



JR Motorsports Race Report

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Race 5 of 33: Service King 300 at Auto Club Speedway

Track Specs: 2-mile D-Shaped oval / 150 laps

Weather: Mostly cloudy; 65 degrees

Race Winner: Kyle Larson

Sadler's finish: 7th

Saturday, March 25, 2017 – Elliott Sadler and the OneMain Financial team brought home a seventh-place finish in the Service King 300 on Saturday afternoon at Auto Club Speedway. After claiming the highest finish by a full-time NASCAR Xfinity Series driver in the first two stages, Sadler continues to hold the NXS point standings lead.

Starting the 300-mile event from the 14th position, Sadler quickly began to make his drive towards the top 10. By lap 15, the OneMain Financial Chevrolet was in the eight-place running position. Shortly thereafter, the Emporia, Va. native relayed to his teammates that his Chevrolet was snug rolling into the center, but overall handling well. A quick pit stop under caution for four tires, fuel and an adjustment put the OneMain Financial team in fourth place. A strong drive to the Stage-One-ending caution gave Sadler a second-place finish.

Crew chief Kevin Meendering and team made the call to stay out under the caution, taking the green flag for Stage Two in second. Sadler raced within the top five for the next 15 laps of the race. He reported the No. 1 Camaro was still a bit tight in the center and also on the throttle, but as the long run continued, the handling improved. Once again, the OneMain Financial Chevrolet finished Stage Two in the highest running position of NXS drivers, finishing in the fifth-place position.

Pitting under caution before Stage Three began put the OneMain Financial team in seventh. During the pit stop, the team opted for four fresh tires, a track-bar adjustment and fuel. On lap 81, the veteran driver and team decided to stay out under yellow to hold their track position. Only 14 laps later, under a second and longer caution in the stage, the team visited pit road twice for fresh tires and a fuel only stop, respectively, so that their Chevrolet would have enough fuel to finish the race. A strong restart allowed Sadler to make his way from 22nd place to the top 10 by lap 116. When the final caution of the day waved, Sadler was in fifth. After getting caught as the field retook the green, the No. 1 team fell back into seventh place, where they ultimately finished the race.

Kyle Larson won the NXS event, followed by Joey Logano, Kyle Busch, Erik Jones and JR Motorsports teammate William Byron to round out the top five.

Elliott Sadler, driver No. 1 OneMain Financial team

“We had a fast OneMain Financial Chevrolet today. We were a little tight rolling into the center, but overall had good handling. We didn’t get the restart we needed on that last run, but I’m proud of my guys and for being the highest Xfinity Series regular at the end of the first two stages. (It) definitely made us the overall points winner today.”

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