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## **Kyle Busch, No. 18 Interstate Batteries Toyota Camry** ***Race Recap for the Drydene 311***

**Date:** Aug. 23, 2020  
**Event:** Drydene 311 (Round 25 of 36)  
**Series:** NASCAR Cup Series  
**Location:** Dover (Del.) International Speedway (1-mile, concrete oval)  
**Format:** 311 laps, broken into three stages (70 laps/115 laps/126 laps)  
**Start/Finish:** 18<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> (Running, completed 311 of 311 laps)  
**Point Standing:** 9<sup>th</sup> (719 points, 322 behind leader)

**Race Winner:** Kevin Harvick of Stewart-Haas Racing (Ford)  
**Stage 1 Winner:** Kevin Harvick of Stewart-Haas Racing (Ford)  
**Stage 2 Winner:** Kevin Harvick of Stewart-Haas Racing (Ford)

### **Stage 1 Recap (Laps 1-70):**

- Kyle Busch started 18<sup>th</sup> and finished 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- The Interstate Batteries driver started 18<sup>th</sup> with the top-20 inverted from Saturday's race, but Busch found trouble early in Sunday's second race of the weekend doubleheader.
- A spin by Ricky Stenhouse Jr. in front of him forced Busch to get on the brakes, and Chase Elliott behind Busch could not get slowed up fast enough and ran into the back of Busch's No. 18 Toyota.
- Crew Chief Adam Stevens called Busch to pit road multiple times to fix damage to the right side and rear of Busch's Interstate Batteries Toyota. The multiple stops forced Busch to restart in the 35<sup>th</sup> position on lap 11 and at the tail end of the longest line.
- When the caution waved on lap 33 for debris, Busch came down pit road to further fix damage, as he restarted 27<sup>th</sup> on lap 39.
- Busch moved up several positions throughout the remainder of Stage 1, as he moved up to 23<sup>rd</sup> while telling Stevens he was too loose.

### **Stage 2 Recap (Laps 71-185):**

- Busch started 16<sup>th</sup> and finished 18<sup>th</sup>.
- The Interstate Batteries driver came to pit road following the end of the stage to take on four tires, fuel, and adjustments to tighten his car up, as he restarted 16<sup>th</sup> at the beginning of Stage 2.
- Busch came to pit road the next time on lap 102, as he told Stevens he was still too loose. There was also some extra work done on the right rear of the car that had to do with more damage repair from the early incident.
- The Las Vegas native restarted 23<sup>rd</sup> on lap 107, and worked his way up to 18<sup>th</sup> by the end of Stage 2, as he was battling an ill-handling racecar.

### **Final Stage Recap (Laps 186-311):**

- Busch started 18<sup>th</sup> and finished 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Busch came to pit road on lap 188, taking on four tires, fuel, and adjustments, as he restarted 18<sup>th</sup> to begin the final stage.
- Busch moved up to the top-15 by lap 215 when the caution waved on lap 217.
- The Interstate Batteries driver came to pit road for tires and fuel on lap 218 and lined up 14<sup>th</sup> on the restart.
- Busch moved his way up to 11<sup>th</sup> by lap 283 and soon thereafter the caution waved, sending everyone to pit road for one final time on lap 292.
- The Interstate Batteries over-the-wall team performed a fast pit stop, and got Busch back out in the 10<sup>th</sup> position with a restart with 16 laps to go in the 311-lap race.
- The Las Vegas native lost one spot over the final 16 laps of the race and brought home an 11<sup>th</sup>-place finish.

### **Notes:**

- Busch's 11<sup>th</sup>-place finish locked him into the Cup Series playoffs on points with one race remaining in the Regular Season.

### **Kyle Busch, driver of the No. 18 Interstate Batteries Toyota Camry for Joe Gibbs Racing:**

"It was a long day with our Interstate Batteries Camry. We worked on the car overnight and wanted to improve on yesterday's finish. Got run into the back of near the beginning, and I'm not sure what exactly that to our car. We just couldn't quite get it handling like we wanted to or even like it did yesterday. We just kept fighting all day and did the best with what we had."

**Team Interstate Results:**

- Martin Truex Jr. (Finished 2<sup>nd</sup> / Running, completed 311 of 311 laps)
- Kyle Busch (Finished 11<sup>th</sup> / Running, completed 311 of 311 laps)
- Denny Hamlin (Finished 19<sup>th</sup> / Running, completed 311 of 311 laps)
- Erik Jones (Finished 22<sup>nd</sup> / Running, completed 311 of 311 laps)

**Next Up:**

The next event on the NASCAR Cup Series schedule is the Coke Zero 400 on Saturday, Aug. 29 at Daytona (Fla.) International Speedway. It is the final race of the regular season and it starts at 7:30 p.m. EDT with live coverage provided by NBC and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio. The 10-race, 16-driver NASCAR Playoffs begins the following week with the Sept. 6 Southern 500 at Darlington (S.C.) Raceway.

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