

Toyota Drivers Victorious in Trucks and POWRi

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Kyle Busch continued to lead Toyota drivers during the NASCAR race weekend at Martinsville Speedway. After winning the NASCAR Gander Outdoors Truck Series (NGOTS) event on Saturday, Busch captured his sixth-consecutive top-10 finish in Sunday's Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series (MENCs) race.

In the POWRi Lucas Oil National Midget League's season-opening Turnpike Challenge, Toyota-powered drivers captured three of four events, including Logan Seavey's back-to-back victories at I-44 Riverside Speedway in Oklahoma City.

NASCAR

Busch opened Martinsville on Saturday afternoon with a win, collecting his third-consecutive NGOTS victory of 2019.

The win marks the fourth victory for Toyota this season as Tundra drivers have won every NGOTS event in 2019. The last time Toyota started the year undefeated in the Truck Series was in 2014 when Tundra drivers won the first 10 races of the season.

"These guys gave me a great Cessna Beechcraft Tundra," said Busch. "It was awesome to drive. It wasn't so awesome yesterday. We worked really, really hard on trying to make this thing better and improve this truck

and our program and all of the other (Kyle Busch Motorsports) trucks as well.”

The following day, Busch was the highest-finishing Camry driver in third place. It was his sixth-consecutive top-10 finish this season as he remains the only MENCs driver to finish in the top 10 in every race this season.

“We were just kind of off a little bit,” said Busch. “We didn’t qualify good and I didn’t think we were very good in practice. Not as good as we typically are here. From where we ran at the midway point of the race to where we finished, that was a really good turnaround.”

Denny Hamlin (fifth) and Martin Truex Jr. (eighth) also finished in the top 10.

POWRi

NASCAR Xfinity Series (NXS) regular Christopher Bell won the first event in the POWRi Turnpike Challenge on Thursday night at Oklahoma’s Creek County Speedway. Bell took the lead on lap 13 and never looked back, earning his ninth-consecutive Turnpike Challenge victory and his third national midget car feature in 2019.

Over the course of the event, Bell earned podium finishes in each of the four races in his home state with one win, a pair of second-place finishes and a third-place finish.

Seavey also made a statement at the Turnpike Challenge, capturing back-to-back wins at I-44 Riverside Speedway on Friday and Saturday. Seavey now has three national midget car victories this season, while Toyota-powered drivers have registered nine national midget feature wins in 2019.

What’s Next

NASCAR heads to Texas where all three NASCAR national series will compete at Texas Motor Speedway. The NGOTS opens the three-day show on Friday, March 29 at 9 p.m. EDT on FS1. The NXS follows with its race on Saturday, March 30 at 1 p.m. EDT on FS1, while the MENCs closes the weekend with a race on Sunday, March 31 at 3 p.m. EDT on FOX.