

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES OFFICIAL RACE REPORT No. 11

63RD ANNUAL BOJANGLES' SOUTHERN 500

DARLINGTON RACEWAY

Darlington, SC - May 12, 2012

1.366-Mile Paved Oval

367 Laps - 501.322 Miles Purse: \$5,663,476



TIME OF RACE: 3 hours, 45 minutes, 25 seconds

AVERAGE SPEED: 133.802 mph

MARGIN OF VICTORY: 0.781 second(s)

Fin Pos	Str Pos	Car No	Driver	Team	Laps	Pts	Bns Pts	Driver Rating	Winnings	Status	Lead Tms	Laps
1	2	48	Jimmie Johnson	Lowe's / Kobalt Tools Chevrolet	368	48	5	141.1	\$319,786	Running	6	134
2	8	11	Denny Hamlin	Sport Clips Toyota	368	43	1	116.4	238,656	Running	4	56
3	17	14	Tony Stewart	Office Depot / MOBIL 1 Chevrolet	368	41		103.1	209,415	Running		
4	5	18	Kyle Busch	Wrigley Doublemint Toyota	368	41	1	120.9	178,123	Running	5	44
5	6	56	Martin Truex Jr	NAPA Auto Parts Toyota	368	40	1	117.2	152,554	Running	2	25
6	19	17	Matt Kenseth	Zest Ford	368	38		96.7	154,776	Running		
7	7	99	Carl Edwards	Ford EcoBoost Fusion Ford	368	37		104.8	145,906	Running		
8	3	5	Kasey Kahne	Rockwell Tools Chevrolet	368	37	1	108.8	108,790	Running	2	33
9	28	9	Marcos Ambrose	DeWalt Ford	368	35		74.8	130,748	Running		
10	21	20	Joey Logano	The Home Depot Toyota	368	34		90.6	104,715	Running		
11	26	15	Clint Bowyer	5-hour Energy Toyota	368	33		86.1	120,969	Running		
12	1	16	Greg Biffle	3M / OH / ES Ford	368	33	1	115.4	107,580	Running	2	74
13	14	27	Paul Menard	Menards / Pittsburgh Paints Chevrolet	368	31		76.4	100,705	Running		
14	9	78	Regan Smith	Furniture Row / CSX Play it Safe Chevrolet	368	30		79.4	117,488	Running		
15	15	2	Brad Keselowski	Miller Lite Dodge	368	29		75.9	124,725	Running		
16	23	29	Kevin Harvick	Budweiser Chevrolet	368	28		85.1	136,391	Running		
17	24	88	Dale Earnhardt Jr	Diet Mountain Dew / National Guard Chevrolet	368	28	1	75.9	96,930	Running	1	1
18	10	31	Jeff Burton	BB&T Chevrolet	368	26		69.9	126,530	Running		
19	13	43	Aric Almirola	Gravelly Mower Ford	368	25		67.3	124,416	Running		
20	18	55	Mark Martin	Aaron's Dream Machine Toyota	368	24		65.1	87,605	Running		
21	25	51	Kurt Busch	Phoenix Construction Services Chevrolet	368	23		87.0	110,063	Running		
22	31	13	Casey Mears	GEICO Ford	367	22		54.2	99,063	Running		
23	4	39	Ryan Newman	WIX Chevrolet	367	21		79.1	125,263	Running		
24	27	42	Juan Pablo Montoya	Target Chevrolet	366	20		57.0	113,696	Running		
25	36	38	David Gilliland	A&W All American Food Ford	366	19		54.5	94,913	Running		
26	20	83	Landon Cassill	Burger King / Dr. Pepper Toyota	366	19	1	57.0	108,575	Running	1	1
27	34	36	Dave Blaney	SealWrap.com Chevrolet	365	17		51.0	78,255	Running		
28	37	34	David Ragan	Peanut Patch / Margaret Holmes Ford	364	16		38.7	90,152	Running		
29	22	47	Bobby Labonte	Scott Products Toyota	364	15		55.3	88,680	Running		
30	42	32	Reed Sorenson (i)	Southern Pride Trucking Ford	363	0		39.7	89,505	Running		
31	38	10	Danica Patrick (i)	GoDaddy.com Chevrolet	362	0		44.5	76,980	Running		
32	33	73	Travis Kvapil	Burger King / Dr. Pepper Toyota	362	PE		40.4	76,805	Running		
33	16	22	AJ Allmendinger	Shell Pennzoil Dodge	357	11		70.9	121,480	Running		
34	11	1	Jamie McMurray	Bass Pro Shops / Allstate Chevrolet	345	10		63.7	107,813	Running		
35	12	24	Jeff Gordon	Drive to End Hunger / AARP Chevrolet	339	9		80.9	124,466	Running		
36	41	93	David Reutimann	Burger King / Dr. Pepper Toyota	314	8		43.4	84,380	Running		
37	43	49	J.J. Yeley	America Israel Racing / JPO Absorbents Toyota	132	7		32.5	75,915	Clutch		
38	39	74	Cole Whitt (i)	Turn One Racing Chevrolet	35	0		30.9	75,682	Vibration		
39	32	30	David Stremme	Inception Motorsports Toyota	32	5		34.1	72,225	Overheating		
40	40	87	Joe Nemechek (i)	AM/FM Energy Wood & Pellet Stoves Toyota	27	0		31.4	72,050	Power Steering		
41	35	52	Mike Skinner (i)	CrusaderStaffing.com Toyota	20	0		29.6	71,875	Electrical		
42	29	79	Scott Speed	Team Kyle / KOMA Unwind Ford	20	2		29.5	71,780	Overheating		
43	30	26	Josh Wise #	Morristown Drivers Service Ford	19	1		27.3	72,139	Vibration		

Sunoco Rookie of the Year Contender.

(i) = Ineligible for driver points in this series

Bonus points: includes winner (3), lap leader (1) & most laps led (1) points

Failed to qualify: (4) #23 Scott Riggs; #98 Michael McDowell; #33 Stephen Leicht; #19 Mike Bliss

Race Comments: Before an estimated attendance of 63,000, Jimmie Johnson won the Bojangles' Southern 500, his 56th NASCAR Sprint Cup Series victory. Prior to the green flag, no cars dropped to the rear of the field.

Caution Flags: 8 cautions for 38 laps. [Beneficiary in Brackets] 173-179 (Debris [15]); 195-199 (Debris [39]); 231-235 (Debris [88]); 299-303 (Car #47 Spin [1]); 308-311 (Car #78 Spin [31]); 317-319 (Car #1, 22 Accident Turn 4 [9]); 331-334 (Car #32 Spin [2]); 362-366 (Car #39, 51 Accident Turn 2 [55]).

Lap Leaders: 22 lead changes among 8 drivers. Biffle 1-48, Kahne 49, Johnson 50, Cassill 51, Ky. Busch 52-72, Biffle 73-98, Hamlin 99-100, Johnson 101-172, Ky. Busch 173, Johnson 174-179, Ky. Busch 180-188, Johnson 189-194, Ky. Busch 195, Hamlin 196-199, Kahne 200-231, Hamlin 232-280, Earnhardt Jr 281, Truex Jr 282-298, Hamlin 299, Truex Jr 300-307, Johnson 308-312, Ky. Busch 313-324, Johnson 325-368.

COORS LIGHT POLE AWARD: Greg Biffle (180.257 mph, 27.281 secs.)

3M LAP LEADER: Jimmie Johnson (134 Laps)

AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD: Jimmie Johnson

DIRECTV CREW CHIEF OF THE RACE: Kyle Busch (crew chief Dave Rogers)

FREESCALE "WIDE OPEN": Martin Truex Jr

MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER OF THE RACE: Hendrick Engines (#48)

MOBIL 1 OIL DRIVER OF THE RACE: Denny Hamlin

MOOG STEERING AND SUSPENSION PROBLEM SOLVER OF THE RACE: Tony Stewart (crew chief Steve Addington, 0.323 seconds)

NASCAR SPRINT CUP LEADER BONUS: No winner: rolls over to \$50,000 at next event++

USG IMPROVING THE FINISH: Marcos Ambrose (19 places)

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

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES TOP 12

	(Wins)
1 - Greg Biffle	411 (1)
2 - Matt Kenseth	409 (1)
3 - Dale Earnhardt Jr	397 (0)
4 - Denny Hamlin	394 (2)
5 - Jimmie Johnson	372 (1)
6 - Martin Truex Jr	372 (0)
7 - Tony Stewart	369 (2)
8 - Kevin Harvick	361 (0)
9 - Kyle Busch	349 (1)
10 - Carl Edwards	337 (0)
11 - Clint Bowyer	335 (0)
12 - Brad Keselowski	328 (2)

MANUFACTURERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

	Pts	Wins
Chevrolet	72	(4)
Toyota	64	(3)
Ford	57	(2)
Dodge	49	(2)

3M LAP LEADER

Jimmie Johnson	(#48)	2
Matt Kenseth	(#17)	1
Denny Hamlin	(#11)	1

AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD

Greg Biffle	(#16)	1
Denny Hamlin	(#11)	1
Jimmie Johnson	(#48)	1

DIRECTV CREW CHIEF OF THE RACE

Matt Puccia	(#16)	3
Dave Rogers	(#18)	3
Jimmy Fennig	(#17)	1

FREESCALE "WIDE OPEN"

Matt Kenseth	(#17)	19
Greg Biffle	(#16)	15
Denny Hamlin	(#11)	14

MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER

Roush/Yates	(#16)	110
Hendrick	(#48)	109
Roush/Yates	(#17)	103

MOBIL 1 OIL DRIVER OF THE RACE

Denny Hamlin	(#11)	4
Tony Stewart	(#14)	2
Kyle Busch	(#18)	2

MOOG STEERING AND SUSPENSION PROBLEM SOLVER OF THE RACE

Jimmy Fennig	(#17)	2
Steve Letarte	(#88)	1
Chad Knaus	(#48)	1

USG IMPROVING THE FINISH

Jeff Gordon	(#24)	2
Matt Kenseth	(#17)	1
Denny Hamlin	(#11)	1

COORS LIGHT POLE AWARD

Greg Biffle	2
Kasey Kahne	2
Mark Martin	2
Denny Hamlin	1
Martin Truex Jr	1
Carl Edwards	1
AJ Allmendinger	1
Jeff Gordon	1

SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Josh Wise	30
Stephen Leicht	1

NEXT EVENT: May 27, 2012 - 53rd Annual COCA-COLA 600, Charlotte Motor Speedway, Concord, NC (600 Miles) (400 Laps)

NOTE: The above figures are based upon team winnings and include racing purse and cash contingency awards by participating manufacturers. (5/14/2012)

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES DRIVER LEADERS

Race #11: 63RD ANNUAL BOJANGLES' SOUTHERN "500" Race Date: 5/12/2012

POS	DRIVER	Points	Starts	Wins	Top 5	Top 10	Money Won
1	GREG BIFFLE	411	11	1	6	7	\$2,514,378
2	MATT KENSETH	409	11	1	6	7	3,236,967
3	DALE EARNHARDT JR.	397	11	0	4	8	2,333,330
4	DENNY HAMLIN	394	11	2	5	6	2,485,141
5	JIMMIE JOHNSON	372	11	1	5	8	2,337,634
6	MARTIN TRUEX JR.	372	11	0	4	7	1,976,737
7	TONY STEWART	369	11	2	4	5	2,437,265
8	KEVIN HARVICK	361	11	0	2	5	1,974,556
9	KYLE BUSCH	349	11	1	4	6	2,320,461
10	CARL EDWARDS	337	11	0	2	7	1,887,646
11	CLINT BOWYER	335	11	0	1	5	1,633,152
12	BRAD KESELOWSKI	328	11	2	3	5	1,863,045
13	PAUL MENARD	308	11	0	0	3	1,441,540
14	RYAN NEWMAN	307	11	1	2	3	1,816,401
15	JOEY LOGANO	293	11	0	0	3	1,353,938
16	KASEY KAHNE	283	11	0	2	5	1,427,721
17	JEFF BURTON	275	11	0	1	3	1,868,750
18	MARCOS AMBROSE	274	11	0	0	1	1,578,388
19	JUAN PABLO MONTOYA	272	11	0	0	1	1,545,666
20	JAMIE MCMURRAY	263	11	0	0	2	1,573,068
21	ARIC ALMIROLA	262	11	0	0	1	1,574,511
22	A J ALLMENDINGER	253	11	0	1	1	1,692,990
23	MARK MARTIN	242	8	0	1	4	1,098,338
24	JEFF GORDON	241	11	0	1	2	1,783,834
25	KURT BUSCH	238	11	0	0	1	1,410,591
26	REGAN SMITH	238	11	0	0	0	1,421,453
27	BOBBY LABONTE	226	11	0	0	0	1,340,409
28	CASEY MEARS	209	11	0	0	0	1,268,233
29	DAVID RAGAN	188	11	0	0	1	1,225,543
30	DAVID GILLILAND	184	11	0	0	0	1,194,230
31	DAVID REUTIMANN	162	11	0	0	0	1,134,225
32	DAVE BLANEY	157	11	0	0	0	1,080,123
33	LANDON CASSILL	154	11	0	0	0	1,391,035
34	TRAVIS KVAPIL	148	10	0	0	0	963,752
35	DAVID STREMME	86	10	0	0	0	982,528
36	J J YELEY	80	8	0	0	0	650,907
37	BRIAN VICKERS	66	2	0	1	1	177,570
38	MICHAEL MCDOWELL	57	10	0	0	0	967,242
39	BRENDAN GAUGHAN	50	4	0	0	0	354,559
40	KEN SCHRADER	47	4	0	0	0	358,230
41	TERRY LABONTE	42	2	0	0	0	384,855
42	TONY RAINES	41	3	0	0	0	479,625
43	JOSH WISE	40	10	0	0	0	749,594
44	MICHAEL WALTRIP	26	1	0	0	0	132,662
45	HERMIE SADLER III	13	1	0	0	0	80,610
46	SCOTT RIGGS	13	6	0	0	0	438,460
47	STEPHEN LEICHT	9	1	0	0	0	77,635
48	BILL ELLIOTT	7	1	0	0	0	108,318
49	ROBBY GORDON	6	2	0	0	0	332,500
50	SCOTT SPEED	4	3	0	0	0	217,797
51	TREVOR BAYNE(i)	0	4	0	0	2	604,885
52	SAM HORNISH JR.(i)	0	1	0	0	0	76,610
53	RICKY STENHOUSE JR.(i)	0	1	0	0	0	304,275
54	MIKE BLISS(i)	0	5	0	0	0	371,325
55	ELLIOTT SADLER(i)	0	1	0	0	0	305,788
56	ROBERT RICHARDSON JR.(i)	0	1	0	0	0	110,318
57	REED SORENSON(i)	0	7	0	0	0	575,833
58	JOE NEMECHKI(i)	0	9	0	0	0	868,288
59	DANICA PATRICK(i)	0	2	0	0	0	358,695
60	COLE WHITT(i)	0	2	0	0	0	141,882
61	MIKE SKINNER(i)	0	1	0	0	0	71,875
62	TIMMY HILL(i)	0	1	0	0	0	79,780
63	MIKE WALLACE(i)	0	0	0	0	0	23,900
64	KENNY WALLACE(i)	0	0	0	0	0	24,838
65	STACY COMPTON	0	0	0	0	0	0
66	JEFF GREEN(i)	0	0	0	0	0	0
67	TIM ANDREWS(i)	0	0	0	0	0	0

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NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES OWNER LEADERS

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POS	Car #	OWNER	Points	Starts	Wins	Top 5	Top 10	Attempts
1	16	JACK ROUSH	411	11	1	6	7	11
2	17	JOHN HENRY	409	11	1	6	7	11
3	88	RICK HENDRICK	397	11	0	4	8	11
4	11	J D GIBBS	394	11	2	5	6	11
5	48	JEFF GORDON	372	11	1	5	8	11
6	56	MICHAEL WALTRIP	372	11	0	4	7	11
7	14	MARGARET HAAS	369	11	2	4	5	11
8	29	RICHARD CHILDRESS	361	11	0	2	5	11
9	18	JOE GIBBS	349	11	1	4	6	11
10	99	JACK ROUSH	337	11	0	2	7	11
11	15	ROB KAUFFMAN	335	11	0	1	5	11
12	55	BILL JENKINS	334	11	0	2	5	11
13	2	ROGER PENSKE	328	11	2	3	5	11
14	27	RICHARD CHILDRESS	308	11	0	0	3	11
15	39	TONY STEWART	307	11	1	2	3	11
16	20	JOE GIBBS	293	11	0	0	3	11
17	5	LINDA HENDRICK	283	11	0	2	5	11
18	31	RICHARD CHILDRESS	275	11	0	1	3	11
19	9	RICHARD PETTY	274	11	0	0	1	11
20	42	CHIP GANASSI	272	11	0	0	1	11
21	1	FELIX SABATES	263	11	0	0	2	11
22	43	RICHARD PETTY	262	11	0	0	1	11
23	22	WALTER CZARNECKI	253	11	0	1	1	11
24	24	RICK HENDRICK	241	11	0	1	2	11
25	51	JAMES FINCH	238	11	0	0	1	11
26	78	BARNEY VISSER	238	11	0	0	0	11
27	47	TAD GESCHICKTER	226	11	0	0	0	11
28	13	BOB GERMAIN	209	11	0	0	0	11
29	34	BOB JENKINS	188	11	0	0	1	11
30	38	BRAD JENKINS	184	11	0	0	0	11
31	93	THOMAS UEBERALL	174	11	0	0	0	11
32	32	JACK ROUSH	159	11	0	0	0	11
33	36	ALLAN HEINKE	157	11	0	0	0	11
34	10	TOMMY BALDWIN	155	11	0	0	0	11
35	83	THOMAS UEBERALL	154	11	0	0	0	11
36	33	RICHARD CHILDRESS	105	9	0	0	0	11
37	21	GLEN WOOD	96	4	0	0	2	4
38	30	KEVIN BUCKLER	86	10	0	0	0	11
39	249	JAY ROBINSON	80	8	0	0	0	11
40	26	JERRY FREEZE	65	11	0	0	0	11
41	98	MIKE CURB	57	10	0	0	0	11
42	87	ANDREA NEMECHEK	45	9	0	0	0	11
43	23	ROBERT RICHARDSON SR.	30	7	0	0	0	11
44	132	FRANK STODDARD JR.	27	1	0	0	0	1
45	12	ROGER PENSKE	26	1	0	0	0	1
46	74	VICKIE COMPTON	15	5	0	0	0	7
47	119	RANDY HUMPHREY	12	4	0	0	0	6
48	97	ANDREA NEMECHEK	7	1	0	0	0	2
49	7	ROBBY GORDON	6	2	0	0	0	4
50	52	KELLY OWEN	3	1	0	0	0	2
51	37	LARRY GUNSELMAN	2	1	0	0	0	6
52	179	ARCHIE ST HILAIRE	2	1	0	0	0	2
53	195	BOB LEAVINE	2	2	0	0	0	2
54	173	SCOTT GUNDERSON	0	1	0	0	0	1
55	109	BRACK MAGGARD	0	0	0	0	0	1
56	140	MICHAEL HILLMAN	0	0	0	0	0	1