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# NEWS RELEASE

## WILEY X<sup>®</sup> SPONSORED DRIVER KEVIN HARVICK<sup>®</sup> WINS THRILLING VICTORY AT PHOENIX INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY

### Following Last-Lap Restart, Harvick Holds Off Carl Edwards' Late Charge for Slimmest Victory

Wiley X<sup>®</sup>-sponsored racer Kevin Harvick<sup>®</sup> was a heavy favorite going into Sunday's Good Sam 500 Sprint Cup Series race at Phoenix International Raceway, and for good reason. Harvick has now won eight times at this one-mile desert track and five times in his past six starts since joining Stewart-Haas Racing.

This one, however, had to be the most rewarding — and was certainly the most exciting for NASCAR fans in the stands and watching on television around the world. After a late caution flag on lap 305, there was a restart on Lap 312 (the scheduled final lap of the race). This effectively turned the race into a final, one-extra-lap "overtime" for all the marbles, with fellow Wiley X-sponsored driver and perennial fan favorite Carl Edwards hot on Harvick's bumper.



Harvick knew it was going to take everything he and his car had to give to hold off the hard-charging Edwards and maintain his record of dominance at Phoenix. Edwards made the move both drivers were expecting and everybody held their collective breath as both drivers got into each other's doors during the final half-lap. They were practically still rubbing as they crossed the stripe, so close together a winner couldn't be determined with the naked eye. The photo finish showed that Harvick beat Edwards to the checkered flag by .010 of a second (roughly four inches), making it the closest finish in track history.

"As racing enthusiasts, this was thrilling for us to watch," said Wiley X Co-Owner Myles Freeman, Jr. "We couldn't be more proud of Kevin and Carl and how hard they each fought to win for their fans. They are both great competitors and excellent representatives for our brand. We can't wait to see what excitement lies ahead as the rest of the NASCAR season unfolds," added Freeman.

Although it's early in the Sprint Cup Championship Series season, Wiley X is very pleased with how its drivers have performed so far. Harvick left Phoenix tied for the series lead with Kyle Busch, with Harvick holding the tiebreaker on the strength of his first victory of the season. Edwards is currently fifth in the standings and Joey Logano, also sponsored by Wiley X, is close behind him in seventh.

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