



Brad Keselowski Post-Race Notes & Quotes
Samson Stone Ford F-150
Richmond International Raceway
Cheerios 200
September 9, 2005
Started 34th
Finished 16th
Points' Position 22nd

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KESELOWSKI ONCE AGAIN SHOWS SHORT TRACK ABILITY EARNING 16th PLACE FINISH AT RICHMOND

Brad Keselowski once again showed just how talented he and his K Automotive team can be on the short tracks of the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series on Thursday evening as he earned a 16th place finish during his first career start at the tricky Richmond International Raceway. The youngest of the Keselowski family was anxious to try his hand at the three-quarter mile speedway where his father and crew chief, Bob Keselowski, earned his one and only NCTS victory back in 1997.

"We really worked hard to get this truck ready for this event because with this quite possibly being the last truck race at Richmond I wanted to get as close to a win as possible to go along with dad's win here in 1997," said Keselowski. "We came up a little short on our finish tonight, but we were able to hold a solid top ten spot for most of the race before our pit strategy put us a little farther behind there on the last restart. Richmond was a lot tougher of a little track than I think I had imagined before I got out there, but it was also a lot of fun once I got the groove of the race track. I was able to run a much higher groove on the race track than a lot of the guys and I think that made passing a little easier when I had fresh tires."

With a very close field of 36 trucks vying for positions in the Cheerios 200, Keselowski ran within four hundredths of a second to the pole sitter and still had to start the event from the 34th starting position. Keselowski was able to make quick work of the field early moving into the top 20 before the first round of pit stops where he changed tires and then into the top ten for much of the latter half of the race before coming to pit road one last time for tires and fuel. The final stop would put Keselowski back to the 24th position, but he would once again use that outside lane to pass several trucks before battling veteran racer, Ken Schrader in the closing laps for the 16th position.

Keselowski would cross the line in the 16th position and gain a position in the championship standings into the 22nd position where he is actually tied with Brandon Whitt for the 21st position. The next event on the schedule for the K Automotive team will be this coming weekend at the New Hampshire International Speedway on Saturday, September 17 at 3:00pm ET on Speed Channel.

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