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Kevin Harvick win in SIN CITY

Roll of the dice pays off for Harvick

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USPA NEWS - The SIN CITY WIN for Kevin Harvick. Can Harvick make it three in a row when NASCAR visits PHOENIX this weekend.

Two major penalties for Harvick and his team after his Vegas win.

NASCAR hits Kevin Harvick with two big penalties after Las Vegas win.

Kevin Harvick's dominating win in Sunday's Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series race at Las Vegas Motor Speedway disappeared Wednesday when NASCAR announced that the Stewart-Haas Racing team had been penalized for two violations.

The penalties, for violations in the rear window and rocker panels areas of the winning car, include the loss of seven playoff points Harvick scored for winning the race and its first two stages, effectively negating the power of the victory as far as playoff matters are concerned. Last year, a significant violation led to NASCAR declaring a race win "encumbered,"^[7] but that description no longer is in use.

Harvick also won at Atlanta and will make the playoffs based on that victory if he doesn't win again this year.

Harvick also was penalized 20 regular-season points. Car chief Robert Smith was suspended for two races was suspended for two races, and crew chief Rodney Childers was fined \$50,000.

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