



Denny Hamlin Win Again at Pocono

Denny Hamlin won for the fourth time this season in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series and this time he did it by dominating the race at Pocono Raceway. The Joe Gibbs Racing driver led 88 of the 204 laps and now has won 4 times in his nine races at the 2.5-mile tri-oval. The race was delayed for over 2 hours on Sunday due to rain but that didn't stop Hamlin from showing the NASCAR field that he was the one to beat. Pocono is usually a fuel strategy race but things changed 33 laps from the end when David Ragan dove down into turn one and lost control of his Ford taking out Safety-Kleen driver Jamie McMurray. That permitted everyone to pit for fuel and run to the checkered flag. But, yes you guessed it, the NASCAR drivers just can't drive to the end. Joey Logano made the highlight film when he spun while he was trying to stay ahead of fourth place Kevin Harvick, bringing out another caution. The field tightened up for the green-white-chequered finish, but as the green flag waved Hamlin took off and charged to the flag to win - yet again at Pocono. But back in the pack the race wasn't over as Kasey Kahne got pushed into the grass by AJ Allmendinger, his teammate at Richard Petty Motorsports. Kahne's car shot up into the field and when the cars stopped crashing Mark Martin, Greg Biffle, Jeff Gordon and six other cars were left destroyed. Kyle Busch meanwhile was able to pass Tony Stewart for second, while Harvick held on to fourth in the end. Jimmie Johnson came home in 5th ahead of Safety-Kleen's Kurt Busch, who bounced off the wall, had a pit road penalty and went a lap down to rally and finish 6th. Jeff Burton was 7th with Juan Pablo Montoya 8th and Clint Bowyer 9th and Allmendinger in 10th. The Safety-Kleen award is given this week to Walter Skurski, Jeff Dutzer and the branch from Wilkes Barre, PA. They entertained a number of SK customers at the track and put on a great party on both Saturday and Sunday - super job!



Keselowski Travels to Nashville - Pocono - Nashville and Wins

Brad Keselowski traveled back and forth from Pocono to Nashville this weekend to compete in both the Nationwide race and the Sprint Cup race and the travel paid off. Keselowski fly to Nashville on Friday to practice and then traveled back to Pocono to practice his Sprint Cup car on Saturday morning and then back to Nashville to qualify and race on Saturday night. Carl Edwards, Paul Menard and Michael McDowell also ran both Cup and Nationwide races this weekend, but none were in Nashville on Friday to practice. The Penske driver who is also supported by Safety-Kleen started the race in 24th position and quietly worked his way to the front taking the lead at halfway and went on the lead 97 of the final 100 laps. Carl Edwards made the double duty race this week and ran strong but never had anything for the Penske powered Dodge. Edwards would finish third with Paul Menard third, Justin Allgaier in fourth and Mike Bliss in fifth. Keselowski came into Nashville with a one point lead on Kyle Busch, but Busch and third place Kevin Harvick skipped Nashville and will not run the full Nationwide season. Keselowski's points lead is now 196 over Busch, with Carl Edwards 277 back in third. Thanks to the Nashville branch for helping out at the track this week, the Nationwide teams appreciate the service. Next stop is Kentucky next Saturday afternoon.



Bodine Truck Winner at TMS



Todd Bodine had to survive a green white checkered flag finish to take the win Camping World Truck Series at Texas Motor Speedway on Friday night. Bodine, a Safety-Kleen sponsored driver, got a great restart and left the field to battle for second as he went on the score his 18 career victory. Johnny Sauter finished second with Austin Dillon taking third. Veterans Mike Skinner and Kenny Schrader, driving a Kevin Harvick Racing Chevy rounded out the top five. All top five finishers are Safety-Kleen drivers. Bodine led a great race and led a 106 laps on the way to his first victory and seventh top 5 finish in 8 races in 2010. Bodine leaves Texas with a 65-point lead over Aric Almirola, who finished 12th.

Congratulations Austin for taking the Pole at Texas for RCR and Safety-Kleen, Great Job!





Briscoe Wins in Texas - Danica Second



Ryan Briscoe came to Texas this week determined to make this race better than last weeks Indy 500 where his finish was anything but good. Briscoe had the strongest car all race and showed it as he held off a hard charging Danica Patrick to take the victory in the Indy Car Series event at Texas Motor Speedway. Yes, Danica had a great race - probably the best performance of her career as she led laps and contended for the win. Danica's teammate at Andretti Autosports, Marco Andretti also showed strength as he battled with Scott Dixon to take third. Indy 500 winner Dario Franchitti had an up and down race and finally drove his ride up to take 5th ahead of Tony Kanaan. All of the top 6 were Safety-Kleen sponsored teams, a great showing in Texas this weekend. A special thanks to Rex Hartman for providing the Safety-Kleen services this weekend at TMS. The Indy car teams get a weekend off before traveling to Iowa for the next race.



NHRA in Chicagoland

Larry Dixon was on his game this Sunday in the Top Fuel class as he stomped the competition and extended his points lead while driving the Al-Anabi Safety-Kleen dragster to his 5th win in 10 events of the season. After posting a 3.78 in his semifinal win over Doug Kalitta, Dixon went to the finals and beat Tony Schumacher, 3.773 to 3.823. The finals were delayed until the evening due to rain at the Chicagoland track but that didn't stop Dixon from taking Safety-Kleen to victory lane, yet again in 2010. In Funny Car, it was another Safety-Kleen final event as driver Matt Hagan beat Robert Hight with a 4.035 to Hight's 4.069 - what a drag race. Hagan also set a new national record of 4.022 in his semifinal win against Ashley Force Hood. In Pro Stock Mike Edwards continued his winning streak as he won for the sixth time in 10 races. Edwards qualified No. 1 and made three 6.60 runs in eliminations and challenged Safety-Kleen's Jason Line in the finals. Both drivers had the same reaction times but it was Edwards who crossed the finish line first by four-thousandths, 6.594 to 6.599. Ron Call and his staff from the Dolton branch saw a great drag race this weekend and entertained a number of valued customers at the event. The NHRA travels east this coming week to run at Raceway Park in Englishtown, New Jersey. Tune in on Friday night to see qualifying - it will be fast.



Safety-Kleen's Jenna Wagner Wins First Career Pole!

On May 15 Jenna won the pole position in qualifying for the Charger Division at Lonesome Pine Raceway, the first pole of her career. Jenna's #47, with a lap of 17.755, was the fastest of car of the night to make qualifying runs. Jenna's pole winning run made her the second female driver in LPR history to qualify number one for one of LPR's feature divisions, joining Karen Schulz of Statesville, NC.



Pruett Gives Safety-Kleen Victory at The Glen

Scott Pruett and Memo Rojas came to Watkins Glen off a very bad race at Lime Rock on Memorial Day where they exited the race on the first lap. This weekend's race had the opposite result as they took their Safety-Kleen Grand Am car to victory lane in the Six Hours at The Glen. Pruett led the final 30 of 191 laps on the 3.4-mile Watkins Glen International long circuit, beating Max Angelelli to the checkered flag by 1.623 seconds. Pruett and Rojas won their fourth race of 2010, extending their lead in the Daytona Prototype championship to 18 points (190-172) over Ryan Dalziel, who finished seventh in the No. 8 Corsa Car Care BMW Riley. It was Angelelli's fifth consecutive top-three finish in the event, co-driving the Ford Dallara with Ricky Taylor. Antonio Garcia and Buddy Rice finished third in the No. 90 Porsche/Coyote, giving the Spirit of Daytona Racing its first Daytona Prototype podium finish. The GAINSCO Chevrolet Riley of Jon Fogarty, Alex Gurney and NASCAR driver Jimmie Johnson had the bad luck of the race when Gurney, running third, spun in Turn 7 with 15 minutes remaining, resulting in a sixth-place finish. The highlight of the race came in the final hour. The Ford Riley of Michael Valiante caught fire on the course, and Valiante, who co-drove with Brian Frisselle and Mark Patterson stopped the entrance of pit lane. He got out but the car went up in flames. In GT, Andy Lally, Spencer Pumpelly and Bob Doyle came from last in the 29-car field to win in a Safety-Kleen sponsored Porche. It was Lally's second win of the season. Sylvain Tremblay and Jonathan Bomarito finished second in the Mazda RX-8. The Mazda RX-8 of Leh Keen and James Gue led 49 laps in an effort to give Dempsey Racing its first victory, but the car dropped back to sixth after a miscue in the pits. The next race for the Rolex Series will be the June 19 EMCO Gears Classic presented by Key Bank at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in Lexington, Ohio. Norm and the staff from the Safety-Kleen branch from Avon, NY helped out over the weekend, entertaining customers and see a great race - Good work!





Pedrosa Dominates MotoGP - Rossi Breaks Leg

Dani Pedrosa dominated the MotoGP event this weekend and scored his first victory of 2010 at Mugello on Sunday. Pedrosa's Honda took off from the start and no one challenged. Jorge Lorenzo, who had won the last two races for Yamaha tried to get close but the Honda power was too much this weekend. Andrea Dovizioso on another Honda fought for second but Lorenzo held him off. Fourth place went to Casey Stoner on a Ducati. US rider Nicky Hayden provided the biggest highlight and let down of the race when he crashed out on lap 6 while battling Melandri for 5th place. Lorenzo now leads the standings by 25 points over Pedrosa, who gained five points on the title favorite. Injured Valentino Rossi remains third, just three points ahead of Dovizioso. The other big highlight of the weekend came on Saturday when MotoGP champion Valentino Rossi crashed and broke his leg, putting him out of competition for at least six weeks.

Volkswagen



Jetta TDI Cup

VW Jetta TDI Cup Goes to Thompson

Jake Thompson dominated this weekend's Volkswagen Jetta TDI Cup event as he led every lap in today's race at Miller Motorsports Park in Tooele, Utah. His victory today marked Thompson's third career Volkswagen Jetta TDI Cup win, as he won twice in his rookie season last year. Series veteran, JD Mobley, finished second, which marked his first Volkswagen Jetta TDI Cup podium appearance in two years of competition. Three rookies rounded out the top-five as Wyatt Gooden finished third, Arie Ouimet finished fourth and Nate Norenberg finished fifth. JJ Tomlinson, of Park City, finished the day in 22nd after being able to move up three spots from his starting position. The Volkswagen Jetta TDI Cup will head to Ohio for Round Five at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course on June 20th. Mike Blachard and the crew from the Safety-Kleen Salt Lake City branch provided the services for the racers this weekend, good job.