



Able Body Labor 200 Post-Qualifying Quotes

#20 Denny Hamlin (pole winner): “You can’t tell everyone how fast the racetrack is, come on now. That’s part of the game. But we had no idea, to be honest with you. We didn’t even run the second practice; we were trying to concentrate on the Cup car. It was a great effort for us. I’m proud of this whole Game Stop/Nintendo/Super Mario Brothers team. We’re going to get a good pit stall, hopefully. If we can hang on (to the top position), and if we can, that will be a huge advantage for us on pit road. Track condition means so much to these cars. You got to be aware at all times where you’re at. If you don’t have to pass anyone with that last 15 or 20 lap shootout, you’re at a big advantage.”

#33 Kevin Harvick (third): “I just didn’t get to the throttle soon enough up off of (turn) four. Got to thank everybody on our Rheem Chevrolet. We’ve got Rheem Solar Water Heaters on my car this week, so that’s kind of cool. Yeah, it’s been a great year, we turned the program around where it runs in the top five every week and we’re contending for wins. So, I felt like we’ve had the opportunity to win a lot of races, but we’re still going through some of those aches and pains in small places. I felt like as the year has gone on we’ve continued to get better and the continuous progression of people and cars and just things as it comes. I feel like were there every week now and that’s what it takes. (re: performance of car) Usually when they qualify that good it’s going to be a lot fun, it was really good in practice and it should be a good day.”

#29 Clint Bowyer (fifth): “Hands down, this car is heaven to drive here. The Holiday Inn Chevrolet is fine. I just didn’t get it all coming off of (turn) four, and I was just probably a little bit late to get to the gas down in (turn) two. A really good racecar. I just didn’t do the things I needed to do. I’m excited about the race. I didn’t get it all but nonetheless I think the car was pretty good. I’m looking forward to being back in the Nationwide Series here in Phoenix – there’s good racing here.”

#60 Carl Edwards (second): “If it rains, we’ll be in bad shape because we didn’t run any race trim in practice yesterday in the Sprint Cup car, but I don’t think it will affect the Nationwide race. I mean, this track has aged really well so, a little rain won’t hurt anything. (re: track conditions) The track is great. This is one of the most fun tracks we go to because it’s not so perfect, you know there’s bumps and there’s slippery spots and sticky spots, and the apron is pretty neat. So, it’s a good race track. (re: qualifying position) I think I’m happy with it. We’ll see how it turns out. Hopefully it’s (capable of a) top-three (finish) or so. That would be great.

#66 Steve Wallace (15th): “I think we’re all confused on what Kyle (Busch) runs all the time. But our U.S. Fidelis Chevrolet was pretty good there in the last practice yesterday and we ran a good lap time. I usually don’t qualify good at all, but I think we’ll have a good run today. I feel good about our car so, hopefully, we can get that monkey off our back. We’ve had four really bad weeks in a row, getting caught in a lot of accidents. Hopefully, this week we can turn it around and have a good run.”

#11 Mike Bliss (eighth): “It’s been a tough year for me, but it’s been fun. I’ve driven a lot of cars and made a lot of friends, I guess. I say friends but you never know. This Ridemakerz Toyota has been very, very good. Every time I get in it it’s just a really good race car. And next week I’m back in the #1; pretty unbelievable, huh?”