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## Clint Bowyer 14th at Kansas

### *No. 14 One Cure Ford Mustang Moves To 12th in Point Standings*

**Date:** July 23, 2020  
**Event:** Super Start Batteries 400 (Round 19 of 36)  
**Series:** NASCAR Cup Series  
**Location:** Kansas Speedway in Kansas City (1.5-mile oval)  
**Format:** 267 laps, broken into three stages (80 laps/80 laps/107 laps)  
**Start/Finish:** 19<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> (Running, completed 267 of 267 laps)  
**Point Standing:** 12<sup>th</sup> with 484 points, 279 out of first

**Race Winner:** Denny Hamlin of Joe Gibbs Racing (Toyota)

**Stage 1 Winner:** Kyle Busch of Joe Gibbs Racing (Toyota)

**Stage 2 Winner:** Brad Keselowski of Team Penske (Ford)

#### **Stage 1 Recap (Laps 1-80):**

- Clint Bowyer started 19<sup>th</sup> and finished 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Bowyer held his position until the lap-20 competition caution telling the crew his car was very loose.
- A quick pit stop by the One Cure Ford crew returned Bowyer to the track in 14<sup>th</sup> for the restart.
- Bowyer's handling issues continued as he dropped to 16<sup>th</sup> when the stage ended.
- During the stage break, the crew continued to make handling adjustments.

#### **Stage 2 Recap (Laps 81-160):**

- Bowyer started 13<sup>th</sup> and finished 21<sup>st</sup>.
- The One Cure No. 14 was "really loose" as Bowyer dropped to 24<sup>th</sup> by the lap-115 mark.
- Bowyer pitted during a caution on lap 140 for major handling changes and restarted 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Bowyer climbed back to 21<sup>st</sup> before the stage ended.

#### **Final Stage Recap (Laps 161-267):**

- Bowyer started 19<sup>th</sup> and finished 14<sup>th</sup>.
- The No. 14 escaped major damage in a five-car accident with 90 laps remaining.
- Bowyer pitted for right front fender repairs and restarted the race in 25<sup>th</sup> with 86 laps remaining.
- Bowyer dodged another multicar wreck on the restart. The race resumed with 82 to go and Bowyer in 18<sup>th</sup>.
- A third accident of the stage brought out the caution with 71 laps remaining. Bowyer pitted and restarted 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Bowyer broke into the top-10 with 67 laps remaining.
- A blown engine brought the field to pitlane where Bowyer took four tires and restarted the race in 10<sup>th</sup> with 28 to go.
- After another caution, Bowyer stayed on the track and restarted in 12<sup>th</sup> with 22 laps left.
- Bowyer fell to 14<sup>th</sup> in the final sprint to the finish.

#### **Notes:**

- By moving to 12<sup>th</sup> in the point standings, Bowyer will start in the top 12 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon on Aug. 2.
- This was Bowyer's second consecutive top-15. He finished 11<sup>th</sup> last Sunday at Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth.
- This was Bowyer's fifth straight top-15 at Kansas. He finished eighth last October and fifth in May 2019.
- Since joining SHR in 2017, Bowyer has only finished outside the top-15 once at Kansas.
- Denny Hamlin won the Super Start Batteries 400 to score his 42<sup>nd</sup> career NASCAR Cup Series victory, his fifth of the season and his third at Kansas. His margin of victory over second-place Brad Keselowski was .510 of a second.
- There were 11 caution periods for a total of 47 laps.
- Only 18 of the 40 drivers in the race finished on the lead lap.
- Kevin Harvick remains the championship leader after Kansas with a 97-point advantage over second-place Keselowski.

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**Clint Bowyer, driver of the No. 14 One Cure Ford Mustang for Stewart-Haas Racing:**

“Man, we were so loose in the first two stages. We worked hard on it and got it better in the final stage. I don’t know how the heck I didn’t wreck in that (Lap 177) big wreck. We got some damage then we dodged a couple more (wrecks) after that. It was a tough race, but nobody on our One Cure team gave up and our pit crew helped us out a bunch tonight. It’s good to be back in the top-12 in points. That will help our qualifying spot in New Hampshire. It’s always good to be back home in Kansas. I just wish we could have had the fans here tonight. We really missed them and ready to get them back to the track.”

**Next Up:**

The next event on the NASCAR Cup Series schedule is the Foxwoods Resort Casino 301 on Sunday, Aug. 2 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon. The race starts at 3 p.m. EDT with live coverage provided by NBCSN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio.

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