



JR Motorsports Race Report

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Race 4 of 33: DC Solar 200 at Phoenix International Raceway

Track Specs: 1-mile oval / 200 laps

Weather: Sunny; 96 degrees

Race Winner: Justin Allgaier

Sadler's finish: 5th

Saturday, March 18, 2017 – Elliott Sadler and the [OneMain Financial](#) team took the checkered flag in fifth place Saturday afternoon in the DC Solar 200. After claiming a top-five and top-four finish in Stages One and Two, respectively, Sadler continues to build on his [NASCAR Xfinity Series](#) points standings lead following the fourth race of the season at Phoenix International Raceway.

After starting sixth at the one-mile low-banked oval, Sadler quickly began his battle for a top-five running position. By lap 7, the [OneMain Financial](#) Chevrolet completed the pass to claim fifth and began to race steady. Under the first caution of the day, Sadler relayed to the No. 1 team that the handling on their Camaro was “good on entry, but tight on the throttle.” As the field raced through the long green-flag run, the veteran driver found speed and made his way back into fifth place after falling to eighth. The strong drive allowed Sadler and the [OneMain Financial](#) team to finish Stage One in the fifth-place running position and claim one of four spots in the Xfinity Dash 4 Cash.

Stage Two brought a similar fight for Sadler and his [JR Motorsports](#) teammates. On lap 85, the [OneMain Financial](#) driver reported the Chevrolet remained tight in the center, but the changes being made were moving the tight-handling in the right direction. The Emporia, Va., native, battled for third place throughout the final few laps of the stage, but ultimately took the Stage Two ending caution in fourth place.

The final stage brought a different challenge for Sadler as he was plagued with a loose-handling condition after the wedge adjustment made under caution. After slipping back into ninth place, the [OneMain Financial](#) team elected to stay out under the following two cautions to help gain and hold their track position near the top five. A strong drive to the finish line gave Sadler and the [OneMain Financial](#) team their second top-five finish of the season and a third-place finish in the Xfinity Dash 4 Cash.

JRM teammate Justin Allgaier won the 200-mile event, followed by Ryan Blaney, Erik Jones, teammate William Byron and Sadler to round out the top five.

Elliott Sadler, driver No. 1 OneMain Financial team

“Did you know you can get loans in the same day when you go into a OneMain Financial? That’s how fast they are and that’s how fast JR Motorsports was today. It was fun battling with William (Byron, teammate) and Bubba (Wallace) all day. Three JRM cars in the top five—we’ll take that and move on from here. I’m proud of our OneMain Financial team. The way we ran here last year and to come back and run in the top five all day—I’m proud of Kevin (Meendering, crew chief) and the guys. Congratulations to Justin Allgaier on winning the race today and bringing home the money.”

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