



Brad Keselowski Post-Race Notes & Quotes
Samson Stone Ford F-150
Nashville Superspeedway
Toyota Tundra 200
August 13, 2005
Started 26th
Finished 30th
Points' Position 23rd

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Keselowski Able to Avoid Other Trucks, But Not Tire Problem at Nashville

Brad Keselowski entered this weekend's Toyota Tundra 200 at the Nashville Superspeedway ready to learn his way around yet another speedway in an attempt to regain the lost points from an early accident the week before at the Indianapolis Raceway Park. Keselowski worked his way around the 1.33-mile speedway during practice turning some impressive times before the Samson Stone Ford would take to the track on Saturday morning for qualifying. The 21-year old was the second truck to take to the race track that morning turning a time of nearly a half-second faster than his fastest practice time. That run would line up the No. 29 in the 26th starting position for the 150-lap event.

When the 36-truck field took the green flag, Keselowski had a quick flash back to Indy as another truck spun in front of him and came to a complete stop on the race track forcing Keselowski to bring his truck to a stop to keep from being involved in the incident. As the race began to see some longer green flag runs, Keselowski reported to his team that he was better than a lot of trucks in and through the corners, but he was down on horsepower not allowing him to complete the passes which he was starting entering the corners. But as the race progressed, Keselowski began to experience a tight condition specifically when running behind other race trucks. Lap 42 brought Keselowski to the attention of his pit crew for the first time in the event as they changed four tires, fueled the truck and put two round of wedge in the truck to attempt to correct the tight condition.

As several more cautions flew on the speedway Keselowski found himself leading the field in order to collect five bonus points on lap 80 of the event before coming to pit road for another four tires and fuel. As Keselowski returned to the track and the field took the green flag, the new tires struggled to build to the appropriate air pressures. Then on lap 111 Keselowski came up on another truck in turn four which had cut a tire, he went high in the corner to avoid contact with the truck. As he came around on the

next lap, Keselowski felt his right front tire blow and he lost control of the truck smacking the outside wall in turn four. The team immediately took the truck behind the wall to examine the damage. With an extensive amount of suspension damage in the right front of the truck, the team was forced to end the event in the garage area and take the 30th place finishing position.

“This was a really disappointing day,” said Keselowski. “We had the truck right on as far as the handling, but we just did not have enough power to run down the other trucks. That is really frustrating for a driver. I could set them up and get alongside, but then they were able to get me back down the straights. There toward the end of the race we were in good position as far as fuel compared to the lead trucks which had not pitted. But when we got up into the loose stuff trying to avoid the other truck, we must have gotten something on our tires on that caused the right-front to blow on that next lap. I hate it for the Samson Stone Ford, we really needed to gain some ground in the points here at Nashville before getting to Bristol and Richmond, but we will have Super Droop back at Bristol and that truck was real fast and Indy. I think if we can avoid all the carnage there we may be able to get a decent run.”

Keselowski maintained the 23rd position in NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series points, only 30 points away from the 22nd position and 57 points away from the 20th position. The next event on the schedule for the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series is Wednesday, August 24 at the Bristol Motor Speedway. Coverage on Speed Channel will begin at 9:00pm ET.

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