

# Busch Adds Another Victory in Pocono

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Kyle Busch claimed his fourth Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series (MENCS) victory of the season on Sunday at Pocono Raceway, while Chase Cabre earned his first career NASCAR K&N Pro Series East (NKNPSE) win in Tennessee on Saturday night.

## **NASCAR**

In a race full of pit strategy, Kyle Busch survived a late-race restart to score his third-career MENCS victory at the Pennsylvania track on Sunday afternoon.

Busch took the lead for the first time on Lap 56, and eventually took the top spot on three other occasions for a total of 79 laps (of 160). With 20 laps to go, Busch assumed the lead for a final time. Following a late-race caution, Busch got the jump at the line and never looked back, scoring his 55<sup>th</sup> career-series win. Busch continues to lead the MENCS point standings.

“I mean it was a great race for us. We had a really, really fast car,” said Busch. “This M&M’s Hazelnut Spread Camry was flawless. Overall, a huge thanks to everybody at Joe Gibbs Racing. Everybody has done a phenomenal job building us some fast Toyota Camrys.”

Teammate Erik Jones tied his season-best finish of third while Denny Hamlin also claimed a top-10 finish as he

crossed the line in sixth.

In the NASCAR Xfinity Series, Supra driver Christopher Bell survived an early-race spin to bounce back and earn his seventh top-five finish of the season.

“We didn’t get the finish we wanted,” said Bell. “I thought we were going to run second there if the yellow didn’t come out and unfortunately, the yellow came out. I started on the bottom and just could never – just wasn’t fast enough to get up there. Bummer, but it was a much needed momentum for after how Charlotte went.”

### **NHRA**

Doug Kalitta and Antron Brown continued their strong performances as both drivers advanced to the semifinals at Route 66 Raceway outside of Chicago on Sunday. Richie Crampton also scored a round win as all three Toyota-backed Top Fuel machines advanced out of the first round.

“I think our Mac Tools Toyota was capable of winning,” said Kalitta. “We had a really good car and we went some rounds today. The nice thing is we don’t have long to think about this one. We’ll be back on the track in five days in Topeka.”

With his result, Kalitta moved up to second in the overall Top Fuel standings.

### **NKNPSE**

Chase Cabre scored his first career NKNPSE win as he led the last 47 laps (of 150) to cross the line first at Memphis International Raceway. Cabre started in the 10<sup>th</sup> position and gradually worked his way through the field before taking the lead on Lap 104.

“It’s been a long time coming,” said Cabre. “Three years and coming up second a handful of times, it’s so good to come out on top. My crew gave me a good car. I’m really thankful for the opportunity.”

Toyota drivers took eight of the top-10 spots with Ty Gibbs and Tanner Gray rounding out the top three. Derek Kraus continues to lead the point standings.

### **ARCA**

Toyota driver Riley Herbst took the lead from pole winner Harrison Burton on the first lap of Friday’s ARCA Menards Series race at Pocono Raceway and led the first 68 laps (of 80) before finishing second.

“I wish it was the fall race when it’s only 60 laps,” Herbst said. “We freed it up a lot and I couldn’t get the throttle down off (Turns) 1 and 3. (Ty Majeski) closed up there at the end and we put two tires on at the end and swung for the fence but I couldn’t make a run on him.”

Michael Self had problems late in the race and finished 11<sup>th</sup> but continues to lead the point standings.

### **What’s Next**

NASCAR heads to Michigan International Speedway where the Xfinity Series will compete on Saturday, June 8 at 1:30 p.m. EDT on FS1. The Cup Series will close the weekend on Sunday, June 9 at 2 p.m. EDT on FS1. The ARCA Menards Series will open the Michigan race weekend on Friday, June 7 at 6 p.m. EDT on FS1.

Meanwhile, in Texas, the Gander Outdoors Truck Series returns to action at Texas Motor Speedway on Friday night at 9 p.m. EDT on FS1.

In Colorado, the NASCAR K&N Pro Series West heads to the mountains as they tackle Colorado National Speedway on Saturday, June 8. TV coverage will air on Thursday, June 13 at 6 p.m. EDT on NBCSN.

In the Midwest, NHRA takes on Heartland Motorsports Park outside of Topeka, Kansas with the final round on Sunday, June 9 at 5:30 p.m. EDT on FS1.

The USAC series starts its annual Indiana Midget Week at Motpelier Motor Speedway on Tuesday, June 4.