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Roush Yates Engines Tops at Daytona 500

Bayne, Edwards, Gilliland Sweep Top Three Spots with Roush Yates Power

Mooreville, NC (February 21, 2011) Roush Yates Ford FR9 engines continued their awesome exhibition of engineering and power as three different NASCAR Sprint Cup Series racing teams swept the top three finishing positions in Sunday's 53rd running of the Daytona 500. In an oddity of new combining with old, the oldest racing team in the garage, the legendary Wood Brothers No. 21, produced the youngest winner in the history of the 500-mile event as youngster Trevor Bayne – who turned 20 the day before – brought a Roush Yates engine to a frenzied victory lane.

Roush Fenway Racing's Carl Edwards and Front Row Motorsports' David Gilliland rounded out the top three.

"This was an awesome weekend for Roush Yates Engines," said Doug Yates, CEO of Roush Yates Engines. "I'm proud of our engineers for being able to adjust on the fly as NASCAR threw us curve balls throughout practice, qualifying, and even the night before the race. Our engines continually withstood higher temperatures in the two car draft and we were able to push longer than any manufacturer. To have three different teams finish 1-2-3 in the Great American Race says a lot for our company and personnel. We were proud to help the Wood Brothers get back into Victory Lane."

It was only Bayne's second career NASCAR Sprint Cup Series start and the first win for Wood Brothers Racing in almost ten years. Roush Yates Engines and Wood Brothers Racing have a long standing relationship.

"If I tried to put it into words, I wouldn't be doing it any justice," said Daytona 500 Champion Trevor Bayne. "Roush Yates and Wood Brothers Racing gave me a rocket ship that definitely did me a lot of justice today. Anybody I hooked up with was headed to the front. To get this win in our second-ever race, that's setting a standard."

Bayne's Sunday win marked the second time in three years that Roush Yates power has won the Daytona 500 (Matt Kenseth won in 2009). Roush Yates engines have won the last three consecutive Sprint Cup Series races dating back to the final two races of 2010 with Edwards' back-to-back wins at Phoenix and Miami-Homestead, respectively.

Edwards clearly is the hottest driver in the sport with a first, first and second-place finish in his last three starts.

"This was certainly a nail-biter of a day for every engine builder in the garage," Yates continued. "I have to hand it to all our guys in making the right adjustments that our predictability models showed. The new rules and new track configuration definitely made this race a challenge but our engines ran flawless the entire time and the hard work of this entire organization from top to bottom paid off."

Bayne's victory follows a superior start for Roush Yates' 2011 season with Scott Bloomquist becoming the first driver to ever sweep the World of Outlaws Late Model Series opening races on Saturday at Volusia Speedway Park.

Over 1500 to 1700 different Roush Yates Engines will race this year throughout all forms of professional motorsports including dirt late model, dirt modifieds, sprint cars, NASCAR, road racing, off-road trucks, and drag racing. For more information on Roush Yates' engine programs and performance products, visit www.roushyatesparts.com.

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