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**Series:** Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series  
**Location:** Sonoma Raceway  
**Format:** 110 laps  
**Team:** Go FAS Racing

**Sonoma (California, USA) June 26, 2017** – Matt DiBenedetto earned his career-best Sonoma Raceway finish with a twenty-third-place result in the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series event on Sunday afternoon. After a great qualifying session that resulted in a 27<sup>th</sup> place starting spot, DiBenedetto quickly began to show that his Ford Fusion has great speed on the 1.99-mile road course.

The Grass Valley, California native drove some laps before asking at the first caution of the day flew on lap 14, for more front turn on the Can-Am-Kappa car and higher air pressure. Later on, crew chief Gene Nead kept his driver on the track to pick up track position. DiBenedetto ended the first stage in 13<sup>th</sup> position.

After driving up as high as 8<sup>th</sup> position in the second stage, the Can-Am team could not keep on saving fuel and had to come down pit road for much needed refueling and adjustments. A few laps later, the No. 32 found his way back to the 13<sup>th</sup> place racing against bigger teams which is a good sign for the team. The handling of the Ford Fusion was altered slightly from these hard right and left turns and finished the second stage further back due to a late pit late in the segment.

Despite having to deal with a tight-handling Ford, Matt reached high-speed on the track. For the final, 60-lap stage DiBenedetto quietly worked his way through the field. Just as the final stage started, the driver noticed radio issue. Unfortunately, he lost communication with his team. Aware of his window fuel, he started to look at his pit box to see if his team was waving. When he finally saw them we came by the next time with 38 laps to go. A late caution caused by the No. 5 getting into the wall let DiBenedetto, still on the leading lap, take on the twenty-third-place to score his best finish at Sonoma.

Quote:

“The Cam-Am Ford was really good today. We had amazing race pace. That’s a credit to all my crew members. It felt really good. Just an amazing fun day for our small team. We put some much effort into our program and it’s great to finish in front of the guy we believe we can beat.”

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