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**Date:** May 27, 2017

**Event:** Hisense 4k TV 300

**Series:** NASCAR Xfinity Series

**Location:** Charlotte Motor Speedway in Concord, North Carolina (1.5-mile oval)

**Format:** 200 laps scheduled, broken into three stages

**Start/Finish:** 29<sup>th</sup>/33<sup>rd</sup>

**Team:** King Autosport

**Concord (NC, USA) May 27, 2017**—Alex Labbé has partaking to his 3<sup>rd</sup> race into NASCAR Xfinity Series at Charlotte Motor Speedway on Saturday to hopefully obtain the final verdict on its NASCAR driver's license for Daytona 2018. The young French Canadian driver and the Can-Am/Kappa Chevrolet No. 90 team started 29<sup>th</sup> and finished 33<sup>rd</sup> in the Hisense 4k TV 300. Results that could sorely allow him to accomplish his goal.

Starting on the inside lane, Labbé raced his way to the 26<sup>th</sup> position promptly due to early cautions in the event. The No. 90 Can-Am/Kappa Chevrolet scored its fastest lap in the middle of the stage as Alex had found a good momentum. Starting 26<sup>th</sup> on the restart with 20 laps to complete, Labbé couldn't benefit of speed in the middle lane and faded back to cross the first green checkered flag in 31<sup>st</sup>.

The second stage brought sorrowful adversity to the No. 90 team. Crew Chief Mario Gosselin recalled his driver to pit road several times to resolve a vibration issue. Turned out, the crew found a broken lug nut stud on the left rear tire. Unfortunately, damaged was done and Labbé had lost 8 laps behind the current leader.

Despite the bad luck, Labbé was able to demonstrate what he is capable of—knowing NASCAR had an eye on him to evaluate his performance. Through fierce determination, Labbé finished the race without a scratched on the car, a little disappointed about how the event turned out, but quite satisfied and confident with how he showed off his talent.

**Quote:**

“Looking back at our weekend we had some really good high lights. Our goal coming here was still to get the approval to race at Daytona in 2018. Thursday, I moved up from 40<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> into the final practice and I qualified 29<sup>th</sup> this morning for the Hisense 4K TV 300 which is outstanding results for our small team. I couldn't be more thankful to my sponsor Can-Am/Kappa/Cyclops Gear for the golden opportunity they are giving me. It's unfortunate that I couldn't get a better finish, but there is not much you can do with a broken lug nut stud, it's part of racing. Now I will move on to my second race of the season into NASCAR Pinty's Series in Delaware next Saturday.”

Pictures from this weekend: <http://bit.ly/2qqXMM7>

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