

# Late crash at Martinsville has two sides

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MARTINSVILLE, Virginia — Joey Logano had his opinion on what happened late in the Goody's 500 Sunday at Martinsville Speedway.

"It was a complete coward move," Logano said. "It's a chicken you-know-what move."

Matt Kenseth had his take, too. "I couldn't get (my car) to turn and ran Joey over," Kenseth said. "Some days you're the bat. Some days you're the ball."

## NASCAR NOTEBOOK

The drivers were responding to a late-race accident in which Kenseth, who was several laps down at the time, knocked Logano into the first-turn wall, ending the day for both drivers.

It was an apparent retaliation from Kenseth to Logano, who had knocked Kenseth out of the way on his way to winning at Kansas two weeks ago. The victory was Logano's second in the Chase and all but knocked Kenseth out of title contention.

Kenseth took responsibility but wasn't ready to say Sunday's crash was intentional.

"It was definitely my fault," he said. "There are people who say a lot of things. We had a disappointing end to our Chase and he's (Joey Logano) got a couple races

left. He's got the best car, he might get a couple of wins here and still have a shot at it."

NASCAR summoned Kenseth, crew chief Jason Ratcliff and team owner Joe Gibbs after the race. Steve O'Donnell, NASCAR's executive vice president and chief racing development officer, wouldn't say what transpired in the meeting.

"We were disappointed with what took place," O'Donnell said. "There's always a lot to digest about what happened. We'll have more conversations and have any announcement — if anything — on Tuesday."

"It was disappointing to us that a driver who was not competing for a win, many laps down, did something like that. In our minds, that's a little bit different than two drivers really going after it coming out of Turn 4 for a win versus what happened (Sunday). But we'll look at this incident as a one-off that we'll look at."

Fans cheered Kenseth when he emerged from his No. 20 Toyota in Turn 1. He said he doesn't know if Logano might return the favor in a future race.

"I don't know; I feel like every week is a new week," Kenseth said. "You never like to be in these situations. They really stink, but sometimes you get put in these spots and you've got to try to keep respect in the garage area. You can't get yourself run over. You can't get in the Chase next year and get run over for

the same reason. Like I said, I hate the way it ended."

Logano, whose father Tom had to be restrained from going after Kenseth later, wasn't buying that.

"His race was over," Logano said. "It was actually a really coward move for a race car driver to do that, essentially someone as mature and an experienced race car driver that knows what this is all about."

One interested observer was race winner Jeff Gordon, who saw the whole incident unfold in front of him.

"I put myself in Matt's shoes," Gordon said. "I could relate to the frustration getting the best of you. I understand that. Now he might have some regrets later, but I understand why he made that choice in the moment."

"What you say, how you say it and the things you do, they all come full circle. That's on both sides of it."

## Busch perseveres to top-five finish

Before the halfway point of Sunday's Chase for the NASCAR Sprint Cup race at Martinsville, Kyle Busch was in jeopardy of joining teammates Denny Hamlin and Matt Kenseth, eliminated last Sunday at Talladega, on the Chase sidelines.

Busch hit a patch of moisture on the track, spun on Lap 171 and damaged the front suspension of his No. 18 Joe Gibbs racing Toyota. He dropped to 28th in the running order

for a restart on Lap 180.

But Busch worked his way through the field, ultimately finishing fifth and leaving Martinsville tied with Martin Truex Jr. for second in the Chase standings behind race winner Jeff Gordon.

"I screwed us up early in the race and touched that water down there in Turn 1 and spun out with the 3 car (Austin Dillon), so that was my bad," Busch said. "I bent up the front end of the car and it was just never right from there on out, but we persevered and we just made the changes that we needed to make for this car for our conditions that we had."

"The car there at the end was good enough for a top five, so I'm glad we finished there. Everybody is so equal here and when it's those last sort of restarts like that you are just going for everything you've got — whoever's in front of you, get them out of the way. All in all, good day for us. Real proud of this team and everything that we've been doing this year. Hopefully we keep it going."

## Safety play pays off for Harvick

Jockeying for position at the exit from pit road could have been costly for Kevin Harvick, but an opportune caution helped the defending NASCAR Sprint Cup Series champion salvage an eighth-place finish and kept his hopes for

a second straight title very much alive.

Under caution on Lap 420, Harvick slowed at the exit from pit road to try to gerrymander himself into an odd-numbered position in the running order — "which would have put him on the inside row for the subsequent restart on lap 426."

Instead, he and Stewart-Haas Racing teammate Kurt Busch collided, damaging the sheet metal surrounding the left front tire of Harvick's No. 4 Chevrolet. But the caution flag flew again on Lap 430, enabling Harvick to bring his car to pit road for repairs.

"We got run into there, coming out of the pits and I couldn't really tell how bad it was," Harvick said. "But (crew chief) Rodney (Childers), I could tell the panic in his voice. And luckily, the caution came out, because I saw the smoke coming out of the left front tire. But, it was a good call to come back in."

"We were able to get a couple of good restarts there; and then with the front smashed-in, and everything happening, it was just way too tight back there in traffic. But all in all, it was a good day with a lot of chaotic things going on, on the race track. So we just needed to finish that one where we were running; not having a chance to win, we just needed to capitalize on some other peoples' bad day."

# Bucs linebacker stars after brother killed

THE SPORTS XCHANGE

Tampa Bay Buccaneers rookie linebacker Kwon Alexander played with a heavy heart Sunday in the upset victory over the Atlanta Falcons — less than 48 hours after his 17-year-old brother was shot to death.

Following the Bucs' 23-20 overtime win and playing with all emotion, including a game-high 11 tackles, Alexander acknowledged the loss of his brother, Broderick Taylor II, who was killed during a fight on Friday night in their hometown of Anniston, Alabama.

"It's been hard, man," the fourth-round draft choice out of LSU said. "He was my little brother, but I know he'd want me to be strong for him, and I came out here and dedicated this game to him. (I was) very determined because (he) wanted me to do it. All he wanted me to do is ball, so dedicated to him."

Buccaneers head coach Lovie Smith said he "left it up to him" regarding the 21-year-old Alexander's decision to play.

"I can't imagine losing your 17-year-old brother when you're fairly young, too," Smith said. "Again, football is a haven for you sometimes. It's a place to go ... his teammates were there for him, being supportive."



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Tampa Bay Buccaneers linebacker Kwon Alexander takes the ball away from Atlanta Falcons wide receiver Julio Jones (right) during the first quarter of Sunday's game at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta.

Alexander picked off Falcons quarterback Matt Ryan in the end zone on the first possession of the game. Alexander took off on a 93-yard return and was caught at the Falcons' 11-yard line, but his leaping pick was wiped out because teammate Jacquies Smith had jumped offside prior to the snap.

On Atlanta's next posses-

sion, Alexander stripped wide receiver Julio Jones from behind on the end of a 41-yard catch-and-run, stole the ball and returned it 20 yards.

"I never give up," Alexander said. "He wouldn't let me."

Buccaneers teammates rallied around the grieving Alexander.

"Amazing, man. We did it for Kwon," quarterback Ja-

meis Winston said after the game. "When a brother goes down, we are our brother's keeper ... we have to be our brother's keeper."

"Just losing my brother, and them being there, my brothers, I appreciate them," Alexander said of his teammates. "It means so much to me that they're there for me."

# Seahawks player needs neck surgery after hit

THE SPORTS XCHANGE

SEATTLE — The Seahawks announced wide receiver Ricardo Lockette was scheduled to undergo surgery Monday to stabilize his neck after suffering ligament damage in a violent collision on special teams during Sunday's 13-12 victory over the Dallas Cowboys.

## NFL NOTEBOOK

Lockette was taken to Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas after being removed from the field at AT&T Stadium by stretcher. The Seahawks later announced that Lockette had suffered a concussion on the play that occurred shortly before halftime.

"He has full motion and feeling in all extremities and his prognosis is good," the Seahawks said in a statement

Monday. "We will provide an update following surgery."

Dallas safety Jeff Heath's vicious hit laid out Lockette, who was a gunner on the Seattle punt coverage unit. Lockette was quickly attended to by medical personnel as players and coaches from both sides gathered around him near midfield.

After several minutes, Lockette's facemask was removed from his helmet and he was immobilized on a stretcher. He was eventually lifted and taken off the field by a cart.

Lockette's hands were moving and he pointed his index to the sky to cheers from the crowd. The injury happened with 12 seconds left in the half.

Heath was penalized for a blind-side block on the play.

"When I saw that he was injured like that, and he wasn't moving, I hated it,"

Heath said, per the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "My intention is never to hurt anyone. I was playing hard, and he was doing the same thing. I heard he was all right, and I was really happy that he was able to move after when they were taking him off. I just was praying for him. That's about it."

## Bills' Watkins apologizes for social media rant

ORCHARD PARK, New York — Sammy Watkins knew he made a mistake almost the moment he hit the send button. The wide receiver made some disappointing comments last week directed at Buffalo Bills fans who made some disparaging and cruel remarks on his Instagram account after he had posted a picture of himself and his daughter walking around at Disney World.

In a somewhat incoherent

and grammatically-challenged rant, he basically told the fans to get a life and go back to "y'all little jobs." The next day he sent out an apology, and he addressed the issue with the media for the first time Monday.

"I made a bad comment," he said. "As a football player, you've got to take the good with the bad and never comment back on your comments or pictures. I'm never on the comments, it just happened to be the bye week and just being frustrated about the loss, me not playing, you look for negative stuff and that's what I was doing. I looked at the comments and immediately I reacted. Misspelled a couple things, just not paying attention. That's something I can't do in the NFL, I represent the organization, the team, so I would just say sorry to all the fans who took heart to it and I'll never do that again."

# Suit alleges tutor forced student into sex with daughter

REUTERS

A University of Notre Dame student has sued the Indiana school, alleging that a former tutor pressured him into having sex with her daughter and also arranged sexual encounters between the daughter and university athletes.

The lawsuit in St. Joseph Circuit Court alleges that the tutor, a white woman, provided the student, who is black, with condoms, hotel

rooms and transport across state lines for liaisons with her daughter. She was a student at a nearby school and an employee of Notre Dame.

The "conduct created a sexually and racially hostile educational environment at the University of Notre Dame du Lac," said the suit, filed on Friday.

The tutor had a history of arranging sexual liaisons between her daughter and other African-American students, including basketball

and football players, the 11-page suit said.

The tutor, her daughter and the student were not named. The tutor was fired, according to a letter from the university's human resources office to the student provided by his law firm, Anderson Agostino & Keller in South Bend, Indiana.

In an email, Paul Browne, the Catholic university's vice president for public affairs and communications, called the claims unfounded.

The suit's references to

athletes was "nothing more than (a) cynical attempt to attract publicity," he said. Browne declined to comment on the status of any university employee or the results of any internal review.

The student is seeking unspecified damages and court orders that include maintaining his financial aid. The suit said he entered Notre Dame on an academic scholarship in fall 2014 and the woman began tutoring him in spring 2015.

# Buckeyes QB to lose scholarship after OUI charge

THE SPORTS XCHANGE

Ohio State quarterback J.T. Barrett will lose his scholarship for a term as part of his punishment after he was arrested over the weekend for operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

Buckeyes coach Urban Meyer said Monday he reviewed the facts from Barrett's misdemeanor citation before deciding the penalty. Barrett was stopped at a Columbus, Ohio, police checkpoint near campus early Saturday morning.

Barrett, a redshirt sophomore who was suspended one game by Meyer on Saturday, is scheduled for arraignment Friday, according to Franklin County records.

"If a kid has an issue, there's some kind of punitive damage in terms of missing a game, then they forfeit their scholarship at some point," Meyer said. "He can earn it back."

One week after earning the starting quarterback job back from Cardale Jones, Barrett gives up the role due to the off-field transgression during No. 1 Ohio State's bye week.

Jones started the first seven games of the season. Barrett regained the job and led the Buckeyes to a 49-7 win at Rutgers on Oct. 24.

Barrett will miss Saturday's game against Minnesota. Meyer said Barrett will have the opportunity to win the starting job back when he returns from suspension.

"If he's good enough, and he earns that right," Meyer said Monday when asked if Barrett would regain the starting job in two weeks against Illinois on Nov. 14. "I haven't gone that far yet."

Barrett was not subject to any suspension by the school as a first-time offender of the alcohol testing for underage students.

"I tried to collect as many facts as I could about what actually happened," Meyer said. "I meet with the player; I meet with (athletic director) Gene Smith. Obviously this was a very serious one. I came to the conclusion of one game, and he's also losing a scholarship, forfeiting his scholarship for a term."

Despite the disappointment, Meyer said he would support Barrett.

"I love J.T.," Meyer said. "But J.T. is going to deal with something he's never had to deal with before. Now there is some question about who you are. ... 20 years of doing something right, 30 seconds of doing wrong. Disappointed it happened. We did what we did and we're moving forward."

# Goalie

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just care about wins," said McGovern, whose 0-4-3 Black Bears will look to dent the win column at No. 3 Boston College this weekend.

McGovern has been a little surprised by his success but said, "I always thought that I could play at this level. I've been trying to prove that I can. I've had a lot of support from my friends, family, teammates and coaches. They believe in me."

He takes full advantage of his 6-foot-4, 225-pound frame by minimizing his movement and staying square to the shooters. He knows if he is well-positioned, "the puck will hit me."

"Because of my size, I

don't have to come out [of my crease] as far as a smaller goalie. I've just tried to focus on the first shot," said McGovern.

McGovern said adapting to the speed of the game has been the biggest adjustment.

He has been pleased with his start but said there is a long way to go. Gendron said nobody has sewn up the No. 1 job yet.

"Every day is a new day," said McGovern. "I'm just going to keep working hard — keep competing."

He considers this to be the "closest [knit] team I've ever played on" and said having a goalie coach in Ray Jean has been very helpful in his development.

Even though the Black Bears are winless, he said, "We're going in the right direction. We're right on the cusp."

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than me," McClintock said. "Getting the monkey off my back by winning the 10K in track was big. Today's race was the fastest race in Big Ten history. The outdoor track season showed me how to win because I learned I had to make the race as hard for everyone else as possible and that was to get out to a fast 5K."

"Matt [McClintock] has been knocking on the door since he was a freshman," head coach Lonnie Greene said. "He has been right there his entire career. For it to come to fruition really blessed me because he did it in grand style. He ran away from the field, and I was really happy for him and coach Kent. Coach Kent saw that he could win it and saw that he was extremely sharp. It blesses me that a Boilermaker could be the one to break the tape."