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## Clint Bowyer 16<sup>th</sup> at Indy

### *Late Caution Slows No. 14 Rush Truck Centers/Cummins Ford*

**Date:** July 5, 2020  
**Event:** Big Machine Hand Sanitizer 400 (Round 16 of 36)  
**Series:** NASCAR Cup Series  
**Location:** Indianapolis Motor Speedway (2.5-mile oval)  
**Format:** 160 laps, broken into three stages (50 laps/50 laps/60 laps)  
**Note:** Race extended one lap past its scheduled 160-lap distance due to a green-white-checkered finish.  
**Start/Finish:** 22<sup>nd</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> (Running, completed 161 of 161 laps)  
**Point Standing:** 15<sup>th</sup> with 411 points, 226 out of first

**Race Winner:** Kevin Harvick of Stewart-Haas Racing (Ford)  
**Stage 1 Winner:** William Byron of Hendrick Motorsports (Chevrolet)  
**Stage 2 Winner:** Kevin Harvick of Stewart-Haas Racing (Ford)

#### **Stage 1 Recap (Laps 1-50):**

- Clint Bowyer started 22<sup>nd</sup> and finished 10<sup>th</sup> to earn one bonus point.
- Bowyer drove from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> before the lap-12 competition caution.
- A pit road accident during the caution stopped the race for 11 minutes. Bowyer restarted the race in 11<sup>th</sup>.
- The No. 14 Rush Truck Centers/Cummins Ford climbed to 10<sup>th</sup> before pitting during a lap-42 caution.
- After the restart, Bowyer drove from 14<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> in the final four laps of the stage.
- Bowyer stayed on the track during the stage break and moved to seventh.

#### **Stage 2 Recap (Laps 51-100):**

- Bowyer started seventh and finished 10<sup>th</sup> to earn one bonus point.
- The No. 14 Rush Truck Centers/Cummins Ford ran in seventh until pitting during a lap-74 caution.
- After two more quick cautions, Bowyer restarted the race in ninth with nine laps left in the stage.
- Bowyer held on to finish 10<sup>th</sup>.
- During the stage break, Bowyer pitted for two right side tires.

#### **Final Stage Recap (Laps 101 -161):**

- Bowyer started 10<sup>th</sup> and finished 16<sup>th</sup>.
- The No. 14 Rush Truck Centers/Cummins Ford moved to seventh on the opening lap of the final stage.
- Bowyer climbed as high as second midway through the stage as the field made green-flag stops.
- Bowyer made a routine green-flag stop with 33 laps remaining, but an untimely caution flew just six laps later.
- The caution dropped Bowyer off the lead lap and it forced him to take the wave around.
- It also meant Bowyer restarted the race on older tires in 17<sup>th</sup> with 24 laps to go.
- Bowyer fought back to 16<sup>th</sup> by the time the checkered flag flew.

#### **Notes:**

- This is Bowyer's third straight top-20. He finished seventh and eighth, respectively in the June 27-28 doubleheader at Pocono (Pa.) Raceway.
- Kevin Harvick's margin of victory over second-place Matt Kenseth was .743 of a second.
- There were nine caution periods for a total of 43 laps.
- Only 19 of the 40 drivers in the race finished on the lead lap.
- Harvick remains the championship leader after Indianapolis with an 85-point advantage over second-place Chase Elliott.

#### **Clint Bowyer, driver of the No. 14 Rush Truck Centers/Cummins Ford Mustang for Stewart-Haas Racing:**

“We had a good car today, but just had some bad luck with the caution. I think we were looking at least a sixth- or seventh-place finish, but that caution (with 26 to go) came out right after we pitted. It dropped us back in the field and we didn't have a lot of laps to fight back. We were fast today and got some bonus points. We'll go to Kentucky and have a good run.”

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**Next Up:**

The next event on the NASCAR Cup Series schedule is the Kentucky 400 on Sunday, July 12 at Kentucky Speedway in Sparta. The race starts at 2:30 p.m. EDT with live coverage provided by FS1 and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio.

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