

Kyle Busch, No. 18 PEDIGREE® Toyota Camry Race Recap for the Foxwoods Resort Casino 301

Date: Aug. 2, 2020

Event: Foxwoods Resort Casino 301 (Round 20 of 36)

Series: NASCAR Cup Series

Location: New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon (1.058-mile oval) **Format:** 301 laps, broken into three stages (75 laps/110 laps/116 laps)

Start/Finish: 5th /40th (Accident, completed 15 of 301 laps)

Point Standing: 10th (563 points, 240 behind leader)

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

Stage 1 Recap (Laps 1-75):

- Kyle Busch started fifth and finished 40th.
- The PEDIGREE driver started fifth and held within the top-five for the first 15 laps of the race, telling crew chief Adam Stevens he was experiencing a slight tight-handling condition
- But as he came down the backstretch towards turn three to complete lap 16, Busch had a right front tire go flat, causing him to make hard contact with outside SAFER barrier entering turn three.
- The two-time and defending Cup Series champion had too much damage to his PEDIGREE Toyota to continue on in the race as he pulled behind the wall.
- Despite the hard hit, Busch was checked and released from the infield care center.

Kyle Busch, driver of the No. 18 PEDIGREE Toyota Camry for Joe Gibbs Racing:

"I blew a right-front tire for some reason. I have no idea why. Way too early in the going for anything to be wrong or even to build enough brake temp or brake heat. I don't know. Just hate it for our Pedigree team and the fight that we've been having this year seems to be continuing. Last time I was here in a Pedigree car, we blew a right-front tire for no reason as well too. Just seems to be our luck with the Pedigree scheme for some reason here at New Hampshire. It's still 2020, but sooner or later we have to turn this stuff around."

Next Up:

The next event on the NASCAR Cup Series schedule is a doubleheader Aug. 8-9 at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn. The FireKeepers Casino 400 starts at 4 p.m. EDT on Saturday, Aug. 8 and the Consumers Energy 400 begins at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 9. Live coverage of both will be provided by NBCSN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio.

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