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GO FAS RACING'S FIRST TOP-10 BROUGHT IN BY MATT DIBENEDETTO

Daytona (Florida, USA) February 27, 2017 — In his first season with the No.32 Ford team, Matt DiBenedetto survived a fierce Daytona 500 on Sunday to score Go Fas Racing's first top-10 finish. The ninth-place result came in their 99th Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series start.

The 59th edition of the Great American race initiated NASCAR's new format that brought unusual strategies coming from other teams. Remaining unaggressive, the E. J. Wade/Can—Am No.32 Ford stayed at the back of the field throughout the first stage to avoid the wreck.

“The stages are definitely changing the game,” said an elated DiBenedetto. “We survived. We got in that one crash, I hit pretty hard and I thought, ‘oh, it’s going to be a long day.’ The guys did a great job patching it back up and it still ran fine. I am glad we have been able to achieve this outcome with this novelty format.”

With considerable damages from Lap 129, DiBenedetto stayed on the lead lap to have a shot in the final segment. The second half of the race, Gene Nead's crew started pitting multiple times to assure Matt a chance at picking the pack off - ultimately proving to be a great strategy.

Indeed, the 25-year-old advanced up to ninth, a heavenly finish when you consider the size of the small team.

“I think we’re going to turn some heads,” he concluded. “With our fifteen employees total versus four or five hundred. We count on overachieving all year. To race the Daytona 500 was my dream as a kid. I am lucky to have had E.J Wade Foundation and Can-Am on the car this weekend, and to have had their presence here. This feels really good.”

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