



Unfortunate Circumstances Put Ron Hornaday and the No. 33 Team Behind at Iowa Speedway

NEWTON, Iowa (July 17, 2011)- The No. 33 Anderson's Maple Syrup Chevrolet Silverado was looking forward to rebounding from their first NASCAR Camping World Truck Series appearance with the Kevin Harvick Inc. (KHI) Silverado at the 0.8333-mile track of Iowa Speedway after having a tire go down at Kansas Speedway on June 4. Veteran driver Ron Hornaday was one of the fastest trucks on track all night but had an unfortunate incident with his seatbelt unlatching on lap 27 that put the team behind for the remainder of the night.

Hornaday started the Coca-Cola 200 presented by Hy-Vee in the 18th-place and quickly picked up three positions on the first lap. The Anderson's Maple Syrup truck was running fast lap times as the field came to the first caution of the night on lap 12. Hornaday reported that he was a little free when running the top line but felt more green-flag racing would help determine what, if any, adjustments the Chevrolet might need.

The field restarted on lap 14 with the four-time champion going three-wide, fighting for the 14th position. The caution flag quickly waved again on lap 18 for an accident on the frontstretch. When the field went back to green-flag conditions on lap 21, Hornaday was 13th on the leader board.

Within three laps, Hornaday picked up five positions and settled into the ninth position. On lap 27, Hornaday reported his seatbelt had come undone. With hopes not to go down any laps on the track, the driver protected his race truck for another 14 laps before coming to pit road for his KHI team to assess the issue.

On lap 41, Hornaday brought the No. 33 Chevrolet in under green-flag conditions and two crew members jumped over the wall to assist him in assuring his belt was secure for the remainder of the race. Hornaday returned to the track in the 29th-place two laps down but put down laps faster than the leader.

The third caution of the night was brought out on lap 65 and Hornaday radioed back to crew chief Jeff Hensley that his Anderson's Maple Syrup Chevrolet was fighting loose conditions into the corner and when racing behind other trucks on track. The team came down pit road on lap 68 for a chassis adjustment, four tires and fuel.

As the field resumed green-flag racing on lap 70, Hornaday quickly reported back to that his truck was getting sideways as he entered and exit the corners and felt the team needed to go back on the previous chassis adjustment. Before the No. 33 made it to pit road, the veteran spun in turn two on lap 77. Hornaday brought the Silverado to pit road for four tires, fuel and another chassis adjustment in an effort to remedy the handling issues.

The race went back green on lap 80 and with Hornaday in the 26th position. As the sun set over turn four, the field reached the halfway mark under green-flag conditions with Hornaday holding steady in 26th.

Lap 103 brought out the caution flag for a hard accident in turn one. The field was brought to a stop as NASCAR pulled out the red flag to allow for the safety workers to work on repairing a safer barrier on pit road. After the field re-fired their engines, Hornaday made a quick stop on pit road to top off with fuel in hopes to make it to the checkered flag.

The field restarted on lap 110, with Hornaday running 24th. The driver quickly advanced to the 23rd position and remained quiet on the radio as he worked his way around the track.

With 47 laps to go in the event, the final caution flag waved slowing the field. The Anderson's Maple Syrup Chevrolet was able to remain on track and take the wave around which allowed the team to regain one of their two laps. After taking the wave around, Hornaday was in the 22nd position for the lap 160 restart. With three additional trucks ahead of the driver in line for the Lucky Dog, Hornaday fought furiously as the laps wound down to advance positions and put himself in the right position to regain lead-lap status.

Hornaday picked off positions and was the first truck one lap down but the race stayed under green-flag conditions to

the end. The No. 33 Anderson's Maple Syrup Chevrolet took the checkered flag in the 19th place.

The NASCAR Camping World Truck Series will return to Nashville Superspeedway for their second event at the track this year on July 22 for the Lucas Deep Clean 200. Watch the action live on SPEED at 8 p.m. ET.

Comments from driver Ron Hornaday:

"We had a really fast truck tonight but weren't able to show that the way we had anticipated. I had to come down pit road early because my belt had come undone. I didn't want to stay out there too much longer to protect myself and others from in case of an accident. We had the right strategy in place to get back on the lead lap but we didn't have a caution fall when we needed it to. I hate it for this No. 33 team and Anderson's Maple Syrup; we'll go get them next week."

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RACE RECAP:

July 16, 2011
Iowa Speedway
Race: 11 of 25
Started: 18th
Finished: 19th

Up Next On The Truck Series Schedule:

Date: July 22, 2011
Track: Nashville Superspeedway
Event Name: Lucas Deep Clean 200
Broadcast: SPEED at 8:00 p.m. ET