

MONSTER ENERGY NASCAR CUP SERIES OFFICIAL RACE REPORT No. 7

22ND ANNUAL O'REILLY AUTO PARTS 500

TEXAS MOTOR SPEEDWAY

Fort Worth, TX - April 8, 2018

1.5-mile Paved Tri-oval

334 Laps - 501.0 Miles



TIME OF RACE: 3 hours, 32 minutes, 7 seconds

AVERAGE SPEED: 141.714 mph

MARGIN OF VICTORY: 0.3 second(s)

Fin Pos	Str Pos	Car No	Driver	Team	Laps	Stg 1 Pos	Stg 2 Pos	Pts	Status	Lead Tms	Playoff Laps	Playoff Pts
1	8	18	Kyle Busch	Interstate Batteries Toyota	334	2	1	59	Running	4	116	6
2	2	4	Kevin Harvick	Busch Light Ford	334	1		45	Running	3	87	1
3	24	1	Jamie McMurray	Cessna Chevrolet	334	7		38	Running			
4	21	20	Erik Jones	Reser's Toyota	334	10	4	41	Running	2	64	
5	4	12	Ryan Blaney	Menards/Richmond The Water Heater Experts Ford	334			32	Running			
6	7	22	Joey Logano	Shell Pennzoil Ford	334	4	3	46	Running			
7	1	41	Kurt Busch	Haas Automation/Monster Energy Ford	334	3	2	47	Running	3	40	
8	15	43	Darrell Wallace Jr #	Click n' Close Chevrolet	334			29	Running			
9	3	14	Clint Bowyer	Mobil 1/Rush Truck Centers Ford	334	6	5	39	Running			
10	33	24	William Byron #	Liberty University Chevrolet	334			27	Running	1	1	
11	20	9	Chase Elliott	NAPA Auto Parts Chevrolet	333	9	6	33	Running	1	4	
12	13	6	Trevor Bayne	Performance Plus Ford	333			25	Running			
13	23	13	Ty Dillon	GEICO Chevrolet	332			24	Running			
14	27	34	Michael McDowell	Love's Travel Stops Ford	332			23	Running			
15	18	37	Chris Buescher	Bush's Beans Chevrolet	331			22	Running			
16	30	32	Matt DiBenedetto	Can-Am/Wholey Ford	329			21	Running			
17	28	95	Kasey Kahne	Procore Chevrolet	328			20	Running			
18	31	15	Ross Chastain (i)	LowT Center Chevrolet	325			0	Running			
19	34	72	Cole Whitt	Rinnai Chevrolet	324			18	Running			
20	32	23	Gray Gaulding	Earthwater Toyota	322			17	Running			
21	35	00	Landon Cassill	USFRA.ORG Chevrolet	321			16	Running			
22	36	51	Harrison Rhodes	Rick Ware Racing Chevrolet	319			15	Running			
23	29	38	David Ragan	1000Bulbs.Com Ford	317			14	Running			
24	22	47	AJ Allmendinger	Kroger ClickList Chevrolet	316			13	Engine			
25	26	17	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	SunnyD Ford	315		8	15	Suspension	1	10	
26	17	3	Austin Dillon	Symbicort Chevrolet	304			11	Running			
27	25	31	Ryan Newman	Grainger Chevrolet	303			10	Accident			
28	16	88	Alex Bowman	Nationwide Chevrolet	294			9	Running			
29	14	19	Daniel Suarez	STANLEY Racing for a Miracle Toyota	290			8	Running			
30	19	21	Paul Menard	Quick Lane Tire & Auto Center Ford	215			7	Accident			
31	37	55	Reed Sorenson	Chevrolet	209			6	Overheating			
32	12	10	Aric Almirola	Smithfield Ford	178		10	6	Accident			
33	11	2	Brad Keselowski	Miller Lite Ford	178	8	7	11	Accident			
34	5	11	Denny Hamlin	FedEx Office Toyota	177		9	5	Accident	1	12	
35	9	48	Jimmie Johnson	Lowe's for Pros Chevrolet	175			2	Accident			
36	10	42	Kyle Larson	Credit One Bank Chevrolet	126	5		7	Accident			
37	6	78	Martin Truex Jr	Bass Pro Shops/5-hour ENERGY Toyota	80			1	Accident			

Sunoco Rookie of the Year Contender.

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Stage 1 Top 10: 4, 18, 41, 22, 42, 14, 1, 2, 9, 20

Stage 2 Top 10: 18, 41, 22, 20, 14, 9, 2, 17, 11, 10

Race Comments: Kyle Busch won the O'Reilly Auto Parts 500 at Texas Motor Speedway, his 44th Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series victory. Prior to the start of the race, the following cars dropped to the rear of the field under penalty for the reasons indicated: #17 (backup car), #24 (engine change), #32 (transmission change) and #42 (failing pre-race inspection three times).

Failed to Qualify: n/a

Caution Flags: 8 cautions for 48 laps. [Beneficiary in Brackets] 4-7 (Car #3, 19, 21 And 88 Incident In Turn 4 [None]); 82-90 (Car #78 Incident In Turn 4 [11]); 128-134 (Car #42 Incident In Turn 2 [24]); 172-177 (Stage 2 Conclusion [6]); 179-183 (2, 3, 6, 10, 11, 38 And 48 Incident In Turn 4 [Red: 11:05] [12]); 236-240 (Car #21 Incident In Turn 2 [43]); 251-255 (Car #6 And 95 Incident In Turn 4 [None]); 305-311 (Car #31 Incident On The Frontstretch [1]).

Lead Changes: 16 lead changes among 8 drivers. Ku. Busch-pole, Harvick 1-43, Hamlin 44-55, Harvick 56-86, Ky. Busch 87-116, Harvick 117-129, Ku. Busch 130-166, Ky. Busch 167-172, Ku. Busch 173, Jones 174-231, Ku. Busch 232-233, Byron 234, Jones 235-240, Ky. Busch 241-290, Elliott 291-294, Stenhouse Jr 295-304, Ky. Busch 305-334.

BUSCH POLE AWARD: Kurt Busch (197.368 mph, 27.360 secs.)

AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD: Kyle Busch

FASTEST LAP AWARD: Kevin Harvick (Lap 94 - 195.532 MPH)

MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER OF THE RACE: Toyota Racing Development (TRD) (#18)

MOBIL 1 PERFORMANCE AWARD: Ricky Stenhouse Jr (82 Passes)

MOOG GO THE EXTRA MILE AWARD: Erik Jones (crew chief Chris Gayle, 0.121 seconds)

SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE RACE: Darrell Wallace Jr

MANUFACTURERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

	Pts	Wins
Ford	253	(4)
Toyota	252	(2)
Chevrolet	227	(1)

AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD

Kyle Busch	(#18)	3
Joey Logano	(#22)	1
Kevin Harvick	(#4)	1

FASTEST LAP AWARD

Kevin Harvick	(#4)	3
Martin Truex Jr	(#78)	1
Denny Hamlin	(#11)	1

MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER

TRD	(#18)	106
Roush/Yates	(#4)	90
Roush/Yates	(#22)	67

MOBIL 1 PERFORMANCE AWARD

Ricky Stenhouse Jr	(#17)	2
David Ragan	(#38)	2
Martin Truex Jr	(#78)	1

MOOG GO THE EXTRA MILE AWARD

Mike Bugarewicz	(#14)	2
Michael Wheeler	(#11)	2
Adam Stevens	(#18)	1

BUSCH POLE AWARD

Martin Truex Jr	2
Kyle Busch	1
Ryan Blaney	1
Kurt Busch	1
Alex Bowman	1

SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

WILLIAM BYRON	135
DARRELL WALLACE JR.	126

NEXT EVENT: April 15, 2018 - 58th Annual Food City 500, Bristol Motor Speedway, Bristol, TN (266.50 Miles) (500 Laps)

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MONSTER ENERGY NASCAR CUP SERIES DRIVER LEADERS

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Rank	DRIVER	Points	Behind Leader	Race Wins	Stage Wins	Playoff Points
1	KYLE BUSCH	316	0	1	2	7
2	JOEY LOGANO	278	38	0	0	0
3	RYAN BLANEY	265	51	0	2	2
4	KEVIN HARVICK	257	59	3	4	12
5	MARTIN TRUEX JR.	250	66	1	2	7
6	CLINT BOWYER	249	67	1	0	5
7	BRAD KESELOWSKI	237	79	0	1	1
8	KURT BUSCH	224	92	0	2	2
9	DENNY HAMLIN	222	94	0	1	1
10	KYLE LARSON	202	114	0	0	0
11	ERIK JONES	193	123	0	0	0
12	ARIC ALMIROLA	177	139	0	0	0
13	AUSTIN DILLON	159	157	1	0	5
14	ALEX BOWMAN	154	162	0	0	0
15	CHASE ELLIOTT	148	168	0	0	0
16	PAUL MENARD	146	170	0	0	0
17	RYAN NEWMAN	145	171	0	0	0
18	WILLIAM BYRON	135	181	0	0	0
19	DARRELL WALLACE JR.	126	190	0	0	0
20	A J ALLMENDINGER	123	193	0	0	0
21	JIMMIE JOHNSON	123	193	0	0	0
22	RICKY STENHOUSE JR.	123	193	0	0	0
23	JAMIE MCMURRAY	122	194	0	0	0
24	CHRIS BUESCHER	118	198	0	0	0
25	MICHAEL MCDOWELL	114	202	0	0	0
26	DANIEL SUAREZ	108	208	0	0	0
27	KASEY KAHNE	98	218	0	0	0
28	TREVOR BAYNE	97	219	0	0	0
29	DAVID RAGAN	92	224	0	0	0
30	TY DILLON	86	230	0	0	0
31	MATT DIBENEDETTO	75	241	0	0	0
32	COLE WHITT	55	261	0	0	0
33	GRAY GAULDING .	48	268	0	0	0
34	JEFFREY EARNHARDT	28	288	0	0	0
35	D J KENNINGTON	28	288	0	0	0
36	HARRISON RHODES	21	295	0	0	0
37	LANDON CASSILL	17	299	0	0	0
38	MARK THOMPSON	15	301	0	0	0
39	BRENDAN GAUGHAN	9	307	0	0	0
40	REED SORENSON	9	307	0	0	0
41	DANICA PATRICK	2	314	0	0	0
42	COREY LAJOIE	2	314	0	0	0
43	JUSTIN MARKS(i)	0	316	0	0	0
44	DAVID GILLILAND(i)	0	316	0	0	0
45	ROSS CHASTAIN(i)	0	316	0	0	0
46	COLE CUSTER(i)	0	316	0	0	0
47	JJ YELEY(i)	0	316	0	0	0
48	JOEY GASE(i)	0	316	0	0	0
49	TIMMY HILL(i)	0	316	0	0	0

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MONSTER ENERGY NASCAR CUP SERIES OWNER LEADERS

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Rank	Car #	OWNER	Points	Behind Leader	Race Wins	Stage Wins	Playoff Points	Qualifying Attempts
1	18	Joe Gibbs Racing	316	0	1	2	7	7
2	22	Team Penske	278	38	0	0	0	7
3	12	Team Penske	265	51	0	2	2	7
4	4	Stewart-Haas Racing	257	59	3	4	12	7
5	78	Furniture Row Racing	250	66	1	2	7	7
6	14	Stewart-Haas Racing	249	67	1	0	5	7
7	2	Team Penske	237	79	0	1	1	7
8	41	Stewart-Haas Racing	224	92	0	2	2	7
9	11	Joe Gibbs Racing	222	94	0	1	1	7
10	42	Chip Ganassi Racing	202	114	0	0	0	7
11	20	Joe Gibbs Racing	193	123	0	0	0	7
12	10	Stewart-Haas Racing	177	139	0	0	0	7
13	3	Richard Childress Racing	159	157	1	0	5	7
14	88	Hendrick Motorsports	154	162	0	0	0	7
15	9	Hendrick Motorsports	148	168	0	0	0	7
16	21	Wood Brothers Racing	146	170	0	0	0	7
17	31	Richard Childress Racing	145	171	0	0	0	7
18	24	Hendrick Motorsports	135	181	0	0	0	7
19	43	Richard Petty Motorsports	126	190	0	0	0	7
20	47	JTG Daugherty Racing	123	193	0	0	0	7
21	48	Hendrick Motorsports	123	193	0	0	0	7
22	17	Roush Fenway Racing	123	193	0	0	0	7
23	1	Chip Ganassi Racing	122	194	0	0	0	7
24	37	JTG Daugherty Racing	118	198	0	0	0	7
25	34	Front Row Motorsports	114	202	0	0	0	7
26	19	Joe Gibbs Racing	108	208	0	0	0	7
27	95	Leavine Family Racing	98	218	0	0	0	7
28	6	Roush Fenway Racing	97	219	0	0	0	7
29	38	Front Row Motorsports	92	224	0	0	0	7
30	13	Germain Racing	86	230	0	0	0	7
31	32	GO FAS Racing	75	241	0	0	0	7
32	51	Rick Ware Racing	66	250	0	0	0	7
33	15	Premium Motorsports	62	254	0	0	0	7
34	72	TriStar Motorsports	57	259	0	0	0	7
35	23	BK Racing	48	268	0	0	0	7
36	00	StarCom Racing	45	271	0	0	0	7
37	96	Gaunt Brothers Racing	28	288	0	0	0	3
38	92	RBR Enterprises	23	293	0	0	0	1
39	55	Premium Motorsports	20	296	0	0	0	4
40	166	Phoenix Air Racing	15	301	0	0	0	1
41	162	Beard Motorsports	9	307	0	0	0	1