

CHEVY NCS AT SONOMA: Kyle Larson Winner's Quick Quote

KYLE LARSON, NO. 5 HENDRICK-CARS.COM CAMARO ZL1 1LE – Race Winner

YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN A GOOD QUALIFIER AT SONOMA. NOW YOU'RE A GOOD RACER AND YOU GOT THE WIN TODAY. IT WAS YOUR SECOND WIN IN A ROW, AND YOU DID IT IN DOMINATING FASHION. WAS IT AS EASY AS YOU MADE IT LOOK?

"It was not easy. Any road course isn't easy, just trying to keep it on track is tough; especially when you've got two of the best behind you on the last restart, Chase (Elliott) and Martin (Truex, Jr.). I felt like I did a good job at the one before and stretched it out a little bit and didn't want to give him another try at it, but he kept the pressure on. Martin was strong too, but what a car. This HendrickCars.com Chevy, thank you Mr. Hendrick. The is unbelievable. I thought I would be okay today, but I

just didn't know how I would race. I don't think of us really do with no practice. But our car was really good there and I can't say enough about it."

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO WIN IN FRONT OF YOUR HOMETOWN FANS?

"Yeah, it means a lot. Northern California will always be home to me, even if I live way out on the East Coast now. Thanks to all the fans for coming out. I know there's a lot of Sprint Car fans in the stands and around this race track. I got to see a lot of my friends here today. I've got my family here. This is unbelievable."

"And to get back-to-back wins in the Cup Series is something I've always dreamed of doing and to get it done feels great. To win last week on Memorial Day weekend, four in a row now, if you count my dirt racing too. And we've got a big week of racing coming up. I look forward to all that and just look forward to keeping the streak going."



Pole sitter Kyle Larson, driver of the #5 HendrickCars.com Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet Camaro ZL1 1LE celebrates his victory Sunday, June 6, 2021, after winning the NASCAR Cup Series Toyota/Save Mart 350 at Sonoma Raceway in Sonoma, California. Larson also won the first two stages of the race. This is the second race in a row Larson has won all stages and the race.

(Photo by Harold Hinson/HHP for Chevy Racing)

Hill Gains Ground in Points with Efficient Top-10 at Charlotte

Austin Hill earned his seventh top-10 result of the 2021 season with a ninth-place finish at Charlotte Motor Speedway (CMS) on Friday night. The driver of the No. 16 United Rentals Toyota Tundra matched his finish from CMS in 2020, but managed to score the second-most points (44) of all drivers in the field. The efficient evening for the Winston, Ga. driver resulted in him gaining a position in the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series standings and sits third after 10 events.

Hill began the event by posting the fastest lap in the lone practice session midday Friday and inherited the third starting position after a passing rain shower cancelled qualifying. At the drop of the green flag, Hill immediately challenged for the lead and ran in the top five for the entire first stage despite dealing with a lack of grip in both ends of his Toyota Tundra. A tight condition on corner entry hindered Hill in the first 30 lap segment, but collected seven points in fourth position at the end of Stage 1 on lap 30.

Crew chief Scott Zipadelli and the United Rentals team gave Hill four tires, fuel and a sizable chassis adjustment at the first pit stop and allowed him to restart fourth on lap 39. A pair of yellow flags slowed Stage 2 as Hill elected to stay on track during the caution period. That allowed him to restart second on a lap 60 restart, which resulted



in a one-lap dash to the stage end. Hill collected nine points in second position after attempting to use the PJ1 traction compound in the outside lane to his advantage.

Due to varying pit strategies, Hill restarted 12th on lap 69 after taking on four tires, fuel, and air pressure adjustments during the stage caution. Hill wasted no time advancing through the field as he sliced his way from 12th to fifth in one lap. He ran fourth until making his final pit stop at lap 102 during a cycle of green flag pit stops. He and the HRE team executed a solid sequence on pit road to gain the second position following the pit cycle. Shortly thereafter, a severe accident on lap 116 left a massive debris field on the frontstretch in front of the race leaders. While avoiding the

incident, a piece of debris punctured a gaping hole in Hill's nose that would severely hamper the aerodynamic platform on his Toyota Tundra. Hill managed to hang on to the top 10 over the final 10 laps and collect his second consecutive ninth-place finish.

Austin Hill Quote:

"We had a really fast United Rentals Toyota Tundra tonight. We were able to get some points in both stages and Scott and the guys made some good adjustments to get our truck better throughout the night. We put ourselves in another good position and that big wreck happened in front of us. It's unfortunate to run through all that debris and didn't help us at all on the restart. We'll try again at Texas and try to get back into victory lane in a couple weeks."

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