



Brad Keselowski Post-Race Notes & Quotes  
SUBcrews.com Racing Ford F-150  
Martinsville Speedway  
Kroger 250  
April 13, 2005  
Started 26th  
Finished 35th

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## **Keselowski's Day at Martinsville Was Over Before it Really Got Started**

There is no question that Martinsville Speedway is one of the most challenging short tracks on the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series schedule and unfortunately the half-mile short track proved to be frustrating for the 21-year old Brad Keselowski during Saturday's running of the Kroger 250. Keselowski suffered substantial front and rear damage to his No. 29 SUBcrews.com Ford when another truck made a sudden stop in front of him heading into turn one leaving Keselowski nowhere to go. The early incident forced the K Automotive team into action behind pit wall to repair the damage without losing too many laps to the leaders. Keselowski would return to the race track 15 laps down and frustrated by the fact that his fast race truck would simply have to ride around and finish the day in the 35th position.

"This was nowhere near the type of day we expected to have at Martinsville," said Keselowski. "During the early practice session we knew that we would struggle a little in qualifying and unfortunately that is what put us near the middle to the back of the field and allowed us to be in the position to get wrecked early in the race. I think the most frustrating part is that we also knew that under a long green flag situation, we had one of the strongest trucks on the track. I think we were positioned to have a solid day for SUBcrews.com and our new sponsor for the event, Petra Stone Inc., but unfortunately the damage forced us to lose too many laps and we just weren't able to make those up to get back into contention."

While the early incident took Keselowski out of contention at Martinsville, it was his rear end gear that locked up late in the race which would eventually end his day early. With 75 laps remaining in the event, Keselowski felt the truck lock up down the front straightaway and quickly shut the truck off to avoid any additional damage to the motor or transmission. Upon analyzing the situation on pit road, the team determined it was time to park the truck for the day.

"I know that a season is filled with highs and lows and this is all part of that," said Keselowski. "We know we are bringing competitive trucks to each race and solid consistent top finishes will come. Martinsville was simply a short track race where somebody will have a tough day and that somebody was me this week. But we have plenty of strong weeks ahead and we will get the repairs made to 'Super Droop' in time for the Mansfield race and in the meantime we are working hard to get our Gateway truck ready."

The next event for the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series is scheduled for April 30 at the Gateway International Raceway in Madison, Illinois. The race will be televised Live on SPEED Channel with coverage beginning at 8:00pm ET.

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