



## **WILEY X® SPONSORED DRIVER TONY STEWART BREAKS 84-RACE NASCAR DROUGHT ON SONOMA ROAD COURSE**

### **Stewart's Victory Highlights Great Day for Wiley X Drivers With Four Top-10 Finishes**

When Wiley X-sponsored NASCAR driver and team co-owner Tony Stewart crossed the finish line first in Sunday's Toyota Save Mart 350, it carried a special significance on several levels. Even though Stewart had strung together many solid performances since returning to the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series during the 2016 season, victory had so far eluded him. In fact, his June 26 return to Victory Lane snapped an 84-race drought dating back to June 2, 2013, when he took the checkered flag at Dover International Speedway. Combined with his earlier solid performances, this win (the 49<sup>th</sup> in his illustrious career), moved Stewart into striking distance to qualify for the 2016 Sprint Cup Series Championship 10-race "playoffs" later this year — a goal nobody who knows the competitive Stewart doubts he can achieve.

The fact that Stewart's first win of his comeback came on Sonoma, California's famous 1.99-mile road course — practically in Wiley X's backyard — was an added benefit for Wiley X Co-Owner and avid NASCAR fan Myles Freeman, Jr. "It was a privilege to be there in person to witness Tony's exciting victory and welcome him back to Victory Lane," said Freeman. "All of us at Wiley X are very proud of Tony and look forward to watching the rest of this season and championship playoffs unfold," he added.

Significance of this win aside, the victory itself was an especially exciting one for the fans. After taking the lead with 22 laps remaining, Stewart was bumped and passed by former teammate Denny Hamlin on Turn 7 of the final lap. However, with Hamlin going wide on the race's final turn, Stewart was able to get underneath Hamlin and make the pass for the hard-fought win he had been seeking for some time.

There was actually even more for Wiley X to cheer about, as other sponsored drivers performed very well, posting strong finishes that further cemented their Sprint Cup Championship campaigns. Joey Logano, who won recently at Michigan International Speedway, took 3<sup>rd</sup> Place at Sonoma. Carl Edwards, who has also been on a tear this season, crossed the finish line in 4<sup>th</sup> Place. And Kevin Harvick® took 6<sup>th</sup> Place and retained his current Sprint Cup Championship Points lead. "Being there in person to see Tony's first win and four of our sponsored drivers finish in the Top 10 was an experience I'll always remember," remarked Freeman.

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