

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES OFFICIAL RACE REPORT No. 10



46TH ANNUAL GEICO 500  
TALLADEGA SUPERSPEEDWAY

Talladega, AL - May 3, 2015  
2.66-Mile Paved Tri-Oval

188 Laps - 500.1 Miles Purse: \$6,183,287  
AVERAGE SPEED: 159.487 mph



TIME OF RACE: 3 hours, 8 minutes, 8 seconds

MARGIN OF VICTORY: 0.158 second(s)

Fin Pos	Str Pos	Car No	Driver	Team	Laps	Pts	Bns Pts	Driver Rating	Winnings	Status	Lead Tms	Laps
1	4	88	Dale Earnhardt Jr	Nationwide Chevrolet	188	48	5	134.7	\$311,665	Running	6	67
2	5	48	Jimmie Johnson	Lowe's Chevrolet	188	43	1	118.5	256,121	Running	2	50
3	7	27	Paul Menard	Quaker State/Menards Chevrolet	188	41		97.9	190,060	Running		
4	3	21	Ryan Blaney (i)	Motorcraft/Quick Lane Tire & Auto Center Ford	188	0		103.0	148,385	Running		
5	36	78	Martin Truex Jr	Furniture Row/Visser Protection Chevrolet	188	39		99.1	159,600	Running		
6	12	9	Sam Hornish Jr	Medallion Bank Ford	188	38		83.1	156,715	Running		
7	18	31	Ryan Newman	Caterpillar Chevrolet	188	37		58.7	151,670	Running		
8	24	4	Kevin Harvick	Outback Steakhouse Chevrolet	188	37	1	102.6	168,570	Running	1	1
9	17	11	Denny Hamlin	FedEx Express Toyota	188	36	1	110.9	127,645	Running	2	5
10	34	98	Josh Wise	Phoenix Construction Ford	188	35	1	62.0	111,070	Running	1	1
11	27	1	Jamie McMurray	McDonald's Chevrolet	188	33		86.1	138,701	Running		
12	19	41	Kurt Busch	Haas Automation Chevrolet	188	33	1	87.8	127,435	Running	1	1
13	41	35	Cole Whitt	Speed Stick Ford	188	32	1	68.4	125,618	Running	1	2
14	42	23	J.J. Yeley (i)	Dr Pepper Toyota	188	0		57.8	121,993	Running		
15	28	43	Aric Almirola	Fresh from Florida Ford	188	29		81.6	142,146	Running		
16	37	7	Alex Bowman	Golden Corral Chevrolet	188	28		63.6	117,918	Running		
17	31	47	AJ Allmendinger	Kroger/Hungry Jack Chevrolet	188	27		55.8	128,518	Running		
18	43	83	Matt DiBenedetto #	Dustless Blasting Toyota	188	26		55.5	109,157	Running		
19	6	14	Tony Stewart	Bass Pro Shops/Tracker Boats Chevrolet	188	26	1	92.6	128,724	Running	2	6
20	39	38	David Gilliland	Farm Rich Ford	188	25	1	72.9	108,710	Running	1	1
21	25	10	Danica Patrick	GoDaddy Chevrolet	188	23		67.1	107,435	Running		
22	15	2	Brad Keselowski	Miller Lite Ford	188	22		86.4	143,851	Running		
23	35	51	Justin Allgaier	Brandt Chevrolet	188	22	1	57.5	106,110	Running	1	1
24	38	34	Chris Buescher (i)	CSX/Play It Safe Ford	188	0		56.0	94,185	Running		
25	8	20	Matt Kenseth	Dollar General Toyota	188	19		74.0	133,721	Running		
26	29	17	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	Fifth Third Bank Ford	188	19	1	46.9	109,085	Running	1	1
27	32	32	Bobby Labonte	C&J Energy Services Ford	188	18	1	48.0	95,435	Running	1	1
28	11	13	Casey Mears	GEICO Chevrolet	188	17	1	63.4	102,885	Running	1	1
29	40	46	Michael Annett	Bene-fit Chevrolet	188	15		50.8	91,685	Running		
30	10	15	Clint Bowyer	PEAK Commercial & Industrial Toyota	188	14		61.7	128,643	Running		
31	1	24	Jeff Gordon	Drive To End Hunger Chevrolet	188	14	1	82.5	151,271	Running	6	47
32	22	19	Carl Edwards	ARRIS Toyota	188	12		68.5	97,685	Running		
33	21	22	Joey Logano	Shell Pennzoil Ford	186	11		44.3	138,268	Running		
34	2	5	Kasey Kahne	Farmers Insurance Chevrolet	158	11	1	78.1	109,435	Running	1	3
35	14	3	Austin Dillon	Bass Pro Shops Chevrolet	157	9		77.5	127,721	Engine		
36	23	55	Michael Waltrip	Aaron's Dream Machine Toyota	151	8		33.6	117,874	Running		
37	20	16	Greg Biffle	Ortho Ford	147	7		35.7	121,469	Running		
38	9	18	David Ragan	Pedigree Toyota	123	6		51.7	129,515	Running		
39	30	40	Landon Cassill (i)	Chevrolet	91	0		51.9	80,465	Accident		
40	33	62	Brendan Gaughan (i)	Dia Thrive Chevrolet	90	0		39.8	76,465	Accident		
41	26	6	Trevor Bayne	AdvoCare Ford	46	3		64.9	117,040	Accident		
42	13	42	Kyle Larson	Target Chevrolet	46	2		50.3	96,373	Accident		
43	16	33	Brian Scott (i)	Shore Lodge Chevrolet	18	0		27.3	64,965	Engine		

# 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:** (2) #95 Michael McDowell; #26 Jeb Burton

**Race Comments:** Dale Earnhardt Jr. won the GEICO 500 at Talladega Superspeedway, his 24th victory in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series. Prior to the start of the race, no cars dropped to the rear of the field.

**Caution Flags:** 6 cautions for 23 laps. [Beneficiary in Brackets] 20-24 (Car #55, 33 Accident Turn 1 [None]); 48-51 (Car #83,42,17,51,16,18,40,22,6,5,10,7,62,43,4 Accident Backstretch [Red 11:32] [None]); 56-58 (Debris Backstretch [17]); 92-95 (Car #62 Accident Turn 2 [22]); 116-118 (Debris Turn 3 [23]); 159-162 (Fluid On Track From #3 [22]).

**Lap Leaders:** 27 lead changes among 15 drivers. J. Gordon 1-3, Kahne 4-6, Stewart 7-11, Earnhardt Jr 12-15, J. Gordon 16-19, Harvick 20, Allgaier 21, B. Labonte 22, J. Gordon 23-48, K. Busch 49, Johnson 50-91, Gilliland 92, Wise 93, J. Gordon 94-95, Johnson 96-103, Earnhardt Jr 104, Hamlin 105-106, Earnhardt Jr 107-110, J. Gordon 111-115, Mears 116, J. Gordon 117-123, Earnhardt Jr 124-147, Stewart 148, Earnhardt Jr 149-155, Hamlin 156-158, Stenhouse Jr 159, Whitt 160-161, Earnhardt Jr 162-188.

**COORS LIGHT POLE AWARD:** Jeff Gordon (194.793 mph. 49.160 secs.)

**3M LAP LEADER:** Dale Earnhardt Jr (67 Laps)

**AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD:** Ricky Stenhouse Jr (190.824 mph)

**DURALAST BRAKES "BRAKE IN THE RACE" AWARD:** Jeff Gordon

**FREESCALE "WIDE OPEN":** Dale Earnhardt Jr

**INGERSOLL RAND POWER MOVE:** Kurt Busch (18 positions)

**MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER OF THE RACE:** Hendrick Engines (#88)

**MOBIL 1 DRIVER OF THE RACE:** Sam Hornish Jr

**MOOG STEERING AND SUSPENSION PROBLEM SOLVER OF THE RACE:** Paul Menard (crew chief Justin Alexander, -0.200 seconds)

**NASCAR SPRINT CUP LEADER BONUS:** No winner: rolls over to \$70,000 at next event++

**SHERWIN-WILLIAMS FASTEST LAP AWARD:** Carl Edwards (Lap 46, 204.801 mph)

**SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE RACE:** Matt DiBenedetto

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

**NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES TOP 16**

	(Wins)
1 - Kevin Harvick	394 (2)
2 - Martin Truex Jr	354 (0)
3 - Jimmie Johnson	342 (2)
4 - Joey Logano	335 (1)
5 - Dale Earnhardt Jr	319 (1)
6 - Brad Keselowski	305 (1)
7 - Jamie McMurray	297 (0)
8 - Matt Kenseth	292 (1)
9 - Kasey Kahne	286 (0)
10 - Denny Hamlin	281 (1)
11 - Paul Menard	280 (0)
12 - Aric Almirola	279 (0)
13 - Jeff Gordon	277 (0)
14 - Ryan Newman	271 (0)
15 - Kurt Busch	255 (1)
16 - Danica Patrick	253 (0)

**MANUFACTURERS' CHAMPIONSHIP**

	Pts	Wins
Chevrolet	453	(6)
Ford	416	(2)
Toyota	384	(2)

**3M LAP LEADER**

Kevin Harvick	(#4)	5
Kurt Busch	(#41)	2
Jimmie Johnson	(#48)	1

**AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD**

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

**DURALAST BRAKES "BRAKE IN THE RACE" AWARD**

Joey Logano	(#22)	5
Kevin Harvick	(#4)	3
Jeff Gordon	(#24)	2

**FREESCALE "WIDE OPEN"**

Kevin Harvick	(#4)	28
Jimmie Johnson	(#48)	22
Joey Logano	(#22)	15

**INGERSOLL RAND POWER MOVE**

Kurt Busch	(#41)	23
Michael Annett	(#46)	16
Ryan Newman	(#31)	15

**MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER**

Hendrick	(#4)	157
Roush/Yates	(#22)	109
Hendrick	(#48)	104

**MOBIL 1 DRIVER OF THE RACE**

Kevin Harvick	(#4)	6
Matt Kenseth	(#20)	1
Denny Hamlin	(#11)	1

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

Justin Alexander	(#27)	2
Rodney Childers	(#4)	1
Chad Knaus	(#48)	1

**SHERWIN-WILLIAMS FASTEST LAP AWARD**

Matt Kenseth	(#20)	2
Denny Hamlin	(#11)	2
Carl Edwards	(#19)	2

**COORS LIGHT POLE AWARD**

Joey Logano		3
Jeff Gordon		3
Kurt Busch		2
Matt Kenseth		1

**SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE YEAR**

Jeb Burton		75
Brett Moffitt		55
Alex Kennedy		48
Matt DiBenedetto		11
Tanner Berryhill		1

**NEXT EVENT:** May 9, 2015 - 5th Annual SpongeBob SquarePants 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. (5/4/2015)

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES DRIVER LEADERS

Race #10: 46TH ANNUAL GEICO "500" Race Date: 05/03/2015

POS	DRIVER	Points	Starts	Wins	Top 5	Top 10	Money Won
1	KEVIN HARVICK	394	10	2	7	9	\$3,519,807
2	MARTIN TRUEX JR.	354	10	0	2	9	1,841,933
3	JIMMIE JOHNSON	342	10	2	6	7	2,636,716
4	JOEY LOGANO	335	10	1	5	8	3,127,455
5	DALE EARNHARDT JR.	319	10	1	5	6	2,332,035
6	BRAD KESELOWSKI	305	10	1	3	6	1,956,925
7	JAMIE MCMURRAY	297	10	0	2	4	1,679,880
8	MATT KENSETH	292	10	1	3	5	1,912,715
9	KASEY KAHNE	286	10	0	1	4	1,476,999
10	DENNY HAMLIN	281	10	1	3	4	1,824,238
11	PAUL MENARD	280	10	0	2	2	1,404,910
12	ARIC ALMIROLA	279	10	0	0	0	1,606,155
13	JEFF GORDON	277	10	0	1	6	1,971,680
14	RYAN NEWMAN	271	10	0	4	6	1,745,553
15	KURT BUSCH	255	7	1	3	3	1,108,940
16	DANICA PATRICK	253	10	0	0	2	1,308,248
17	CLINT BOWYER	249	10	0	0	2	1,626,865
18	CARL EDWARDS	240	10	0	0	1	1,213,463
19	A J ALLMENDINGER	229	10	0	0	2	1,460,356
20	DAVID RAGAN	224	10	0	1	1	1,559,741
21	CASEY MEARS	217	10	0	0	1	1,528,019
22	GREG BIFFLE	210	10	0	0	1	1,545,424
23	RICKY STENHOUSE JR.	207	10	0	1	1	1,296,153
24	KYLE LARSON	207	9	0	0	3	1,382,252
25	AUSTIN DILLON	203	10	0	0	1	1,548,373
26	DAVID GILLILAND	200	10	0	0	0	1,359,446
27	JUSTIN ALLGAIER	193	10	0	0	1	1,289,470
28	SAM HORNISH JR.	182	10	0	0	1	1,419,108
29	TREVOR BAYNE	177	10	0	0	0	1,553,530
30	TONY STEWART	174	10	0	0	1	1,388,420
31	COLE WHITT	168	10	0	0	0	1,216,985
32	BRETT MOFFITT	151	8	0	0	1	909,348
33	ALEX BOWMAN	131	9	0	0	0	881,265
34	MICHAEL ANNETT	116	10	0	0	0	1,047,228
35	JOSH WISE	100	9	0	0	1	782,186
36	MATT DIBENEDETTO	90	7	0	0	0	617,943
37	MICHAEL MCDOWELL	79	5	0	0	0	692,500
38	JEB BURTON	51	7	0	0	0	570,160
39	ALEX KENNEDY	40	5	0	0	0	393,085
40	BOBBY LABONTE	38	2	0	0	0	416,538
41	BRIAN VICKERS	32	2	0	0	0	220,743
42	MICHAEL WALTRIP	26	2	0	0	0	464,816
43	REED SORENSON	22	2	0	0	0	389,828
44	MIKE WALLACE	8	1	0	0	0	313,883
45	RON HORNADAY JR.	2	1	0	0	0	95,715
46	RYAN BLANEY(i)	0	4	0	1	1	599,388
47	BRIAN SCOTT(i)	0	3	0	0	0	321,864
48	J J YELEY(i)	0	9	0	0	0	991,450
49	REGAN SMITH(i)	0	4	0	0	0	697,536
50	CHASE ELLIOTT(i)	0	2	0	0	0	151,847
51	MATT CRAFTON(i)	0	1	0	0	0	382,849
52	JOHNNY SAUTER(i)	0	1	0	0	0	333,128
53	CHRIS BUESCHER(i)	0	5	0	0	0	465,985
54	LANDON CASSILL(i)	0	10	0	0	0	1,003,375
55	BRENDAN GAUGHAN(i)	0	5	0	0	0	401,178
56	TY DILLON(i)	0	1	0	0	0	317,190
57	MIKE BLISS(i)	0	6	0	0	0	503,745
58	JOE NEMECHK(i)	0	1	0	0	0	93,860
59	JEFF GREEN(i)	0	1	0	0	0	62,040
60	JOEY GASE(i)	0	1	0	0	0	50,540
61	JUSTIN MARKS(i)	0	0	0	0	0	23,950
62	TANNER BERRYHILL	0	0	0	0	0	0
63	TRAVIS KVAPIL(i)	0	0	0	0	0	0

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NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES OWNER LEADERS

Race #10: 46TH ANNUAL GEICO "500" Race Date: 05/03/2015

POS	Car #	OWNER	Points	Starts	Wins	Top 5	Top 10	Attempts
1	4	TONY STEWART	394	10	2	7	9	10
2	78	BARNEY VISSER	354	10	0	2	9	10
3	48	JEFF GORDON	342	10	2	6	7	10
4	41	GENE HAAS	338	10	1	3	3	10
5	22	WALTER CZARNECKI	335	10	1	5	8	10
6	88	RICK HENDRICK	319	10	1	5	6	10
7	2	ROGER PENSKKE	305	10	1	3	6	10
8	1	FELIX SABATES	297	10	0	2	4	10
9	20	JOE GIBBS	292	10	1	3	5	10
10	5	LINDA HENDRICK	286	10	0	1	4	10
11	11	J D GIBBS	281	10	1	3	4	10
12	27	RICHARD CHILDRESS	280	10	0	2	2	10
13	43	RICHARD PETTY	279	10	0	0	0	10
14	24	RICK HENDRICK	277	10	0	1	6	10
15	31	RICHARD CHILDRESS	271	10	0	4	6	10
16	10	TONY STEWART	253	10	0	0	2	10
17	15	ROB KAUFFMAN	249	10	0	0	2	10
18	19	J D GIBBS	240	10	0	0	1	10
19	42	CHIP GANASSI	235	10	0	0	3	10
20	47	TAD GESCHICKTER	229	10	0	0	2	10
21	18	JOE GIBBS	223	10	0	1	1	10
22	13	BOB GERMAIN	217	10	0	0	1	10
23	16	JACK ROUSH	210	10	0	0	1	10
24	17	JOHN HENRY	207	10	0	1	1	10
25	3	RICHARD CHILDRESS	203	10	0	0	1	10
26	38	BRAD JENKINS	200	10	0	0	0	10
27	51	HARRY SCOTT JR.	193	10	0	0	1	10
28	55	MICHAEL WALTRIP	190	10	0	0	1	10
29	9	RICHARD PETTY	182	10	0	0	1	10
30	6	JOHN HENRY	177	10	0	0	0	10
31	14	MARGARET HAAS	174	10	0	0	1	10
32	35	BOB JENKINS	168	10	0	0	0	10
33	34	JERRY FREEZE	165	10	0	0	0	10
34	7	TOMMY BALDWIN	131	9	0	0	0	10
35	83	RON DEVINE	115	8	0	0	0	10
36	40	MICHAEL HILLMAN	111	10	0	0	0	10
37	33	JOE FALK	110	10	0	0	0	10
38	23	RON DEVINE	110	10	0	0	0	10
39	46	HARRY SCOTT JR.	101	9	0	0	0	10
40	98	MIKE CURB	100	9	0	0	1	10
41	32	ARCHIE ST HILAIRE	100	9	0	0	0	10
42	95	BOB LEAVINE	79	5	0	0	0	6
43	21	GLEN WOOD	72	4	0	1	1	4
44	26	ANTHONY MARLOWE	45	6	0	0	0	10
45	62	JAY ROBINSON	36	5	0	0	0	10
46	25	RICK HENDRICK	34	2	0	0	0	2
47	44	JOHN COHEN	12	1	0	0	0	4
48	66	JAY ROBINSON	8	1	0	0	0	4
49	30	CURTIS KEY SR.	6	2	0	0	0	5
50	129	ROBBY BENTON	0	0	0	0	0	4