



## Lucas Oil 150 Post-Race Quotes

**#15 Aric Almirola** (third): “We had a good truck. We’re going to get one of these (wins) here sometime, but it’s not for lack of effort, I can promise you that. Everyone is racing their hearts out, but our truck just wasn’t very good on short runs and, for whatever reason, that last set of tires didn’t take off very good for us. It was really tight on that last set of tires. We chattered the right front there for quite a while and just could never take off. It was a fun race tonight. The race track widened out and you could run two-wide pretty good, but the bottom lane was definitely preferred. You could move around and it was a good race. I’m just still disappointed. I want to get one of these wins bad, but we tried, we raced out butts off and we came home third. That was all we had tonight.”

**#25 Mike Bliss** (seventh): “It was a good race even though there wasn’t a lot going on up front: it was kinda boring, I guess, as far as that goes. We always have 50 (laps) to go, we always have a couple yellows there that makes it exciting in the middle of the field. It’s the same race track, same characteristics every time we come here, so it’s fun. I enjoy it. I’ve been coming here since ’83 and it still gives me that feeling. It really hasn’t changed – it’s the same: it loses a little bit of grip, Goodyear changes the tires a little bit. All in all, it’s still the same place, same line. You want to do the same thing, get the thing to turn good.”

**#4 Kevin Harvick** (winner; immediately after climbing from the truck): “I just want to thank the fans and everybody...all the people who make this program possible. To see (Ron) Hornaday lock up the championship tonight (in a truck owned by Harvick and wife DeLana) and (for me to) win the race... Yeah, I thought I’d screwed it up there at the beginning. I thought I got in oil. I about spun out in the turn before down there, and came down here and just spun out. And Ernie (Cope, crew chief) said the tire was bald when we came in, so it just kind of took me a while to get back in the swing of things. I’d lost a little confidence there in the truck, and we got a little tight and then we made an adjustment there on the last stop and just came on strong. (re: winning three NASCAR races here at PIR) Well, our car is pretty good tomorrow. It’ll be tough, but both cars are good for the rest of the weekend.”

**#51 Kyle Busch** (second): “It was alright. We had a good truck, it just wasn’t good enough to win. Pit strategy didn’t quite work out our way, but we just weren’t as good as the #4 (Harvick). We did the best we can and that’s all we could come home with. He (Harvick) kicked our butt pretty bad last year. We got a gain on it this year and we just need another one in order to try to keep up with him. Or try to at least beat him. We kept up tonight, but we just need a little more.”

**#33 Ron Hornaday Jr.** (fourth): “We’re not done yet, we’ve got to get that Owner’s Championship for Kevin (Harvick) and DeLana (Harvick). This is just a compliment for their team. I’ve just got to thank everybody, all those guys back at the shop, for just another great truck. The way Kevin won that thing was cool. When Matt (Crafton) got into us and wrecked that truck (at Dover), it was our favorite truck, and it always runs good here. These guys brought a good truck. I knew we didn’t have a winning truck, but I had to play smart in points. We’ll be home tomorrow and get ready for Homestead. (re: team focus) Well, you know, we had the points lead and then we wrecked at Dover. These guys just never say quit and kept building me new trucks. This team, I just can’t say enough to everybody. We’ve got hard work to do. Kyle (Busch) was pretty tough, but we’ve got to stick with him at Homestead to get that Owner’s Championship, but I’ll tell you all about that next week.”