

MONSTER ENERGY NASCAR CUP SERIES OFFICIAL RACE REPORT No. 21

45TH ANNUAL GANDER OUTDOORS 400

POCONO RACEWAY

Long Pond, PA - July 29, 2018

2.5-mile Paved Triangle

164 Laps - 410.0 Miles



TIME OF RACE: 3 hours, 5 minutes, 43 seconds

AVERAGE SPEED: 132.46 mph

MARGIN OF VICTORY: 1.788 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	28	18	Kyle Busch	M&M's Caramel Toyota	164	4		47	Running	2	52	5
2	1	19	Daniel Suarez	Stanley Toyota	164	5		41	Running	3	29	
3	10	88	Alex Bowman	AXALTA All-Pro Teachers Chevrolet	164	9	4	43	Running			
4	29	4	Kevin Harvick	Mobil 1 Ford	164	2	1	52	Running	2	30	1
5	3	20	Erik Jones	Reser's Toyota	164			32	Running	1	11	
6	38	24	William Byron #	AXALTA/IMRON Chevrolet	164		10	32	Running	1	10	
7	6	9	Chase Elliott	NAPA Auto Parts Chevrolet	164	1	2	49	Running	1	14	1
8	9	31	Ryan Newman	Bass Pro Shops/Cabela's Chevrolet	164			29	Running			
9	7	41	Kurt Busch	Haas Automation Ford	164	8		31	Running	1	11	
10	2	11	Denny Hamlin	FedEx Express Toyota	164	3		35	Running	1	5	
11	31	14	Clint Bowyer	Haas 30 Years of the VF1 Ford	164	6	3	39	Running			
12	33	12	Ryan Blaney	PPG Ford	164	10	9	28	Running			
13	37	3	Austin Dillon	American Ethanol e15 Chevrolet	164			24	Running			
14	14	47	AJ Allmendinger	Kroger ClickList Chevrolet	164			23	Running			
15	8	78	Martin Truex Jr	Auto-Owners Insurance Toyota	164			22	Running			
16	13	34	Michael McDowell	Dockside Logistics Ford	164			21	Running			
17	35	48	Jimmie Johnson	Lowe's for Pros Chevrolet	164		6	25	Running			
18	11	6	Matt Kenseth	Roush Performance Ford	164			19	Running			
19	16	38	David Ragan	A&W All American Food Ford	164			18	Running			
20	5	1	Jamie McMurray	Arctic Cat Chevrolet	164		8	20	Running	1	1	
21	36	21	Paul Menard	Menards/Libman Ford	164			16	Running			
22	17	17	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	Ford Ford	164			15	Running			
23	32	42	Kyle Larson	DC Solar/Credit One Bank Chevrolet	164		5	20	Running			
24	15	13	Ty Dillon	GEICO Chevrolet	164			13	Running			
25	34	10	Aric Almirola	Smithfield Ford	164			12	Running			
26	30	22	Joey Logano	Shell Pennzoil Ford	164			11	Running			
27	18	32	Matt DiBenedetto	Dude Wipes Ford	164			10	Running			
28	20	23	JJ Yeley (i)	Steakhouse Elite Toyota	164			0	Running			
29	19	96	Jeffrey Earnhardt	Xtreme Concepts Inc. Toyota	163			8	Running			
30	40	95	Kasey Kahne	Procore Chevrolet	162			7	Running			
31	23	99	Kyle Weatherman	StarCom Fiber Chevrolet	161			6	Running			
32	25	7	Reed Sorenson	Chevrolet	161			5	Running			
33	39	43	Bubba Wallace #	Mile 22 Chevrolet	153			4	Accident			
34	24	00	Landon Cassill	Lock Haven University Chevrolet	148			3	Running			
35	22	15	Ross Chastain (i)	Chevrolet	146			0	Running			
36	27	66	Timmy Hill (i)	Lehigh Valley Phantoms Toyota	142			0	Running			
37	12	37	Chris Buescher	Scott Products Chevrolet	123			1	Transmission			
38	4	2	Brad Keselowski	Alliance Truck Parts Ford	121	7	7	9	Accident	1	1	
39	21	72	Corey Lajoie	Monarch Chevrolet	95			1	Accident			
40	26	51	BJ McLeod (i)	Jacob Companies Chevrolet	77			0	Engine			

Sunoco Rookie of the Year Contender.
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Stage 1 Top 10: 9, 4, 11, 18, 19, 14, 2, 41, 88, 12
Stage 2 Top 10: 4, 9, 14, 88, 42, 48, 2, 1, 12, 24

Race Comments: Kyle Busch won the 45th annual Gander Outdoors 400 at Pocono Raceway, his 49th victory in the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series. Prior to the start of the race, the following cars dropped to the rear of the field under penalty for the reasons indicated: No. 95 (engine change), 15 (driver change) and 23 (unapproved adjustments).

Failed to Qualify: n/a

Caution Flags: 7 cautions for 29 laps. [Beneficiary in Brackets] 52-56 (End Of Stage 1 [34]); 84-87 (Car #72 Incident Turn 3 [17]); 102-105 (End Of Stage 2 [23]); 122-125 (Car #2 Incident Turn 2 [23]); 127-132 (Fluid On Track From #00 [96]); 155-157 (Car #43 Incident Turn 1 [Red Flag 10:10] [23]); 160-162 (Car #10, 17 Incident Turn 1 [22]).

Lead Changes: 13 lead changes among 10 drivers. Suarez 1-21, Keselowski 22, McMurray 23, Ku. Busch 24-34, Hamlin 35-39, Elliott 40-53, Jones 54-64, Harvick 65-77, Suarez 78-84, Harvick 85-101, Byron 102-111, Ky. Busch 112-121, Suarez 122, Ky. Busch 123-164.

BUSCH POLE AWARD: Daniel Suarez (176.988 mph, 50.851 secs.)
AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD: Kyle Busch
FASTEST LAP AWARD: Kyle Busch (Lap 137, 173.927 MPH)
MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER OF THE RACE: Toyota Racing Development (TRD) (#18)

MOBIL 1 PERFORMANCE AWARD: Kyle Larson (108 Passes)
MOOG GO THE EXTRA MILE AWARD: William Byron (crew chief Darian Grubb, 0.328 seconds)
SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE RACE: William Byron

MANUFACTURERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

	Pts	Wins
Toyota	775	(11)
Ford	752	(9)
Chevrolet	675	(1)

AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD

Kevin Harvick	(#4)	6
Kyle Busch	(#18)	5
Martin Truex Jr	(#78)	5

FASTEST LAP AWARD

Kevin Harvick	(#4)	8
Martin Truex Jr	(#78)	4
Kyle Busch	(#18)	2

MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER

Roush/Yates	(#4)	287
TRD	(#18)	282
Roush/Yates	(#41)	173

MOBIL 1 PERFORMANCE AWARD

Ricky Stenhouse Jr	(#17)	4
Kyle Larson	(#42)	3
Aric Almirola	(#10)	3

MOOG GO THE EXTRA MILE AWARD

Adam Stevens	(#18)	4
Mike Bugarewicz	(#14)	3
Michael Wheeler	(#11)	2

BUSCH POLE AWARD

Martin Truex Jr	4
Kyle Busch	3
Kurt Busch	3
Kevin Harvick	2
Kyle Larson	2
Ryan Blaney	2
Chase Elliott	1
Alex Bowman	1
Paul Menard	1
Daniel Suarez	1

SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

WILLIAM BYRON	390
BUBBA WALLACE	319

NEXT EVENT: August 5, 2018 - 33rd Annual Go Bowling at The Glen, Watkins Glen International, Watkins Glen, NY (355 Miles) (90 Laps)

MONSTER ENERGY NASCAR CUP SERIES DRIVER LEADERS

Race #21: 45TH ANNUAL GANDER OUTDOORS "400" Race Date: 07/29/2018

Rank	DRIVER	Points	Behind Leader	Race Wins	Stage Wins	Playoff Points
1	KYLE BUSCH	891	0	6	5	35
2	KEVIN HARVICK	843	48	6	10	33
3	MARTIN TRUEX JR.	762	129	4	6	26
4	JOEY LOGANO	690	201	1	2	7
5	CLINT BOWYER	677	214	2	0	10
6	KURT BUSCH	677	214	0	2	2
7	BRAD KESELOWSKI	644	247	0	4	4
8	KYLE LARSON	626	265	0	1	0
9	DENNY HAMLIN	618	273	0	2	2
10	RYAN BLANEY	612	279	0	4	4
11	ARIC ALMIROLA	587	304	0	1	1
12	CHASE ELLIOTT	569	322	0	2	2
13	JIMMIE JOHNSON	547	344	0	0	0
14	ERIK JONES	533	358	1	0	5
15	ALEX BOWMAN	496	395	0	1	0
16	RICKY STENHOUSE JR.	440	451	0	2	2
17	PAUL MENARD	440	451	0	1	1
18	RYAN NEWMAN	408	483	0	0	0
19	AUSTIN DILLON	402	489	1	0	5
20	DANIEL SUAREZ	400	491	0	1	0
21	WILLIAM BYRON	390	501	0	0	0
22	JAMIE MCMURRAY	375	516	0	0	0
23	A J ALLMENDINGER	338	553	0	1	1
24	CHRIS BUESCHER	325	566	0	0	0
25	BUBBA WALLACE	319	572	0	0	0
26	DAVID RAGAN	308	583	0	0	0
27	KASEY KAHNE	306	585	0	0	0
28	MICHAEL MCDOWELL	305	586	0	0	0
29	TY DILLON	279	612	0	0	0
30	MATT DIBENEDETTO	234	657	0	0	0
31	TREVOR BAYNE	185	706	0	0	0
32	GRAY GAULDING	113	778	0	0	0
33	MATT KENSETH	108	783	0	0	0
34	LANDON CASSILL	97	794	0	0	0
35	COLE WHITT	87	804	0	0	0
36	D J KENNINGTON	82	809	0	0	0
37	COREY LAJOIE	75	816	0	0	0
38	JEFFREY EARNHARDT	69	822	0	0	0
39	BRENDAN GAUGHAN	49	842	0	0	0
40	REED SORENSON	41	850	0	0	0
41	HARRISON RHODES	23	868	0	0	0
42	KYLE WEATHERMAN	16	875	0	0	0
43	MARK THOMPSON	15	876	0	0	0
44	CHRIS COOK	6	885	0	0	0
45	TOMY DRISSI	5	886	0	0	0
46	BLAKE JONES	4	887	0	0	0
47	DERRIKE COPE	4	887	0	0	0
48	DANICA PATRICK	2	889	0	0	0
49	CODY WARE	1	890	0	0	0
50	JUSTIN MARKS(i)	0	891	0	0	0
51	DAVID GILLILAND(i)	0	891	0	0	0
52	RAY BLACK II(i)	0	891	0	0	0
53	ROSS CHASTAIN(i)	0	891	0	0	0
54	JJ YELEY(i)	0	891	0	0	0
55	PARKER KLIGERMAN(i)	0	891	0	0	0
56	TIMOTHY PETERS(i)	0	891	0	0	0
57	COLE CUSTER(i)	0	891	0	0	0
58	JOEY GASE(i)	0	891	0	0	0
59	TIMMY HILL(i)	0	891	0	0	0
60	BJ MCLEOD(i)	0	891	0	0	0
61	DANIEL HEMRIC(i)	0	891	0	0	0
62	CHAD FINCHUM(i)	0	891	0	0	0
63	JESSE LITTLE(i)	0	891	0	0	0
64	GARRETT SMITHLEY(i)	0	891	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	891	0	6	5	35	21
2	4	Stewart-Haas Racing	843	48	6	10	33	21
3	78	Furniture Row Racing	762	129	4	6	26	21
4	22	Team Penske	690	201	1	2	7	21
5	14	Stewart-Haas Racing	677	214	2	0	10	21
6	41	Stewart-Haas Racing	677	214	0	2	2	21
7	2	Team Penske	644	247	0	4	4	21
8	42	Chip Ganassi Racing	626	265	0	1	0	21
9	11	Joe Gibbs Racing	618	273	0	2	2	21
10	12	Team Penske	612	279	0	4	4	21
11	10	Stewart-Haas Racing	587	304	0	1	1	21
12	9	Hendrick Motorsports	569	322	0	2	2	21
13	48	Hendrick Motorsports	547	344	0	0	0	21
14	20	Joe Gibbs Racing	533	358	1	0	5	21
15	88	Hendrick Motorsports	496	395	0	1	0	21
16	17	Roush Fenway Racing	440	451	0	2	2	21
17	21	Wood Brothers Racing	440	451	0	1	1	21
18	31	Richard Childress Racing	408	483	0	0	0	21
19	3	Richard Childress Racing	402	489	1	0	5	21
20	19	Joe Gibbs Racing	400	491	0	1	0	21
21	24	Hendrick Motorsports	390	501	0	0	0	21
22	1	Chip Ganassi Racing	375	516	0	0	0	21
23	47	JTG Daugherty Racing	338	553	0	1	1	21
24	37	JTG Daugherty Racing	325	566	0	0	0	21
25	43	Richard Petty Motorsports	319	572	0	0	0	21
26	38	Front Row Motorsports	308	583	0	0	0	21
27	95	Leavine Family Racing	306	585	0	0	0	21
28	34	Front Row Motorsports	305	586	0	0	0	21
29	6	Roush Fenway Racing	293	598	0	0	0	21
30	13	Germain Racing	279	612	0	0	0	21
31	32	GO FAS Racing	234	657	0	0	0	21
32	15	Premium Motorsports	192	699	0	0	0	21
33	72	TriStar Motorsports	162	729	0	0	0	21
34	23	BK Racing	146	745	0	0	0	21
35	00	StarCom Racing	139	752	0	0	0	21
36	51	Rick Ware Racing	126	765	0	0	0	21
37	96	Gaunt Brothers Racing	111	780	0	0	0	9
38	107	Premium Motorsports	95	796	0	0	0	16
39	162	Beard Motorsports	49	842	0	0	0	3
40	92	RBR Enterprises	37	854	0	0	0	3
41	199	StarCom Racing	35	856	0	0	0	8
42	66	Motorsports Business Management	21	870	0	0	0	7
43	166	Phoenix Air Racing	15	876	0	0	0	1
44	8	Richard Childress Racing	5	886	0	0	0	1
45	52	Rick Ware Racing	1	890	0	0	0	1
46	7	NY Racing Team	1	890	0	0	0	1