



PRESS RELEASE  
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**Date:** April 8, 2017  
**Event:** My Bariatric Solutions 300  
**Series:** NASCAR Xfinity Series  
**Location:** Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth (1.5-mile oval)  
**Format:** 200 laps scheduled, broken into three stages  
**Start/Finish:** 33<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>  
**Team:** King Autosport

**Fort Worth (Texas, USA) April 8, 2017** — Alex Labbé started 33<sup>rd</sup> and finished 28<sup>th</sup> in the No. 90 Can-Am/Kappa Chevrolet in Saturday afternoon's My Bariatric Solutions 300 at Texas Motor Speedway. The race was the second participating of the young driver with the No. 90 team in the Xfinity series, but was undoubtedly the best place to gain experience for NASCAR's approval to an eventual full-time license.

With the reconfiguration of the track to a 20-degree banking instead of a 23, the new surface turned Texas Motor Speedway into NASCAR's most treacherous track. Starting on the inside lane, Labbé dropped back the No. 90 Can-Am/Kappa Chevrolet to the 37<sup>th</sup> position by lap 20 for being too cautious. The leader forced Labbé to one lap down with only 15 to go to the first stage. The second caution brought an opportunity to come down pit road for two right tires and fuel on lap 49, and two left tires and chassis adjustments on lap 50. Labbé finished first stage in 34<sup>th</sup> position.

Fortunately, Labbé found the handling of the No. 90 car to be too tight most of the afternoon, but improving on the long run speed. Taking the restart of the second stage from the outside, the Can-Am/Kappa Chevrolet slipped fast to the inside to hold on to the white line. However, misfortune would strike the right rear of the body when the fourth caution flag was displayed. Despite the contact, the No. 90 car didn't lose its speed. Unfortunately, the laps remaining in the second stage were not enough for Labbé to recover from his lap down as the team concluded the second stage in the 31<sup>st</sup> position.

The third stage would feature all green flag racing where Labbé gained 3 spots. Crew Chief Mario Gosselin was forced to ask the young driver to pit under a green flag, but a rookie mistake entering pit lane too fast caught Labbé coming down pit road by the next time to serve a penalty. At the end of the third stage, the Can-Am/Kappa Chevrolet was five laps down and scored in the 28<sup>th</sup> position. Through fierce determination, Labbé ended up just outside the top-25 with a 28<sup>th</sup> finish place.

**Quote:**

“I couldn't have picked a better place to gain experience. Our goal coming here racing for the first time on a 1.5 mile's track was to learn as much as possible. I couldn't thank enough my sponsor Can-Am/Kappa/Cyclops Gear for the golden opportunity to race among the best drivers of the sport. It's only my second time racing NASCAR Xfinity Series, first time going to 180 mph, first time on a 1.5 mi track, first time pitting on a green flag and all that happening on a very unknown and treasure track. The No. 90 team did a great job today, and we have a lot to be proud of. I can't wait to continue my pathways in the Xfinity Series and to start my season in the Pinty's Series.”

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