



Keselowski (2) and Gordon:
one-two in the race;
one-two in the standings

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NASCAR SPRINT CUP RICHMOND (USA), SEPTEMBER 6 RD 26/36

Keselowski lays down marker for Chase

BRAD KESELOWSKI DOMINATED

Saturday night's Sprint Cup race at Richmond to secure the number-one-seed position for the Chase.

Keselowski started from pole and was in command all the way through the evening, leading 383 of the 400 laps to become the only four-time winner so far this season. In doing so, the 2012 champion delivered the 400th major win across all series for team owner Roger Penske.

"What a night," he said. "I pulled into Victory Lane and pinched myself to make sure I wasn't dreaming. As a driver, these are

the nights you live for."

Jeff Gordon capitalised on slow stops from Kevin Harvick, who led a handful of laps early on, and Chase aspirant Clint Bowyer to finish 0.797s behind Keselowski in second place with his Hendrick Chevrolet.

Bowyer aside, it was a quiet night for most of the drivers who were facing their final opportunity to qualify for the 'final 16' run-off, which starts this weekend. Ryan Newman's ninth place was enough to do the job, while Greg Biffle managed to squeak over the line by just seven points — narrowly

denying Bowyer — despite finishing two laps down in 19th place.

The race was interrupted by a handful of cautions, the most bizarre coming just after three-quarter distance when a fan managed to climb to the top of the catchfencing at Turn 4.

There was additional drama after the chequered flag when Jimmie Johnson, who finished eighth, had to be rushed to the infield medical centre to be treated for severe dehydration. He was released and cleared an hour and a half later.

● Mark Glendenning

RESULTS

1 Brad Keselowski (Ford Fusion), 400 laps in 2h51m55s; 2 Jeff Gordon (Chevrolet SS), +0.797s; 3 Clint Bowyer (Toyota Camry); 4 Jamie McMurray (Chevy); 5 Kevin Harvick (Chevy); 6 Joey Logano (Ford); 7 Kurt Busch (Chevy); 8 Jimmie Johnson (Chevy); 9 Ryan Newman (Chevy); 10 Aric Almirola (Ford). **Points**
1 Keselowski, 2012; 2 Gordon, 2009; 3 Dale Earnhardt Jr, 2009; 4 Johnson, 2009; 5 Logano, 2009; 6 Harvick, 2006; 7 Carl Edwards, 2006; 8 Kyle Busch, 2003; 9 Denny Hamlin, 2003; 10 Kurt Busch, 2003; 11 Kasey Kahne, 2003; 12 Almirola, 2003; 13 AJ Allmendinger, 2003; 14 Matt Kenseth, 2000; 15 Greg Biffle, 2000; 16 Newman, 2000.

FRENAULT ALPS MUGELLO (I), SEPTEMBER 6-7 RD 6/7

De Vries scales ALPS

DIMINUTIVE DUTCHMAN NYCK DE VRIES secured his first title since graduating to cars by winning Saturday's race at Mugello.

From pole position, McLaren junior de Vries led all the way to win quite comfortably in his Koiranen GP machine.

Fortec-run rookie Charles Leclerc continued his recent strong form, holding off Bruno

Bonifacio for second. Behind them, series latecomer Pietro Fittipaldi was able to keep George Russell at bay for fourth, the Brit having passed Matevos Isaakyan on the second lap.

De Vries doubled up by winning again on Sunday, once more leading Monegasque Leclerc from start to finish.

Isaakyan was leading Bonifacio in the fight for third when rain a few minutes before the end resulted in the Russian and Brazilian skating off the track. Luckily for them, immediate red flags left them off the hook and still in the results.

● Jurgen Stiftschraube

RESULTS

Race 1 1 Nyck de Vries, 16 laps in 28m28.931s; 2 Charles Leclerc, +4.835s; 3 Bruno Bonifacio; 4 Pietro Fittipaldi; 5 George Russell; 6 Anthoine Hubert. **Race 2 1 de Vries**, 12 laps in 21m27.530s; 2 Leclerc, +4.809s; 3 Matevos Isaakyan; 4 Bonifacio; 5 Dennis Olsen; 6 Egor Orudzhev. **Points 1 de Vries, 250**; 2 Leclerc, 166; 3 Isaakyan, 147; 4 Russell, 101; 5 Simon Gachet, 68; 6 Alessio Rovera, 65.



Dutch cheese:
de Vries is #1

SCANDINAVIAN TOURING CARS SOLVALLA (S), SEPTEMBER 6 RD 5/6

Bjork leads to final furlong

TWO MAXIMUM SCORES FROM THE adapted trotting track enabled Thed Bjork to extend his series lead.

Qualifying carries the same points as the weekend's two races in the STCC, and Bjork emerged on top in his Volvo. He played a tactical waiting game in the opening race — featuring a top-10 reversed grid — and stayed out of trouble for fifth.

Up front, young Andreas Wernersson kept his Kia ahead of the Dacia of veteran Mattias Andersson by half a second. Linus Ohlsson claimed third after close contact

with title contender Fredrik Larsson.

There was trouble for triple champion Fredrik Ekblom, whose Volvo hit the spinning Saab of four-time title winner Richard Goransson and damaged its radiator.

Bjork led all the way in the second race from pole. Goransson was a close second until he briefly got stuck in first gear, allowing the BMW of Philip Forsman up into second. Goransson managed to keep ahead of a charging Ekblom by 0.1s.

Larsson was a distant fifth to strengthen his series runner-up spot.

● Tege Tornvall

RESULTS

Race 1 1 Andreas Wernersson (Kia Optima), 26 laps in 21m48.301s; 2 Mattias Andersson (Dacia), +0.558s; 3 Linus Ohlsson (Kia); 4 Fredrik Larsson (BMW SR); 5 Thed Bjork (Volvo S60); 6 Mattias Lindberg (Kia). **Race 2 1 Bjork**, 26 laps in 19m09.777s; 2 Philip Forsman (BMW), +5.291s; 3 Richard Goransson (Saab 9-3); 4 Fredrik Ekblom (Volvo); 5 Larsson; 6 Wernersson. **Points 1 Bjork, 231**; 2 Larsson, 200; 3 Ekblom, 170; 4 Andersson, 140; 5 Goransson, 135; 6 Forsman, 132.



Wernersson's
Kia leads the way

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