

MONSTER ENERGY NASCAR CUP SERIES OFFICIAL RACE REPORT No. 24

58TH ANNUAL BASS PRO SHOPS NRA NIGHT RACE

BRISTOL MOTOR SPEEDWAY

Bristol, TN - August 18, 2018

.533-Mile Concrete Oval

500 Laps - 266.5 Miles



TIME OF RACE: 2 hours, 58 minutes, 35 seconds

AVERAGE SPEED: 89.538 mph

MARGIN OF VICTORY: 0.367 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	9	41	Kurt Busch	Monster Energy/Haas Automation Ford	500	7	9	46	Running	1	24	5
2	1	42	Kyle Larson	DC Solar Chevrolet	500	6	3	48	Running	5	17	
3	2	9	Chase Elliott	Kelley Blue Book Chevrolet	500	4	2	50	Running	2	112	
4	19	22	Joey Logano	Shell Pennzoil Ford	500	9	1	45	Running	2	95	1
5	14	20	Erik Jones	Sport Clips Toyota	500	8	7	39	Running			
6	16	14	Clint Bowyer	Rush Truck Centers/Cummins Ford	500	3	6	44	Running	2	120	
7	10	12	Ryan Blaney	REV Ford	500	1	5	46	Running	3	121	1
8	22	88	Alex Bowman	Valvoline Chevrolet	500		10	30	Running			
9	13	48	Jimmie Johnson	Lowe's for Pros Chevrolet	500	10	8	32	Running			
10	6	4	Kevin Harvick	Jimmy John's Ford	500	2		36	Running	2	8	
11	23	6	Trevor Bayne	AdvoCare Rehydrate Ford	500			26	Running			
12	24	31	Ryan Newman	Bass Pro Shops/Cabela's Chevrolet	500			25	Running	1	1	
13	18	3	Austin Dillon	Dow NORKOOL Chevrolet	500			24	Running			
14	7	11	Denny Hamlin	FedEx Freight Toyota	500			23	Running			
15	26	95	Kasey Kahne	Thorne Wellness Chevrolet	500			22	Running			
16	11	2	Brad Keselowski	Miller Lite Ford	499			21	Running			
17	15	38	David Ragan	Shriners Hospital For Children Ford	499			20	Running			
18	21	19	Daniel Suarez	STANLEY Toyota	499			19	Running			
19	28	37	Chris Buescher	Bush's Beans Chevrolet	499			18	Running			
20	3	18	Kyle Busch	M&M's White Chocolate Toyota	497			17	Running			
21	32	13	Ty Dillon	GEICO Chevrolet	496			16	Running			
22	29	32	Matt DiBenedetto	Zynga Poker Ford	496			15	Running			
23	5	24	William Byron #	Liberty University Chevrolet	496			14	Running			
24	12	17	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	Fastenal Ford	495			13	Running			
25	39	00	Landon Cassill	StarCom Fiber Chevrolet	493			12	Running			
26	35	15	Ross Chastain (i)	LowT Center Chevrolet	492			0	Running			
27	40	23	Blake Jones	KBM Commercial Properties/Planet Fitness Toyota	485			10	Running			
28	37	66	Timmy Hill (i)	Beef Jerky Outlet Toyota	481			0	Running			
29	20	1	Jamie McMurray	Cessna/McDonald's Chevrolet	435			8	Running			
30	17	78	Martin Truex Jr	Bass Pro Shops/Ducks Unlimited Toyota	431			7	Accident			
31	8	10	Aric Almirola	Smithfield Anytime Favorites Ford	428	5	4	19	Running	2	2	
32	34	7	JJ Yeley (i)	Steakhouse Elite Chevrolet	423			0	Accident			
33	36	51	Reed Sorenson	Trading View Chevrolet	338			4	Accident			
34	30	72	Corey Lajoie	ARK io Blockchain Solutions Chevrolet	234			3	Electrical			
35	33	96	Jesse Little (i)	Gaunt Brothers Racing Toyota	59			0	Accident			
36	4	21	Paul Menard	Menards/Knauf Ford	28			1	Accident			
37	31	34	Michael McDowell	Love's Travel Stops Ford	10			1	Accident			
38	27	43	Bubba Wallace #	Medallion Bank/Petty's Garage Chevrolet	3			1	Accident			
39	25	47	AJ Allmendinger	Kroger ClickList Chevrolet	1			1	Accident			
40	38	99	Gray Gaulding	StarCom Fiber Chevrolet	1			1	Accident			

Sunoco Rookie of the Year Contender.

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Stage 1 Top 10: 12, 4, 14, 9, 10, 42, 41, 20, 22, 48

Stage 2 Top 10: 22, 9, 42, 10, 12, 14, 20, 48, 41, 88

Race Comments: Kurt Busch won the 58th annual Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race 500 at Bristol Motor Speedway, his 30th 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: Nos. 3 (failed pre-race inspection).

Failed to Qualify: (1) #52 BJ McLeod

Caution Flags: 9 cautions for 70 laps. [Beneficiary in Brackets] 4-13 (Car #19, 43, 96, 95, 7, 32, 34, 47, 00, 18, 66, 78, 13, 11, 12 Incident Frontstretch [None]); 62-66 (Competition [31]); 127-136 (Stage 1 Conclusion [78]); 199-203 (Car #38 Spin Backstretch [None]); 252-261 (Stage 2 Conclusion [18]); 353-359 (Car #51 Incident Turn 4 [2]); 433-445 (Car #78, 7 Incident Frontstretch [2]); 473-477 (Car #2 Spin Backstretch [88]); 483-487 (Car #37, 18 Incident Turn 4 [95]).

Lead Changes: 19 lead changes among 9 drivers. Larson 1-13, Harvick 14-15, Larson 16, Blaney 17-62, Larson 63, Blaney 64-130, Almirola 131, Harvick 132-137, Elliott 138-191, Blaney 192-199, Almirola 200, Logano 201-254, Larson 255, Logano 256-296, Elliott 297-354, Larson 355, Bowyer 356-441, Newman 442, Bowyer 443-476, Ku. Busch 477-500.

BUSCH POLE AWARD: Kyle Larson (127.792 mph. 15.015 secs.)

AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD: Kyle Larson

FASTEST LAP AWARD: Kyle Busch (lap 21, 125.906 mph)

MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER OF THE RACE: Hendrick Engines (#42)

MOBIL 1 PERFORMANCE AWARD: Chris Buescher (94 passes)

MOOG GO THE EXTRA MILE AWARD: Kurt Busch (crew chief Billy Scott, 0.054 seconds)

SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE RACE: William Byron

MANUFACTURERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

	Pts	Wins
Toyota	876	(11)
Ford	855	(11)
Chevrolet	783	(2)

MOOG GO THE EXTRA MILE AWARD

Adam Stevens	(#18)	4
Mike Bugarewicz	(#14)	3
Paul Wolfe	(#2)	2

BUSCH POLE AWARD

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

AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD

Kevin Harvick	(#4)	7
Kyle Busch	(#18)	5
Martin Truex Jr	(#78)	5

FASTEST LAP AWARD

Kevin Harvick	(#4)	9
Kyle Busch	(#18)	4
Martin Truex Jr	(#78)	4

MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER

Roush/Yates	(#4)	321
TRD	(#18)	316
Roush/Yates	(#41)	206

MOBIL 1 PERFORMANCE AWARD

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

SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

WILLIAM BYRON	442
BUBBA WALLACE	346

NEXT EVENT: September 2, 2018 - 69th Annual Bojangles' Southern 500, Darlington Raceway, Darlington, SC (501.322 Miles) (367 Laps)

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MONSTER ENERGY NASCAR CUP SERIES DRIVER LEADERS

Race #24: 58TH ANNUAL BASS PRO SHOPS NRA NIGHT RACE Race Date: 08/18/2018

Rank	DRIVER	Points	Behind Leader	Race Wins	Stage Wins	Playoff Points
1	KYLE BUSCH	1003	0	6	5	35
2	KEVIN HARVICK	960	43	7	12	40
3	MARTIN TRUOX JR.	849	154	4	7	27
4	KURT BUSCH	796	207	1	2	7
5	CLINT BOWYER	776	227	2	0	10
6	JOEY LOGANO	768	235	1	3	8
7	RYAN BLANEY	733	270	0	5	5
8	BRAD KESELOWSKI	730	273	0	4	4
9	KYLE LARSON	729	274	0	1	0
10	DENNY HAMLIN	707	296	0	2	2
11	CHASE ELLIOTT	697	306	1	3	8
12	ARIC ALMIROLA	658	345	0	1	1
13	ERIK JONES	635	368	1	0	5
14	JIMMIE JOHNSON	604	399	0	0	0
15	ALEX BOWMAN	572	431	0	1	0
16	RICKY STENHOUSE JR.	493	510	0	2	2
17	RYAN NEWMAN	481	522	0	0	0
18	DANIEL SUAREZ	479	524	0	1	0
19	AUSTIN DILLON	475	528	1	0	5
20	PAUL MENARD	473	530	0	1	1
21	WILLIAM BYRON	442	561	0	0	0
22	JAMIE MCMURRAY	434	569	0	0	0
23	CHRIS BUESCHER	380	623	0	0	0
24	A J ALLMENDINGER	376	627	0	1	1
25	DAVID RAGAN	349	654	0	0	0
26	BUBBA WALLACE	346	657	0	0	0
27	KASEY KAHNE	345	658	0	0	0
28	MICHAEL MCDOWELL	344	659	0	0	0
29	TY DILLON	310	693	0	0	0
30	MATT DIBENEDETTO	266	737	0	0	0
31	TREVOR BAYNE	214	789	0	0	0
32	LONDON CASSILL	123	880	0	0	0
33	GRAY GAULDING	118	885	0	0	0
34	MATT KENSETH	117	886	0	0	0
35	COLE WHITT	90	913	0	0	0
36	D J KENNINGTON	82	921	0	0	0
37	COREY LAJOIE	79	924	0	0	0
38	JEFFREY EARNHARDT	70	933	0	0	0
39	REED SORENSON	45	958	0	0	0
40	HARRISON RHODES	23	980	0	0	0
41	BLAKE JONES	21	982	0	0	0
42	KYLE WEATHERMAN	16	987	0	0	0
43	MARK THOMPSON	15	988	0	0	0
44	CHRIS COOK	6	997	0	0	0
45	TOMY DRISSI	5	998	0	0	0
46	DERRIKE COPE	4	999	0	0	0
47	DANICA PATRICK	2	1001	0	0	0
48	CODY WARE	1	1002	0	0	0
49	BRENDAN GAUGHAN(i)	0	1003	0	0	0
50	JUSTIN MARKS(i)	0	1003	0	0	0
51	DAVID GILLILAND(i)	0	1003	0	0	0
52	RAY BLACK II(i)	0	1003	0	0	0
53	ROSS CHASTAIN(i)	0	1003	0	0	0
54	JJ YELEY(i)	0	1003	0	0	0
55	PARKER KLIGERMAN(i)	0	1003	0	0	0
56	TIMOTHY PETERS(i)	0	1003	0	0	0
57	COLE CUSTER(i)	0	1003	0	0	0
58	JOEY GASE(i)	0	1003	0	0	0
59	TIMMY HILL(i)	0	1003	0	0	0
60	BJ MCLEOD(i)	0	1003	0	0	0
61	GARRETT SMITHLEY(i)	0	1003	0	0	0
62	DANIEL HEMRIC(i)	0	1003	0	0	0
63	CHAD FINCHUM(i)	0	1003	0	0	0
64	JESSE LITTLE(i)	0	1003	0	0	0
65	SPENCER GALLAGHER(i)	0	1003	0	0	0
66	JOSH BILICKI(i)	0	1003	0	0	0

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Rank	Car #	OWNER	Points	Behind Leader	Race Wins	Stage Wins	Playoff Points	Qualifying Attempts
1	18	Joe Gibbs Racing	1003	0	6	5	35	24
2	4	Stewart-Haas Racing	960	43	7	12	40	24
3	78	Furniture Row Racing	849	154	4	7	27	24
4	41	Stewart-Haas Racing	796	207	1	2	7	24
5	14	Stewart-Haas Racing	776	227	2	0	10	24
6	22	Team Penske	768	235	1	3	8	24
7	12	Team Penske	733	270	0	5	5	24
8	2	Team Penske	730	273	0	4	4	24
9	42	Chip Ganassi Racing	729	274	0	1	0	24
10	11	Joe Gibbs Racing	707	296	0	2	2	24
11	9	Hendrick Motorsports	697	306	1	3	8	24
12	10	Stewart-Haas Racing	658	345	0	1	1	24
13	20	Joe Gibbs Racing	635	368	1	0	5	24
14	48	Hendrick Motorsports	604	399	0	0	0	24
15	88	Hendrick Motorsports	572	431	0	1	0	24
16	17	Roush Fenway Racing	493	510	0	2	2	24
17	31	Richard Childress Racing	481	522	0	0	0	24
18	19	Joe Gibbs Racing	479	524	0	1	0	24
19	3	Richard Childress Racing	475	528	1	0	5	24
20	21	Wood Brothers Racing	473	530	0	1	1	24
21	24	Hendrick Motorsports	442	561	0	0	0	24
22	1	Chip Ganassi Racing	434	569	0	0	0	24
23	37	JTG Daugherty Racing	380	623	0	0	0	24
24	47	JTG Daugherty Racing	376	627	0	1	1	24
25	38	Front Row Motorsports	349	654	0	0	0	24
26	43	Richard Petty Motorsports	346	657	0	0	0	24
27	95	Leavine Family Racing	345	658	0	0	0	24
28	34	Front Row Motorsports	344	659	0	0	0	24
29	6	Roush Fenway Racing	331	672	0	0	0	24
30	13	Germain Racing	310	693	0	0	0	24
31	32	GO FAS Racing	266	737	0	0	0	24
32	15	Premium Motorsports	210	793	0	0	0	24
33	72	TriStar Motorsports	169	834	0	0	0	24
34	23	BK Racing	165	838	0	0	0	24
35	00	StarCom Racing	165	838	0	0	0	24
36	51	Rick Ware Racing	137	866	0	0	0	24
37	96	Gaunt Brothers Racing	127	876	0	0	0	12
38	107	Premium Motorsports	105	898	0	0	0	18
39	162	Beard Motorsports	49	954	0	0	0	3
40	199	StarCom Racing	40	963	0	0	0	10
41	92	RBR Enterprises	37	966	0	0	0	3
42	66	Motorsports Business Management	31	972	0	0	0	9
43	166	Phoenix Air Racing	15	988	0	0	0	1
44	8	Richard Childress Racing	5	998	0	0	0	1
45	52	Rick Ware Racing	1	1002	0	0	0	2
46	7	NY Racing Team	1	1002	0	0	0	1