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Clint Bowyer Eighth in Pocono 350

No. 14 Mobil 1 Ford Scores Two Top-10s in Pocono Doubleheader

Date: June 28, 2020
Event: Pocono 350 (Round 15 of 36)
Series: NASCAR Cup Series
Location: Pocono (Pa.) Raceway (2.5-mile triangle)
Format: 140 laps, broken into three stages (30 laps/55 laps/55 laps)
Start/Finish: 14th/8th (Running, completed 140 of 140 laps)
Point Standing: 13th with 387 points, 194 out of first

Race Winner: Denny Hamlin of Joe Gibbs Racing (Toyota)
Stage 1 Winner: Kurt Busch of Chip Ganassi Racing (Chevrolet)
Stage 2 Winner: Brad Keselowski of Team Penske (Ford)

Stage 1 Recap (Laps 1-30):

- Clint Bowyer started 14th and finished 31st.
- Rain stopped the action on lap three for about 50 minutes.
- When racing resumed Bowyer ran in 15th-place and told his crew his car was loose.
- With no chance to earn bonus points, the No. 14 Mobil 1 Ford pitted for four tires and fuel with just three laps left in the stage.
- Bowyer stayed on track during the stage break and moved from 31st to 15th when several leaders pitted.

Stage 2 Recap (Laps 31-86):

- Bowyer started 15th and finished 12th.
- Bowyer continued to struggle with a loose Mobil 1 Ford Mustang dropping to 19th in the stage's opening laps.
- He avoided a spinning Christopher Bell on lap 39 and Chris Buescher on lap 44 in separate incidents.
- Bowyer remained on the track during both cautions and moved to ninth with 17 laps left in the stage.
- Kyle Busch's crash with 10 laps left in the stage brought out the caution. Bowyer pitted for tires, fuel and more adjustments.
- Bowyer restarted the race in 14th with six laps left in the stage.
- He stayed on the track during the stage break and moved up to eighth.

Final Stage Recap (Laps 87-140):

- Bowyer started eighth and finished eighth.
- Bowyer climbed to fourth before pitting under green for right-side tires with 34 laps remaining.
- The No. 14 fell to 24th after the stop but turned his fastest lap of the race with 27 to go.
- Bowyer was 17th with 25 laps remaining and 10th with 12 to go.
- He and Alex Bowman battled fender-to-fender coming to the checkered flag with Bowyer claiming eighth.

Notes:

- Bowyer earned his fifth top-10 of the season and his 13th top-10 in 30 career NASCAR Cup Series starts at Pocono.
- Bowyer has finished on the lead lap in 25 consecutive Cup races at Pocono. The last time he failed to finish on the lead lap was June 8, 2008.
- This was Bowyer's fifth straight top-11 at Pocono. He finished 11th in the series' visit to the track last July – his only result outside the top-10 in his last four races at Pocono.
- Since joining SHR in 2017, Bowyer has not finished outside the top-20 at Pocono.
- Bowyer finished seventh in Saturday's 325-mile race at Pocono.
- Denny Hamlin won the Pocono 350 to score his 41st career NASCAR Cup Series victory, his series-leading fourth of the season and his record-tying sixth at Pocono. His margin of victory over second-place Kevin Harvick was 3.068 seconds.
- There were eight caution periods for a total of 31 laps.
- Only 17 of the 40 drivers in the race finished on the lead lap.
- Harvick remains the championship leader after Pocono with a 52-point advantage over second-place Ryan Blaney.

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Clint Bowyer, driver of the No. 14 Mobil 1 Ford Mustang for Stewart-Haas Racing:

“That was a tough race. We were just so loose today. By ourselves we were good and could turn in a good lap, but in traffic we struggled.”

Next Up:

The next event on the NASCAR Cup Series schedule is the Big Machine Hand Sanitizer 400 on Sunday, July 5 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. The race starts at 4 p.m. EDT with live coverage provided by NBC and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio.

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