

## Martin Truex Jr. and his Pocono 400 win

LONG POND, Pa. — Staying out under caution on Lap 140 of 160, Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series champion, Martin Truex Jr. restarted with seven laps left and with clean air held off Kyle Larson to win the race and put himself into the title conversation.

Kevin Harvick lead a race-high 89 laps. Kyle Busch won the race off pit road on Lap 126 and led up till the debris caution came out at lap 139 when sheet metal from #19-Daniel Suarez changed the course of the race.

Busch finished third and Harvick fourth. With the victory, Truex's and his #78 Toyota let Harvick and Busch know he's back!

This was Truex for the second time at Pocono, the second time this season and the 17th time in his career. Harvick, Busch and Truex have triumphed in 11 of the 14 Cup races this year.

In the media center after his champagne shower and hat dance Truex said; "It's always fun to win, but especially when you beat the best guys out there. Those two guys (Busch and Harvick) were so fast today. Honestly, we were all really equal. It was a matter of who could get out front. We felt like in practice we were really fast on scuffs. "Crew chief" Cole Pearn made a good call to stay out, and once I got in clean air, this thing was a rocket ship."

Brad Keselowski ran fifth,

followed by Pole winner Blaney, Aric Almirola and Jimmie Johnson, who led his first two laps of the season during the first exchange of green-flag pit stops. Busch leads the series by 87 points over Harvick in second and 90 over Joey Logano (ninth Sunday) in third.

KYLE BUSCH, No. 18 Comcast Salute to Service Juniper Toyota Camry was the class of the field on Saturday. Here are some quotes after the race:

"How does it feel to accomplish winning at Pocono in the Xfinity Series?"

This car was on rails this week and last week, too. We were able to overcome our speeding issue we had this weekend to get back to the front. Want to say thanks to Comcast NBC Universal for the Salute to Troops Service Program that they have. Men and women they help support that have come out of military and help give them jobs both them and their spouses. It's been a lot of fun racing in the Xfinity Series. This is pretty cool to check off the list and a win here at Pocono it feels really good.

Busch squeezed 48 laps out of his Toyota Camry. Chase Elliott who passed Hemeric on the last lap was hoping Busch would run out of Sunoco fuel before he reached the checkers to no avail.

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