

NASCAR

Kenseth has no regrets over wrecking Logano

By JENNA FRYER
Associated Press

AVONDALE, Ariz. — Pushed to his limit after three races worth of slights, Matt Kenseth firmly believed he had no choice but to retaliate against Joey Logano.

His deliberate wrecking of Logano drew a two-race suspension from NASCAR, and Kenseth said Friday he would have handled the payback differently had he known he'd draw such an unprecedented penalty.

But in a telephone interview with The Associated Press, Kenseth said he would do it again.

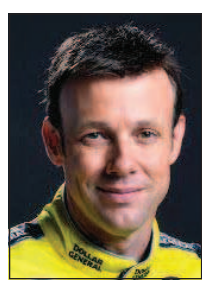
"I really stand by my actions," he said. "I feel like there's a breaking point. It wasn't just about being mad, it was about getting this fixed. It was time to make it stop."

Logano spun Kenseth while racing for a win at Kansas that Kenseth needed

to continue his championship chances. Kenseth retaliated two races later by wrecking Logano as Logano raced for a win at Martinsville Speedway that would have landed him a berth in the championship field.

Kenseth had returned to the track down nine laps after a wreck with Logano teammate Brad Keselowski.

"You have to have respect in the garage area. If you are going to go out and try to race for wins and race for championships, you can't be a doormat or next year you are going to get knocked out again," Kenseth said. "Drivers are going to be like, 'Well, he ain't going to do nothing. We'll just knock him out of the race and then jack with him as much as



Kenseth

possible and make sure he's not going to make it through because he's not going to retaliate."

"At some point, in my opinion, you have to retaliate." His mood upbeat and his deadpan humor intact in a 30-minute interview from North Carolina, Kenseth accepted responsibility for wrecking Logano but insisted he feels no remorse that it potentially ruined Logano's title chances.

Instead of winning Martinsville and earning a spot in next week's championship finale, Logano is last in the eight-driver field and must win Sunday at Phoenix International Raceway to race for the Sprint Cup title.

Logano's predicament is his own fault, Kenseth believes, because the young

driver could have put an end to the feud at any point before Martinsville.

Instead, Kenseth felt Logano was "arrogant" and his comments over the next few weeks only infuriated Kenseth more. Kenseth also accused Logano of "doing everything in his power to try to aggravate me more" on track at Talladega the week after Kansas.

Then, as Kenseth raced Logano for the lead at Martinsville, he felt he was intentionally wrecked by Logano's Team Penske teammate, Brad Keselowski. Had the incident been an accident, Kenseth said he would have heard from Keselowski by now but has not been contacted by him.

"There's a right and wrong way to do things, and most grown-ups would have tried to handle it better," Kenseth said. "There's just dozens of things that could

have stopped it, and Joey never tried to reconcile it. I think everyone in the garage knew it was coming, and you would think (Logano) would be a little bit nervous and address it."

Kenseth also said NASCAR failed to intervene and squash the feud. Kenseth couldn't recall a time in his 16-year history that series officials didn't sit down a pair of drivers who had on-track issues, and he felt backed into having to retaliate after chairman Brian France deemed Logano's actions at Kansas "quintessential NASCAR."

"I felt like I was almost encouraged. I felt like the comments almost condoned it, the way Brian France said Joey was smart in the way he strategically eliminated a threat for the title," Kenseth said. "I just never dreamed, ever, that I'd get suspended for going back and evening the score."

Johnson takes Phoenix pole position

Associated Press

AVONDALE, Ariz. — Jimmie Johnson is doing his best to play spoiler now that his championship chances are done.

The six-time NASCAR champion was eliminated from the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship in the first round of the playoffs. But his win last week at Texas denied Brad Keselowski a spot in the finale, and now he's on the pole for the final elimination race.

Johnson turned a lap at 143.158 mph in qualifying Friday to win the pole at Phoenix International Raceway. His effort kept Kurt Busch, who is still in the Chase, from the top starting spot for Sunday's race.

There are seven drivers vying for three spots next week in the title-deciding finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

SCOREBOARD

Local Slate

PREP FOOTBALL

Saturday
(2A quarterfinals) No. 7 Reedsport at No. 2 Heppner, 1 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Saturday
Southern Oregon at Eastern Oregon, Noon

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Saturday
(CCC Tournament) Eastern Oregon vs. TBA, 7 p.m.

COLLEGE WOMEN'S SOCCER

Saturday
(CCC Finals) Eastern Oregon vs. Carroll (at Springfield), 3 p.m.

COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL

Saturday
Eastern Oregon vs. Vanguard (at Las Vegas), 2 p.m.

Football

OSAA

Friday's Games
Class 6A
Second Round
Beaverton 21, Tualatin 14
Clackamas 23, Central Catholic 13
Jesuit 59, Westview 7
Lincoln 42, Grants Pass 14
Oregon City 49, South Salem 21
Sheldon 69, Sunset 28
Sherwood 41, Tigard 20
West Linn 49, West Salem 21
Class 5A
Quarterfinal
Ashland 35, Springfield 27
Crater 24, Central 21
Summit 42, Redmond 14
Wilsonville 24, Liberty 21
Class 4A
Quarterfinal
Cascade 35, Philomath 34
North Bend 37, North Marion 7
Scappoose 48, Marshfield 46

Class 3A
Quarterfinal
Blanchet Catholic 36, Coquille/Pacific 14
Santiam Christian 19, Harrisburg 13
Scio 70, Salem Academy 36

Class 2A

Quarterfinal
Stanfield 27, Central Linn 26

Saturday's Games

(4A Quarterfinals)
No. 5 Mazama at No. 4 Banks, 3 p.m.
(3A Quarterfinals)
No. 5 Cascade Christian at No. 4 Vale, 1 p.m.
(2A Quarterfinals)
No. 5 Burns at No. 4 Kennedy, 1 p.m.
No. 11 Imbler at No. 3 Regis, 1 p.m.
No. 7 Reedsport at No. 2 Heppner, 1 p.m.
(1A Quarterfinals)
No. 5 Hosanna Christian at No. 4 Crane, 1 p.m.
No. 8 Powers at No. 1 Adrian, 2 p.m.
No. 6 Perrydale at No. 3 Wallowa, Noon
No. 7 Durfur at No. 2 Yoncalla, 1 p.m.

NCAA

Friday's Game
Southern Cal 27, Colorado 24
Saturday's Games
No. 1 Clemson at Syracuse, 12:30 p.m.
No. 2 Ohio State at Illinois, 9 a.m.
No. 3 Alabama at No. 20 Mississippi State, 12:30 p.m.
No. 4 Baylor vs. No. 12 Oklahoma, 5 p.m.
No. 5 Oklahoma State at Iowa State, 12:30 p.m.
No. 6 Notre Dame vs. Wake Forest, 12:30 p.m.
No. 7 Stanford vs. Oregon, 4:30 p.m.
No. 8 Iowa vs. Minnesota, 5 p.m.
No. 9 LSU vs. Arkansas, 4:15 p.m.
No. 10 Utah at Arizona, 7 p.m.
No. 11 Florida at South Carolina, 9 a.m.
No. 13TCU vs. Kansas, 9 a.m.
No. 14 Michigan State vs. Maryland, 9 a.m.
No. 15 Michigan at Indiana, 12:30 p.m.
No. 16 Houston vs. No. 25 Memphis, 4 p.m.
No. 17 North Carolina vs. Miami, 12:30 p.m.
No. 18 UCLA vs. Washington State, 7:45 p.m.

No. 19 Florida State vs. N.C. State, 9:30 a.m.
No. 21 Temple at South Florida, 4 p.m.
No. 22 Navy vs. SMU, 12:30 p.m.
No. 24 Northwestern vs. Purdue, 9 a.m.

NFL

Thursday's Game
Buffalo 22, N.Y. Jets 17
Sunday's Games
Detroit (+10.5) at Green Bay, 10 a.m.
Carolina (-4.5) at Tennessee, 10 a.m.
Chicago (+7) at St. Louis, 10 a.m.
Dallas (+1) at Tampa Bay, 10 a.m.
New Orleans (PK) at Washington, 10 a.m.
Miami (+6) at Philadelphia, 10 a.m.
Cleveland (+5.5) at Pittsburgh, 10 a.m.
Jacksonville (+5) at Baltimore, 10 a.m.
Minnesota (+3) at Oakland, 1:05 p.m.
Kansas City (+4.5) at Denver, 1:25 p.m.
New England (-7) at N.Y. Giants, 1:25 p.m.
Arizona (+3) at Seattle, 5:30 p.m.
Open: Atlanta, Indianapolis, San Diego, San Francisco
Monday's Game
Houston (+11) at Cincinnati, 5:30 p.m.

Basketball

NCAA

Friday's Games
Arizona 79, Pacific 61
BYU 85, Utah Valley 54
Fresno St. 69, Pepperdine 66
Grand Canyon 82, Portland St. 72
Montana 74, Boise St. 72
Oregon 80, Jackson St. 52
Sacramento St. 66, Arizona St. 63
Southern Cal 83, San Diego 45
Stanford 93, Green Bay 89, OT
UNLV 74, Cal Poly 72
Utah 82, S. Utah 71
Washington St. 73, Weber St. 70
Washington 77, Texas 71
Washington St. 82, N. Arizona 70

NBA

Friday's Games
Indiana 107, Minnesota 103
Orlando 102, Utah 93
Toronto 100, New Orleans 81
Boston 106, Atlanta 93
Cleveland 90, New York 84

Chicago 102, Charlotte 97
Memphis 101, Portland 100
Oklahoma City 102, Philadelphia 85
Dallas 90, L.A. Lakers 82
Denver 107, Houston 98
Sacramento 111, Brooklyn 109
Saturday's Games
Detroit at L.A. Clippers, 12:30 p.m.
Orlando at Washington, 4 p.m.
Dallas at Houston, 5 p.m.
Philadelphia at San Antonio, 5:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Milwaukee, 5:30 p.m.
Denver at Phoenix, 6 p.m.
Brooklyn at Golden State, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday's Games
New Orleans at New York, 9 a.m.
Memphis at Minnesota, 12:30 p.m.
Portland at Charlotte, 2 p.m.
Utah at Atlanta, 3 p.m.
Boston at Oklahoma City, 4 p.m.
Toronto at Sacramento, 6 p.m.
Detroit at L.A. Lakers, 6:30 p.m.

Soccer

MLS Playoffs

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Eastern Conference
New York vs. Columbus
Leg 1 — Sunday, Nov. 22: New York at Columbus, 2 p.m.
Leg 2 — Sunday, Nov. 29: Columbus at New York, 4:30 p.m.
Western Conference
FC Dallas vs. Portland
Leg 1 — Sunday, Nov. 22: FC Dallas at Portland, 2 or 4:30 p.m.
Leg 2 or 3 — Sunday, Nov. 29: Portland at FC Dallas, 2 or 4:30 p.m.

Hockey

NHL

Friday's Games
Columbus 2, Pittsburgh 1
Calgary 3, Washington 2, OT
San Jose 3, Detroit 2
N.Y. Islanders 4, Anaheim 1
Saturday's Games
N.Y. Rangers at Ottawa, 10 a.m.
Detroit at Boston, 4 p.m.

San Jose at Buffalo, 4 p.m.
Vancouver at Toronto, 4 p.m.
Colorado at Montreal, 4 p.m.
Florida at Tampa Bay, 4 p.m.
Pittsburgh at New Jersey, 4 p.m.
Philadelphia at Carolina, 4 p.m.
Arizona at Columbus, 4 p.m.
Winnipeg at Nashville, 4 p.m.
Chicago at St. Louis, 5 p.m.
Minnesota at Dallas, 5 p.m.
Edmonton at Los Angeles, 7 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Toronto at N.Y. Rangers, 4 p.m.
Calgary at Chicago, 5:30 p.m.

Motorsports

NASCAR

Sprint Cup

Quicken Loans Race for Heroes 500
Lineup
After Friday qualifying, race Sunday at Phoenix International Raceway
Avondale, Ariz.
Lap length: 1 mile
(Car number in parentheses)
1. (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 143.158 mph.
2. (41) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 142.88.
3. (88) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 142.58.
4. (19) Carl Edwards, Toyota, 142.501.
5. (78) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, 142.292.
6. (42) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 142.287.
7. (20) Erik Jones, Toyota, 142.219.
8. (4) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 142.068.
9. (5) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 142.062.
10. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 141.833.
11. (24) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 141.409.
12. (1) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 141.409.
13. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 141.665.
14. (22) Joey Logano, Ford, 141.649.
15. (27) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 141.393.
16. (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 141.343.
17. (43) Aric Almirola, Ford, 141.282.
18. (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 141.271.
19. (17) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 140.944.
20. (16) Greg Biffle, Ford, 140.691.
21. (10) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 140.378.

22. (31) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 140.28.
23. (47) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 140.252.
24. (13) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 139.735.
25. (51) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 139.492.

Driver Standings

Through Nov. 8
1. Jeff Gordon, 4,082.
2. Kyle Busch, 4,080.
3. Kevin Harvick, 4,079.
4. Martin Truex Jr., 4,076.
5. Carl Edwards, 4,069.
6. Brad Keselowski, 4,057.
7. Kurt Busch, 4,048.
8. Joey Logano, 4,013.

Transactions

BASEBALL

American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — C Matt Wieters accepted the club's qualifying offer on a one-year contract.
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Agreed to terms with 2B Michael Martinez on a minor league contract.
HOUSTON ASTROS — OF Colby Rasmus accepted the club's qualifying offer on a one-year contract.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Agreed to terms with RHP Marco Estrada on a two-year contract.
National League
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Announced LHP Brett Anderson accepted the qualifying offer on a one-year contract.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Named Tom Flanagan farm director.
NEW YORK METS — Agreed to terms with INF/OF Ty Kelly on a minor league contract.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Agreed to terms with LHP James Russell on a minor league contract.
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Acquired OF Manuel Margot, INF Javier Guerra, INF Carlos Asuaje and LHP Logan Allen from the Boston Red Sox for RHP Craig Kimbrel.

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