

FOLDS OF HONOR BY QUIKTRIP AT ATLANTA MOTOR SPEEDWAY

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Hampton, GA (February 22-24 2019) - Race weekend started off cold and rainy at Atlanta Motor Speedway in Hampton, Ga. The weekend kicked off on Friday Feb. 22 with practice sessions for Truck, Xfinity and Monster Energy divisions culminating with qualifying for Monster Energy.

Aric Amirola took his only second pole award, the first being back in 2012 at Charlotte.

On Saturday, rain washed out qualifying for the Xfinity series so pole was awarded by owner points from 2018. Cole Custer in the #00 started at the pole for Stewart-Haas Racing.

The race was clearly won early on by Christopher Bell in the #20 with Joe Gibbs Racing, after leading 142 of the 163 laps and taking all three stages. It was Bell's first win of the season. Custer finished second. After the race Cole said "hats off to Bell, he had the best car all day."

Truck qualifying was also rained out on Saturday so Austin Hill in the #16 for Hattori Racing Enterprises was awarded the pole.

A few notes on Austin. He is a native of Georgia from Winston. This is his first year with Hattori Racing. He won at Daytona in the inaugural race of the season after leading the most laps with 39 in a field of 32 trucks.

At only 24 years old, being the points leader and being on the pole at his home track is as he puts it "a dream come true." After Daytona he and his family went to Disney World on their way to Atlanta. I want to know if he went on the CARS ride. I believe this is a driver to watch. Good Luck Austin.

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ARIC AMIROLA RECEIVES POLE AWARD FROM BRANDON HUTCHISON, AMS GM



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