

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES OFFICIAL RACE REPORT No. 3

14TH ANNUAL KOBALT TOOLS 400

LAS VEGAS MOTOR SPEEDWAY

Las Vegas, NV - March 6, 2011

1.5-Mile Paved Tri-Oval

267 Laps - 400.5 Miles Purse: \$6,250,807



TIME OF RACE: 2 hours, 57 minutes, 20 seconds

AVERAGE SPEED: 135.508 mph

MARGIN OF VICTORY: 1.246 second(s)

Fin Pos	Str Pos	Car No	Driver	Team	Laps	Pts	Bns Pts	Driver Rating	Winnings	Status	Lead Tms	Laps
1	3	99	Carl Edwards	Scotts/Kellogg's Ford	267	47	4	134.4	\$401,541	Running	2	69
2	15	14	Tony Stewart	Mobil 1/Office Depot Chevrolet	267	44	2	133.4	300,308	Running	4	163
3	23	42	Juan Pablo Montoya	Clorox Chevrolet	267	42	1	118.5	236,908	Running	1	7
4	2	9	Marcos Ambrose	Stanley Ford	267	41	1	108.4	187,866	Running	1	1
5	8	39	Ryan Newman	Haas Automation Chevrolet	267	39		93.7	173,575	Running		
6	9	56	Martin Truex Jr	NAPA Toyota	267	39	1	108.0	128,300	Running	3	3
7	17	11	Denny Hamlin	FedEx Ground Toyota	267	37		83.8	159,300	Running		
8	33	88	Dale Earnhardt Jr	National Guard/AMP Energy Chevrolet	267	36		92.3	126,125	Running		
9	22	22	Kurt Busch	Shell/Pennzoil Ultra Dodge	267	36	1	93.3	150,700	Running	1	1
10	19	83	Brian Vickers	Red Bull Toyota	267	34		88.1	133,614	Running		
11	1	17	Matt Kenseth	Crown Royal Ford	267	34	1	83.3	149,311	Running	2	3
12	18	27	Paul Menard	Moen/Menards Chevrolet	267	33	1	94.4	103,375	Running	1	3
13	25	00	David Reutimann	TUMS Toyota	267	32	1	88.6	130,933	Running	1	1
14	30	4	Kasey Kahne	Red Bull Toyota	267	30		70.6	127,083	Running		
15	28	33	Clint Bowyer	Wheaties Fuel Chevrolet	267	30	1	73.3	145,358	Running	1	1
16	14	48	Jimmie Johnson	Lowe's / KOBALT Tools Chevrolet	267	28		73.8	148,761	Running		
17	26	29	Kevin Harvick	Budweiser Chevrolet	267	27		76.8	143,561	Running		
18	10	5	Mark Martin	GoDaddy.com Chevrolet	267	26		70.6	104,625	Running		
19	7	43	AJ Allmendinger	Best Buy Ford	267	25		76.3	132,461	Running		
20	16	21	Trevor Bayne (i)	Motorcraft/Quick Lane Ford	267	0		68.1	103,600	Running		
21	21	31	Jeff Burton	Caterpillar Chevrolet	267	23		62.1	101,325	Running		
22	42	6	David Raqqan	UPS Ford	267	22		59.5	100,775	Running		
23	6	20	Joey Logano	Home Depot Toyota	266	21		88.5	100,075	Running		
24	24	47	Bobby Labonte	GEICO Toyota	266	20		57.2	116,345	Running		
25	27	13	Casey Mears	Miller Lite Dodge	266	19		48.8	89,425	Running		
26	20	2	Brad Keselowski	McDonald's Chevrolet	265	18		53.0	112,308	Running		
27	11	1	Jamie McMurray	3M Post-it Ford	264	17	1	105.3	122,414	Running	2	11
28	4	16	Greg Biffle	Southern Pride Trucking Ford	262	0		42.3	83,575	Running	1	1
29	32	32	Mike Skinner (i)	Rydex Chevrolet	262	14		40.2	100,958	Running		
30	37	09	Bill Elliott	SPEED Energy Dodge	261	13		42.3	96,258	Running		
31	38	7	Robby Gordon	Eco-Fuel Saver Chevrolet	261	12		35.6	91,400	Running		
32	40	71	Andy Lally #	Long John Silver's Ford	261	0		34.3	92,197	Running		
33	39	38	Travis Kvapil (i)	Accell Construction Chevrolet	260	11	1	40.3	81,500	Running	1	1
34	34	36	Dave Blaney	Race Fuel Energy Drink Ford	258	9		31.0	81,275	Running		
35	41	37	Tony Raines	DuPont Chevrolet	193	9	1	83.0	118,011	Accident	1	2
36	13	24	Jeff Gordon	Taco Bell Ford	147	7		45.1	80,850	Accident		
37	35	34	David Gilliland	Snickers Toyota	107	6		84.8	128,491	Engine		
38	5	18	Kyle Busch	Furniture Row Chevrolet	77	5		52.0	106,795	Engine		
39	12	78	Regan Smith	Darlington Raceway/Espar Heater Systems Chev	45	4		32.9	80,175	Rear Gear		
40	32	46	J.J. Yeley	HP Racing, LLC Toyota	41	3		29.4	79,925	Brakes		
41	43	66	Michael McDowell	NEMCO Motorsports Toyota	34	0		27.8	79,780	Transmission		
42	31	87	Joe Nemechek (i)	Big Red Toyota	32	0		29.1	80,044	Rear Gear		
43	36	60	Landon Cassill (i)									

Sunoco Rookie of the Year Contender.

(i) = Ineligible for driver points in this series

Bonus points: includes winner, lap leader & most laps led points

Failed to qualify: (1) #92 Brian Keselowski

Race Comments: Before an estimated crowd of 152,000 Carl Edwards won the Kobalt Tools 400, his 19th NASCAR Sprint Cup Series win. The following car dropped to the rear of the field: #11 (engine change)

Caution Flags: 7 cautions for 35 laps. [Beneficiary in Brackets] 10-12 (Car #7 Spin Turn 4 [None]); 16-18 (Car #71 Spin Turn 2 [7]); 98-101 (Debris On Track [18]); 103-106 (Car #4,22 Spin Turn 4 [48]); 109-116 (Fluid On Track [6]); 151-156 (Car #34 Accident Turn 2 [21]); 196-202 (Car #24 Accident Turn 4 [17]).

Lap Leaders: 21 lead changes among 14 drivers. Kenseth 1-2, Biffle 3-9, Kenseth 10, J. Gordon 11-12, Stewart 13-50, Biffle 51-54, Truex Jr 55, Menard 56-58, Blaney 59, Skinner 60, Stewart 61-97, Ambrose 98, Stewart 99-150, Truex Jr 151, Edwards 152-197, Truex Jr 198, Stewart 199-234, Montoya 235-241, Ku. Busch 242, Bowyer 243, Reutimann 244, Edwards 245-267.

COORS LIGHT POLE AWARD: Matt Kenseth (188.884 mph, 28.589 secs.)

AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD: Tony Stewart

DIRECTV CREW CHIEF OF THE RACE: Carl Edwards (crew chief Bob Osborne)

GOODYEAR GATORBACK FASTEST LAP: Tony Stewart (182.408 mph, Lap 20)

MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER OF THE RACE: Hendrick Engines (#14)

MOBIL 1 OIL DRIVER OF THE RACE: Tony Stewart

MOOG CHASSIS PARTS PROBLEM SOLVER OF THE RACE: Dale Earnhardt Jr (crew chief Steve Letarte, 0.198 seconds)

NASCAR SPRINT CUP LEADER BONUS: No winner: rolls over to \$40,000 at next event++

O'REILLY AUTO PARTS POSITION IMPROVEMENT AWARD: Juan Pablo Montoya (20 places)

SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE RACE: Andy Lally

++Rollover money awarded at year's end, amount not included in race winnings.

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES TOP 12

	(Wins)
1 - Tony Stewart	113 (0)
2 - Kurt Busch	113 (0)
3 - Carl Edwards	106 (1)
4 - Juan Pablo Montoya	106 (0)
5 - Ryan Newman	103 (0)
6 - Paul Menard	96 (0)
7 - Martin Truex Jr	95 (0)
8 - Denny Hamlin	95 (0)
9 - AJ Allmendinger	94 (0)
10 - Dale Earnhardt Jr	91 (0)
11 - Mark Martin	91 (0)
12 - Jimmie Johnson	87 (0)

MANUFACTURERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

	Pts	Wins
Ford	21	(2)
Chevrolet	18	(1)
Toyota	16	(0)
Dodge	11	(0)

AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD

Tony Stewart	(#14)	1
Kurt Busch	(#22)	1
Paul Menard	(#27)	1

DIRECTV CREW CHIEF OF THE RACE

Dave Rogers	(#18)	2
Bob Osborne	(#99)	1

GOODYEAR GATORBACK FASTEST LAP

Tony Stewart	(#14)	1
Paul Menard	(#27)	1
Kyle Busch	(#18)	1

MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER

Roush/Yates	(#99)	35
Hendrick	(#14)	33
Penske	(#22)	31

MOBIL 1 OIL DRIVER OF THE RACE

Tony Stewart	(#14)	1
Kevin Harvick	(#29)	1
David Gilliland	(#34)	1

MOOG CHASSIS PARTS PROBLEM SOLVER OF THE RACE

Steve Letarte	(#88)	2
Peter Sospenzo	(#34)	1

O'REILLY AUTO PARTS AWARD

Juan Pablo Montoya	(#42)	1
David Gilliland	(#34)	1
Tony Raines	(#37)	1

COORS LIGHT POLE AWARD

Carl Edwards	1
Dale Earnhardt Jr	1
Matt Kenseth	1

SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Andy Lally	33
Brian Keselowski	12

NEXT EVENT: March 20, 2011 - 51st Annual Jeff Byrd 500 presented by Food City, Bristol Motor Speedway, Bristol, TN (266.50 Miles) (500 Laps)

NOTE: The above figures are based upon team winnings and include racing purse and cash contingency awards by participating manufacturers. (3/7/2011)

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NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES DRIVER LEADERS

Race #3: 14TH ANNUAL KOBALT TOOLS "400" Race Date: 3/6/2011

POS	DRIVER	Points	Starts	Wins	Top 5	Top 10	Money Won
1	TONY STEWART	113	3	0	1	2	\$797,762
2	KURT BUSCH	113	3	0	1	3	1,058,301
3	CARL EDWARDS	106	3	1	2	2	1,649,511
4	JUAN PABLO MONTOYA	106	3	0	1	2	812,237
5	RYAN NEWMAN	103	3	0	2	2	693,913
6	PAUL MENARD	96	3	0	0	1	507,863
7	MARTIN TRUEX JR.	95	3	0	0	1	552,288
8	DENNY HAMLIN	95	3	0	0	1	646,738
9	A J ALLMENDINGER	94	3	0	0	1	589,446
10	DALE EARNHARDT JR.	91	3	0	0	2	596,463
11	MARK MARTIN	91	3	0	0	1	537,538
12	JIMMIE JOHNSON	87	3	0	1	1	700,221
13	KASEY KAHNE	87	3	0	0	1	559,879
14	KYLE BUSCH	86	3	0	1	2	760,311
15	BOBBY LABONTE	84	3	0	1	1	904,673
16	MATT KENSETH	77	3	0	0	0	615,646
17	MARCOS AMBROSE	76	3	0	1	1	591,586
18	CLINT BOWYER	75	3	0	0	0	637,537
19	JEFF GORDON	74	3	1	1	1	709,046
20	KEVIN HARVICK	71	3	0	1	1	679,081
21	DAVID GILLILAND	70	3	0	1	1	983,929
22	BILL ELLIOTT	67	3	0	0	0	496,237
23	BRAD KESELOWSKI	63	3	0	0	0	496,354
24	BRIAN VICKERS	61	3	0	0	1	530,530
25	DAVID REUTIMANN	61	3	0	0	0	532,912
26	DAVID RAGAN	61	3	0	0	0	524,038
27	ROBBY GORDON	54	3	0	0	0	471,851
28	REGAN SMITH	53	3	0	0	1	619,998
29	JAMIE MCMURRAY	53	3	0	0	0	642,605
30	JOEY LOGANO	53	3	0	0	0	493,438
31	GREG BIFFLE	50	3	0	0	0	522,763
32	JEFF BURTON	50	3	0	0	0	530,526
33	CASEY MEARS	45	2	0	0	0	186,413
34	ANDY LALLY	37	3	0	0	0	452,548
35	DAVE BLANEY	32	3	0	0	0	435,210
36	TERRY LABONTE	30	1	0	0	0	334,263
37	TONY RAINES	28	2	0	0	0	156,575
38	J J YELEY	12	3	0	0	0	413,675
39	MICHAEL MCDOWELL	7	2	0	0	0	169,038
40	MICHAEL WALTRIP	4	1	0	0	0	314,688
41	BRIAN KESELOWSKI	3	1	0	0	0	273,663
42	TREVOR BAYNE(i)	0	3	1	1	1	1,639,913
43	STEVE WALLACE(i)	0	1	0	0	0	291,638
44	MIKE SKINNER(i)	0	2	0	0	0	150,275
45	TRAVIS KVAPIL(i)	0	3	0	0	0	432,010
46	LANDON CASSILL(i)	0	2	0	0	0	144,844
47	ROBERT RICHARDSON JR.(i)	0	1	0	0	0	270,313
48	JOE NEMECHK(i)	0	3	0	0	0	414,140
49	DERRIKE COPE(i)	0	0	0	0	0	59,138
50	KEVIN CONWAY(i)	0	0	0	0	0	43,313
51	TODD BODINE(i)	0	0	0	0	0	24,838

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NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES OWNER LEADERS

Race #3: 14TH ANNUAL KOBALT TOOLS "400" Race Date: 3/6/2011

POS	Car #	OWNER	Points	Starts	Wins	Top 5	Top 10	Attempts
1	14	MARGARET HAAS	113	3	0	1	2	3
2	22	WALTER CZARNECKI	113	3	0	1	3	3
3	99	JACK ROUSH	106	3	1	2	2	3
4	42	CHIP GANASSI	106	3	0	1	2	3
5	39	TONY STEWART	103	3	0	2	2	3
6	27	TOM PUMPELLY	96	3	0	0	1	3
7	56	MICHAEL WALTRIP	95	3	0	0	1	3
8	11	J D GIBBS	95	3	0	0	1	3
9	43	RICHARD PETTY	94	3	0	0	1	3
10	88	RICK HENDRICK	91	3	0	0	2	3
11	5	MARY HENDRICK	91	3	0	0	1	3
12	48	JEFF GORDON	87	3	0	1	1	3
13	4	DIETRICH MATESCHITZ	87	3	0	0	1	3
14	18	JOE GIBBS	86	3	0	1	2	3
15	47	TAD GESCHICKTER	84	3	0	1	1	3
16	17	JOHN HENRY	77	3	0	0	0	3
17	9	RICHARD PETTY	76	3	0	1	1	3
18	21	RICHARD PETTY	75	3	1	1	1	3
19	33	RICHARD CHILDRESS	75	3	0	0	0	3
20	24	RICK HENDRICK	74	3	1	1	1	3
21	29	RICHARD CHILDRESS	71	3	0	1	1	3
22	34	BOB JENKINS	70	3	0	1	1	3
23	09	JAMES FINCH	67	3	0	0	0	3
24	32	FRANK STODDARD JR.	66	3	0	0	0	3
25	2	ROGER PENSKE	63	3	0	0	0	3
26	83	DIETRICH MATESCHITZ	61	3	0	0	1	3
27	00	ROB KAUFFMAN	61	3	0	0	0	3
28	6	JOHN HENRY	61	3	0	0	0	3
29	7	ROBBY GORDON	54	3	0	0	0	3
30	78	BARNEY VISSER	53	3	0	0	1	3
31	1	TERESA EARNHARDT	53	3	0	0	0	3
32	20	JOE GIBBS	53	3	0	0	0	3
33	16	JACK ROUSH	50	3	0	0	0	3
34	31	RICHARD CHILDRESS	50	3	0	0	0	3
35	13	BOB GERMAIN	45	2	0	0	0	3
36	71	RICHARD PETTY	37	3	0	0	0	3
37	37	BRAD JENKINS	34	3	0	0	0	3
38	36	TOMMY BALDWIN	32	3	0	0	0	3
39	38	BOB JENKINS	28	3	0	0	0	3
40	77	ROGER PENSKE	24	1	0	0	0	1
41	46	TOMMY MCMILLAN	12	3	0	0	0	3
42	87	ANDREA NEMECHEK	8	3	0	0	0	3
43	60	MICHAEL HILLMAN	7	2	0	0	0	3
44	66	PHIL PARSONS	7	2	0	0	0	3
45	115	MICHAEL WALTRIP	4	1	0	0	0	1
46	192	BOB KESELOWSKI	3	1	0	0	0	3
47	64	LARRY GUNSELMAN	0	0	0	0	0	1
48	97	ANDREA NEMECHEK	0	0	0	0	0	1