

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES OFFICIAL RACE REPORT No. 5

19TH ANNUAL AUTO CLUB 400

AUTO CLUB SPEEDWAY

Fontana, CA - March 22, 2015

2-Mile Paved Tri-Oval

209 Laps - 418.0 Miles Purse: \$5,950,387

AVERAGE SPEED: 140.662 mph

MARGIN OF VICTORY: 0.71 second(s)



TIME OF RACE: 2 hours, 58 minutes, 18 seconds

Fin Pos	Str Pos	Car No	Driver	Team	Laps	Pts	Bns Pts	Driver Rating	Winnings	Status	Lead Tms	Laps
1	8	2	Brad Keselowski	Wurth Ford	209	47	4	114.6	\$357,781	Running	1	1
2	2	4	Kevin Harvick	Jimmy John's/Budweiser Chevrolet	209	43	1	129.3	265,530	Running	3	34
3	1	41	Kurt Busch	Haas Automation Chevrolet	209	43	2	135.4	215,655	Running	6	65
4	11	27	Paul Menard	FVP/Menards Chevrolet	209	40		100.6	158,505	Running		
5	9	31	Ryan Newman	Caterpillar Chevrolet	209	39		92.8	156,305	Running		
6	17	88	Dale Earnhardt Jr	Nationwide Chevrolet	209	38		104.6	132,045	Running		
7	13	22	Joey Logano	AAA Southern California Ford	209	37		102.3	155,803	Running		
8	12	78	Martin Truex Jr	Furniture Row/Visser Precision Chevrolet	209	37	1	96.1	136,240	Running	1	5
9	14	48	Jimmie Johnson	Lowe's Pro Services Chevrolet	209	35		107.9	150,831	Running		
10	7	24	Jeff Gordon	Axalta Chevrolet	209	35	1	90.8	149,406	Running	2	3
11	23	43	Aric Almirola	Smithfield Ford	209	33		81.0	141,546	Running		
12	31	51	Justin Allgaier	Brandt Chevrolet	209	32		65.1	135,168	Running		
13	15	19	Carl Edwards	Subway Toyota	209	32	1	84.6	98,110	Running	1	1
14	20	14	Tony Stewart	Rush Truck Centers/Mobil 1 Chevrolet	209	30		80.8	128,474	Running		
15	27	17	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	NOS Energy Drink Ford	209	29		64.4	109,560	Running		
16	21	3	Austin Dillon	DOW Chevrolet	209	28		70.6	136,696	Running		
17	19	5	Kasey Kahne	Time Warner Cable Chevrolet	209	27		76.5	113,160	Running		
18	4	18	David Ragan	Interstate Batteries Toyota	209	26		77.7	145,051	Running		
19	22	10	Danica Patrick	Aspen Dental Chevrolet	209	25		71.1	105,760	Running		
20	33	34	Chris Buescher (i)	Dockside Logistics Ford	209	0		59.4	93,860	Running		
21	26	1	Jamie McMurray	McDonald's Chevrolet	209	23		64.4	126,451	Running		
22	30	55	Brett Moffitt #	Janssen Toyota	209	22		53.5	124,474	Running		
23	37	13	Casey Mears	GEICO Chevrolet	209	21		65.0	119,218	Running		
24	32	35	Cole Whitt	Rinnai Tankless Water Heaters Ford	209	20		54.9	108,493	Running		
25	40	40	Landon Cassill (i)	Precon Marine Chevrolet	209	0		48.2	93,610	Running		
26	5	42	Kyle Larson	Target Chevrolet	209	18		82.7	120,793	Running		
27	25	33	Brian Scott (i)	Whitetail Chevrolet	209	0		74.1	103,843	Running		
28	6	11	Denny Hamlin	Sport Clips Toyota	209	17	1	104.6	106,485	Running	2	56
29	36	6	Trevor Bayne	AdvoCare Ford	209	15		50.3	132,835	Running		
30	10	15	Clint Bowyer	BlueDEF Toyota	209	14		67.6	125,668	Running		
31	3	20	Matt Kenseth	DeWalt Toyota	209	14	1	104.2	128,746	Running	3	43
32	29	16	Greg Biffle	Clean Harbors Ford	209	12		58.7	121,143	Running		
33	28	7	Alex Bowman	Nikko/Toy State Chevrolet	208	12	1	40.2	96,932	Running	1	1
34	18	47	AJ Allmendinger	Scott Products Chevrolet	208	10		46.4	105,185	Running		
35	43	38	David Gilliland	Love's Travel Stops Ford	208	9		39.7	94,960	Running		
36	35	98	Josh Wise	Curb Records/Lee Brice Ford	207	8		35.1	86,820	Running		
37	41	23	J.J. Yeley (i)	Dr Pepper Toyota	206	0		34.5	86,549	Running		
38	24	46	Michael Annett	Cypress Chevrolet	206	6		33.8	80,803	Running		
39	34	26	Jeb Burton #	Maxim.com Toyota	205	5		27.9	76,740	Running		
40	39	32	Mike Bliss (i)	King Taco Ford	205	0		29.5	72,740	Running		
41	38	62	Brendan Gaughan (i)	Chevrolet	205	0		26.3	68,740	Running		
42	42	83	Matt DiBenedetto	Burger King Toyota	203	2		23.9	64,740	Running		
43	16	9	Sam Hornish Jr	Medallion Bank/Mercury Marine Ford	155	1		39.8	87,585	Running		

Sunoco Rookie of the Year Contender.

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

Failed to qualify: (2) #44 Travis Kvapil; #29 Reed Sorenson

Race Comments: Brad Keselowski won the Auto Club 400 at Auto Club Speedway, his 17th victory in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series and first at the track. Prior to the start of the race, the following car dropped to the rear of the field for the reason indicated: #55 (backup car).

Caution Flags: 7 cautions for 31 laps. [Beneficiary in Brackets] 24-27 (Car #18 Spin (Turn 4) [23]); 88-92 (Debris [3]); 99-104 (Car #9, 6 Accident (Backstretch) [13]); 154-158 (Debris [13]); 186-189 (Debris [3]); 200-202 (Debris [20]); 204-207 (Debris [6]).

Lap Leaders: 19 lead changes among 9 drivers. K. Busch 1-5, Harvick 6-24, Bowman 25, Kenseth 26-31, Hamlin 32-61, J. Gordon 62, Hamlin 63-88, Kenseth 89-94, K. Busch 95-99, Truex Jr 100-104, K. Busch 105-137, Edwards 138, K. Busch 139-143, Harvick 144-154, Kenseth 155-185, Harvick 186-189, K. Busch 190-200, J. Gordon 201-202, K. Busch 203-208, Keselowski 209.

COORS LIGHT POLE AWARD: Kurt Busch (185.142 mph, 38.889 secs.)

3M LAP LEADER: Kurt Busch (65 Laps)

AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD: Kurt Busch (178.902 mph)

DURALAST BRAKES "BRAKE IN THE RACE" AWARD: Kevin Harvick

FREESCALE "WIDE OPEN": Kurt Busch

INGERSOLL RAND POWER MOVE: Justin Allgaier (5 positions)

MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER OF THE RACE: Hendrick Engines (#41)

MOBIL 1 DRIVER OF THE RACE: Kevin Harvick

MOOG STEERING AND SUSPENSION PROBLEM SOLVER OF THE RACE: Paul Menard (crew chief Justin Alexander, 0.092 seconds)

NASCAR SPRINT CUP LEADER BONUS: No winner: rolls over to \$20,000 at next event++

SHERWIN-WILLIAMS FASTEST LAP AWARD: David Ragan (Lap 2, 183.528 mph)

SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE RACE: Brett Moffitt

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

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES TOP 16

	(Wins)
1 - Kevin Harvick	225 (2)
2 - Joey Logano	197 (1)
3 - Martin Truex Jr	192 (0)
4 - Dale Earnhardt Jr	164 (0)
5 - Brad Keselowski	163 (1)
6 - Ryan Newman	162 (0)
7 - Jimmie Johnson	159 (1)
8 - Kasey Kahne	159 (0)
9 - Paul Menard	152 (0)
10 - Aric Almirola	138 (0)
11 - AJ Allmendinger	137 (0)
12 - Casey Mears	132 (0)
13 - Matt Kenseth	127 (0)
14 - Denny Hamlin	125 (0)
15 - David Ragan	124 (0)
16 - Jamie McMurray	120 (0)

MANUFACTURERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

	Pts	Wins
Chevrolet	228	(3)
Ford	212	(2)
Toyota	183	(0)

3M LAP LEADER

Kevin Harvick	(#4)	3
Jeff Gordon	(#24)	1
Kurt Busch	(#41)	1

AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD

Kevin Harvick	(#4)	2
Joey Logano	(#22)	1
Kurt Busch	(#41)	1

DURALAST BRAKES "BRAKE IN THE RACE" AWARD

Joey Logano	(#22)	3
Kevin Harvick	(#4)	1
Jeff Gordon	(#24)	1
Kevin Harvick	(#4)	19
Kurt Busch	(#41)	10
Joey Logano	(#22)	7
Michael Annett	(#46)	16
Kevin Harvick	(#4)	8
Austin Dillon	(#3)	8

INGERSOLL RAND POWER MOVE

Hendrick	(#4)	98
Roush/Yates	(#22)	63
Hendrick	(#88)	50

MOBIL 1 DRIVER OF THE RACE

Kevin Harvick	(#4)	5
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MOOG STEERING AND SUSPENSION PROBLEM SOLVER OF THE RACE

Rodney Childers	(#4)	1
Chad Knaus	(#48)	1
Justin Alexander	(#27)	1

SHERWIN-WILLIAMS FASTEST LAP AWARD

Matt Kenseth	(#20)	1
Denny Hamlin	(#11)	1
David Ragan	(#18)	1

COORS LIGHT POLE AWARD

Jeff Gordon	2
Joey Logano	1
Kurt Busch	1

SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Jeb Burton	44
Brett Moffitt	11
Alex Kennedy	10
Tanner Berryhill	1

NEXT EVENT: March 29, 2015 - 66th Annual STP 500, Martinsville Speedway, Ridgeway, VA (263 Miles) (500 Laps)

NOTE: The above figures are based upon team winnings and include racing purse and cash contingency awards by participating manufacturers. (3/23/2015)

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES DRIVER LEADERS

Race #5: 19TH ANNUAL AUTO CLUB "400" Race Date: 03/22/2015

POS	DRIVER	Points	Starts	Wins	Top 5	Top 10	Money Won
1	KEVIN HARVICK	225	5	2	5	5	\$2,451,860
2	JOEY LOGANO	197	5	1	2	5	2,293,285
3	MARTIN TRUEX JR.	192	5	0	1	5	1,165,458
4	DALE EARNHARDT JR.	164	5	0	3	4	1,456,080
5	BRAD KESELOWSKI	163	5	1	1	4	1,174,730
6	RYAN NEWMAN	162	5	0	3	4	1,049,048
7	JIMMIE JOHNSON	159	5	1	2	3	1,378,666
8	KASEY KAHNE	159	5	0	1	2	890,200
9	PAUL MENARD	152	5	0	1	1	845,245
10	ARIC ALMIROLA	138	5	0	0	0	930,210
11	A J ALLMENDINGER	137	5	0	0	2	881,007
12	CASEY MEARS	132	5	0	0	1	980,970
13	MATT KENSETH	127	5	0	1	2	1,130,335
14	DENNY HAMLIN	125	5	0	2	2	1,178,758
15	DAVID RAGAN	124	5	0	0	0	876,632
16	JAMIE MCMURRAY	120	5	0	1	1	948,195
17	CARL EDWARDS	120	5	0	0	0	733,918
18	KYLE LARSON	116	5	0	0	2	899,800
19	AUSTIN DILLON	116	5	0	0	0	913,728
20	CLINT BOWYER	115	5	0	0	1	972,495
21	GREG BIFFLE	113	5	0	0	1	917,658
22	JEFF GORDON	112	5	0	0	2	1,199,545
23	DANICA PATRICK	111	5	0	0	0	772,788
24	JUSTIN ALLGAIER	102	5	0	0	0	796,714
25	DAVID GILLILAND	101	5	0	0	0	799,089
26	RICKY STENHOUSE JR.	99	5	0	0	0	759,948
27	TREVOR BAYNE	86	5	0	0	0	892,100
28	KURT BUSCH	82	2	0	2	2	375,895
29	SAM HORNISH JR.	80	5	0	0	0	796,723
30	COLE WHITT	80	5	0	0	0	716,757
31	BRETT MOFFITT	78	4	0	0	1	432,927
32	TONY STEWART	62	5	0	0	0	792,320
33	MICHAEL ANNETT	60	5	0	0	0	642,803
34	ALEX BOWMAN	49	4	0	0	0	376,872
35	MICHAEL MCDOWELL	44	3	0	0	0	502,510
36	JOSH WISE	38	4	0	0	0	369,933
37	BRIAN VICKERS	32	2	0	0	0	220,743
38	JEB BURTON	28	4	0	0	0	350,183
39	BOBBY LABONTE	20	1	0	0	0	321,103
40	MICHAEL WALTRIP	18	1	0	0	0	346,942
41	REED SORENSON	12	1	0	0	0	314,228
42	MATT DIBENEDETTO	11	2	0	0	0	137,920
43	MIKE WALLACE	8	1	0	0	0	313,883
44	ALEX KENNEDY	6	1	0	0	0	68,327
45	RON HORNADAY JR.	2	1	0	0	0	95,715
46	BRIAN SCOTT(i)	0	2	0	0	0	256,899
47	REGAN SMITH(i)	0	3	0	0	0	583,903
48	MATT CRAFTON(i)	0	1	0	0	0	382,849
49	RYAN BLANEY(i)	0	2	0	0	0	382,663
50	JOHNNY SAUTER(i)	0	1	0	0	0	333,128
51	CHRIS BUESCHER(i)	0	1	0	0	0	93,860
52	LANDON CASSILL(i)	0	5	0	0	0	593,955
53	BRENDAN GAUGHAN(i)	0	4	0	0	0	324,713
54	TY DILLON(i)	0	1	0	0	0	317,190
55	MIKE BLISS(i)	0	3	0	0	0	242,880
56	J J YELEY(i)	0	5	0	0	0	621,134
57	JOE NEMECHKI(i)	0	1	0	0	0	93,860
58	JUSTIN MARKS(i)	0	0	0	0	0	23,950
59	TANNER BERRYHILL	0	0	0	0	0	0
60	TRAVIS KVAPIL(i)	0	0	0	0	0	0

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POS	Car #	OWNER	Points	Starts	Wins	Top 5	Top 10	Attempts
1	4	TONY STEWART	225	5	2	5	5	5
2	22	WALTER CZARNECKI	197	5	1	2	5	5
3	78	BARNEY VISSER	192	5	0	1	5	5
4	41	GENE HAAS	165	5	0	2	2	5
5	88	RICK HENDRICK	164	5	0	3	4	5
6	2	ROGER PENSKE	163	5	1	1	4	5
7	31	RICHARD CHILDRESS	162	5	0	3	4	5
8	48	JEFF GORDON	159	5	1	2	3	5
9	5	LINDA HENDRICK	159	5	0	1	2	5
10	27	RICHARD CHILDRESS	152	5	0	1	1	5
11	43	RICHARD PETTY	138	5	0	0	0	5
12	47	TAD GESCHICKTER	137	5	0	0	2	5
13	13	BOB GERMAIN	132	5	0	0	1	5
14	20	JOE GIBBS	127	5	0	1	2	5
15	11	J D GIBBS	125	5	0	2	2	5
16	18	JOE GIBBS	123	5	0	0	0	5
17	1	FELIX SABATES	120	5	0	1	1	5
18	19	J D GIBBS	120	5	0	0	0	5
19	42	CHIP GANASSI	116	5	0	0	2	5
20	3	RICHARD CHILDRESS	116	5	0	0	0	5
21	15	ROB KAUFFMAN	115	5	0	0	1	5
22	16	JACK ROUSH	113	5	0	0	1	5
23	24	RICK HENDRICK	112	5	0	0	2	5
24	10	TONY STEWART	111	5	0	0	0	5
25	55	MICHAEL WALTRIP	109	5	0	0	1	5
26	51	HARRY SCOTT JR.	102	5	0	0	0	5
27	38	BRAD JENKINS	101	5	0	0	0	5
28	17	JOHN HENRY	99	5	0	0	0	5
29	6	JOHN HENRY	86	5	0	0	0	5
30	33	JOE FALK	85	5	0	0	0	5
31	34	JERRY FREEZE	82	5	0	0	0	5
32	9	RICHARD PETTY	80	5	0	0	0	5
33	35	BOB JENKINS	80	5	0	0	0	5
34	14	MARGARET HAAS	62	5	0	0	0	5
35	40	MICHAEL HILLMAN	52	5	0	0	0	5
36	7	TOMMY BALDWIN	49	4	0	0	0	5
37	32	ARCHIE ST HILAIRE	49	4	0	0	0	5
38	46	HARRY SCOTT JR.	45	4	0	0	0	5
39	95	BOB LEAVINE	44	3	0	0	0	3
40	23	RON DEVINE	43	5	0	0	0	5
41	98	MIKE CURB	38	4	0	0	0	5
42	83	RON DEVINE	36	3	0	0	0	5
43	62	JAY ROBINSON	32	4	0	0	0	5
44	21	GLEN WOOD	30	2	0	0	0	2
45	26	ANTHONY MARLOWE	28	4	0	0	0	5
46	44	JOHN COHEN	12	1	0	0	0	4
47	66	JAY ROBINSON	8	1	0	0	0	4
48	30	CURTIS KEY SR.	2	1	0	0	0	2
49	129	ROBBY BENTON	0	0	0	0	0	4