



KEVIN HARVICK

Squad 51

KANNAPOLIS, North Carolina (May 18, 2020) – Kevin Harvick scored his 50th win Sunday in NASCAR’s historic comeback from the COVID-19 pandemic at Darlington (S.C.) Raceway.

It was one of the most historic victories for Harvick in the series, ranking right up there with his very first win in March 2001 at Atlanta Motor Speedway three weeks after Dale Earnhardt’s death.

As historic as Sunday’s win was, Harvick wants more, including number 51, which could come in Wednesday night’s Darlington 500k at Darlington.

Harvick, driver of the No. 4 Mobil 1 Ford Mustang for Stewart-Haas Racing (SHR), will bring back the same car he won with on Sunday. He dominated the race with 159 laps led and won by 2.154 seconds over Alex Bowman.

Wednesday’s race will be a bit different than Sunday’s as it will be only 500 kilometers – 311.4 miles – and will be run at night, as opposed to Sunday’s race that was conducted during the day.

Harvick will have the No. 1 pit stall for Wednesday’s race but will start 20th as the top 20 cars invert to create the front half of the grid. But if his pit crew is as good as it was Sunday, Harvick could once again be in contention for the win.

He’ll also have Mobil 1 on board as a sponsor and partner.

Mobil 1 isn’t just the world’s leading synthetic motor oil brand, it also provides the entire SHR team with leading lubricant technology, ensuring that all SHR Mustangs have a competitive edge over the competition on the track. In its 18th consecutive season as the “Official Motor Oil of NASCAR,” Mobil 1 is used by more than 50 percent of teams throughout NASCAR’s top three series.

Harvick will also have Christopher Bucciarelli’s name on his Mobil 1 Ford Mustang during the Darlington 500k in continuation of NASCAR’s support of The Real Heroes initiative. Bucciarelli works in imaging at the Novant Health Matthews Medical Center and is from Monroe, North Carolina. He spent 11 years as a United States Navy corpsman and had three combat deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan as a corpsman for the United State Marine Corps.

Bucciarelli joined Novant in 2018 and is regarded as dependable, loyal and always willing to go above and beyond for his patients and team members. He volunteered to work at the field hospital that was planned during the COVID-19 crisis. He realized his passion for emergency care during his time working with Med Center 1 in 2018 after Hurricane Florence. Bucciarelli’s son Keegan, who is 6, are avid NASCAR fans, and his favorite driver is Harvick.

Here’s hoping Mobil 1, along with Bucciarelli, can help Harvick score win number 51, which would put him only three behind Lee Petty for 11th on the all-time NASCAR wins list.

KEVIN HARVICK, Driver of the No. 4 Mobil 1 Ford Mustang for Stewart-Haas Racing:

You have 50 wins. Can you talk about that accomplishment?

“When you say those two names (Ned Jarrett and Junior Johnson, also with 50 career wins), obviously they’re a huge part of what built this sport. Obviously Hall of Famers. What a huge honor it is to have my name sitting next to theirs. I’ve been fortunate, especially since I’ve come to Stewart-Haas Racing. This was 27 wins together with this group of guys. I think that experience going into our seventh year here really paid off Sunday, getting our car right, making adjustments on our car, rebounding from the adversity of a bad pit stop, all the things that came with turned into a race win. That says a lot about the experience of our team, the depth we have with everything that Gene (Haas) and Tony (Stewart) give us. It’s been a lot of fun to drive fast racecars. To have your name next to those guys goes to show you how fortunate I am to be able to ride in those fast racecars. We’ve been able to capitalize on a few.”

Drivers describe Darlington as one of the more physically demanding tracks. Normally, you have a full week to recover. You’re going back there to race Wednesday. Does that change how you recover from a race? What do you normally do to recover from a NASCAR race?

“We have been off for 10 weeks. We should be pretty fresh from the physical standpoint. For me, I’ve been working hard to make sure I was in as good a shape as I’ve been in in a long time coming back, not even knowing what the schedule was, but just wanted to be better. I think as you look at that, really the biggest thing is 300 miles for us is a short race. I think as you look at the weather, being at night, it’s going to be fairly cool. The 600 miles (at Charlotte) the next weekend will be the one that you really have to pay attention to as far as what you do. Hydration is the key for me. For the most part, it’s really about making sure that you put enough fluids back in your body.”

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KEVIN HARVICK, Driver of the No. 4 Mobil 1 Ford Mustang for Stewart-Haas Racing:**Why do you prefer Mobil 1 synthetic?**

“I’m a synthetic guy because, in 1993 when we were sitting in the engine shop, we dumped Mobil 1 synthetic in and that’s all we did and gained seven horsepower. From that day on, we would actually save our money and then go to the local auto parts store because, at that time, it was like \$5.50 a quart and the conventional and other oils were like \$3.50. At the big races, we would put the Mobil 1 in the car and the regular races would put the regular oil in there. You know I’m going to say synthetic.”

Kevin Harvick Darlington Performance Profile:

Year	Event	Start	Finish	Status/Laps	Laps Led	Earnings
2020	The Real Heroes 400	6	1	Running, 293/293	159	N/A
2019	Southern 500	11	4	Running, 367/367	0	N/A
2018	Southern 500	22	4	Running, 367/367	0	N/A
2017	Southern 500	1	9	Running, 366/367	22	N/A
2016	Southern 500	1	2	Running, 367/367	114	N/A
2015	Southern 500	3	5	Running, 367/367	44	\$175,190
2014	Southern 500	1	1	Running, 374/374	238	\$328,708
2013	Southern 500	10	5	Running, 367/367	0	\$165,976
2012	×Southern 500	23	16	Running, 368/368	0	\$136,391
2011	×Showtime Southern 500	13	17	Running, 370/370	47	\$141,111
2010	Showtime Southern 500	35	6	Running, 367/367	2	\$151,076
2009	Southern 500	24	11	Running, 367/367	0	\$127,843
2008	Dodge Challenger 500	11	39	Running, 265/367	0	\$116,711
2007	Dodge Avenger 500	9	17	Running, 367/367	0	\$125,886
2006	Dodge Charger 500	14	37	Running, 350/367	0	\$104,036
2005	×Dodge Charger 500	24	14	Running, 370/370	0	\$123,561
2004	Carolina Dodge Dealers 400	23	8	Running, 293/293	0	\$98,743
	Mountain Dew Southern 500	14	32	Running, 354/367	0	\$90,728
2003	Carolina Dodge Dealers 400	33	36	Running, 283/293	0	\$77,843
	Mountain Dew Southern 500	18	2	Running, 367/367	14	\$149,063
2002	Carolina Dodge Dealers 400	16	3	Running, 293/293	0	\$108,443
	Mountain Dew Southern 500	17	40	Accident, 193/367	0	\$88,503
2001	†Carolina Dodge Dealers 400	3	14	Running, 293/293	0	\$81,487
	Mountain Dew Southern 500	5	8	Running, 367/367	0	\$93,727

* Race cut short due to weather. × Race length extended due to green-white-checkered finish. † Qualifying canceled due to weather, starting position set via car owner points.