

Truex Jr. Makes Joe Gibbs Racing History

Joe Gibbs Racing sweeps the top-three at Richmond

RICHMOND, VA. (September 21, 2019) – Martin Truex Jr. won his second-consecutive event this season, and second-consecutive race at Richmond Raceway on Saturday evening.

Toyota Racing Post-Race Recap
Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series
Richmond Raceway
Race 28 of 36 – 400 miles, 300 laps

TOYOTA FINISHING POSITIONS

1st, MARTIN TRUEX JR.
2nd, KYLE BUSCH
3rd, DENNY HAMLIN
4th, Brad Keselowski*
5th, Ryan Newman*
15th, MATT DiBENEDETTO
38th, ERIK JONES
*non-Toyota driver

• It's the 16th win at Richmond Raceway for Joe Gibbs Racing, which is the most in series history.

• It's the 15th win in 28 events for Joe Gibbs Racing, which is the most in team history.

• This is the fourth straight win at Richmond Raceway for Joe Gibbs Racing.

• This is the seventh time that Toyota has swept the top three finishing positions, and second time this season (Daytona 500).

TOYOTA QUOTES

MARTIN TRUEX JR., No. 19 Bass Pro Shops Toyota Camry, Joe Gibbs Racing
Finishing Position: 1st

Great win tonight, Martin.

"Man, I don't know what to say, I really don't. I'm speechless. Just an unbelievable job by all my guys. Toyota, TRD, Bass Pro, Auto Owners, everybody back at the shop. You guys built some unbelievable race cars right now. Had a heck of a race with Kyle (Busch) and Denny (Hamlin) all night long really, and we just kept plugging away at it, kept plugging away at it, as we always do. We just keep digging and we never quit. Next thing you know, catching the 18 (Kyle Busch) for the lead, I'm like, 'cool, all right, here we go.' Man, to sweep Richmond finally is pretty awesome, as much as we've led here coming into this year, and just thanks to everybody. It's pretty amazing."

Unbelievable this redemption here at this track. It looked like there was no way Stenhouse was trying to slide you around, but somehow you spin, you keep your cool, you come back and win. How did you do that?

"Luckily, I didn't hit anything. I just tried to keep it off the fence, tried to get spun around and get going, and we ended up – because we were pretty far up front, we got



going in a pretty good spot and left pit road in a good position and then good adjustments at the end again. This is just freaking unbelievable, so we came here to get bonus points and damn sure we did that."

Martin, congratulations! How about that! Did you see that one coming?

"Yeah, that's unbelievable. That's never happened to me in my whole racing career. Thanks to all the fans who came out tonight and thanks to everyone on this team, Bass Pro Shops, our Camry was really fast tonight. It takes a lot of people to make this happen. I felt pretty good coming into this race. We've had a lot of heartbreakers over the years in Richmond. To come here and sweep this year, it must have been meant to be. Thanks to all of our guys, Toyota, TRD, everybody who makes this happen, Auto Owners, all of our partners that let us do this, and everybody back at Joe Gibbs Racing building unbelievable racecars. Hopefully, we can keep this up. We came here to get bonus points and we sure as hell did it."

Talk about the spin. How did you regroup?

"I just tried to stay out of the fence and get it straightened out. Luckily, we got a caution, and we ended up in a pretty good spot when we came off pit road. We had a pretty good lead there and we were able to take advantage of it. From there, we were just battling. Had to pass the 11 (Denny Hamlin), had to pass the 18 (Kyle Busch). I knew it was going to be really tough to get by both of them. Both of them were strong all night long. Track position was important. I don't know if the 18 fell off at that long run in the end there, but we were to be a little bit better than them in the end and make the move."

It's great to have strong teammates. What is it like racing against strong teammates in the end?

"Yeah, you just don't want to screw up and get into each other. I've got so much respect for Kyle (Busch) and Denny (Hamlin). They are great teammates, Erik (Jones)

as well. We can race hard, but we race clean. We kind of threw that out there tonight and showed everybody we can do it. Those guys did a great job. They were really fast all night. It was going to come down to whomever could hit it right in the end. Fortunately, we were able to do it right. Lot of fun to race with those guys. Hopefully, we can take it all the way to Homestead and put all four in there."

When you have a car as good as the car you said tonight, is anything less than this acceptable?

"I don't know, man. I don't know that we have crazy expectations. We just go out there and get all we can. What a job the team did. I mean, it's just unbelievable. To win this way is pretty incredible. I've never done anything like that in my life. I don't know, when things are rolling, they just are, and again, just a lot of people to thank, a lot of people responsible for putting me in this position and giving me these race cars, my buddy Johnny (Morris, Bass Pro Shops), I know he's up there in Canada with some friends fishing and they're watching tonight, so have one for me, guys. Thanks for everything, and just everybody, Auto Owners, Toyota, TRD, all the guys in Costa Mesa building the engines. It takes a lot of people to get this stuff done, and to be able to race with Kyle (Busch) and Denny (Hamlin) like that all night was a lot of fun. Hopefully, we can keep it going. Bonus points are awesome, so we'll try to keep getting them."

JOE GIBBS, Team Owner, Joe Gibbs Racing

How strong is this team?

"A great night for us. I am really proud of these guys and the guys back at the shop. We have so many great people, and I wish they could all be here to celebrate. It was a great team effort by everybody, all four cars, just a thrill. This doesn't happen very often. We are going to enjoy it. The Lord blessed us with a great night."