

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES OFFICIAL RACE REPORT No. 31

53RD ANNUAL BANK OF AMERICA 500

CHARLOTTE MOTOR SPEEDWAY

Concord, NC - October 13, 2012

1.5-Mile Paved Tri-Oval

334 Laps - 501 Miles Purse: \$5,235,316



TIME OF RACE: 3 hours, 14 minutes, 1 seconds

AVERAGE SPEED: 154.935 mph

MARGIN OF VICTORY: 0.417 second(s)

Fin Pos	Str Pos	Car No	Driver	Team	Laps	Pts	Bns Pts	Driver Rating	Winnings	Status	Lead Tms	Laps
1	4	15	Clint Bowyer	5-hour Energy/Avon Foun for Women Toyota	334	47	4	112.6	\$256,889	Running	3	29
2	9	11	Denny Hamlin	FedEx Ground Toyota	334	43	1	130.7	220,426	Running	2	36
3	5	48	Jimmie Johnson	Mylowes Chevrolet	334	42	1	121.8	192,396	Running	3	53
4	1	16	Greg Biffle	3M/IDG Ford	334	41	1	120.8	175,910	Running	4	71
5	8	18	Kyle Busch	M&M's Toyota	334	39		110.6	162,818	Running		
6	2	55	Mark Martin	Aaron's Dream Machine Toyota	334	39	1	106.6	109,935	Running	1	2
7	19	99	Carl Edwards	Kellogg's Ford	333	37		98.5	139,201	Running		
8	10	5	Kasey Kahne	Time Warner Cable Chevrolet	333	36		105.2	99,010	Running		
9	12	20	Joey Logano	The Home Depot Toyota	333	35		89.3	96,385	Running		
10	6	56	Martin Truex Jr	NAPA Auto Parts Toyota	333	34		94.0	115,649	Running		
11	20	2	Brad Keselowski	Miller Lite Dodge	333	35	2	121.4	146,380	Running	6	139
12	17	43	Aric Almirola	Smithfield Ford	333	32		87.4	119,146	Running		
13	32	14	Tony Stewart	Mobil 1/Office Depot Chevrolet	333	31		84.3	134,610	Running		
14	7	17	Matt Kenseth	Best Buy Ford	333	30		84.8	124,296	Running		
15	14	22	Sam Hornish Jr(i)	Shell Pennzoil Dodge	333	0		80.2	117,935	Running		
16	11	29	Kevin Harvick	Jimmy John's Chevrolet	333	28		86.4	122,871	Running		
17	30	1	Jamie McMurray	McDonald's Chevrolet	333	27		73.2	106,793	Running		
18	13	24	Jeff Gordon	Drive to End Hunger Chevrolet	332	27	1	81.0	119,246	Running	1	2
19	22	42	Juan Pablo Montoya	Target/Kellogg's Chevrolet	332	25		63.2	104,701	Running		
20	3	39	Ryan Newman	Quicken Loans Chevrolet	332	24		69.0	119,443	Running		
21	21	78	Kurt Busch	Furniture Row/Farm American Chevrolet	332	23		69.1	100,143	Running		
22	16	21	Trevor Bayne (i)	Good Sam/Camping World Ford	332	0		71.1	73,285	Running		
23	36	38	David Gilliland	Glory Foods Ford	331	21		58.2	89,043	Running		
24	38	51	AJ Allmendinger	Phoenix Construction Chevrolet	330	20		61.3	94,968	Running		
25	41	93	Travis Kvapil	Dr Pepper Toyota	330	19		46.6	92,668	Running		
26	37	83	Landon Cassill	Burger King Toyota	329	18		53.5	98,530	Running		
27	24	27	Paul Menard	Menards/Pittsburgh Paints Chevrolet	328	17		50.5	79,860	Running		
28	39	31	Jeff Burton	Caterpillar Chevrolet	327	16		38.4	110,635	Running		
29	27	13	Casey Mears	GEICO Ford	327	15		49.0	80,607	Running		
30	34	10	David Reutimann	TBR/TMone.com Chevrolet	327	14		45.6	72,335	Running		
31	33	98	Michael McDowell	K-Love/Curb Records Ford	326	13		40.4	70,135	Running		
32	15	47	Bobby Labonte	Scott Brand Toyota	324	12		48.8	75,685	Running		
33	18	9	Marcos Ambrose	Stanley Ford	303	12	1	59.6	95,468	Running	1	2
34	25	34	David Raqqan	Glory Foods Ford	287	10		31.2	67,160	Running		
35	29	6	Ricky Stenhouse Jr(i)	Best Buy Ford	190	0		56.9	67,010	Engine		
36	40	32	Timmy Hill (i)	U.S. Chrome Ford	182	0		36.0	75,110	Engine		
37	31	30	David Stremme	Inception Motorsports Toyota	62	7		38.8	66,705	Rear Gear		
38	26	88	Regan Smith	AMP Energy/National Guard Chevrolet	61	6		57.4	74,828	Engine		
39	28	19	Mike Bliss (i)	Plinker Tactical Toyota	53	0		35.3	63,725	Rear Gear		
40	23	95	Scott Speed	B&D Electrical Ford	50	4		36.9	63,600	Vibration		
41	43	91	Reed Sorenson (i)	Aquaria USA Toyota	32	0		29.3	63,450	Vibration		
42	35	37	J.J. Yeley	MaxQWorkForce.com Chevrolet	30	2		29.5	63,325	Brakes		
43	42	36	Dave Blaney	Tommy Baldwin Racing Chevrolet	25	1		27.9	63,713	Transmission		

# 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) #87 Joe Nemechek; #26 Josh Wise; #23 Scott Riggs; #33 Cole Whitt

**Race Comments:** Before an estimated attendance of 100,000, Clint Bowyer won the Bank of America 500, his 8th NASCAR Sprint Cup Series victory. Prior to the green flag, the following cars dropped to the rear of the field for the reason indicated: #31, 39, 42, 91 (engine change); #38, 93 (transmission change).

**Caution Flags:** 5 cautions for 23 laps. [Beneficiary in Brackets] 12-15 (Car #17 Spinout (Turn 4) [None]); 17-21 (Car #31, 34 Accident (Frontstretch) [95]); 37-41 (Car #27 Spinout (Turn 4) [None]); 168-172 (Debris (Turn 1) [22]); 224-227 (Debris (Frontstretch) [17]).

**Lap Leaders:** 20 lead changes among 8 drivers. Biffle 1-2, Martin 3-4, Biffle 5-37, Keselowski 38-41, Ambrose 42-43, Keselowski 44-71, Johnson 72-83, J. Gordon 84-85, Keselowski 86-97, Johnson 98-134, Hamlin 135-167, Keselowski 168, Johnson 169-172, Biffle 173-179, Keselowski 180-220, Bowyer 221-222, Keselowski 223-275, Bowyer 276-277, Hamlin 278-280, Biffle 281-309, Bowyer 310-334.

**COORS LIGHT POLE AWARD:** Greg Biffle (193.708 mph, 27.877 secs.)

**3M LAP LEADER:** Brad Keselowski (139 Laps)

**AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD:** Greg Biffle

**DIRECTV CREW CHIEF OF THE RACE:** Clint Bowyer (crew chief Brian Pattie)

**FREESCALE "WIDE OPEN":** Greg Biffle

**MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER OF THE RACE:** Roush Yates Engines (#16)

**MOBIL 1 OIL DRIVER OF THE RACE:** Denny Hamlin

**MOOG STEERING AND SUSPENSION PROBLEM SOLVER OF THE RACE:** Clint Bowyer (crew chief Chad Norris, 0.000 seconds)

**NASCAR SPRINT CUP LEADER BONUS:** No winner: rolls over to \$30,000 at next event++

**USG IMPROVING THE FINISH:** Tony Stewart (19 places)

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

**NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES TOP 12 (Wins)**

1 - Brad Keselowski	2,214	(5)
2 - Jimmie Johnson	2,207	(3)
3 - Denny Hamlin	2,199	(5)
4 - Clint Bowyer	2,186	(3)
5 - Kasey Kahne	2,179	(2)
6 - Greg Biffle	2,171	(2)
7 - Martin Truex Jr	2,165	(0)
8 - Tony Stewart	2,164	(3)
9 - Jeff Gordon	2,164	(1)
10 - Kevin Harvick	2,158	(0)
11 - Matt Kenseth	2,147	(2)
12 - Dale Earnhardt Jr	2,128	(1)

**MANUFACTURERS' CHAMPIONSHIP**

	Pts	Wins
Chevrolet	209	(11)
Toyota	185	(10)
Ford	151	(5)
Dodge	137	(5)

**3M LAP LEADER**

Jimmie Johnson	(#48)	6
Denny Hamlin	(#11)	5
Kyle Busch	(#18)	4

**AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD**

Jimmie Johnson	(#48)	5
Denny Hamlin	(#11)	4
Greg Biffle	(#16)	3

**DIRECTV CREW CHIEF OF THE RACE**

Darian Grubb	(#11)	6
Matt Puccia	(#16)	6
Brian Pattie	(#15)	3

**FREESCALE "WIDE OPEN"**

Matt Kenseth	(#17)	36
Greg Biffle	(#16)	35
Tony Stewart	(#14)	35

**MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER**

Hendrick	(#48)	321
TRD	(#11)	270
Penske	(#2)	252

**MOBIL 1 OIL DRIVER OF THE RACE**

Denny Hamlin	(#11)	11
Kyle Busch	(#18)	6
Clint Bowyer	(#15)	4

**MOOG STEERING AND SUSPENSION PROBLEM SOLVER OF THE RACE**

Chad Johnston	(#56)	4
Steve Addington	(#14)	4
Steve Letarte	(#88)	4

**USG IMPROVING THE FINISH**

Tony Stewart	(#14)	5
Jeff Gordon	(#24)	3
Carl Edwards	(#99)	3

**COORS LIGHT POLE AWARD**

Mark Martin	4
Denny Hamlin	3
Kasey Kahne	3
Greg Biffle	3
Jimmie Johnson	2
Jeff Gordon	2
Marcos Ambrose	2
Juan Pablo Montoya	2
Martin Truex Jr	1
Tony Stewart	1
Matt Kenseth	1
Dale Earnhardt Jr	1
Kyle Busch	1
Carl Edwards	1
Joey Logano	1
AJ Allmendinger	1

**SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE YEAR**

Stephen Leicht	85
Josh Wise	70

**NEXT EVENT:** October 21, 2012 - 12th Annual Hollywood Casino 400, Kansas Speedway, Kansas City, KS (400.5 Miles) (267 Laps)

**NOTE:** The above figures are based upon team winnings and include racing purse and cash contingency awards by participating manufacturers. (10/15/2012)

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES DRIVER LEADERS

Race #31: 53RD ANNUAL BANK OF AMERICA "500" Race Date: 10/13/2012

POS	DRIVER	Points	Starts	Wins	Top 5	Top 10	Money Won
1	BRAD KESELOWSKI	2214	31	5	12	19	\$5,363,170
2	JIMMIE JOHNSON	2207	31	3	16	21	7,057,099
3	DENNY HAMLIN	2199	31	5	13	16	6,210,761
4	CLINT BOWYER	2186	31	3	8	19	4,740,032
5	KASEY KAHNE	2179	31	2	9	16	4,144,916
6	GREG BIFFLE	2171	31	2	11	17	5,118,803
7	MARTIN TRUEX JR.	2165	31	0	6	17	4,592,812
8	TONY STEWART	2164	31	3	10	14	5,825,830
9	JEFF GORDON	2164	31	1	10	15	5,238,304
10	KEVIN HARVICK	2158	31	0	4	11	4,971,351
11	MATT KENSETH	2147	31	2	11	17	6,527,712
12	DALE EARNHARDT JR.	2128	30	1	10	18	4,763,465
13	KYLE BUSCH	951	31	1	9	16	5,589,306
14	RYAN NEWMAN	889	31	1	4	12	4,648,541
15	CARL EDWARDS	881	31	0	3	13	4,694,500
16	PAUL MENARD	847	31	0	0	7	3,511,155
17	JOEY LOGANO	832	31	1	2	12	3,568,643
18	MARCOS AMBROSE	828	31	1	3	8	4,205,338
19	JEFF BURTON	764	31	0	2	6	4,547,170
20	JAMIE MCMURRAY	741	31	0	0	3	3,985,508
21	ARIC ALMIROLA	718	31	0	0	2	4,143,106
22	JUAN PABLO MONTOYA	700	31	0	0	2	3,924,149
23	REGAN SMITH	676	31	0	1	3	3,642,486
24	BOBBY LABONTE	667	31	0	0	1	3,610,266
25	MARK MARTIN	602	20	0	4	9	2,515,423
26	KURT BUSCH	580	30	0	1	2	3,476,123
27	DAVID GILLILAND	541	31	0	0	0	3,086,897
28	DAVID RAGAN	540	31	0	1	2	3,169,837
29	TRAVIS KVAPIL	531	30	0	0	1	3,092,219
30	CASEY MEARS	526	31	0	0	0	3,080,297
31	LANDON CASSILL	493	31	0	0	0	3,630,310
32	A J ALLMENDINGER	420	18	0	1	3	2,672,363
33	DAVE BLANEY	368	29	0	0	0	2,555,319
34	DAVID REUTIMANN	351	22	0	0	0	2,052,108
35	DAVID STREMMER	216	25	0	0	0	2,254,518
36	BRIAN VICKERS	213	7	0	3	4	689,275
37	MICHAEL MCDOWELL	166	25	0	0	0	2,094,506
38	J J YELEY	153	21	0	0	0	1,679,850
39	JOSH WISE	123	26	0	0	0	2,035,352
40	KEN SCHRADER	111	10	0	0	0	929,465
41	STEPHEN LEICHT	107	13	0	0	0	1,175,295
42	MICHAEL WALTRIP	94	4	0	0	1	396,472
43	TERRY LABONTE	94	4	0	0	0	582,995
44	SCOTT SPEED	93	14	0	0	0	1,136,893
45	TONY RAINES	71	7	0	0	0	788,728
46	SCOTT RIGGS	52	18	0	0	0	1,366,055
47	BRENDAN GAUGHAN	50	4	0	0	0	354,559
48	BORIS SAID	34	2	0	0	0	167,290
49	BILL ELLIOTT	14	2	0	0	0	196,098
50	HERMIE SADLER III	13	1	0	0	0	80,610
51	MIKE OLSEN	11	1	0	0	0	81,735
52	ROBBY GORDON	11	3	0	0	0	405,300
53	MIKE SKINNER	10	4	0	0	0	340,850
54	TOMY DRISSI	6	1	0	0	0	76,242
55	STACY COMPTON	5	1	0	0	0	64,225
56	DAVID MAYHEW	4	1	0	0	0	72,625
57	KELLY BIRES	3	2	0	0	0	139,167
58	PATRICK LONG	2	1	0	0	0	61,555
59	SAM HORNISH JR.(i)	0	15	0	1	1	1,939,580
60	TREVOR BAYNE(i)	0	13	0	0	2	1,523,542
61	RICKY STENHOUSE JR.(i)	0	3	0	0	0	450,220
62	MIKE BLISS(i)	0	15	0	0	0	1,183,674
63	AUSTIN DILLON(i)	0	1	0	0	0	88,285
64	DANICA PATRICK(i)	0	7	0	0	0	795,535
65	ROBERT RICHARDSON JR.(i)	0	2	0	0	0	184,578
66	ELLIOTT SADLER(i)	0	1	0	0	0	305,788
67	JOE NEMECHKI(i)	0	27	0	0	0	2,231,914
68	REED SORENSON(i)	0	16	0	0	0	1,227,442
69	T J BELL(i)	0	5	0	0	0	453,510
70	JASON LEFFLER(i)	0	4	0	0	0	313,877
71	JASON WHITE(i)	0	1	0	0	0	76,610
72	TIMMY HILL(i)	0	3	0	0	0	225,470
73	COLE WHITT(i)	0	5	0	0	0	395,747
74	CHRIS COOK(i)	0	2	0	0	0	134,035
75	KENNY WALLACE(i)	0	0	0	0	0	24,838
76	MIKE WALLACE(i)	0	0	0	0	0	23,900
77	JEFF GREEN(i)	0	0	0	0	0	0
78	TIM ANDREWS(i)	0	0	0	0	0	0
79	BRIAN SIMO	0	0	0	0	0	0
80	MARK GREEN	0	0	0	0	0	0

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POS	Car #	OWNER	Points	Starts	Wins	Top 5	Top 10	Attempts
1	2	ROGER PENSKE	2214	31	5	12	19	31
2	48	JEFF GORDON	2207	31	3	16	21	31
3	11	J D GIBBS	2199	31	5	13	16	31
4	15	ROB KAUFFMAN	2186	31	3	8	19	31
5	5	LINDA HENDRICK	2179	31	2	9	16	31
6	16	JACK ROUSH	2171	31	2	11	17	31
7	56	MICHAEL WALTRIP	2165	31	0	6	17	31
8	14	MARGARET HAAS	2164	31	3	10	14	31
9	24	RICK HENDRICK	2164	31	1	10	15	31
10	29	RICHARD CHILDRESS	2158	31	0	4	11	31
11	17	JOHN HENRY	2147	31	2	11	17	31
12	88	RICK HENDRICK	2134	31	1	10	18	31
13	18	JOE GIBBS	951	31	1	9	16	31
14	55	BILL JENKINS	909	31	0	7	14	31
15	39	TONY STEWART	889	31	1	4	12	31
16	99	JACK ROUSH	881	31	0	3	13	31
17	27	RICHARD CHILDRESS	847	31	0	0	7	31
18	20	JOE GIBBS	832	31	1	2	12	31
19	9	RICHARD PETTY	828	31	1	3	8	31
20	31	RICHARD CHILDRESS	764	31	0	2	6	31
21	22	WALTER CZARNECKI	758	31	0	2	4	31
22	1	FELIX SABATES	741	31	0	0	3	31
23	43	RICHARD PETTY	718	31	0	0	2	31
24	42	CHIP GANASSI	700	31	0	0	2	31
25	78	BARNEY VISSER	693	31	0	1	3	31
26	47	TAD GESCHICKTER	667	31	0	0	1	31
27	51	JAMES FINCH	600	31	0	1	2	31
28	93	THOMAS UEBERALL	557	31	0	0	1	31
29	38	BRAD JENKINS	541	31	0	0	0	31
30	34	BOB JENKINS	540	31	0	1	2	31
31	13	BOB GERMAIN	526	31	0	0	0	31
32	83	THOMAS UEBERALL	493	31	0	0	0	31
33	10	TOMMY BALDWIN	442	31	0	0	0	31
34	32	FRANK STODDARD JR.	421	31	0	0	0	31
35	36	ALLAN HEINKE	378	31	0	0	0	31
36	21	GLEN WOOD	279	13	0	0	2	13
37	33	RICHARD CHILDRESS	234	24	0	0	0	31
38	30	KEVIN BUCKLER	218	26	0	0	0	31
39	98	MIKE CURB	178	28	0	0	0	31
40	249	JAY ROBINSON	150	17	0	0	0	25
41	26	JERRY FREEZE	148	27	0	0	0	31
42	87	ANDREA NEMECHEK	138	27	0	0	0	31
43	195	BOB LEAVINE	90	12	0	0	0	13
44	23	ROBERT RICHARDSON SR.	78	20	0	0	0	29
45	119	RANDY HUMPHREY	57	17	0	0	0	24
46	6	JOHN HENRY	41	2	0	0	0	2
47	132	FRANK STODDARD JR.	27	1	0	0	0	1
48	12	ROGER PENSKE	26	1	0	0	0	1
49	74	VICKIE COMPTON	22	7	0	0	0	11
50	37	LARRY GUNSELMAN	17	6	0	0	0	15
51	191	MARK SMITH	13	7	0	0	0	10
52	7	ROBBY GORDON	11	3	0	0	0	5
53	97	ANDREA NEMECHEK	9	2	0	0	0	3
54	179	ARCHIE ST HILAIRE	8	5	0	0	0	8
55	50	STEVE TURNER	7	1	0	0	0	1
56	52	KELLY OWEN	3	1	0	0	0	3
57	173	SCOTT GUNDERSON	0	1	0	0	0	2
58	109	BRACK MAGGARD	0	0	0	0	0	1
59	140	MICHAEL HILLMAN	0	0	0	0	0	1
60	0	STEVEN SCHARR	0	0	0	0	0	1