

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES OFFICIAL RACE REPORT No. 1



54TH ANNUAL DAYTONA 500
 DAYTONA INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY
 Daytona Beach, FL - February 27, 2012
 2.5-Mile Paved Tri-Oval
 200 Laps - 500 Miles Purse: \$19,142,601



TIME OF RACE: 3 hours, 36 minutes, 2 seconds

AVERAGE SPEED: 140.256 mph

MARGIN OF VICTORY: 0.21 second(s)

Fin Pos	Str Pos	Car No	Driver	Team	Laps	Pts	Bns Pts	Driver Rating	Winnings	Status	Lead Tms	Laps
1	4	17	Matt Kenseth	Best Buy Ford	202	47	4	100.9	\$1,588,887	Running	2	50
2	5	88	Dale Earnhardt Jr	Diet Mountain Dew/National Guard Chevrolet	202	42		99.5	1,103,150	Running		
3	2	16	Greg Biffle	3M Ford	202	42	1	126.2	804,163	Running	8	44
4	31	11	Denny Hamlin	FedEx Express Toyota	202	42	2	124.7	702,091	Running	3	57
5	9	31	Jeff Burton	Caterpillar Chevrolet	202	40	1	117.7	564,550	Running	2	24
6	37	27	Paul Menard	Menards/Peak Chevrolet	202	39	1	90.4	427,900	Running	1	2
7	13	29	Kevin Harvick	Budweiser Chevrolet	202	37		83.0	415,261	Running		
8	1	99	Carl Edwards	Fastenal Ford	202	36		81.1	403,466	Running		
9	12	20	Joey Logano	The Home Depot Toyota	202	36	1	104.4	346,063	Running	1	2
10	22	55	Mark Martin	Aaron's Toyota	202	35	1	90.5	323,313	Running	1	2
11	30	15	Clint Bowyer	5-hour Energy Toyota	202	33		91.6	339,002	Running		
12	26	56	Martin Truex Jr	NAPA Auto Parts Toyota	202	33	1	106.7	535,052	Running	2	7
13	7	9	Marcos Ambrose	Stanley Ford	202	31		93.8	342,358	Running		
14	32	47	Bobby Labonte	Kroger Toyota	202	30		67.2	331,196	Running		
15	24	36	Dave Blaney	Ollie's Bargain Outlet Chevrolet	202	30	1	70.2	296,513	Running	1	6
16	3	14	Tony Stewart	Office Depot/Mobil 1 Chevrolet	202	29	1	82.6	377,775	Running	1	2
17	14	18	Kyle Busch	M&M's Brown Toyota	202	27		80.2	341,821	Running		
18	43	32	Terry Labonte	C&J Energy Ford	202	27	1	63.6	316,150	Running	1	3
19	41	26	Tony Raines	Front Row Motorsports Ford	202	25		51.8	317,676	Running		
20	21	6	Ricky Stenhouse Jr(i)	Ford EcoBoost Ford	202	0		64.9	357,033	Running		
21	18	39	Ryan Newman	U.S. ARMY/Quicken Loans Chevrolet	202	23		64.5	361,059	Running		
22	39	83	Landon Cassill	Burger King Toyota	202	22		59.2	319,945	Running		
23	33	38	David Gilliland	MHP/Power Pak Pudding Ford	201	21		59.7	309,133	Running		
24	6	78	Regan Smith	Furniture Row/CSX Play It Safe Chevrolet	200	21	1	79.0	357,034	Running	1	2
25	36	13	Casey Mears	GEICO Ford	199	19		64.0	305,021	Running		
26	38	93	David Reutimann	Burger King Toyota	196	18		67.1	309,335	Accident		
27	10	33	Elliott Sadler (i)	General Mills/Kroger Chevrolet	196	0		53.1	305,788	Running		
28	34	87	Joe Nemechek (i)	AM FM Energy Wood & Pellet Stoves Toyota	194	0		37.5	287,363	Running		
29	20	5	Kasey Kahne	Farmers Insurance Chevrolet	189	15		68.4	297,988	Accident		
30	11	98	Michael McDowell	KLOVE/Curb Records Ford	189	14		52.4	292,175	Running		
31	19	1	Jamie McMurray	Bass Pro Shops/Tracker Boats Chevrolet	188	13		63.6	318,608	Accident		
32	23	2	Brad Keselowski	Miller Lite Dodge	187	12		73.3	322,295	Accident		
33	27	43	Aric Almirola	Smithfield Helping Hungry Homes Ford	187	11		72.8	320,986	Accident		
34	15	22	AJ Allmendinger	Shell Pennzoil Dodge	177	10		45.1	328,325	Running		
35	40	21	Trevor Bayne (i)	Motorcraft/Quick Lane Tire & Auto Center Ford	164	0		37.6	283,200	Running		
36	35	42	Juan Pablo Montoya	Target Chevrolet	159	8		53.9	312,391	Accident		
37	42	30	David Stremme	Inception Motorsports Toyota	156	7		48.2	282,075	Engine		
38	29	10	Danica Patrick (i)	GoDaddy.com Chevrolet	138	0		34.9	281,715	Running		
39	28	51	Kurt Busch	Hendrickcars.com Chevrolet	113	5		26.7	277,913	Running		
40	16	24	Jeff Gordon	Drive to End Hunger Chevrolet	81	5	1	67.9	317,674	Engine	1	1
41	17	7	Robby Gordon	MAPEI/Menards/SPEED Energy Dodge	25	3		30.5	268,150	Engine		
42	8	48	Jimmie Johnson	Lowe's Chevrolet	1	2		28.3	327,149	Accident		
43	25	34	David Ragan	Scorpion Truck Bedliners Ford	1	1		25.9	267,637	Accident		

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: (6) #40 Michael Waltrip; #23 Robert Richardson; #97 Bill Elliott; #37 Mike Wallace; #09 Kenny Wallace; #49 J.J. Yeley
 Race Comments: Before an estimated crowd of 140,000 (originally estimated at 180,000), Matt Kenseth won the Daytona 500, his 22nd NASCAR Sprint Cup Series victory and second Daytona 500 win. To start the race, prior to the green flag the following cars dropped to the rear of the field for the reasons indicated: #27, 42, 10, 38 (backup car), #51 (engine change). The event was originally scheduled for Feb. 26.

Caution Flags: 10 cautions for 42 laps. [Beneficiary in Brackets] 3-7 (Car #10, 21, 33, 34, 48, 51 Accident Frontstretch [None]); 14-16 (Car #39 Spin Turn 2 [None]); 65-67 (Debris [83]); 82-85 (Oil On Track [26]); 89-91 (Car #9, 32 Accident Tri-Oval [39]); 130-132 (Car #15 Stopped On Track [39]); 158-166 (Car #30 Spin Turn 3 [Red Flag: Lap 161, 2:05:29] [47]); 179-182 (Car #6, 9, 13, 43 Accident Frontstretch [15]); 189-193 (Car #1, 2, 5, 14, 43, 78, 99 Accident Frontstretch [15]); 198-200 (Car #6, 14, 18, 20, 36, 38, 39, 93 Accident Frontstretch [9]).

Lap Leaders: 25 lead changes among 13 drivers. Edwards-pole, Biffle 1-9, Smith 10-11, Biffle 12-14, Menard 15-16, Hamlin 17-40, Burton 41-57, J. Gordon 58, Stewart 59-60, Burton 61-67, Biffle 68-76, Truex Jr 77-81, Biffle 82, T. Labonte 83-85, Biffle 86-99, Truex Jr 100-101, Hamlin 102-129, Biffle 130, Martin 131-132, Biffle 133-138, Hamlin 139-143, Logano 144-145, Kenseth 146-157, Biffle 158, Blaney 159-164, Kenseth 165-202.

COORS LIGHT POLE AWARD: Carl Edwards (194.738 mph. 46.216 secs.)

3M LAP LEADER: Denny Hamlin (57 Laps)

AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD: Bobby Labonte

DIRECTV CREW CHIEF OF THE RACE: Matt Kenseth (crew chief Jimmy Fennig)

FREESCALE "WIDE OPEN": Jeff Burton

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

(#11)

MOBIL 1 OIL DRIVER OF THE RACE: Denny Hamlin

MOOG STEERING AND SUSPENSION PROBLEM SOLVER OF THE RACE: Paul

Menard (crew chief Richard Labbe, 0.169 seconds)

NASCAR SPRINT CUP LEADER BONUS: No winner: rolls over to \$20,000 at next event++

USG IMPROVING THE FINISH: Denny Hamlin (27 places)

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

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES TOP 12

	(Wins)
1 - Matt Kenseth	47 (1)
2 - Dale Earnhardt Jr	42 (0)
3 - Greg Biffle	42 (0)
4 - Denny Hamlin	42 (0)
5 - Jeff Burton	40 (0)
6 - Paul Menard	39 (0)
7 - Kevin Harvick	37 (0)
8 - Carl Edwards	36 (0)
9 - Joey Logano	36 (0)
10 - Mark Martin	35 (0)
11 - Clint Bowyer	33 (0)
12 - Martin Truex Jr	33 (0)

MANUFACTURERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

	Pts	Wins
Ford	9	(1)
Chevrolet	6	(0)
Toyota	4	(0)
Dodge	3	(0)

3M LAP LEADER

Denny Hamlin (#11) 1

AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD

Bobby Labonte (#47) 1

DIRECTV CREW CHIEF OF THE RACE

Jimmy Fennig (#17) 1

FREESCALE "WIDE OPEN"

Jeff Burton (#31) 5

MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER

TRD (#11) 17
Roush/Yates (#16) 16
Roush/Yates (#17) 15
MOBIL 1 OIL DRIVER OF THE RACE
Denny Hamlin (#11) 1
MOOG STEERING AND SUSPENSION PROBLEM SOLVER OF THE RACE
Sluggar Labbe (#27) 1

COORS LIGHT POLE AWARD

Carl Edwards 1

NEXT EVENT: March 4, 2012 - 8th Annual SUBWAY Fresh Fit 500, Phoenix International Raceway, Avondale, AZ (500 Miles) (312 Laps)

NOTE: The above figures are based upon team winnings and include racing purse and cash contingency awards by participating manufacturers. (2/28/2012)

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES DRIVER LEADERS

Race #1: 54TH ANNUAL DAYTONA "500" Race Date: 2/27/2012

POS	DRIVER	Points	Starts	Wins	Top 5	Top 10	Money Won
1	MATT KENSETH	47	1	1	1	1	\$1,609,912
2	DALE EARNHARDT JR.	42	1	0	1	1	1,126,175
3	GREG BIFFLE	42	1	0	1	1	847,563
4	DENNY HAMLIN	42	1	0	1	1	746,891
5	JEFF BURTON	40	1	0	1	1	600,575
6	PAUL MENARD	39	1	0	0	1	445,930
7	KEVIN HARVICK	37	1	0	0	1	435,286
8	CARL EDWARDS	36	1	0	0	1	441,491
9	JOEY LOGANO	36	1	0	0	1	374,088
10	MARK MARTIN	35	1	0	0	1	323,313
11	CLINT BOWYER	33	1	0	0	0	379,027
12	MARTIN TRUEX JR.	33	1	0	0	0	560,077
13	MARCOS AMBROSE	31	1	0	0	0	397,158
14	BOBBY LABONTE	30	1	0	0	0	331,196
15	DAVE BLANEY	30	1	0	0	0	296,513
16	TONY STEWART	29	1	0	0	0	472,575
17	KYLE BUSCH	27	1	0	0	0	540,371
18	TERRY LABONTE	27	1	0	0	0	316,150
19	TONY RAINES	25	1	0	0	0	317,676
20	RYAN NEWMAN	23	1	0	0	0	403,109
21	LONDON CASSILL	22	1	0	0	0	319,945
22	DAVID GILLILAND	21	1	0	0	0	309,133
23	REGAN SMITH	21	1	0	0	0	357,034
24	CASEY MEARS	19	1	0	0	0	305,021
25	DAVID REUTIMANN	18	1	0	0	0	309,335
26	KASEY KAHNE	15	1	0	0	0	333,013
27	MICHAEL MCDOWELL	14	1	0	0	0	292,175
28	JAMIE MCMURRAY	13	1	0	0	0	351,133
29	BRAD KESELOWSKI	12	1	0	0	0	368,095
30	ARIC ALMIROLA	11	1	0	0	0	320,986
31	A J ALLMENDINGER	10	1	0	0	0	363,850
32	JUAN PABLO MONTOYA	8	1	0	0	0	348,916
33	DAVID STREMMER	7	1	0	0	0	282,075
34	KURT BUSCH	5	1	0	0	0	307,938
35	JEFF GORDON	5	1	0	0	0	350,699
36	ROBBY GORDON	3	1	0	0	0	268,150
37	JIMMIE JOHNSON	2	1	0	0	0	360,674
38	DAVID RAGAN	1	1	0	0	0	283,667
39	RICKY STENHOUSE JR.(i)	0	1	0	0	0	353,063
40	ELLIOTT SADLER(i)	0	1	0	0	0	305,788
41	JOE NEMECHEK(i)	0	1	0	0	0	287,363
42	TREVOR BAYNE(i)	0	1	0	0	0	283,200
43	DANICA PATRICK(i)	0	1	0	0	0	281,715
44	J J YELEY	0	0	0	0	0	24,738
45	MIKE WALLACE(i)	0	0	0	0	0	18,175
46	MICHAEL WALTRIP	0	0	0	0	0	38,982
47	KENNY WALLACE(i)	0	0	0	0	0	24,838
48	BILL ELLIOTT	0	0	0	0	0	24,888
49	ROBERT RICHARDSON JR.(i)	0	0	0	0	0	24,913

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NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES OWNER LEADERS

Race #1: 54TH ANNUAL DAYTONA "500" Race Date: 2/27/2012

POS	Car #	OWNER	Points	Starts	Wins	Top 5	Top 10	Attempts
1	17	JOHN HENRY	47	1	1	1	1	1
2	88	RICK HENDRICK	42	1	0	1	1	1
3	16	JACK ROUSH	42	1	0	1	1	1
4	11	J D GIBBS	42	1	0	1	1	1
5	31	RICHARD CHILDRESS	40	1	0	1	1	1
6	27	RICHARD CHILDRESS	39	1	0	0	1	1
7	29	RICHARD CHILDRESS	37	1	0	0	1	1
8	99	JACK ROUSH	36	1	0	0	1	1
9	20	JOE GIBBS	36	1	0	0	1	1
10	55	BILL JENKINS	35	1	0	0	1	1
11	15	ROB KAUFFMAN	33	1	0	0	0	1
12	56	MICHAEL WALTRIP	33	1	0	0	0	1
13	9	RICHARD PETTY	31	1	0	0	0	1
14	47	TAD GESCHICKTER	30	1	0	0	0	1
15	36	ALLAN HEINKE	30	1	0	0	0	1
16	14	MARGARET HAAS	29	1	0	0	0	1
17	18	JOE GIBBS	27	1	0	0	0	1
18	32	FRANK STODDARD JR.	27	1	0	0	0	1
19	26	JERRY FREEZE	25	1	0	0	0	1
20	6	JOHN HENRY	24	1	0	0	0	1
21	39	TONY STEWART	23	1	0	0	0	1
22	83	THOMAS UEBERALL	22	1	0	0	0	1
23	38	BRAD JENKINS	21	1	0	0	0	1
24	78	BARNEY VISSER	21	1	0	0	0	1
25	13	BOB GERMAIN	19	1	0	0	0	1
26	93	THOMAS UEBERALL	18	1	0	0	0	1
27	33	RICHARD CHILDRESS	17	1	0	0	0	1
28	87	ANDREA NEMECHEK	16	1	0	0	0	1
29	5	LINDA HENDRICK	15	1	0	0	0	1
30	98	DUSTY WHITNEY	14	1	0	0	0	1
31	1	TERESA EARNHARDT	13	1	0	0	0	1
32	2	ROGER PENSKE	12	1	0	0	0	1
33	43	RICHARD PETTY	11	1	0	0	0	1
34	22	WALTER CZARNECKI	10	1	0	0	0	1
35	21	GLEN WOOD	9	1	0	0	0	1
36	42	CHIP GANASSI	8	1	0	0	0	1
37	30	KEVIN BUCKLER	7	1	0	0	0	1
38	10	TOMMY BALDWIN	6	1	0	0	0	1
39	51	JAMES FINCH	5	1	0	0	0	1
40	24	RICK HENDRICK	5	1	0	0	0	1
41	7	ROBBY GORDON	3	1	0	0	0	1
42	48	JEFF GORDON	2	1	0	0	0	1
43	34	BOB JENKINS	1	1	0	0	0	1
44	23	ROBERT RICHARDSON SR.	0	0	0	0	0	1
45	140	MICHAEL HILLMAN	0	0	0	0	0	1
46	97	ANDREA NEMECHEK	0	0	0	0	0	1
47	37	LARRY GUNSELMAN	0	0	0	0	0	1
48	249	JAY ROBINSON	0	0	0	0	0	1
49	109	BRACK MAGGARD	0	0	0	0	0	1