

# The Lead Lap

## *There's a new Sheriff in town*

The 2<sup>nd</sup> race of the season brought continued success to the DLR & Associates Chevy as driver Kevin Wiseman took his first career checkered flag in the 1<sup>st</sup> heat race and fought to a 4<sup>th</sup> place feature finish. Wiseman also assumed control of the 2011 Nascar 360 Truck Series Points lead.

"I was pretty pleased with the truck when we unloaded since we came to the track with just about the same set up as the last race." "The track was slick and nasty keeping practice speeds pretty slow. All of the top trucks were with 0.3 seconds of each other which was pretty strange." Wiseman says.

Wiseman drew the #1 chip taking the pole position for his heat race. When the green flag fell, Wiseman set sail leading all 10 laps for his first ever checkered flag, holding off the 99 Truck of Cary Stapp for the win.

Wiseman started the feature on the pole inside of the 77 Truck of Jody Buzbee. When the green flag fell Wiseman and Buzbee ran side by side for several laps to the delight of a packed grand stand, until Buzbee finally got by on lap 5. "The truck was very tight especially from the center of the corner off. Because I was so tight, it was hard to get a good run off the corner", Wiseman said. This tight condition dropped Wiseman back to 6<sup>th</sup> as the laps began winding down. "I was getting frustrated because the truck would not turn; I had to turn the wheel ¼ of the way around to get the truck to turn. I was so glad to see the caution with 12 laps or so to go" Wiseman continued. On lap 28 of 40 the left front wheel on the 76 Truck of Lynn Hardy came off sending a shower of sparks and fire down the front stretch brining out a caution.

Wiseman chose the outside lane for the final restart lining up outside of the 99 Truck of Cary Stapp. When the green flag fell for the final time, the field ran side by side 6 rows deep, when all f a sudden the motor died on the 99 Truck causing the pack to scatter to avoid the slowing truck.



"It was strange, I was beside the 99 truck as we picked up the throttle coming out of turn 4, when I heard his motor die" Wiseman states. "I looked in the mirror and saw everyone scatter and was relieved to see that I had instantly picked up a straight away lead on my closest competition. "I knew I would not be able to hold those other guys back for I, because the truck was handling so bad. As we took the white flag, I began to feel a sense of relief knowing that we were going to be in the top 5." Wiseman finishes. As the checkered flag dropped, Wiseman finished in the 4<sup>th</sup> position. With his heat race win and 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive top 5 finish; Wiseman has notched the top spot in points standings. Next up on the schedule is the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Speedfest on March 12<sup>th</sup> at Houston Motorsports Park. The early entry list shows 25 trucks that will be competing in a 60 lap feature for \$1,500 in prize money.

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DeMarino, shown above, is the crew chief and spotter for the #28 DLR and Associates Chevy Silverado

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## Crew Chief Corner

Crew chief Matt DeMarino took a few moments to fill us in from the crew chief's prospective regarding last Saturday's race. "Well, this week was a far cry from last week. It was so nice not to have to be scrambling all day just to make the race. Kevin seemed to be pretty happy with the truck, though it was evident that the truck was pretty free/loose during the heat race, so we made a very minor change to tighten the truck up after intermission. Kevin again showed patience when the 50 Truck wore his bumper out for 15 laps, as he fought the poor handling truck" DeMarino continues. "The track conditions changed so fast during the evening that we were not able to accommodate the weather change with the set up after the heat race, which was why the truck was so hard to drive. When we came to the last caution with 12 laps to go, I knew Kevin would take the outside as we had discussed it over the radio just before the cone came out". Demarino says. "When the last green flag flew I knew we could be in trouble as the truck was pretty slow off the corner and the inside line would hang him out to dry, but then the 99 Truck died and Kevin was able to distance himself from the other racers and wound up 4<sup>th</sup>". "All in all we will take the 4<sup>th</sup> place finish and the point lead, DeMarino concludes.

## In Car Video

The DLR & Associates Chevy has an in car camera that shows the action from behind the windshield of the 28 Truck. To view these videos, follow the following links:

*Feb 26 Feature*

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dkLijbITQPI>

*Feb 12 Heat Race*

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OaiTxiUfn6M>

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