

**NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Race Number 1**

**Unofficial Race Results for the 54th Annual Daytona 500 - Sunday, February 26, 2012**

**Daytona International Speedway - Daytona Beach, FL - 2.5 Mile Paved**

**Total Race Length - 202 Laps - 505 Miles - Purse: \$19,142,601**



**Leader**

Fin	Str	Car	Driver	Team	Laps	Pts	Bns	Driver Rating	Winnings	Status	Tms	Laps
1	4	17	Matt Kenseth	Best Buy Ford	202	47	4	100.9	\$1,589,387	Running	2	50
2	5	88	Dale Earnhardt Jr.	Diet Mountain Dew/National Guard Chevrolet	202	42		99.5	\$1,102,175	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	\$559,550	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	\$341,858	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	\$379,025	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	\$292,200	Running	1	3
19	41	26	Tony Raines	Front Row Motorsports Ford	202	25		51.8	\$292,763	Running		
20	21	6	Ricky Stenhouse Jr.(i)	Ford EcoBoost Ford	202	0		64.9	\$304,275	Running		
21	18	39	Ryan Newman	U.S. ARMY/Quicken Loans Chevrolet	202	23		64.5	\$336,221	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	\$332,421	Running	1	2
25	36	13	Casey Mears	GEICO Ford	199	19		64.0	\$304,746	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	No.98 KLOVE/Curb Records Ford 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	\$317,549	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		

**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.

**Failed to Qualify:** (6) 40, 23, 97, 37, 09, 49.

**Time of Race:** 3 Hrs, 36 Mins, 02 Secs.

**Average Speed:** 140.256 MPH

**Margin of Victory:** 0.210 Seconds

**Caution Flags:** 10 for 42 laps: Laps: 3-7 (#10, 21, 33, 34, 48, 51 accident frontstretch [None]); 14-16 (#39 spin turn 2 [None]); 65-67 (Debris [83]); 82-85 (Oil on track [26]); 89-91 (#9, 32 accident tri-oval [39]); 130-132 (#15 stopped on track [39]); 158-166 (#30 spin turn 3 [Red Flag: Lap 161, 2:05:29] [47]); 179-182 (#6, 9, 13, 43 accident frontstretch [15]); 189-193 (#1, 2, 5, 14, 43, 78, 99 accident frontstretch [15]); 198-200 (#6, 14, 18, 20, 36, 38, 39, 93 accident frontstretch [9]).

**Lead Changes:** 25 among 13 drivers: 0; G. Biffle 1-9; R. Smith 10-11; G. Biffle 12-14; P. Menard 15-16; D. Hamlin 17-40; J. Burton 41-57; J. Gordon 58; T. Stewart 59-60; J. Burton 61-67; G. Biffle 68-76; M. Truex Jr. 77-81; G. Biffle 82; T. Labonte 83-85; G. Biffle 86-99; M. Truex Jr. 100-101; D. Hamlin 102-129; G. Biffle 130; M. Martin 131-132; G. Biffle 133-138; D. Hamlin 139-143; J. Logano 144-145; M. Kenseth 146-157; G. Biffle 158; D. Blaney 159-164; M. Kenseth 165-202.

**Top 12 Driver Points:** (1) M. Kenseth 47;(2) D. Earnhardt Jr. 42;(3) G. Biffle 42;(4) D. Hamlin 42;(5) J. Burton 40;(6) P. Menard 39;(7) K. Harvick 37;(8) C. Edwards 36;(9) J. Logano 36;(10) M. Martin 35;(11) C. Bowyer 33;(12) M. Truex Jr. 33.

**3M Lap Leader:** Denny Hamlin, #11 57 Laps

**American Ethanol Green Flag Restart Award:** Bobby Labonte, #47

**Coors Light Pole Award:** Carl Edwards, #99 194.738 mph

**DIRECTV Crew Chief of the Race:** Matt Kenseth, #17 crew chief Jimmy Fennig

**Mahle Clevite Engine Builder of the Race:** Toyota Racing Development (TRD), #11

**Mobil 1 Oil Driver of the Race:** Denny Hamlin, #11

**Moog Chassis Parts Problem Solver of the Race:** Paul Menard, #27 R Labbe, .169 sec

**USG Improving the Finish:** Denny Hamlin, #11 27 places

(i) Ineligible for driver points in this series

**Next Race:** Mar. 4, 2012 - Phoenix International Raceway