

Keselowski rules at Kentucky Speedway

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SPARTA, Kentucky — Brad Keselowski, in extreme fuel conservation mode, seemingly coasted to **NASCAR** the win in the Quaker State 400 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race at Kentucky Speedway on Saturday night.

It was his third win at Kentucky in six races at the track, making him Kentucky's winningest driver at the Cup level, and his fourth win of the season, moving him past Kyle Busch as the season's winningest driver after 17 races.

"I don't know if I've ever had that (assistance from a tow truck to get to Victory Lane)," Keselowski said. "I don't want to have it ever again. I'd rather drive it in Victory Lane, but you take them any way you can get them,

and I'm glad to be here and glad to be doing things that are fun on a Saturday night."

As most drivers headed for pit road for fuel in the final 20 laps, Keselowski slowed far off the pace. He slowed enough to give up the lead for a short time to Matt Kenseth with six laps to go. But after assuming the top spot, Kenseth went to the pits for fuel, handing the lead back over to Keselowski.

When he retook the lead, Keselowski was up by nine seconds over Carl Edwards. Keselowski's slow pace reeled Edwards closer, but Keselowski sped back up to preserve his position and the win.

"I have to give credit where credit is due," Edwards said. "He (Keselowski) did a really good job. He played it perfectly. That was really frustrating. He



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NASCAR Sprint Cup Series driver Brad Keselowski celebrates with his daughter Scarlett on Saturday, after winning the Quaker State 400 presented by Advance Auto Parts at Kentucky Speedway.

baited me in there. I thought he was, surely, out (of fuel) and then he just won the race. He did a good job. We had great power all

night, great fuel mileage with TRD (Toyota Racing Development). Man, it's hard to swallow that one. We thought we had it, no

problem. He played it perfectly."

Edwards finished second, Ryan Newman was third, Kurt Busch fourth and Tony Stewart finished fifth in a race that turned into a fuel-mileage contest.

Keselowski took the lead from Kevin Harvick on lap 200. Harvick led the most laps with 94 of his 128 coming in the first half of the race.

He wound up finishing a disappointing ninth.

Harvick lost track position during a cycle of green-flag pit stops just past the halfway point. After a yellow flag on lap 152, Martin Truex Jr. restarted with the lead.

Truex apparently beat Harvick off pit road during the final yellow flag, a record-tying 11th caution on lap 194, but a pit road penalty pushed Truex back to

22nd put Harvick back in the lead.

The penalty did not deter Truex as he worked his way back up to the top three under green-flag conditions before pit stops in the closing stages of the race.

Harvick dominated from the outset after starting on the pole.

He first lost the top spot when Stewart-Haas Racing teammate Kurt Busch made up track position after starting in the back of the field by staying out during a competition caution on lap 26.

After another quick caution and restart, Harvick retook the lead, only to lose it a few laps later when Keselowski elected to stay out.

Truex took the lead from Keselowski on lap 63 and then Harvick got off pit road ahead of Truex during the next yellow flag to restart the race as the leader on lap 87.



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Brittany Lang plays the 18th hole in regulation play during the final round of the women's 2016 U.S. Open golf tournament at CordeValle Golf Club on Sunday.

Lang wins US Women's Open in 3-hole playoff

REUTERS

SAN MARTIN, California — Brittany Lang defeated Sweden's Anna Nordqvist by three shots in a three-hole playoff to win the 71st U.S. Women's Open on Sunday at CordeValle Golf Club.

Nordqvist was assessed a two-shot penalty for **PRO GOLF** grounding her club in a fairway bunker on the par-4 17th hole.

Nordqvist and Lang finished the final round tied at 6-under 282. Then they played a three-hole aggregate playoff — playing the par-3 16th, par-4 17th and par-5 18th.

Lang and Nordqvist took pars on the 16th. Both players got up-and-down for apparent pars on the 17th, but Lundqvist was later assessed the two-shot penalty. Lundqvist wasn't informed of the penalty by a USGA official until after she hit her third shot onto the green at the 18th.

Lang then hit her third shot on the green and made two putts for par while Lundqvist three-putted for bogey.

Lang, ranked 40th in the world, won for just the second time in her LPGA career and captured her first major championship. Lang had come close before at the U.S. Women's Open with four top-15 finishes in her first 11 tries. She tied for second in 2005, fifth in 2010, seventh in 2013 and 14th in 2015.

Nordqvist, who entered the round six behind New Zealand's Lydia Ko and tied for 15th, shot a 5-under 67, Sunday's best score. Lang trailed Ko by two after three rounds and shot 71.

Ko, who owned a one-shot lead after 54 holes, shot a 75 and finished two back, in a four-way tie for third with South Korea's Sung Hyun Park (74), Eun Hee Ji (74) and Amy Yang (73).

Stacy Lewis (71) finished alone in seventh place.

Lang started the final round tied for fourth. She pulled even with Nordqvist atop the leaderboard with a birdie on the par-4 13th.

Lang came to the par-3

16th hole at 6 under and in a tie for first with Nordqvist, who had already completed her final round. Lang drained a 15-foot, downhill birdie putt, taking a one shot lead.

But on the par-4 17th, Lang three-putted from 45 feet for a bogey, and Nordqvist pulled into a tie for first, with Park one shot back and Ko two behind through 16 holes.

Lang missed an 18-foot birdie putt on the par-5 18th but tapped in for a par.

Park needed a birdie and Ko and eagle on 18 to join the playoff. Park hit her second shot into a lake and took bogey, while Ko parred the hole.

Nordqvist shot a 34 on the front nine, birdied the par-3 12th then eagled the par-5 15th to move into a tie for first with Park at 6-under. Then she parred her final three holes and waited as Lang played her final two holes.

Noren wins Scottish Open by one shot

Ice-cool Swede Alex Noren held his nerve to clinch a fifth career victory on the European Tour by one shot at the Scottish Open in Inverness on Sunday.

Two strokes in front heading into the final round at Castle Stuart Golf Links, Noren was briefly caught in a tie at the top before pulling away with two birdies in the last seven holes to card a two-under-par 70.

The 33-year-old from Stockholm, who had been the 54-hole leader for each of his previous four wins on the circuit, posted a 14-under total of 274 to finish one ahead of England's Tyrrell Hatton, who birdied the par-five 18th for a 69.

Belgium's Nicolas Colsaerts closed with a 66 to share third place at 12-under with Italian Matteo Manassero (70) and New Zealand's Danny Lee (69).

"I'm so happy it's over because it was a tough, tough leaderboard," Noren told reporters after shaking off Lee and Hatton with birdies at the 12th and 15th. "A lot of guys at 11, 12, 13 under and it was just not a cruising win at all.

Kynard wins high jump at Olympic trials

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EUGENE, Oregon — Erik Kynard won the men's high jump at the U.S. Olympic Track & Field Trials before he even had a miss.

The 25-year old cleared his first four bars of the day, including his winning height of 7 feet, 6 inches, Sunday evening at Hayward Field. His only misses on the day came when he tried to equal the meet record of 7-8 1/2.

"It was a great competition, and I am moving forward to the Olympics," Kynard said. "I didn't miss a bar until I went out, and that makes it difficult to get into it when you have the competition won. At no point in the competition was I in a position where I was being pushed. I had it under control pretty well and was making bars. I feel like a weight has been lifted off my shoulders after I won."

Kynard will advance to the Olympics for the second time as he looks to improve on his silver-medal finish from 2012.

"That is definitely there as a motivator," Kynard said. "But mostly, I am just trying to be the best Erik Kynard that there is."

Kyle Landon finished second at 7-5, but he has not met the standard to qualify for the Olympics. Third-place finisher Bradley Adkins, who cleared 7-3, is headed to Rio de Janeiro along with sixth-place finisher Ricky Robertson.

Jenn Suhr won her eighth national championship in the women's pole vault and

advanced to the Olympics for the third time. She will look for her second straight gold medal in Rio after earning the silver medal in 2008.

"It doesn't get any easier, this is a tough team to make," Suhr said.

Suhr won with a mark of 15-9, while runner-up Sandi Morris cleared 15-7. Alexis Weeks was the only other vaulter to get over 15-3 to earn the third spot in the Olympics.

Jenny Simpson won the women's 1,500 in 4 minutes, 4.74 seconds after taking the lead just before the final lap.

"My thought when I took the lead was, 'Never relinquish it,'" Simpson said. "I was saying, 'Keep the lead, keep the lead.' If I did not make the Olympic team, three people were going to have to take it from my crazy, gripped hands. That was the strategy to just keep it, and I'm glad I kept it through the finish line."

Shannon Rowbury was second at 4:05.39, while Brenda Martinez reached the Olympics by placing third in 4:06.16.

Matthew Centowitz won the men's 1,500 in 3:34.09, while Robby Andrews was second at 3:34.88. Ben Blankenship earned the final spot in the Olympics at 3:36.18.

Molly Huddle followed up her title in the 10,000 meters by winning the women's 5,000 in 15:15.01. Shelby Houlihan was second in 15:06.14, while Kim Conley was third in 15:10.62.

Tori Bowie, who placed third in the 100 to reach the Olympics, won the women's 200 in 22.25 seconds, while Oregon sophomore Deajah Stevens was second in 22.30. Jenna Prandini edged Ally-

Frankfort driver pulls away to win at 95

HERMON — Dana Wilbur of Frankfort added his name to the short list of 2016 feature winners in the Dysart's Late Models at Speedway 95 Saturday night when he

took the lead from Skowhegan's Kris Matchett following a hotly contested side-by-side battle for the lead.

Wayne Parritt Sr. of Steuben was running a close third behind Wilbur and Matchett until he spun out of the position on lap 23 while challenging the leaders for the top spot.

On the restart, Wilbur took the outside lane and was able to race past Matchett on lap 25 and continue the final 15 laps in front to claim the checkers. Matchett finished second and Parritt Sr. made it back through the pack to finish third. Todd Lawrence of Levant finished

fourth, and John Curtis Jr. of Hermon recovered from an early race spin to finish fifth.

Matchett and Wilbur each won a 10-lap qualifier, which set them on the front row for the 40-lap feature.

The Coca-Cola Beverage Company 50-lap series race for the Casella Waste System Sport-Fours was postponed due to rain and will be run as the first event next Saturday at 7 p.m.

Racing resumes at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Speedway 95 and will include make-up events for the Modified Enduro and Stars of Tomorrow classes.

OTHER 95 RESULTS (Top 5 per class) — Casella Recycling Street Stocks: 1. Joey Doyon, Winterport; 2. William McCullough, Kenduskeag; 3. Greg Pung, Franklin; 4. Deane Clements, Brooks; 5. Bob Seger Jr.; **Caged Road Runner (15 laps):** 1. Cole

Robinson, Clinton; 2. George Fernald III, Benton; 3. James Goodman, Hampden

Oxford Plains Speedway (Friday night; top 5 per class) Super Late Model: (50 laps): 1. Curtis Gerry, Waterboro; 2. Josh Childs, Oxford; 3. Scott Robbins, Dixfield; 4. Glen Luce, Turner; 5. Dave Farrington, Jr., Jay; **Allen's Coffee Flavored Brandy Street Stock (30 laps):** 1. Matt Dufault, Turner; 2. Calvin Rose, Jr., Turner; 3. Zach Emerson, Sabattus; 4. Kim Tripp, Oxford; 5. Johnathan Emerson, Sabattus; **MacDonald Motors of Bridgton Bandits (20 laps):** 1. Jacob Hall, Oxford; 2. Tyler Green, Turner; 3. Jamie Heath, Waterford; 4. Joshua Knoll, Mechanic Falls; 5. Caleb Emerson-Mains, New Gloucester; **Ariens/Gravelly/Dave's Small Engines Figure 8 (15**

laps): 1. David Smith, South Paris; 2. Jon Lizotte, Lewiston; 3. Eric Hodgkins, Minot; 4. Robert Morey, Lisbon; 5. Greg Durgin, South Paris

Wiscasset Speedway (Top 5 per class) Strictly Streets (30 laps): 1. Kurt Hewins, Leeds; 2. Maurice Young, Chelsea; 3. Bryan Robbins, Montville; 4. Kimberly Knight, Chesterville; 5. Dan Somes, Belgrade; **NAPA Modifies (40 laps):** 1. Mark Lucas, Harpswell; 2. Joseph Williams, Woolwich; 3. Allan Moeller, Dresden; 4. Ben Tinker, New Gloucester; 5. Adam Chadbourne, Wiscasset; **Kennebec Equipment Rental Outlaw Minis (shortened to 14 laps due to weather):** 1. Zack Audet, Skowhegan; 2. Shawn Kimball, Augusta; 3. Cody Tribbet, Richmond; 4. Brent Roy, Vassalboro; 5. John Fortin, Vassalboro.

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trains in Hanover, New Hampshire.

True's wife Sarah has qualified for the Olympics in the triathlon.

Kenya-born Lagat, 41, is a seven-time USATF outdoor champ in the 5,000. He won a

bronze medal in the 2000 Olympics and a silver in the 2004 Games, both in the 1,500-meter run, for Kenya.

Lagat stayed in the middle of the pack throughout Saturday's race and sprinted up from the sixth position on the 11th lap to earn the first-place finish.

"I train with young guys and I don't believe I am old," said Lagat. "If you believe

you are old, I am going to run like an old man."

Lagat had represented Kenya for his first two Olympic teams and now will be going for a third Games with the U.S.

True was in third place on laps 10 and 11 in a strategic race in which the first few laps were run at a slower pace.

"Hats off to the guys who

ran well today," he said. "It's not the week I wanted here."

Galen Rupp, a silver medalist at the 2012 London Games in the 10,000-meter run, surged to the lead and held it for laps 9, 10 and 11 before falling to ninth.

He has already qualified for the Rio Games in the marathon and 10,000 meters.