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NTS MOTORSPORTS TRUCK POST RACE REPORT MARTINSVILLE SPEEDWAY

KERNERSVILLE, NC (April 8, 2013) All three NTS Motorsports teams fought good battles during the Kroger 250 NASCAR Camping World Truck Series event at Martinsville Speedway.

Race Highlights:

- NTS finishes 10th (Ron Hornaday, Jr.), 25th (Kevin Harvick), 31st (Brennan Newberry).
- After two NCWTS races Hornaday is 4th in driver championship points eighteen points.
- The No. 9 is fifth in owner points while the No. 14 sits 33rd.
- Hornaday led two times for 21 laps and Harvick two times for 11 laps.
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- Next on the NCWTS schedule is Rockingham Speedway for the North Carolina Education Lottery 200 on Sunday, April 14.

KEVIN HARVICK'S CHANCES FOR ANOTHER GRANDFATHER CLOCK DEFLATED WITH FLAT TIRE

Kevin Harvick, piloting the No. 24 Tide Chevrolet swapped the lead with teammate Ron Hornaday twice during the NCWTS Kroger 250 at Saturday at Martinsville Speedway, but was relegated to a 25th place finish after suffering a right rear flat during the late stages of the race.

Harvick fought a loose truck during the rain delayed practice session on Friday. Veteran crew chief Paul Andrews, made adjustments to the truck to tighten Harvick up and felt they would have a solid Silverado for the race.

Harvick went out in the 13th position for qualifying where he laid down a lap of 19.58 landing him the number one spot and eventually setting him up for a 16th place starting position.

As the green flag flew on the Kroger 250, Harvick noticed the truck was still loose on exit but began moving through the field. As the laps clicked off, the No. 24 Tide Chevrolet began to come to Harvick. The first caution fell on lap 59, when Andrews called Harvick down pit road for four tires and fuel. Harvick radioed to the crew that the truck was very manageable. The No. 24 Pit Crew gained several spots on the first stop and Harvick would take the green flag from the fifth position and would continue to run comfortably in the Top 5.

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By lap 96, Harvick was racing NTS teammate Ron Hornaday hard for the lead. Hornaday and Harvick would swap the race lead again over the next few laps before both settling into the top five. Harvick continued working on his tire management, until lap 147 where he took the lead again. When a caution came out on lap 157, most of the field came into the pits but Andrews and Harvick elected to stay out as they worked on a different strategy. They were saving their last set of tires for later in the race.

On lap 197, the caution flag flew again, which was just what the No. 24 truck needed as Harvick came to the pits for four tires and fuel. He knew the leaders were now on older tires and he started his charge through the field. Harvick managed to drive his way back into the Top 5 with a truck capable of making a final move for the win, when he radioed to the crew that he had a flat tire and ended up with a 25th place finish.

Happy Thoughts: "We fought a loose-handling condition throughout practice yesterday, but were able to bounce back during the race and keep the No. 24 Tide Chevrolet running up front. I want to thank everyone at NTS Motorsports for giving me a truck capable of winning. We came in with a great pit strategy and it almost played out perfectly, but you can't do a thing about a flat tire."

Start: 16th Finish: 25th Laps Led: 11

RON HORNADAY SALVAGES A SOLID TOP 10 AFTER AN EARLY RACE CRASH

Ron Hornaday, Jr. in the No. 9 NO FEAR Chevrolet finished the Kroger 250 at Martinsville Speedway in the 10th position after battling back from an early race accident. Hornaday worked throughout the rain delayed practice with crew chief Bruce Cook, trying to find the right balance for his Chevrolet Silverado. Hornaday felt he was "thousand times better" during his mock qualifying run, and the No. 9 truck and finished practice third.

Hornaday would take his qualifying lap from the 36th position. He had a qualifying run of 19.767 with sunny skies and settled with a solid Top 10 qualifying effort.

Hornaday would take the green flag from the ninth place position, and maintain a spot in the top ten for the next 50 laps. Cook radioed to Hornaday during the long green run and told him, "whatever you are doing to take care of those tires is working, keep it up". Hornaday settled into the seventh position and was turning some of the fastest laps on the track.

Although some of the drivers and crew chiefs toyed with the idea of coming in, as the first caution flag flew, Cook called Hornaday down for four tires and fuel. Hornaday came out of pits fourth and known as the king of restarts, was up to the second spot as the field hit the backstretch.

After the second caution, Hornaday lined up second and was able to drive past the leader on lap 77. At lap 96, teammates Hornaday and Harvick put on a show for the fans as they battled for the top spot. Hornaday took over the lead, while Harvick settled into the third spot and Rookie Jeb Burton moved into second. Going into turn three, Burton got into Hornaday on lap 105 and the No Fear Chevrolet suffered damage to the left rear quarter panel, as it made hard contact with the wall. Cook brought him down pit road and the No. 9 crew went to work repairing the damage. Although the team lost two laps, they never gave up and Hornaday continued to run good lap times as he set his goal to get back on the lead lap.

A caution on lap 208, helped Hornaday, as he was the “lucky dog” and was able to get back on the lead lap. The four-time NCWTS Champion kept digging, and by lap 240, the No 9 was back in the top 15. With the hard work and determination from Cook and the No. 9 Crew and Hornaday’s fierce and competitive driving style, the team salvaged a solid top 10 finish.

Hornaday Hype: “We had a tough day here in Martinsville after being wrecked while leading this race, but thanks to Bruce (Cook) and the NTS Motorsports teams, we were able to salvage a top ten. This series is all about respect and a few of these drivers need to earn a little respect moving forward.”

Start: 9th Finish: 10th Laps Led: 22 Points Standing: 4th

ROOKIE, BRENNAN NEWBERRY TACKLES LEARNING CURVES AT MARTINSVILLE SPEEDWAY

Brennan Newberry and the No. 14 Fight for Life crew scrapped up a 31st place finishing spot in the Kroger 250 at Martinsville Speedway. Newberry and crew knew going into race weekend this was a tough track, but they were up for the challenge, and looking to gain experience and finish the race.

The rookie worked with veteran crew chief Eddie Pardue throughout practice fighting a loose truck, the same condition as his teammates. After logging some laps and getting a good feel for his Silverado, Newberry finished practice in the 15th position, lining him up to qualify 24th.

Newberry took his qualifying lap under sunny skies and laid down a lap of 19.787 sending him to the top of the board, and locking him into a top 10 starting position.

As the field took the green on the first lap, Newberry rolled off 10th. He was able to maintain a top 15 position throughout the first 30 laps of the race. Pardue and spotter Rick Carelli continued to coach the rookie through the first 50 laps of the race telling him to stay in his rhythm and not spin the tires.

As the first caution flag flew on lap 59, Parude brought the No. 14 in for four tires, fuel and made a trackbar adjustment in hopes to tighten the truck up. By lap 80, Newberry fell back to

19th. When the caution flew on lap 86, Pardue took advantage of it and brought Newberry in for another stop, adding fuel and making another trackbar adjustment, Newberry restarted 21st. By lap 105, the rookie climbed back into the Top 15 and felt like they had a good balance in the No. 14 truck. However, tragedy would strike on lap 112, as the field stacked up on a restart and Newberry had nowhere to go. The Fight for Life crew brought the truck behind the wall, repaired the damage, replaced the radiator and were able to get the young driver back on the track to finish the race. Newberry and his NTS crew fought hard, learning as much as they could in the final laps. They finished 40 laps down in the 31st position.

Newberry Knowledge:

“I’m really impressed with my NTS crew here at Martinsville as they never gave up on me. I had a few bad restarts and wanted to get all I could out of the next one. Unfortunately, for us it was the wrong time to have a good restart, and we just piled up. We will definitely use this race as a learning experience and I know even finishing the race where we did, that I’m still blessed to be doing what I’m doing.”

Start: 10th Finish: 31st Points Standing: 30th

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