



## MONSTER ENERGY NASCAR CUP SERIES OFFICIAL RACE REPORT No. 5

21ST ANNUAL AUTO CLUB 400

AUTO CLUB SPEEDWAY

Fontana, CA - March 26, 2017

2-Mile Paved Tri-Oval

202 Laps - 404.0 Miles



TIME OF RACE: 2 hours, 57 minutes, 46 seconds

AVERAGE SPEED: 136.359 mph

MARGIN OF VICTORY: 0.779 second(s)

Fin Pos	Str Pos	Car No	Driver	Team	Laps	Stage 1 Pos	Stage 2 Pos	Pts	Status	Lead Tms	Laps	Playoff Pts
1	1	42	Kyle Larson	Target Chevrolet	202	1	2	59	Running	7	110	6
2	3	2	Brad Keselowski	Wurth Ford	202		10	36	Running			
3	17	14	Clint Bowyer	Rush Truck Centers Ford	202	6	4	46	Running			
4	4	78	Martin Truex Jr	Bass Pro Shops/Tracker Boats Toyota	202	2	1	52	Running	4	73	1
5	35	22	Joey Logano	AAA Southern California Ford	202	7	8	39	Running	1	1	
6	8	1	Jamie McMurray	McDonald's Chevrolet	202	4	6	43	Running			
7	10	19	Daniel Suarez #	Subway Toyota	202			30	Running			
8	9	18	Kyle Busch	Interstate Batteries Toyota	202	5	7	39	Running	1	7	
9	19	21	Ryan Blaney	Motorcraft/Quick Lane Tire & Auto Center Ford	202	9		30	Running			
10	13	24	Chase Elliott	NAPA Chevrolet	202	3	3	43	Running	2	4	
11	11	3	Austin Dillon	American Ethanol Chevrolet	202			26	Running			
12	14	77	Erik Jones #	Toyota Service Centers Toyota	202	8	5	34	Running			
13	7	4	Kevin Harvick	Busch Beer Ford	202			24	Running			
14	2	11	Denny Hamlin	Sport Clips Toyota	202	10	9	26	Running	1	4	
15	5	31	Ryan Newman	Caterpillar Chevrolet	202			22	Running			
16	18	88	Dale Earnhardt Jr	Axalta Chevrolet	202			21	Running			
17	24	47	AJ Allmendinger	Kroger ClickList Chevrolet	202			20	Running			
18	21	13	Ty Dillon #	Twisted Tea Chevrolet	202			19	Running	1	1	
19	31	43	Aric Almirola	Smithfield Ford	202			18	Running			
20	12	5	Kasey Kahne	Farmers Insurance Chevrolet	202			17	Running			
21	37	48	Jimmie Johnson	Lowe's Chevrolet	202			16	Running			
22	16	17	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	Fastenal 50th Anniversary Ford	202			15	Running			
23	36	6	Trevor Bayne	AdvoCare Ford	202			14	Running			
24	15	41	Kurt Busch	Haas Automation/Monster Energy Ford	201			13	Running			
25	20	37	Chris Buescher	Bush's Beans Chevrolet	201			12	Running			
26	22	10	Danica Patrick	Aspen Dental Ford	200			11	Running			
27	26	34	Landon Cassill	Love's Travel Stops Ford	200			10	Running			
28	23	27	Paul Menard	Jack Links/Menards Chevrolet	200			9	Running	1	2	
29	38	32	Matt DiBenedetto	Can-Am/Kappa Ford	200			8	Running			
30	30	83	Corey Lajoie #	Bubba Burger Toyota	200			7	Running			
31	27	38	David Ragan	Camping World/Good Sam Ford	199			6	Running			
32	28	72	Cole Whitt	Southern California Chevy Dealers Chevrolet	199			5	Running			
33	25	95	Michael McDowell	LFR Woodie Chevrolet	198			4	Running			
34	29	15	Reed Sorenson	VIPRacingExperience.com Toyota	197			3	Running			
35	34	51	Timmy Hill (i)	Bubba Burger Chevrolet	193			0	Running			
36	6	20	Matt Kenseth	Peak Toyota	184			1	Accident			
37	39	23	Gray Gaulding #	SunFrog.com Toyota	173			1	Accident			
38	33	55	Derrick Cope	Chevrolet	117			1	Running			
39	32	33	Jeffrey Earnhardt	K1Speed Chevrolet	99			1	Engine			

# Sunoco Rookie of the Year Contender.

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Stage 1 Top 10: 42, 78, 24, 1, 18, 14, 22, 77, 21, 11

Stage 2 Top 10: 78, 42, 24, 14, 77, 1, 18, 22, 11, 2

**Race Comments:** Kyle Larson won the Auto Club 400, his second victory in 116 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series races. Prior to the green flag to start the race, the following cars dropped to the rear of the field for the reasons indicated: Nos. #88, #27 (Unapproved Tire Change), #38 (Backup Car), #33 (Transmission Change).

**Failed to Qualify:** n/a

**Caution Flags:** 7 cautions for 29 laps. [Beneficiary in Brackets] 5-7 (Car #2, 48 Incident Turn 4 [None]); 62-67 (Stage 1 Conclusion [2]); 122-127 (Stage 2 Conclusion [13]); 181-184 (Car #23 Incident Turn 1 [24]); 186-189 (Car #20, 78 Incident Turn 2 [19]); 193-195 (Car #83 Incident Turn 2 [4]); 198-200 (Car #5, 6, 17 Incident Turn 2 [48]).

**Lead Changes:** 17 lead changes among 8 drivers. Larson 1-5, Menard 6-7, Larson 8-32, Elliott 33-34, Logano 35, Truex Jr 36-47, Larson 48-63, Truex Jr 64-90, Elliott 91-92, Truex Jr 93-122, Larson 123, Truex Jr 124-127, Larson 128-155, Ky. Busch 156-162, Dillon 163, Larson 164-192, Hamlin 193-196, Larson 197-202.

**COORS LIGHT POLE AWARD:** Kyle Larson (187.047 mph. 38.493 secs.)**AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD:** Kyle Larson**INGERSOLL RAND POWER MOVE:** Daniel Suarez (15 positions)**MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER OF THE RACE:** Hendrick Engines (#42)**MOBIL 1 DRIVER OF THE RACE:** Kyle Larson**MOOG GO THE EXTRA MILE AWARD:** Brad Keselowski (crew chief Brian Wilson, - 0.331 seconds)**SHERWIN-WILLIAMS FASTEST LAP AWARD:** Kyle Larson (Lap 9, 185.759 mph)**SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE RACE:** Daniel Suarez**MANUFACTURERS' CHAMPIONSHIP**

	Pts	Wins
Chevrolet	184	(2)
Ford	181	(2)
Toyota	170	(1)

**AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD**

Kyle Larson	(#42)	2
Martin Truex Jr	(#78)	2
Kevin Harvick	(#4)	1

**INGERSOLL RAND POWER MOVE**

Daniel Suarez	(#19)	15
Kasey Kahne	(#5)	13
AJ Allmendinger	(#47)	10
Ryan Newman	(#31)	8

**MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER**

Hendrick	(#42)	73
Roush/Yates	(#2)	63
Hendrick	(#22)	50

**MOBIL 1 DRIVER OF THE RACE**

Kyle Larson	(#42)	4
Kurt Busch	(#41)	1

**MOOG GO THE EXTRA MILE AWARD**

Chad Johnston	(#42)	1
Brian Wilson	(#2)	1
Rodney Childers	(#4)	1

**SHERWIN-WILLIAMS FASTEST LAP AWARD**

Kyle Larson	(#42)	4
Austin Dillon	(#3)	1

**COORS LIGHT POLE AWARD**

Kyle Larson	1
Chase Elliott	1
Brad Keselowski	1
Joey Logano	1

**SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE YEAR**

Daniel Suarez	59
Erik Jones	53
Ty Dillon	46
Corey Lajoie	41
Gray Gaulding	30

**NEXT EVENT:** April 2, 2017 - 68th Annual STP 500, Martinsville Speedway, Martinsville, VA (263 Miles) (500 Laps)

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## MONSTER ENERGY NASCAR CUP SERIES DRIVER LEADERS

Race #5: 21ST ANNUAL AUTO CLUB "400" Race Date: 03/26/2017

Rank	DRIVER	Points	Behind Leader	Race Wins	Stage Wins	Playoff Points
1	KYLE LARSON	243	0	1	1	6
2	CHASE ELLIOTT	214	29	0	1	1
3	MARTIN TRUEX JR.	205	38	1	3	8
4	BRAD KESELOWSKI	179	64	1	0	5
5	JOEY LOGANO	174	69	0	1	1
6	JAMIE MCMURRAY	162	81	0	0	0
7	RYAN BLANEY	157	86	0	0	0
8	CLINT BOWYER	143	100	0	0	0
9	KEVIN HARVICK	137	106	0	3	3
10	KYLE BUSCH	136	107	0	1	1
11	RYAN NEWMAN	123	120	1	0	5
12	DENNY HAMLIN	123	120	0	0	0
13	KASEY KAHNE	122	121	0	0	0
14	KURT BUSCH	118	125	1	0	5
15	ERIK JONES	116	127	0	0	0
16	TREVOR BAYNE	114	129	0	0	0
17	JIMMIE JOHNSON	109	134	0	0	0
18	ARIC ALMIROLA	108	135	0	0	0
19	DANIEL SUAREZ	102	141	0	0	0
20	AUSTIN DILLON	92	151	0	0	0
21	DALE EARNHARDT JR.	91	152	0	0	0
22	PAUL MENARD	87	156	0	0	0
23	TY DILLON	87	156	0	0	0
24	RICKY STENHOUSE JR.	86	157	0	0	0
25	MATT KENSETH	73	170	0	0	0
26	MICHAEL MCDOWELL	66	177	0	0	0
27	LANDON CASSILL	65	178	0	0	0
28	MATT DIBENEDETTO	64	179	0	0	0
29	DANICA PATRICK	63	180	0	0	0
30	A J ALLMENDINGER	59	184	0	0	0
31	COLE WHITT	55	188	0	0	0
32	CHRIS BUESCHER	51	192	0	0	0
33	DAVID RAGAN	43	200	0	0	0
34	MICHAEL WALTRIP	29	214	0	0	0
35	COREY LAJOIE	25	218	0	0	0
36	JEFFREY EARNHARDT	22	221	0	0	0
37	REED SORENSON	22	221	0	0	0
38	DERRIKE COPE	8	235	0	0	0
39	GRAY GAULDING	6	237	0	0	0
40	D J KENNINGTON	1	242	0	0	0
41	CODY WARE	1	242	0	0	0
42	BRENDAN GAUGHAN(i)	0	243	0	0	0
43	ELLIOTT SADLER(i)	0	243	0	0	0
44	JOEY GASE(i)	0	243	0	0	0
45	TIMMY HILL(i)	0	243	0	0	0

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## MONSTER ENERGY NASCAR CUP SERIES OWNER LEADERS

Race #5: 21ST ANNUAL AUTO CLUB "400" Race Date: 03/26/2017

Rank	Car #	OWNER	Points	Behind Leader	Race Wins	Stage Wins	Playoff Points	Qualifying Attempts
1	42	Chip Ganassi Racing	243	0	1	1	6	5
2	24	Hendrick Motorsports	214	29	0	1	1	5
3	78	Furniture Row Racing	205	38	1	3	8	5
4	2	Team Penske	179	64	1	0	5	5
5	22	Team Penske	174	69	0	1	1	5
6	1	Chip Ganassi Racing	162	81	0	0	0	5
7	21	Wood Brothers Racing	157	86	0	0	0	5
8	14	Stewart-Haas Racing	143	100	0	0	0	5
9	4	Stewart-Haas Racing	137	106	0	3	3	5
10	18	Joe Gibbs Racing	136	107	0	1	1	5
11	31	Richard Childress Racing	123	120	1	0	5	5
12	11	Joe Gibbs Racing	123	120	0	0	0	5
13	5	Hendrick Motorsports	122	121	0	0	0	5
14	41	Stewart-Haas Racing	118	125	1	0	5	5
15	77	Furniture Row Racing	116	127	0	0	0	5
16	6	Roush Fenway Racing	114	129	0	0	0	5
17	48	Hendrick Motorsports	109	134	0	0	0	5
18	43	Richard Petty Motorsports	108	135	0	0	0	5
19	19	Joe Gibbs Racing	102	141	0	0	0	5
20	3	Richard Childress Racing	92	151	0	0	0	5
21	88	Hendrick Motorsports	91	152	0	0	0	5
22	27	Richard Childress Racing	87	156	0	0	0	5
23	13	Germain Racing	87	156	0	0	0	5
24	17	Roush Fenway Racing	86	157	0	0	0	5
25	20	Joe Gibbs Racing	73	170	0	0	0	5
26	95	Leavine Family Racing	66	177	0	0	0	5
27	34	Front Row Motorsports	65	178	0	0	0	5
28	32	GO FAS Racing	64	179	0	0	0	5
29	10	Stewart-Haas Racing	63	180	0	0	0	5
30	47	JTG Daugherty Racing	59	184	0	0	0	5
31	72	TriStar Motorsports	55	188	0	0	0	5
32	15	Premium Motorsports	51	192	0	0	0	5
33	37	JTG Daugherty Racing	51	192	0	0	0	5
34	38	Front Row Motorsports	43	200	0	0	0	5
35	175	Beard Motorsports	26	217	0	0	0	1
36	83	BK Racing	25	218	0	0	0	5
37	33	Circle Sport / TMG	22	221	0	0	0	5
38	23	BK Racing	20	223	0	0	0	5
39	7	Tommy Baldwin Racing	17	226	0	0	0	1
40	51	Rick Ware Racing	9	234	0	0	0	5
41	55	Premium Motorsports	8	235	0	0	0	5
42	96	Gaunt Brothers Racing	1	242	0	0	0	1