



No. 11 America's Incredible Pizza Company Racing Toyota / Scott Lagasse Jr. New Hampshire Post-Race Report

Date: Saturday, June 27, 2009
Event: Camping World RV Sales 200
Track: New Hampshire Motor Speedway, Loudon, NH
Pole Sitter: Joey Logano, 29.548 sec.
Lagasse's Qualifying Position: 14th, 29.978 sec.
Race Winner: Kyle Busch
Lagasse's Finishing Position: 16th



The No. 11 America's Incredible Pizza Company Toyota at the "Magic Mile". (Photo Credit: Christina Ramzel 2009)

The America's Incredible Pizza Company Race Team Takes on the "Magic Mile"; Finishes 16th

(June 27, 2009) Loudon, NH – The NASCAR Nationwide Series hit the unpredictable "Magic Mile" in Loudon, New Hampshire over the weekend. The mile facility is known to be a handful and its reputation would live up to its name as weather and changing track conditions would keep teams on their toes. The America's Incredible Pizza Company race team did their best to overcome the odds and crossed the finish line in the 16th position.

Nicknamed the "Magic Mile", this flat track is a facility like none other. It's the only track in the New England states that NASCAR goes to and the racing draws a sellout crowd everytime.

Almost to the halfway point in the season, teams are looking for consistency out on the race track and the point's battle is in full swing. Every position counts and the goal is to cross the finish line when the checkered flag waves at the end.

The America's Incredible Pizza Company race team unloaded Thursday afternoon for technical inspection; with on track action occurring Friday and Saturday. The threat of weather was always in the back of people's minds as the forecast called for rain both days.

The first practice session went on without a hitch but rain was quickly moving into the area. Teams thrashed to make final adjustments in fear of a shortened final practice. The No. 11 Toyota Camry was able to make just nine laps before the skies opened up and the rain came pouring down. The America's Incredible Pizza Company Toyota posted the 24th quickest time with a 30.592 second lap, 124.503 mph.

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Saturday morning brought with it a lot of unknowns. Would the weather play in the teams favor? How different would the track conditions be from practice the following day? What kind of pit strategy would play out?

Lagasse Jr. was the second driver to take to the track Saturday morning for qualifying. Despite the early draw, the America's Incredible Pizza Company Toyota would run a solid lap and be placed in the 14th position come race time.

Under hot and humid conditions, the Camping World RV Sales 200 commenced. A slight concern over a "free in" handling condition was reported on the radio after 30 laps of green flag racing. Lap times remained strong and the very first pit stop of the day was made on lap 53 when the caution flag flew. The No. 11 machine came down pit road for four new tires, fuel and a track bar adjustment. Back out on the track, Lagasse Jr. would line-up in the 13th position.

A long green flag run would proceed after that. Drivers began to report in tight handling race cars and Lagasse Jr. would report the same. The America's Incredible Pizza Company Toyota was battling a tight center and off condition. Relief would come at lap 108 for the second pit stop of the day, not only did the stop benefit the handling condition of the race car it would put Lagasse Jr. back on the lead lap. The No. 11 was the beneficiary of the "Lucky Dog" award as Lagasse Jr. fell victim to the leaders just six laps prior while running in the 19th position.

One more stop was made that afternoon on lap 159 for just two tires, fuel and a track bar adjustment.

Restarting in the 13th position, the America's Incredible Pizza Company Toyota made its final charge to the finish line. Clouds began to move in, in the closing laps and it wreaked havoc on the race cars handling wise. Lagasse Jr. held strong on the lead lap and took the checkered flag in the 16th position.

"I love flat track racing. I grew up doing a lot of it so New Hampshire is a track I can relate to," stated Lagasse Jr. "It's just got a lot of transitions and the way the track is shaped it gives you a lot of options as a driver and that's cool. It's just figuring out how to put it together when your car is doing a certain thing, where you need to be. It was a learning experience today."

Race Results:

1. Kyle Busch
2. Joey Logano
3. Brad Keselowski
4. Mike Bliss
5. Kevin Harvick
- 16. Scott Lagasse Jr.**

NNS Final Driver Points Standings:

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| 1. Kyle Busch | 2581 | |
| 2. Carl Edwards | 2419 | -162 |
| 3. Brad Keselowski | 2338 | -243 |
| 4. Jason Leffler | 2261 | -320 |
| 5. Joey Logano | 2040 | -541 |
| 12. Scott Lagasse Jr. | 1728 | -853 |

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