

MONSTER ENERGY NASCAR CUP SERIES OFFICIAL RACE REPORT No. 2

59TH ANNUAL FOLDS OF HONOR QUIKTRIP 500

ATLANTA MOTOR SPEEDWAY

Hampton, GA - February 25, 2018

1.54-Mile Paved Tri-Oval

325 Laps - 500.5 Miles



TIME OF RACE: 3 hours, 29 minutes, 54 seconds

AVERAGE SPEED: 143.068 mph

MARGIN OF VICTORY: 2.69 second(s)

Fin Pos	Str Pos	Car No	Driver	Team	Laps	Stg 1 Pos	Stg 2 Pos	Pts	Status	Lead Tms	Lead Laps	Playoff Pts
1	3	4	Kevin Harvick	Jimmy John's Ford	325	1	5	56	Running	8	181	6
2	5	2	Brad Keselowski	Autotrader Ford	325	3	1	53	Running	3	38	1
3	9	14	Clint Bowyer	Haas Automation Ford	325	2	9	45	Running			
4	12	11	Denny Hamlin	FedEx Ground Toyota	325	9	6	40	Running	3	26	
5	35	78	Martin Truex Jr	Bass Pro Shops/5-hour Energy Toyota	325	4		39	Running	1	1	
6	16	22	Joey Logano	Shell Pennzoil Ford	325	10	4	39	Running	1	1	
7	1	18	Kyle Busch	Snickers Almond Toyota	325	6	3	43	Running	4	9	
8	7	41	Kurt Busch	Monster Energy/Haas Automation Ford	325	8	2	41	Running	3	52	
9	8	42	Kyle Larson	First Data Chevrolet	325	7	7	36	Running			
10	27	9	Chase Elliott	NAPA Auto Parts Chevrolet	325			27	Running			
11	10	20	Erik Jones	DEWALT Toyota	325			26	Running			
12	26	12	Ryan Blaney	DEX Imaging Ford	325			25	Running			
13	11	10	Aric Almirola	Smithfield Ford	325	5	8	33	Running			
14	25	3	Austin Dillon	Dow Chevrolet	324			23	Running			
15	4	19	Daniel Suarez	ARRIS Toyota	324		10	23	Running			
16	6	17	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	Ford Ford	324			21	Running			
17	15	21	Paul Menard	Menards/Moen Ford	324			20	Running			
18	23	24	William Byron #	Liberty University Chevrolet	323			19	Running			
19	13	1	Jamie McMurray	McDonald's Chevrolet	323			18	Running			
20	18	88	Alex Bowman	Axalta Chevrolet	322			17	Running			
21	14	95	Kasey Kahne	Procore Habitat for Humanity Chevrolet	322			16	Running			
22	2	31	Ryan Newman	Liberty National Chevrolet	322			15	Running	1	17	
23	29	38	David Ragan	Fr8 Auctions Ford	321			14	Running			
24	17	34	Michael McDowell	Love's Travel Stops Ford	321			13	Running			
25	24	37	Chris Buescher	Louisiana Hot Sauce Chevrolet	321			12	Running			
26	28	13	Ty Dillon	GEICO Chevrolet	321			11	Running			
27	22	48	Jimmie Johnson	Lowe's for Pros Chevrolet	321			10	Running			
28	32	72	Cole Whitt	Chevrolet	320			9	Running			
29	21	47	AJ Allmendinger	Kroger ClickList Chevrolet	320			8	Running			
30	34	15	Ross Chastain (i)	LowT Center Chevrolet	319			0	Running			
31	30	32	Matt DiBenedetto	Can-Am/Wholey Ford	319			6	Running			
32	19	43	Darrell Wallace Jr #	NASCAR Racing Experience Chevrolet	319			5	Running			
33	36	51	Harrison Rhodes	Davis Roofing/ICE Chevrolet	310			4	Running			
34	33	00	Jeffrey Earnhardt	VRX Simulators Chevrolet	305			3	Running			
35	20	6	Trevor Bayne	AdvoCare Ford	292			2	Engine			
36	31	23	Gray Gaulding	Earthwater Toyota	99			1	Steering			

Sunoco Rookie of the Year Contender.

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Stage 1 Top 10: 4, 14, 2, 78, 10, 18, 42, 41, 11, 22

Stage 2 Top 10: 2, 41, 18, 22, 4, 11, 42, 10, 14, 19

Race Comments: Kevin Harvick won the Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500 at Atlanta Motor Speedway, his 38th Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series victory. Prior to the green flag, the following car dropped to the rear of the field under penalty for the reason indicated: #3 (rear gear change).

Failed to Qualify: n/a

Caution Flags: 5 cautions for 28 laps. [Beneficiary in Brackets] 32-35 (Competition Caution [51]); 87-93 (Stage 1 Conclusion [48]); 160-163 (Car #48 Spin In Turn 2 [21]); 172-177 (Stage 2 Conclusion [88]); 298-304 (Fuel On The Track From #6 [41]).

Lead Changes: 24 lead changes among 8 drivers. Ky. Busch-pole, Newman 1-17, Ky. Busch 18-20, Harvick 21-31, Ky. Busch 32, Harvick 33-88, Truex Jr 89, Keselowski 90-100, Ku. Busch 101-125, Harvick 126-127, Ky. Busch 128-131, Harvick 132-159, Ku. Busch 160, Keselowski 161-172, Ku. Busch 173-198, Keselowski 199-213, Ky. Busch 214, Hamlin 215-225, Harvick 226-252, Hamlin 253-265, Harvick 266-288, Hamlin 289-290, Harvick 291-299, Logano 300, Harvick 301-325.

FASTEST QUALIFIER: Kyle Busch (184.652 mph, 30.024 secs.)

AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD: Brad Keselowski

FASTEST LAP AWARD: Kevin Harvick (lap 306, 184.082 mph)

MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER OF THE RACE: Roush-Yates Engines (#4)

MOBIL 1 PERFORMANCE AWARD: David Ragan (94 passes)

MOOG GO THE EXTRA MILE AWARD: Chase Elliott (crew chief Alan Gustafson, 0.368 seconds)

SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE RACE: William Byron

MANUFACTURERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

	Pts	Wins
Ford	73	(1)
Chevrolet	68	(1)
Toyota	67	(0)

SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

DARRELL WALLACE JR.	52
WILLIAM BYRON	33

AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD

Joey Logano	(#22)	1
Brad Keselowski	(#2)	1

FASTEST LAP AWARD

Kevin Harvick	(#4)	1
Kyle Larson	(#42)	1

MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER

Roush/Yates	(#11)	28
TRD	(#11)	28
Roush/Yates	(#22)	23

MOBIL 1 PERFORMANCE AWARD

Martin Truex Jr	(#78)	1
David Ragan	(#38)	1

MOOG GO THE EXTRA MILE AWARD

Michael Wheeler	(#11)	1
Alan Gustafson	(#9)	1

NEXT EVENT: March 4, 2018 - 21st Annual Pennzoil 400 presented by Jiffy Lube, Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas, NV (400.5 Miles) (267 Laps)

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MONSTER ENERGY NASCAR CUP SERIES DRIVER LEADERS

Race #2: 59TH ANNUAL FOLDS OF HONOR QUIKTRIP "500" Race Date: 02/25/2018

Rank	DRIVER	Points	Behind Leader	Race Wins	Stage Wins	Playoff Points
1	JOEY LOGANO	89	0	0	0	0
2	RYAN BLANEY	83	6	0	1	1
3	DENNY HAMLIN	77	12	0	0	0
4	KEVIN HARVICK	75	14	1	1	6
5	CLINT BOWYER	74	15	0	0	0
6	AUSTIN DILLON	70	19	1	0	5
7	MARTIN TRUEX JR.	69	20	0	0	0
8	KURT BUSCH	68	21	0	1	1
9	PAUL MENARD	66	23	0	0	0
10	ARIC ALMIROLA	66	23	0	0	0
11	KYLE BUSCH	61	28	0	0	0
12	BRAD KESELOWSKI	58	31	0	1	1
13	KYLE LARSON	54	35	0	0	0
14	DARRELL WALLACE JR.	52	37	0	0	0
15	MICHAEL MCDOWELL	52	37	0	0	0
16	RYAN NEWMAN	49	40	0	0	0
17	ALEX BOWMAN	46	43	0	0	0
18	CHRIS BUESCHER	45	44	0	0	0
19	CHASE ELLIOTT	44	45	0	0	0
20	RICKY STENHOUSE JR.	43	46	0	0	0
21	JAMIE MCMURRAY	41	48	0	0	0
22	A J ALLMENDINGER	36	53	0	0	0
23	ERIK JONES	35	54	0	0	0
24	TREVOR BAYNE	33	56	0	0	0
25	WILLIAM BYRON	33	56	0	0	0
26	DANIEL SUAREZ	27	62	0	0	0
27	DAVID RAGAN	25	64	0	0	0
28	JEFFREY EARNHARDT	19	70	0	0	0
29	KASEY KAHNE	19	70	0	0	0
30	GRAY GAULDING JR.	18	71	0	0	0
31	MATT DIBENEDETTO	16	73	0	0	0
32	MARK THOMPSON	15	74	0	0	0
33	D J KENNINGTON	13	76	0	0	0
34	TY DILLON	12	77	0	0	0
35	JIMMIE JOHNSON	11	78	0	0	0
36	BRENDAN GAUGHAN	9	80	0	0	0
37	COLE WHITT	9	80	0	0	0
38	HARRISON RHODES	4	85	0	0	0
39	DANICA PATRICK	2	87	0	0	0
40	COREY LAJOIE	1	88	0	0	0
41	JUSTIN MARKS(i)	0	89	0	0	0
42	DAVID GILLILAND(i)	0	89	0	0	0
43	ROSS CHASTAIN(i)	0	89	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	22	Team Penske	89	0	0	0	0	2
2	12	Team Penske	83	6	0	1	1	2
3	11	Joe Gibbs Racing	77	12	0	0	0	2
4	4	Stewart-Haas Racing	75	14	1	1	6	2
5	14	Stewart-Haas Racing	74	15	0	0	0	2
6	3	Richard Childress Racing	70	19	1	0	5	2
7	78	Furniture Row Racing	69	20	0	0	0	2
8	41	Stewart-Haas Racing	68	21	0	1	1	2
9	21	Wood Brothers Racing	66	23	0	0	0	2
10	10	Stewart-Haas Racing	66	23	0	0	0	2
11	18	Joe Gibbs Racing	61	28	0	0	0	2
12	2	Team Penske	58	31	0	1	1	2
13	42	Chip Ganassi Racing	54	35	0	0	0	2
14	43	Richard Petty Motorsports	52	37	0	0	0	2
15	34	Front Row Motorsports	52	37	0	0	0	2
16	31	Richard Childress Racing	49	40	0	0	0	2
17	88	Hendrick Motorsports	46	43	0	0	0	2
18	37	JTG Daugherty Racing	45	44	0	0	0	2
19	9	Hendrick Motorsports	44	45	0	0	0	2
20	17	Roush Fenway Racing	43	46	0	0	0	2
21	1	Chip Ganassi Racing	41	48	0	0	0	2
22	47	JTG Daugherty Racing	36	53	0	0	0	2
23	20	Joe Gibbs Racing	35	54	0	0	0	2
24	6	Roush Fenway Racing	33	56	0	0	0	2
25	24	Hendrick Motorsports	33	56	0	0	0	2
26	51	Rick Ware Racing	29	60	0	0	0	2
27	19	Joe Gibbs Racing	27	62	0	0	0	2
28	38	Front Row Motorsports	25	64	0	0	0	2
29	92	RBR Enterprises	23	66	0	0	0	1
30	00	StarCom Racing	19	70	0	0	0	2
31	95	Leavine Family Racing	19	70	0	0	0	2
32	23	BK Racing	18	71	0	0	0	2
33	32	GO FAS Racing	16	73	0	0	0	2
34	166	Phoenix Air Racing	15	74	0	0	0	1
35	96	Gaunt Brothers Racing	13	76	0	0	0	1
36	13	Germain Racing	12	77	0	0	0	2
37	48	Hendrick Motorsports	11	78	0	0	0	2
38	72	TriStar Motorsports	10	79	0	0	0	2
39	162	Beard Motorsports	9	80	0	0	0	1
40	15	Premium Motorsports	9	80	0	0	0	2