

NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Race Number 3

Unofficial Race Results for the 15Th Annual Kobalt Tools 400 - Sunday, March 11, 2012

Las Vegas Motor Speedway - Las Vegas, NV - 1.5 Mile Paved

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



Leader

Fin	Str	Car	Driver	Team	Laps	Pts	Bns	Driver Rating	Winnings	Status	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	\$207,365	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	JJ Yeley	America Israel Racing Toyota	39	1		31.9	\$80,044	Engine		

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: 14,48 (backup cars), 42 (engine change), 78 (transmission change).

Failed to Qualify: (2) 23 Scott Riggs, 7 Robby Gordon.

Time of Race: 2 Hrs, 54 Mins, 44 Secs.

Average Speed: 137.524 MPH

Margin of Victory: 0.461 Seconds

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

Lead Changes: 16 among 11 drivers: 0; D. Earnhardt Jr. 1-43; K. Harvick 44-45; G. Biffle 46; D. Earnhardt Jr. 47-73; G. Biffle 74; D. Ragan 75; K. Harvick 76-77; M. Kenseth 78-98; J. Johnson 99-133; T. Stewart 134-175; B. Keselowski 176; A. Allmendinger 177; J. Gordon 178-179; T. Stewart 180-230; C. Bowyer 231-233; T. Stewart 234-267.

Top 12 Driver Points: (1) G. Biffle 125;(2) K. Harvick 115;(3) D. Hamlin 113;(4) D. Earnhardt Jr. 107;(5) M. Kenseth 102;(6) C. Edwards 102;(7) T. Stewart 100;(8) M. Truex Jr. 98;(9) J. Logano 98;(10) M. Martin 97;(11) P. Menard 89;(12) Kyle Busch 87.

3M Lap Leader: Tony Stewart, #14 127 Laps

American Ethanol Green Flag Restart Award: Tony Stewart, #14

Coors Light Pole Award: Kasey Kahne, #5 190.456 mph

DIRECTV Crew Chief of the Race: Tony Stewart, #14 crew chief Steve Addington

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Mobil 1 Oil Driver of the Race: Tony Stewart, #14

Moog Chassis Parts Problem Solver of the Race: Jamie McMurray, #1 cc KManion,0.302s

Sunoco Rookie of the Race: Josh Wise, #26

USG Improving the Finish: Carl Edwards, #99 16 places

(i) Ineligible for driver points in this series

Next Race: Mar. 18, 2012 - Bristol Motor Speedway