

Toyota Sweeps Top-Two in NASCAR Trucks, Off Road and ARCA

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In the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series (NCWTS), Lucas Oil Midwest Short Course League (LOMSCL) and ARCA Racing Series, Toyota drivers swept the top-four positions with Brett Moffitt and Chandler Smith winning in their respective races.

NASCAR

In a double-header NASCAR Xfinity Series (NXS) and NCWTS weekend at Iowa Speedway, Tundra driver Brett Moffitt captured his second win this season on Saturday. The Grimes, Iowa native headlined a Toyota top four with Noah Gragson (second), Harrison Burton (third) and David Gilliland (fourth) close behind.

“This is everything,” said Moffitt after the race. “Being in my home state and on father’s day weekend – my dad has done everything for me in my career and been my rock my whole life. To be here in victory lane with the Destiny Homes Smart Series Toyota and everything they’ve done for us all year – man, Noah (Gragson) was fast there at the end. It was hard holding him off, but everyone at Toyota does such a great job for us and a lot of strong Toyota finishes tonight.”

Moffitt led 76 laps (of 200) en route to the home track victory, holding off a hard-charging Gragson on the final lap. Gragson continues to remain second in the Truck Series point standings while Moffitt is third behind series leader Johnny Sauter.

It was also a series of firsts for two young Tundra drivers as seventeen-year-old Burton opened the day with his first-career Truck Series pole award and ARCA Racing Series regular Christian Eckes made his series debut.

In Sunday’s Xfinity Series event, Christopher Bell was the highest-finishing Camry. Bell challenged race winner Justin Allgaier several times in the final stage of the race, closing to within a tenth of a second before eventually finishing second.

“I just needed to be in front of him (Justin Allgaier),” said Bell. “Our Rheem Camry was really good. It was really good on the bottom both corners, but I just didn’t have enough to clear him. He could just kind of ride that outside there outside my door.”

Bell’s Toyota teammates Brandon Jones (fifth) and Riley Herbst (sixth) also earned top-10 finishes with Herbst making his series debut.

In NASCAR K&N Pro Series East action, Toyota driver Ernie Francis Jr. started from the pole at New Jersey Raceway Park on Saturday. Francis paced the field for six laps (of 55) before eventual winner Will Rodgers took the lead.

Francis went on to log a runner-up finish as Anthony Alfredo also posted a Toyota top-five finish.

NHRA

J.R. Todd drove his Toyota Camry to the Funny Car semi-finals to lead Toyota at Bristol Dragway on Sunday. Todd has advanced to the semi-finals in five of the last eight races, including two victories.

“In the semis, I just dropped a hole right after I hit the gas and you’re a sitting duck at that point,” said Todd. “It’s good to be going rounds and earning points in our DHL Camry, but it would be nice to be going even more rounds and earning more points on the cars in front of us.”

In Top Fuel, Antron Brown and Doug Kalitta advanced to the second round before being eliminated. Brown ran the quickest pass of the day with a 3.897-second run in the first round before overpowering the track in the

second round as track temperatures soared past 140 degrees.

“This is the hottest race track we’ve raced on so far this year,” said Brown. “We made the necessary changes to slow it down, but the track was still really hot. With that said, we made it down there and we were just a little bit too fast.”

The NHRA Mello Yello Drag Racing Series closes out its four-week stretch next weekend at the Summit Motorsports Park in Norwalk, Ohio on June 22-24.

ARCA

Fifteen-year-old Chandler Smith won his first ARCA Racing Series race at Wisconsin’s Madison International Speedway on Friday, extending Toyota’s nine-race win streak. Smith led 75 laps (of 200) to earn his first-career win.

“We just had a little luck on our side,” said Smith. “I am really blessed with the group of guys I have behind me. Venturini Motorsports gave me a heck of a Toyota Camry tonight.”

Toyota drivers finished in the top-four with Zane Smith (second), Sheldon Creed (third) and Chase Purdy (four) closing out the race behind Smith.

Off Road

In a Father’s Day showdown at Wisconsin’s Crandon International Raceway, father-son duo Johnny and CJ Greaves logged a 1-2 Toyota finish. Defending race winner Johnny Greaves came out on top in the LOMSCL, outdueling his son, CJ in the season-opener.

What’s Next

Toyota Racing drivers will compete in six racing series in the upcoming week, including stock car, drag racing and off road action.

The Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series will compete at Sonoma Raceway on Sunday, June 24 at 3:00 p.m. ET with live coverage on FS1. The NASCAR K&N Pro Series West accompanies the Cup Series at Sonoma where drivers will compete on Saturday, June 23 with coverage tape delayed for broadcast on NBCSN on Thursday, June 28 at 6:00 p.m. ET.

The NASCAR Camping World Truck Series and ARCA Racing Series will both compete at Illinois’ Gateway Motorsports Park with the Truck Series headline the event on Saturday, June 23 at 9:30 p.m. ET on FS1. The ARCA Racing Series will compete a night prior on Friday, June 22 at 9 p.m. ET on FS2.

The NHRA Mello Yello Drag Racing Series competes at Summit Racing Equipment Motorsports Park from Thursday to Sunday, June 21-24 with television coverage on FS1.

Off Road racing also returns for a third weekend as the Lucas Oil Off-Road Racing Series (LOORRS) competes at Lucas Oil Speedway on June 23-24 with coverage live on Lucas Oil Racing TV.