



Brad Keselowski Post-Race Notes & Quotes  
Samson Stone Ford F-150  
Martinsville Speedway  
Kroger 200  
October 22, 2005  
Started 32nd  
Finished 18th  
Points' Position 22nd

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## **KESELOWSKI MIGHT LIKE MARTINSVILLE A LITTLE MORE AFTER 18TH PLACE FINISH**

Brad Keselowski tackled the Martinsville Speedway short track for the third time in his NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series career on Saturday afternoon. With truth to the phrase, "third time's the charm", Keselowski earned his career-best Martinsville finish of 18th position along with moving up one position in driver points into the 22nd position. Keselowski admits that Martinsville Speedway is still not one of his favorite tracks on the circuit, but maybe one that he can like just a little bit more.

"I was dreading racing at Martinsville again," said Keselowski. "Considering that my average finish before this race was 34th place, I just could never get a handle on this place. We brought our same short track truck back that we had run at IRP, Bristol, Memphis and Richmond and had run pretty well at all those race tracks. But we struggled here at Martinsville during qualifying and had to start way back in the 32nd spot. The track was just cold during qualifying and then we had to go out on sticker tires giving these trucks almost no grip at all off the corners."

"Once the race started we were stuck fighting a tight condition almost all day," said Keselowski. "There at the end of the race we were finally able to free up the truck enough to allow it to rotate better in the center of the corner and allow me to drive into the corners a little harder. We were better than a lot of trucks coming off the corners all afternoon, but the tight condition kept causing me to have to back up my corner entry which cost me some positions. There with 20 to go in the event the truck really came to life and we picked up about five positions within the last 20 laps. I'm pretty pleased with our 18th place finish at Martinsville on the lead lap because honestly that is better than I thought I would have been. I guess maybe I can start to like Martinsville a little more."

Following his 18th place finish at Martinsville, Keselowski moved into the 22nd position in NCTS championship points and currently sits 110 points out of the 20th position. The next race for Keselowski and his K Automotive Motorsports team is Saturday, October 29 at the Atlanta Motor Speedway.

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