap 60 caution in an effort to leapfrog positions towards the front. The pit call by Zipadelli preserved Hill's track position and ran inside the top five with 20 laps remaining. Hill continued to shuffle for a top-five position until two trucks made contact directly in front of him on lap 95 off Turn 2 and collected the United Rentals Tundra. The No. 16 team made sufficient repairs which allowed Hill to return to the speedway to collect a 22nd-place finish at the checkered flag.

Austin Hill Quote:

"Definitely not the way we wanted it to end, or what we deserved. The United Rentals Tundra was good and had good



speed to push our way through the field. We were pretty patient most of the night just trying to make the right moves to pick our way towards the front. Scott (Zipadelli) made a couple fuel only calls and kept us towards the front where we could get into the top five. It was so difficult to generate

runs and make many moves tonight. The side draft would pull you back and stall out most runs that we had. We were in a decent spot towards the end to be in the mix and hate that we got torn up. We'll come back down here next week and see what we can do on the road course."

## FR8AUCTIONS TO SPONSOR ATLANTA TRUCK RACE IN NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH AMS

HAMPTON, Ga. (Feb. 3, 2021) – Fr8Auctions and Atlanta Motor Speedway have forged a partnership under which the Atlanta-based firm will sponsor several events at the historic speedway.

Under the multi-year agreement Fr8Auctions will be the entitlement sponsor of the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series race at Atlanta Motor Speedway in 2021 and beyond. The Fr8Auctions 200 will be the opening act of Atlanta's spring NASCAR weekend on Saturday, March 20.

"Motorsports have been a great way for us to drive awareness of our auctions and partnering with our home track in Atlanta Motor Speedway is an exciting opportunity to build on that," said Fr8Auctions founder, Marcus Barela. "We're excited to kick things off with the Fr8Auctions 200 on March 20."

In addition to the Fr8Auctions 200, Fr8Auctions will also partner with Atlanta Motor Speedway for several more events across the speedway's event calendar. The asset liquidation firm is no stranger to motorsports, having sponsored several competitors in the NASCAR ranks.

"We're thrilled to welcome a partner who shares our enthusiasm for racing," said Atlanta Motor Speedway Executive Vice President and General Manager, Brandon



Hutchison. "I look forward to working with Marcus and his team at Fr8Auctions to put on great events for our fans to enjoy."

During the March 20 NASCAR doubleheader, the Fr8Auctions 200 precedes the EchoPark 250 Xfinity Series race. The spring NASCAR weekend is headlined by the Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500 NASCAR Cup Series race

on Sunday, March 21. Saturday-only tickets start at just \$35 and weekend packages for all three races are available starting at just \$59.

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