

**MONSTER ENERGY NASCAR CUP SERIES OFFICIAL RACE REPORT No. 1****59TH ANNUAL DAYTONA 500****DAYTONA INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY**

Daytona Beach, FL - February 26, 2017

2.5-Mile Paved Tri-Oval

200 Laps - 500.0 Miles

**TIME OF RACE:** 3 hours, 29 minutes, 31 seconds**AVERAGE SPEED:** 143.187 mph**MARGIN OF VICTORY:** 0.228 second(s)

Fin Pos	Str Pos	Car No	Driver	Team	Laps	Stage 1 Pos	Stage 2 Pos	Pts	Status	Lead Tms	Laps	Playoff Pts
1	8	41	Kurt Busch	Haas Automation/Monster Energy Ford	200		3	48	Running	1	1	5
2	36	21	Ryan Blaney	Motorcraft/Quick Lane Tire & Auto Center Ford	200	3	10	44	Running	1	2	
3	38	47	AJ Allmendinger	Kroger Click List Chevrolet	200		6	39	Running	1	2	
4	13	43	Aric Almirola	Smithfield Foods Ford	200			33	Running	1	2	
5	33	27	Paul Menard	Menards/Peak Chevrolet	200			32	Running			
6	15	22	Joey Logano	Shell Pennzoil Ford	200		2	40	Running	3	16	
7	26	5	Kasey Kahne	Farmers Insurance Chevrolet	200			30	Running	2	7	
8	30	15	Michael Waltrip	Aaron's Toyota	200			29	Running			
9	25	32	Matt DiBenedetto	EJ Wade Construction Ford	200			28	Running			
10	11	6	Trevor Bayne	AdvoCare Ford	200			27	Running			
11	39	75	Brendan Gaughan (i)	Beard Oil Distributing Chevrolet	200			0	Running			
12	16	42	Kyle Larson	Target Chevrolet	200	6	8	33	Running	6	16	
13	35	78	Martin Truex Jr	Bass Pro Shops/TRACKER BOATS Toyota	200			24	Running	2	2	
14	1	24	Chase Elliott	NAPA Chevrolet	200			23	Running	5	39	
15	22	95	Michael McDowell	K-Love Radio Chevrolet	200			22	Running			
16	27	34	Landon Cassill	Love's Ford	199			21	Running			
17	4	11	Denny Hamlin	FedEx Express Toyota	199	8		23	Running			
18	17	72	Cole Whitt	Florida Lottery Ford	199			19	Running	1	3	
19	10	3	Austin Dillon	DOW Chevrolet	199			18	Running	1	7	
20	40	7	Elliott Sadler (i)	Golden Corral Chevrolet	199			0	Running	1	5	
21	14	31	Ryan Newman	Caterpillar Chevrolet	198		9	18	Running			
22	5	4	Kevin Harvick	Jimmy John's Ford	197	2	1	34	Running	6	50	1
23	29	23	Joey Gase (i)	Best Home Furnishings Toyota	196			0	Running			
24	31	83	Corey Lajoie #	Dustless Blasting Toyota	193			13	Running			
25	20	38	David Ragan	Camping World Ford	188			12	Running			
26	32	33	Jeffrey Earnhardt	Little Joes Autos/Curtis Key Plumbing Chevrolet	145			11	Accident			
27	7	2	Brad Keselowski	Miller Lite Ford	143	4	4	24	Accident	1	2	
28	3	1	Jamie McMurray	Cessna McDonald's Chevrolet	141	7		13	Accident	1	13	
29	19	19	Daniel Suarez #	ARRIS Toyota	141			8	Accident			
30	18	13	Ty Dillon #	GEICO Chevrolet	140			7	Accident			
31	23	17	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	Fastenal Ford	133			6	Accident			
32	6	14	Clint Bowyer	Mobil 1 Ford	128		7	9	Accident			
33	12	10	Danica Patrick	Aspen Dental Ford	128	10	5	11	Accident			
34	24	48	Jimmie Johnson	Lowe's Chevrolet	127	9		5	Accident	1	7	
35	37	37	Chris Buescher	Cottonelle Mega Roll Chevrolet	127			2	Accident			
36	28	96	D.J. Kennington	Lordco/Castrol Toyota	127			1	Accident			
37	2	88	Dale Earnhardt Jr	Nationwide Chevrolet	106	5		7	Accident	1	8	
38	21	18	Kyle Busch	M&M's Toyota	103	1		11	Accident	3	18	1
39	34	77	Erik Jones #	5-hour Energy Extra Strength Toyota	103			1	Accident			
40	9	20	Matt Kenseth	DeWalt Toyota	103			1	Accident			

Sunoco Rookie of the Year Contender.

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Stage 1 Top 10: 18, 4, 21, 2, 88, 42, 1, 11, 48, 10**Stage 2 Top 10:** 4, 22, 41, 2, 10, 47, 14, 42, 31, 21**Race Comments:** Kurt Busch won the 59th running of the Daytona 500 at Daytona International Speedway, his 29th 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 for the reasons indicated: #48, 21, 27 (Backup Car)**Failed to Qualify:** (2) #55 Reed Sorenson; #51 Timmy Hill**Caution Flags:** 8 cautions for 40 laps. [Beneficiary in Brackets] 32-35 (Car #83 Incident Frontstretch [77]); 62-67 (Stage 1 Conclusion [33]); 106-112 (Car #88, 18, 77, 20, 13, 7 Incident Turn 3 [Red Flag 17:00] [11]); 122-125 (Stage 2 Conclusion [78]); 129-133 (Car #48, 14, 37, 10, 4, 96, 11, 6, 42, 34, 32, 75, 72, 41, 78, 23, 22 Incident Turn 3 [19]); 137-141 (Car #17, 6, 21, 7, 33 Incident Frontstretch [13]); 143-148 (Car #1, 2, 31, 11, 34, 33, 19, 13, 24, 95, 75 Incident Backstretch [None]); 151-153 (Car #23, 75, 24 Incident Backstretch [None]).**Lead Changes:** 37 lead changes among 18 drivers. Elliott 1-5, McMurray 6-18, Harvick 19-22, Elliott 23-24, Harvick 25-29, Keselowski 30-31, Larson 32, Harvick 33-41, Ky. Busch 42, Truex Jr 43, Ky. Busch 44-48, Blaney 49-50, Ky. Busch 51-62, Allmendinger 63-64, Larson 65-68, Harvick 69-72, Larson 73, Harvick 74-89, Johnson 90-96, Earnhardt Jr 97-104, Sadler 105-109, Harvick 110-121, Logano 122, Larson 123-125, Elliott 126, Kahne 127, Elliott 128-135, Kahne 136-141, Dillon 142-148, Logano 149-151, Whitt 152-154, Almirola 155-156, Larson 157-162, Logano 163-174, Elliott 175-197, Truex Jr 198, Larson 199, Ku. Busch 200.**COORS LIGHT POLE AWARD:** Chase Elliott (192.872 mph. 46.663 secs.)**AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD:** Martin Truex Jr**INGERSOLL RAND POWER MOVE:** AJ Allmendinger (10 positions)**MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER OF THE RACE:** Roush-Yates Engines (#41)**MOBIL 1 DRIVER OF THE RACE:** Kurt Busch**MOOG GO THE EXTRA MILE AWARD:** Kasey Kahne (crew chief Keith Rodden, -0.436 seconds)**SHERWIN-WILLIAMS FASTEST LAP AWARD:** Austin Dillon**SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE RACE:** Corey Lajoie**MANUFACTURERS' CHAMPIONSHIP**

	Pts	Wins
Ford	40	(1)
Chevrolet	34	(0)
Toyota	29	(0)

AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD

Martin Truex Jr	(#78)	1
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INGERSOLL RAND POWER MOVE

Carl Edwards	(#)	39
Ryan Newman	(#31)	37
Kevin Harvick	(#4)	32

MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER

Roush/Yates	(#41)	15
Roush/Yates	(#21)	14
ECR	(#47)	13

MOBIL 1 DRIVER OF THE RACE

Kurt Busch	(#41)	1
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MOOG GO THE EXTRA MILE AWARD

Keith Rodden	(#5)	1
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SHERWIN-WILLIAMS FASTEST LAP AWARD

Austin Dillon	(#3)	1
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COORS LIGHT POLE AWARD

Chase Elliott	1
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SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Corey Lajoie	11
Daniel Suarez	10
Ty Dillon	9
Erik Jones	8

NEXT EVENT: March 5, 2017 - 58th Annual Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500, Atlanta Motor Speedway, Hampton, GA (500.5 Miles) (325 Laps)

MONSTER ENERGY NASCAR CUP SERIES DRIVER LEADERS

Race #1: 59TH ANNUAL DAYTONA "500" Race Date: 02/26/2017

Rank	DRIVER	Points	Behind Leader	Race Wins	Stage Wins	Playoff Points
1	KURT BUSCH	56	0	1	0	5
2	RYAN BLANEY	44	12	0	0	0
3	JOEY LOGANO	43	13	0	0	0
4	KEVIN HARVICK	42	14	0	1	1
5	A J ALLMENDINGER	39	17	0	0	0
6	ARIC ALMIROLA	37	19	0	0	0
7	KYLE LARSON	36	20	0	0	0
8	CHASE ELLIOTT	33	23	0	0	0
9	DENNY HAMLIN	33	23	0	0	0
10	PAUL MENARD	32	24	0	0	0
11	TREVOR BAYNE	32	24	0	0	0
12	BRAD KESELOWSKI	31	25	0	0	0
13	KASEY KAHNE	30	26	0	0	0
14	MICHAEL WALTRIP	29	27	0	0	0
15	MATT DIBENEDETTO	28	28	0	0	0
16	AUSTIN DILLON	25	31	0	0	0
17	MARTIN TRUEX JR.	24	32	0	0	0
18	MICHAEL MCDOWELL	22	34	0	0	0
19	RYAN NEWMAN	22	34	0	0	0
20	JAMIE MCMURRAY	22	34	0	0	0
21	LANDON CASSILL	21	35	0	0	0
22	COLE WHITT	21	35	0	0	0
23	CLINT BOWYER	18	38	0	0	0
24	DANICA PATRICK	16	40	0	0	0
25	COREY LAJOIE	13	43	0	0	0
26	DAVID RAGAN	13	43	0	0	0
27	DALE EARNHARDT JR.	13	43	0	0	0
28	JEFFREY EARNHARDT	11	45	0	0	0
29	KYLE BUSCH	11	45	0	1	1
30	DANIEL SUAREZ	9	47	0	0	0
31	TY DILLON	9	47	0	0	0
32	MATT KENSETH	7	49	0	0	0
33	RICKY STENHOUSE JR.	6	50	0	0	0
34	JIMMIE JOHNSON	5	51	0	0	0
35	CHRIS BUESCHER	2	54	0	0	0
36	D J KENNINGTON	1	55	0	0	0
37	ERIK JONES	1	55	0	0	0
38	BRENDAN GAUGHAN(i)	0	56	0	0	0
39	ELLIOTT SADLER(i)	0	56	0	0	0
40	JOEY GASE(i)	0	56	0	0	0
41	REED SORENSON	0	56	0	0	0
42	TIMMY HILL	0	56	0	0	0

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MONSTER ENERGY NASCAR CUP SERIES OWNER LEADERS

Race #1: 59TH ANNUAL DAYTONA "500" Race Date: 02/26/2017

Rank	Car #	OWNER	Points	Behind Leader	Race Wins	Stage Wins	Playoff Points	Qualifying Attempts
1	41	Stewart-Haas Racing	56	0	1	0	5	1
2	21	Wood Brothers Racing	44	12	0	0	0	1
3	22	Team Penske	43	13	0	0	0	1
4	4	Stewart-Haas Racing	42	14	0	1	1	1
5	47	JTG Daugherty Racing	39	17	0	0	0	1
6	43	Richard Petty Motorsports	37	19	0	0	0	1
7	42	Chip Ganassi Racing	36	20	0	0	0	1
8	24	Hendrick Motorsports	33	23	0	0	0	1
9	11	Joe Gibbs Racing	33	23	0	0	0	1
10	27	Richard Childress Racing	32	24	0	0	0	1
11	6	Roush Fenway Racing	32	24	0	0	0	1
12	2	Team Penske	31	25	0	0	0	1
13	5	Hendrick Motorsports	30	26	0	0	0	1
14	15	Premium Motorsports	29	27	0	0	0	1
15	32	GO FAS Racing	28	28	0	0	0	1
16	175	Beard Motorsports	26	30	0	0	0	1
17	3	Richard Childress Racing	25	31	0	0	0	1
18	78	Furniture Row Racing	24	32	0	0	0	1
19	95	Leavine Family Racing	22	34	0	0	0	1
20	31	Richard Childress Racing	22	34	0	0	0	1
21	1	Chip Ganassi Racing	22	34	0	0	0	1
22	34	Front Row Motorsports	21	35	0	0	0	1
23	72	TriStar Motorsports	21	35	0	0	0	1
24	14	Stewart-Haas Racing	18	38	0	0	0	1
25	7	Tommy Baldwin Racing	17	39	0	0	0	1
26	10	Stewart-Haas Racing	16	40	0	0	0	1
27	23	BK Racing	14	42	0	0	0	1
28	83	BK Racing	13	43	0	0	0	1
29	38	Front Row Motorsports	13	43	0	0	0	1
30	88	Hendrick Motorsports	13	43	0	0	0	1
31	33	Circle Sport / TMG	11	45	0	0	0	1
32	18	Joe Gibbs Racing	11	45	0	1	1	1
33	19	Joe Gibbs Racing	9	47	0	0	0	1
34	13	Germain Racing	9	47	0	0	0	1
35	20	Joe Gibbs Racing	7	49	0	0	0	1
36	17	Roush Fenway Racing	6	50	0	0	0	1
37	48	Hendrick Motorsports	5	51	0	0	0	1
38	37	JTG Daugherty Racing	2	54	0	0	0	1
39	96	Gaunt Brothers Racing	1	55	0	0	0	1
40	77	Furniture Row Racing	1	55	0	0	0	1
41	55	Premium Motorsports	0	56	0	0	0	1
42	51	Rick Ware Racing	0	56	0	0	0	1