

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES OFFICIAL RACE REPORT No. 3

15TH ANNUAL KOBALT TOOLS 400

LAS VEGAS MOTOR SPEEDWAY

Las Vegas, NV - March 11, 2012

1.5-Mile Paved Tri-Oval

267 Laps - 400.5 Miles Purse: \$6,382,683



TIME OF RACE: 2 hours, 54 minutes, 44 seconds

AVERAGE SPEED: 137.524 mph

MARGIN OF VICTORY: 0.461 second(s)

Fin Pos	Str Pos	Car No	Driver	Team	Laps	Pts	Bns Pts	Driver Rating	Winnings	Status	Lead Tms	Laps
1	7	14	Tony Stewart	Mobil 1/Office Depot Chevrolet	267	48	5	141.7	\$428,175	Running	3	127
2	6	48	Jimmie Johnson	Lowe's/Kobalt Tools Chevrolet	267	43	1	115.4	281,776	Running	1	35
3	9	16	Greg Biffle	3M/Meguiars Ford	267	42	1	121.8	212,365	Running	2	2
4	18	39	Ryan Newman	Quicken Loans Chevrolet	267	40		99.0	201,273	Running		
5	21	99	Carl Edwards	Aflac Ford	267	39		98.0	187,281	Running		
6	5	15	Clint Bowyer	5-hour Energy Toyota	267	39	1	93.6	150,854	Running	1	3
7	26	27	Paul Menard	Menards/Schrock Chevrolet	267	37		92.2	127,865	Running		
8	19	1	Jamie McMurray	McDonald's Chevrolet	267	36		94.8	152,498	Running		
9	25	21	Trevor Bayne (i)	Motorcraft/Quick Lane Tire & Auto Center Ford	267	0		78.5	112,865	Running		
10	4	88	Dale Earnhardt Jr	National Guard/Diet Mountain Dew Chevrolet	267	35	1	113.1	118,240	Running	2	70
11	3	29	Kevin Harvick	Budweiser Chevrolet	267	34	1	107.7	153,641	Running	2	4
12	16	24	Jeff Gordon	DuPont 20 Years Chevrolet	267	33	1	78.7	150,241	Running	1	2
13	15	9	Marcos Ambrose	DeWalt Ford	267	31		75.5	133,313	Running		
14	22	31	Jeff Burton	Caterpillar Chevrolet	267	30		71.9	142,680	Running		
15	28	78	Regan Smith	Furniture Row/Farm American Chevrolet	267	29		69.8	129,413	Running		
16	8	20	Joey Logano	Dollar General Toyota	267	28		76.4	111,230	Running		
17	10	56	Martin Truex Jr	NAPA Auto Parts Toyota	267	27		95.7	128,069	Running		
18	13	55	Mark Martin	Aaron's Toyota	267	26		74.5	99,755	Running		
19	1	5	Kasey Kahne	Farmers Insurance Chevrolet	267	25		94.3	112,555	Running		
20	17	11	Denny Hamlin	FedEx Freight Toyota	267	24		63.2	140,321	Running		
21	35	34	David Ragan	Front Row Motorsports Ford	267	24	1	55.1	113,063	Running	1	1
22	11	17	Matt Kenseth	Zest Ford	267	23	1	110.4	140,691	Running	1	21
23	2	18	Kyle Busch	M&M's Brown Toyota	266	21		74.1	138,363	Running		
24	27	43	Aric Almirola	Richard Petty Fantasy Racing Camp Ford	266	20		59.7	130,366	Running		
25	29	42	Juan Pablo Montoya	Clorox Chevrolet	264	19		51.8	122,846	Running		
26	24	47	Bobby Labonte	Kingsford/Bush's Beans Toyota	264	18		56.6	113,388	Running		
27	32	13	Casey Mears	GEICO Ford	264	17		42.0	101,788	Running		
28	43	30	David Stremme	Inception Motorsports Toyota	263	16		45.4	98,677	Running		
29	38	36	Dave Blaney	Ollie's Bargain Outlet Chevrolet	263	15		44.7	85,905	Running		
30	41	32	Ken Schrader	Federated Auto Parts Ford	263	14		37.7	97,630	Running		
31	31	10	David Reutimann	Accell Construction Chevrolet	261	13		51.0	85,430	Running		
32	20	2	Brad Keselowski	Miller Lite Dodge	259	13	1	72.6	122,975	Running	1	1
33	34	38	David Gilliland	Front Row Motorsports Ford	258	11		34.9	85,030	Running		
34	23	33	Brendan Gaughan	South Point Casino Chevrolet	252	10		32.2	92,830	Running		
35	12	51	Kurt Busch	Tag Heuer Eyewear Chevrolet	251	9		69.2	92,605	Accident		
36	30	83	Landon Cassill	Burger King Toyota	240	8		47.8	110,750	Engine		
37	14	22	AJ Allmendinger	Pennzoil Dodge	238	8	1	66.4	128,755	Running	1	1
38	39	98	Michael McDowell	Phil Parsons Racing Ford	147	6		35.0	83,982	Rear Gear		
39	37	93	Travis Kvapil	Burger King Toyota	123	5		40.1	88,450	Engine		
40	33	26	Josh Wise #	1-800-Loan Mart Ford	64	4		32.0	81,675	Brakes		
41	40	87	Joe Nemechek (i)	AM FM Energy Wood & Pellet Stoves Toyota	44	0		27.4	79,925	Vibration		
42	42	37	Timmy Hill #	Poynt.com Ford	42	2		27.3	79,780	Accident		
43	36	49	J.J. Yeley	America Israel Racing Toyota	39	1		31.9	80,044	Engine		

Sunoco Rookie of the Year Contender.

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Bonus points: includes winner (3), lap leader (1) & most laps led (1) points

Failed to qualify: (2) #23 Scott Riggs; #7 Robby Gordon

Race Comments: Before an estimated crowd of 150,000, Tony Stewart won the Kobalt Tools 400, his 45th NASCAR Sprint Cup Series victory and first at Las Vegas Motor Speedway. To start the race, prior to the green flag the following cars dropped to the rear of the field for the reasons indicated: 18, 48 (backup cars), 42 (engine change), 78 (transmission change).

Caution Flags: 8 cautions for 33 laps. [Beneficiary in Brackets] 46-49 (Car #37 Accident Turn 2 [34]); 74-77 (Car #10 Accident Turn 4 [51]); 128-133 (Fluid [11]); 206-209 (Debris [21]); 230-233 (Debris [31]); 246-250 (Fluid [20]); 256-258 (Car #51 Accident Backstretch [34]); 261-263 (Debris [43]).

Lap Leaders: 16 lead changes among 11 drivers. Kahne-pole, Earnhardt Jr 1-43, Harvick 44-45, Biffle 46, Earnhardt Jr 47-73, Biffle 74, Ragan 75, Harvick 76-77, Kenseth 78-98, Johnson 99-133, Stewart 134-175, Keselowski 176, Allmendinger 177, J. Gordon 178-179, Stewart 180-230, Bowyer 231-233, Stewart 234-267.

COORS LIGHT POLE AWARD: Kasey Kahne (190.456 mph. 28.353 secs.)

3M LAP LEADER: Tony Stewart (127 Laps)

AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD: Tony Stewart

DIRECTV CREW CHIEF OF THE RACE: Tony Stewart (crew chief Steve Addington)

FREESCALE "WIDE OPEN": Greg Biffle

MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER OF THE RACE: Hendrick Engines (#14)

MOBIL 1 OIL DRIVER OF THE RACE: Tony Stewart

MOOG STEERING AND SUSPENSION PROBLEM SOLVER OF THE RACE: Jamie McMurray (crew chief Kevin Manion, 0.302 seconds)

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

SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE RACE: Josh Wise

USG IMPROVING THE FINISH: Carl Edwards (16 places)

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

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES TOP 12

	(Wins)
1 - Greg Biffle	125 (0)
2 - Kevin Harvick	115 (0)
3 - Denny Hamlin	113 (1)
4 - Dale Earnhardt Jr	107 (0)
5 - Matt Kenseth	102 (1)
6 - Carl Edwards	102 (0)
7 - Tony Stewart	100 (1)
8 - Martin Truex Jr	98 (0)
9 - Joey Logano	98 (0)
10 - Mark Martin	97 (0)
11 - Paul Menard	89 (0)
12 - Kyle Busch	87 (0)

MANUFACTURERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

	Pts	Wins
Chevrolet	21	(1)
Ford	19	(1)
Toyota	17	(1)
Dodge	9	(0)

3M LAP LEADER

Kevin Harvick	(#29)	1
Denny Hamlin	(#11)	1
Tony Stewart	(#14)	1

AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD

Kevin Harvick	(#29)	1
Tony Stewart	(#14)	1
Bobby Labonte	(#47)	1

DIRECTV CREW CHIEF OF THE RACE

Shane Wilson	(#29)	1
Jimmy Fenniq	(#17)	1
Steve Addington	(#14)	1

FREESCALE "WIDE OPEN"

Greg Biffle	(#16)	8
Denny Hamlin	(#11)	8
Jeff Burton	(#31)	5

MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER

Roush/Yates	(#16)	42
ECR	(#29)	34
TRD	(#11)	32

MOBIL 1 OIL DRIVER OF THE RACE

Denny Hamlin	(#11)	2
Tony Stewart	(#14)	1

MOOG STEERING AND SUSPENSION PROBLEM SOLVER OF THE RACE

Chad Johnston	(#56)	1
Slugger Labbe	(#27)	1
Bono Manion	(#1)	1

USG IMPROVING THE FINISH

Denny Hamlin	(#11)	1
Carl Edwards	(#99)	1
Jeff Gordon	(#24)	1

COORS LIGHT POLE AWARD

Carl Edwards	1
Mark Martin	1
Kasey Kahne	1

SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Josh Wise	22
Timmy Hill	11

NEXT EVENT: March 18, 2012 - 52nd Annual Food City 500, Bristol Motor Speedway, Bristol, TN (266.50 Miles) (500 Laps)

NOTE: The above figures are based upon team winnings and include racing purse and cash contingency awards by participating manufacturers. (3/12/2012)

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES DRIVER LEADERS

Race #3: 15TH ANNUAL KOBALT TOOLS "400" Race Date: 3/11/2012

POS	DRIVER	Points	Starts	Wins	Top 5	Top 10	Money Won
1	GREG BIFFLE	125	3	0	3	3	\$1,199,328
2	KEVIN HARVICK	115	3	0	1	2	811,763
3	DENNY HAMLIN	113	3	1	2	2	1,130,228
4	DALE EARNHARDT JR.	107	3	0	1	2	1,329,040
5	MATT KENSETH	102	3	1	1	1	1,873,439
6	CARL EDWARDS	102	3	0	1	2	745,488
7	TONY STEWART	100	3	1	1	1	1,023,875
8	MARTIN TRUEX JR.	98	3	0	0	1	810,685
9	JOEY LOGANO	98	3	0	0	2	577,318
10	MARK MARTIN	97	3	0	0	2	513,243
11	PAUL MENARD	89	3	0	0	2	653,180
12	KYLE BUSCH	87	3	0	0	1	818,892
13	RYAN NEWMAN	86	3	0	1	1	719,490
14	CLINT BOWYER	86	3	0	0	1	629,120
15	JEFF BURTON	82	3	0	1	1	858,405
16	BOBBY LABONTE	76	3	0	0	0	543,567
17	JEFF GORDON	75	3	0	0	1	635,151
18	MARCOS AMBROSE	74	3	0	0	0	629,079
19	REGAN SMITH	74	3	0	0	0	579,930
20	DAVE BLANEY	66	3	0	0	0	451,868
21	BRAD KESELOWSKI	65	3	0	1	1	632,565
22	ARIC ALMIROLA	63	3	0	0	0	567,563
23	JIMMIE JOHNSON	61	3	0	2	2	798,571
24	JUAN PABLO MONTOYA	60	3	0	0	0	582,828
25	JAMIE MCMURRAY	57	3	0	0	1	602,219
26	KASEY KAHNE	50	3	0	0	0	521,518
27	DAVID GILLILAND	48	3	0	0	0	466,163
28	DAVID RAGAN	45	3	0	0	0	479,377
29	KURT BUSCH	44	3	0	0	0	503,426
30	A J ALLMENDINGER	44	3	0	0	0	607,430
31	CASEY MEARS	41	3	0	0	0	471,484
32	LANDON CASSILL	39	3	0	0	0	525,865
33	DAVID REUTIMANN	39	3	0	0	0	462,440
34	DAVID STREMMER	38	3	0	0	0	452,527
35	TRAVIS KVAPIL	30	2	0	0	0	184,358
36	TERRY LABONTE	27	1	0	0	0	316,150
37	BRENDAN GAUGHAN	27	2	0	0	0	173,055
38	TONY RAINES	25	1	0	0	0	317,676
39	MICHAEL MCDOWELL	21	3	0	0	0	440,754
40	J J YELEY	19	2	0	0	0	173,832
41	KEN SCHRADER	14	1	0	0	0	97,630
42	JOSH WISE	10	2	0	0	0	150,578
43	ROBBY GORDON	6	2	0	0	0	332,500
44	SCOTT RIGGS	2	1	0	0	0	64,225
45	TIMMY HILL	2	1	0	0	0	79,780
46	TREVOR BAYNE(i)	0	2	0	0	1	396,065
47	RICKY STENHOUSE JR.(i)	0	1	0	0	0	353,063
48	MIKE BLISS(i)	0	1	0	0	0	80,800
49	ELLIOTT SADLER(i)	0	1	0	0	0	305,788
50	JOE NEMECHK(i)	0	3	0	0	0	431,788
51	DANICA PATRICK(i)	0	1	0	0	0	281,715
52	ROBERT RICHARDSON JR.(i)	0	0	0	0	0	24,913
53	BILL ELLIOTT	0	0	0	0	0	24,888
54	KENNY WALLACE(i)	0	0	0	0	0	24,838
55	MIKE WALLACE(i)	0	0	0	0	0	18,175
56	MICHAEL WALTRIP	0	0	0	0	0	38,982

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1	16	JACK ROUSH	125	3	0	3	3	3
2	29	RICHARD CHILDRESS	115	3	0	1	2	3
3	11	J D GIBBS	113	3	1	2	2	3
4	88	RICK HENDRICK	107	3	0	1	2	3
5	17	JOHN HENRY	102	3	1	1	1	3
6	99	JACK ROUSH	102	3	0	1	2	3
7	14	MARGARET HAAS	100	3	1	1	1	3
8	56	MICHAEL WALTRIP	98	3	0	0	1	3
9	20	JOE GIBBS	98	3	0	0	2	3
10	55	BILL JENKINS	97	3	0	0	2	3
11	27	RICHARD CHILDRESS	89	3	0	0	2	3
12	18	JOE GIBBS	87	3	0	0	1	3
13	39	TONY STEWART	86	3	0	1	1	3
14	15	ROB KAUFFMAN	86	3	0	0	1	3
15	31	RICHARD CHILDRESS	82	3	0	1	1	3
16	47	TAD GESCHICKTER	76	3	0	0	0	3
17	24	RICK HENDRICK	75	3	0	0	1	3
18	9	RICHARD PETTY	74	3	0	0	0	3
19	78	BARNEY VISSER	74	3	0	0	0	3
20	36	ALLAN HEINKE	66	3	0	0	0	3
21	2	ROGER PENSKE	65	3	0	1	1	3
22	43	RICHARD PETTY	63	3	0	0	0	3
23	48	JEFF GORDON	61	3	0	2	2	3
24	42	CHIP GANASSI	60	3	0	0	0	3
25	32	JACK ROUSH	59	3	0	0	0	3
26	1	TERESA EARNHARDT	57	3	0	0	1	3
27	5	LINDA HENDRICK	50	3	0	0	0	3
28	93	THOMAS UEBERALL	48	3	0	0	0	3
29	38	BRAD JENKINS	48	3	0	0	0	3
30	34	BOB JENKINS	45	3	0	0	0	3
31	21	GLEN WOOD	44	2	0	0	1	2
32	51	JAMES FINCH	44	3	0	0	0	3
33	22	WALTER CZARNECKI	44	3	0	0	0	3
34	33	RICHARD CHILDRESS	44	3	0	0	0	3
35	13	BOB GERMAIN	41	3	0	0	0	3
36	83	THOMAS UEBERALL	39	3	0	0	0	3
37	30	KEVIN BUCKLER	38	3	0	0	0	3
38	26	JERRY FREEZE	35	3	0	0	0	3
39	132	FRANK STODDARD JR.	27	1	0	0	0	1
40	10	TOMMY BALDWIN	27	3	0	0	0	3
41	87	ANDREA NEMECHEK	23	3	0	0	0	3
42	98	DUSTY WHITNEY	21	3	0	0	0	3
43	249	JAY ROBINSON	19	2	0	0	0	3
44	7	ROBBY GORDON	6	2	0	0	0	3
45	23	ROBERT RICHARDSON SR.	2	1	0	0	0	3
46	37	LARRY GUNSELMAN	2	1	0	0	0	3
47	97	ANDREA NEMECHEK	0	0	0	0	0	1
48	140	MICHAEL HILLMAN	0	0	0	0	0	1
49	109	BRACK MAGGARD	0	0	0	0	0	1