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Elliott earns victory

Watkins Glen turned out to be an Elliott weekend. It was announced Saturday that Bill Elliott would be back in a NASCAR car when he takes the green flag for the Xfinity Series race at Road America. It will be the Hall of Famer's first major NASCAR race in six years. When the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series "Go Bowling at the Glen" was completed Sunday, Bill's son Chase Elliott had stolen his dad's thunder by winning his first Cup Series race in 99 Starts.

The younger Elliott's win was no fluke as he held off Martin Truex Jr. and Kyle Busch, two of the "big three" teams to get the win. Busch may have had the best car Sunday, but a malfunction with the nozzle of the fuel can prevented the crew from getting all the fuel into the car.

Having to come back in the pits again, Busch was in 31st place when the green flag flew with just 31 laps remaining in the race. Busch still managed to move through the field into third, but was too far behind Elliott and Truex to challenge for the win.

Elliott and Truex gave the fans their money's worth over the last dozen laps. It seemed like Truex would close on Elliott and challenge for the lead but the youngster held him off time and time again. On the white flag lap, Elliott slipped in turn one but managed to get his car under control to keep the lead. Halfway through the last lap, Truex ran out of fuel and he watched Elliott zoom away to victory.

"Holy cow! What a thrill," Elliott said after the race. "I have... so much relief. I was working on three years and hadn't won one. I came here with a great opportunity today, and I was able to get it done."

Elliott's win gave Hendrick Motorsports its first win, and only the third win for Chevrolet.

Busch's third-place finish and Kevin Harvick's mediocre day means that Busch's points lead is now up to 70 points with four races remaining in the regular season. Truex, Kurt Busch and Clint Bowyer round out the top five.

Harvick, Truex Jr., Austin Dillon, Clint Bowyer, Kyle Busch, Joey Logano, Erik Jones and Chase Elliott are the eight race winners in 22 races of 2018. At this point it is impossible for there to be more than 16 unique winners in the regular season, so all winners are locked into the playoffs, assuming they attempt the remaining races in the regular season.

Chaos claims championship

Aramburo HR leads to big win

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It didn't matter how deep the defense dropped back. Alexis Aramburo could always hit it a little further.

Aramburo's power display helped lead Team Chaos to a championship in Midway Tuesday. Aramburo went 4-for-4 in the finals, including hitting an inside-the-park home run, to lead Chaos to a 17-7 victory over Sun Drop.

Aramburo set the tone early in the finals, belting a two-out, bases-clearing triple in the second inning to give her team a 5-1 lead.

The Sun Drop outfield looked more prepared in the fourth for Aramburo, backing up as the slugger stepped into the box. They didn't go back far enough though.

Aramburo launched a shot deep into left field, sending three outfielders on a chase to the fence. Aramburo flew around the bases for a two-run homer, breaking a tie to give Chaos a 9-7 lead.

It was only the start of an offensive barrage for Chaos in the fourth.

Kimberly McBride pushed two more runs across when she went opposite field for a triple. McBride's shot rolled to the right-field fence, allowing her to cruise around the bases.

Kathryn Stiles followed with a triple of her own, burning the outfield again to deep right.

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Alexis Aramburo slams one of her three homers in Tuesday's girls senior league championship game at Midway. Aramburo was the offensive star for Team Chaos, which beat Sun Drop 17-7 to earn the tournament title.

Jeffery Simmons photo



Team Storm, a 21-and-under local slowpitch softball team, won the USSSA World Series last weekend in Ohio. Members of the team are, front row, from left, India Fann, Rebecca Bain, Bailey Barrett and Abi Terry. Back row, Jaylen Boyd, Allison Fann, Kylie Fann, coaches Derrick Carter and Trey Bain, Bell Underwood, Caitlin Cantrell and Megan Underwood.

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Team Storm wins USSSA World Series

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It was a World Series win seven years in the making.

Derrick Carter had led Team Storm to all kinds of champion-

ships, but the star slow-pitch softball team had never made the trek to Ohio to compete for the top honor in USSSA. One month ago, Carter decided to get his team back together for one last hoorah.

A championship followed. Team Storm outlasted Turn 2

from Kentucky in the finals, winning 17-16 to bring a World Series trophy back to town.

"We haven't played all summer. This was a last-minute thing," said Carter, who has been at the helm of the team since 2011. "It's the only tournament we haven't won over

the years, so I called everybody and told them we needed to do it."

"It was a reunion weekend. We practiced three times to get ready and went out and won the whole thing."

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