

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES OFFICIAL RACE REPORT No. 3



18TH ANNUAL KOBALT 400  
LAS VEGAS MOTOR SPEEDWAY  
Las Vegas, NV - March 8, 2015  
1.5-Mile Paved Tri-Oval



267 Laps - 400.5 Miles Purse: \$6,495,939

TIME OF RACE: 2 hours, 47 minutes, 15 seconds

AVERAGE SPEED: 143.677 mph

MARGIN OF VICTORY: 1.64 second(s)

Fin Pos	Str Pos	Car No	Driver	Team	Laps	Pts	Bns Pts	Driver Rating	Winnings	Status	Lead Tms	Laps
1	18	4	Kevin Harvick	Jimmy John's/Budweiser Chevrolet	267	48	5	141.5	\$442,415	Running	5	142
2	8	78	Martin Truex Jr	Furniture Row Chevrolet	267	43	1	117.1	268,950	Running	1	3
3	7	31	Ryan Newman	Caterpillar Chevrolet	267	42	1	103.4	236,980	Running	1	14
4	4	88	Dale Earnhardt Jr	Nationwide Chevrolet	267	41	1	123.5	184,455	Running	2	4
5	19	11	Denny Hamlin	FedEx Office Toyota	267	39		108.7	162,380	Running		
6	22	47	AJ Allmendinger	Clorox Chevrolet	267	38		94.1	162,703	Running		
7	11	2	Brad Keselowski	Miller Lite Ford	267	38	1	102.8	170,461	Running	2	9
8	5	42	Kyle Larson	Target Chevrolet	267	36		102.3	156,078	Running		
9	6	20	Matt Kenseth	DeWalt Toyota	267	36	1	92.4	157,206	Running	1	1
10	2	22	Joey Logano	Pennzoil Platinum Ford	267	35	1	102.6	165,853	Running	3	47
11	10	1	Jamie McMurray	CESSNA Chevrolet	267	33		86.9	144,426	Running		
12	24	27	Paul Menard	Quaker State/Menards Chevrolet	267	32		80.8	121,010	Running		
13	23	33	Brian Scott (i)	Whitetail Chevrolet	267	0		74.6	128,068	Running		
14	16	16	Greg Biffle	Cheez-It Ford	267	30		77.5	141,793	Running		
15	28	55	Brian Vickers	Aaron's 60th Anniversary Dream Machine Toyota	266	29		70.3	137,274	Running		
16	34	41	Regan Smith (i)	Haas Automation Chevrolet	266	0		70.3	123,160	Running		
17	3	5	Kasey Kahne	Time Warner Cable Chevrolet	266	27		102.0	121,660	Running		
18	1	24	Jeff Gordon	3M Chevrolet	266	26		76.4	157,196	Running		
19	30	21	Ryan Blaney (i)	Motorcraft/Quick Lane Tire & Auto Center Ford	266	0		63.0	101,660	Running		
20	25	3	Austin Dillon	DOW Energy & Water Chevrolet	265	24		75.2	146,796	Running		
21	20	15	Clint Bowyer	5-Hour Energy Toyota	265	23		62.0	137,418	Running		
22	13	18	David Ragan	M&M's Crispy Toyota	265	22		53.8	143,651	Running		
23	37	38	David Gilliland	Love's Travel Stops Ford	265	21		47.8	123,318	Running		
24	29	9	Sam Hornish Jr	Medallion Bank/Camping World Ford	265	20		45.5	126,380	Running		
25	17	13	Casey Mears	GEICO Chevrolet	264	19		68.5	118,593	Running		
26	15	43	Aric Almirola	Smithfield Ford	264	18		72.5	134,771	Running		
27	21	10	Danica Patrick	GoDaddy Chevrolet	264	17		60.4	104,710	Running		
28	35	6	Trevor Bayne	AdvoCare Ford	264	16		51.1	137,185	Running		
29	31	17	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	Fastenal Ford	264	15		53.7	103,385	Running		
30	32	95	Michael McDowell	KLOVE Radio Ford	264	14		42.9	93,610	Running		
31	26	51	Justin Allgaier	Brandt Chevrolet	263	13		49.1	112,457	Running		
32	38	35	Cole Whitt	Speed Stick Ford	262	12		37.7	94,210	Running		
33	12	14	Tony Stewart	Mobil 1/Bass Pro Shops Chevrolet	262	11		52.6	118,724	Running		
34	39	98	Josh Wise	Phil Parsons Racing Ford	261	10		32.8	91,310	Running		
35	42	40	Landon Cassill (i)	Carsforsale.com Chevrolet	261	0		32.6	91,085	Running		
36	40	23	J.J. Yeley (i)	Dr. Pepper Toyota	260	0		32.4	90,845	Running		
37	36	34	Brett Moffitt	Shaw's Southern Belle Seafood Ford	260	7		36.6	90,614	Running		
38	43	62	Brendan Gaughan (i)	South Point Hotel & Casino Chevrolet	258	0		26.0	85,290	Running		
39	33	46	Michael Annett	Cypress Chevrolet	257	5		43.3	81,290	Running		
40	41	26	Jeb Burton #	MaximFantasySports.com Toyota	254	4		26.4	78,790	Running		
41	9	48	Jimmie Johnson	Kobalt Tools Chevrolet	236	4	1	94.7	121,226	Running	2	45
42	14	19	Carl Edwards	Comcast Business Toyota	227	3	1	75.3	69,290	Running	1	2
43	27	7	Alex Bowman	Nikko/Toy State Chevrolet	28	1		35.7	65,790	Engine		

# Sunoco Rookie of the Year Contender.

(i) = Ineligible for driver points in this series

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

**Failed to qualify:** (5) #32 Mike Bliss; #29 Reed Sorenson; #44 Travis Kvapil; #66 Mike Wallace; #83 Matt DiBenedetto

**Race Comments:** Kevin Harvick won the Kobalt 400 at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, his 29th victory in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series. Prior to the start of the race, the following cars dropped to the rear of the field for the reasons indicated: #18, 24 (backup car).

**Caution Flags:** 6 cautions for 28 laps. [Beneficiary in Brackets] 27-30 (Competition [95]); 83-86 (Debris Turn 1 [55]); 140-144 (Debris Frontstretch [55]); 173-177 (Car #48 Accident Turn 1 [2]); 187-192 (Car #48 Accident Turn 4 [33]); 195-198 (Car #19 Accident Turn 2 [41]).

**Lap Leaders:** 18 lead changes among 9 drivers. J. Gordon-pole, Logano 1-27, Earnhardt Jr 28-29, Logano 30-42, Johnson 43-76, Edwards 77-78, Kenseth 79, Johnson 80-90, Harvick 91-130, Keselowski 131-132, Logano 133-139, Harvick 140-144, Truex Jr 145-147, Harvick 148-198, Earnhardt Jr 199-200, Harvick 201-230, Newman 231-244, Keselowski 245-251, Harvick 252-267.

**COORS LIGHT POLE AWARD:** Jeff Gordon (194.679 mph. 27.738 secs.)

**3M LAP LEADER:** Kevin Harvick (142 Laps)

**AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD:** Kevin Harvick (176.833 mph)

**DURALAST BRAKES "BRAKE IN THE RACE" AWARD:** Joey Logano

**FREESCALE "WIDE OPEN":** Kevin Harvick

**INGERSOLL RAND POWER MOVE:** Austin Dillon (8 positions)

**MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER OF THE RACE:** Hendrick Engines (#4)

**MOBIL 1 DRIVER OF THE RACE:** Kevin Harvick

**MOOG STEERING AND SUSPENSION PROBLEM SOLVER OF THE RACE:** Kevin Harvick (crew chief Rodney Childers, 0.306 seconds)

**NASCAR SPRINT CUP LEADER BONUS:** Kevin Harvick (\$30,000 ++)

**SHERWIN-WILLIAMS FASTEST LAP AWARD:** Kyle Larson (Lap 2, 184.397 mph)

**SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE RACE:** Jeb Burton

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

**NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES TOP 16**

	(Wins)
1 - Kevin Harvick	134 (1)
2 - Dale Earnhardt Jr	125 (0)
3 - Joey Logano	123 (1)
4 - Martin Truex Jr	118 (0)
5 - AJ Allmendinger	100 (0)
6 - Kasey Kahne	92 (0)
7 - Jimmie Johnson	91 (1)
8 - Denny Hamlin	87 (0)
9 - Casey Mears	87 (0)
10 - Matt Kenseth	85 (0)
11 - Greg Biffle	84 (0)
12 - Ryan Newman	82 (0)
13 - Paul Menard	82 (0)
14 - Clint Bowyer	81 (0)
15 - Aric Almirola	80 (0)
16 - Brad Keselowski	77 (0)

**MANUFACTURERS' CHAMPIONSHIP**

	Pts	Wins
Chevrolet	137	(2)
Ford	126	(1)
Toyota	120	(0)

**3M LAP LEADER**

Kevin Harvick	(#4)	2
Jeff Gordon	(#24)	1

**AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD**

Kevin Harvick	(#4)	1
Joey Logano	(#22)	1
Sam Hornish Jr	(#9)	1

**DURALAST BRAKES "BRAKE IN THE RACE"**

<b>AWARD</b>		
Joey Logano	(#22)	2
Jeff Gordon	(#24)	1
<b>FREESCALE "WIDE OPEN"</b>		
Kevin Harvick	(#4)	13
Dale Earnhardt Jr	(#88)	7
Joey Logano	(#22)	7
<b>INGERSOLL RAND POWER MOVE</b>		
Michael Annett	(#46)	16
Kevin Harvick	(#4)	8
Austin Dillon	(#3)	8
<b>MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER</b>		
Hendrick	(#4)	56
Roush/Yates	(#22)	42
Hendrick	(#88)	40

**MOBIL 1 DRIVER OF THE RACE**

Kevin Harvick	(#4)	3
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**MOOG STEERING AND SUSPENSION PROBLEM SOLVER OF THE RACE**

Rodney Childers	(#4)	1
Chad Knaus	(#48)	1
Bootie Barker	(#13)	1

**SHERWIN-WILLIAMS FASTEST LAP AWARD**

Denny Hamlin	(#11)	1
Kyle Larson	(#42)	1
Carl Edwards	(#19)	1

**NEXT EVENT:** March 15, 2015 - 11th Annual CampingWorld.com 500, Phoenix International Raceway, Avondale, AZ (500 Miles) (312 Laps)

**NOTE:** The above figures are based upon team winnings and include racing purse and cash contingency awards by participating manufacturers. (3/9/2015)

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES DRIVER LEADERS

Race #3: 18TH ANNUAL KOBALT "400" Race Date: 03/08/2015

POS	DRIVER	Points	Starts	Wins	Top 5	Top 10	Money Won
1	KEVIN HARVICK	134	3	1	3	3	\$1,913,240
2	DALE EARNHARDT JR.	125	3	0	3	3	1,255,880
3	JOEY LOGANO	123	3	1	2	3	1,997,044
4	MARTIN TRUEX JR.	118	3	0	1	3	908,193
5	A J ALLMENDINGER	100	3	0	0	2	663,784
6	KASEY KAHNE	92	3	0	0	1	644,140
7	JIMMIE JOHNSON	91	3	1	2	2	1,097,769
8	DENNY HAMLIN	87	3	0	2	2	979,418
9	CASEY MEARS	87	3	0	0	1	760,164
10	MATT KENSETH	85	3	0	1	2	878,373
11	GREG BIFFLE	84	3	0	0	1	688,077
12	RYAN NEWMAN	82	3	0	1	2	725,053
13	PAUL MENARD	82	3	0	0	0	591,610
14	CLINT BOWYER	81	3	0	0	1	734,564
15	ARIC ALMIROLA	80	3	0	0	0	672,573
16	BRAD KESELOWSKI	77	3	0	0	2	671,228
17	DAVID GILLILAND	77	3	0	0	0	609,527
18	SAM HORNISH JR.	75	3	0	0	0	622,538
19	DAVID RAGAN	75	3	0	0	0	611,410
20	DANICA PATRICK	68	3	0	0	0	581,373
21	KYLE LARSON	64	3	0	0	1	662,569
22	AUSTIN DILLON	59	3	0	0	0	658,991
23	CARL EDWARDS	57	3	0	0	0	556,628
24	TREVOR BAYNE	55	3	0	0	0	640,510
25	JAMIE MCMURRAY	54	3	0	0	0	626,813
26	MICHAEL ANNETT	52	3	0	0	0	509,745
27	BRETT MOFFITT	44	2	0	0	1	234,898
28	JUSTIN ALLGAIER	44	3	0	0	0	557,933
29	MICHAEL MCDOWELL	44	3	0	0	0	502,510
30	JEFF GORDON	42	3	0	0	0	916,473
31	COLE WHITT	41	3	0	0	0	518,726
32	RICKY STENHOUSE JR.	38	3	0	0	0	556,958
33	BRIAN VICKERS	29	1	0	0	0	137,274
34	TONY STEWART	27	3	0	0	0	572,377
35	ALEX BOWMAN	22	2	0	0	0	201,535
36	JOSH WISE	22	2	0	0	0	210,083
37	BOBBY LABONTE	20	1	0	0	0	321,103
38	MICHAEL WALTRIP	18	1	0	0	0	346,942
39	JEB BURTON	13	2	0	0	0	198,638
40	REED SORENSON	12	1	0	0	0	314,228
41	MIKE WALLACE	8	1	0	0	0	313,883
42	RON HORNADAY JR.	2	1	0	0	0	95,715
43	BRIAN SCOTT(i)	0	1	0	0	0	153,056
44	REGAN SMITH(i)	0	3	0	0	0	583,903
45	MATT CRAFTON(i)	0	1	0	0	0	382,849
46	RYAN BLANEY(i)	0	2	0	0	0	382,663
47	JOHNNY SAUTER(i)	0	1	0	0	0	333,128
48	BRENDAN GAUGHAN(i)	0	2	0	0	0	183,075
49	TY DILLON(i)	0	1	0	0	0	317,190
50	MIKE BLISS(i)	0	1	0	0	0	96,710
51	JOE NEMECHK(i)	0	1	0	0	0	93,860
52	J J YELEY(i)	0	3	0	0	0	458,345
53	LONDON CASSILL(i)	0	3	0	0	0	421,840
54	JUSTIN MARKS(i)	0	0	0	0	0	23,950
55	MATT DIBENEDETTO	0	0	0	0	0	0
56	TRAVIS KVAPIL(i)	0	0	0	0	0	0

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NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES OWNER LEADERS

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POS	Car #	OWNER	Points	Starts	Wins	Top 5	Top 10	Attempts
1	4	TONY STEWART	134	3	1	3	3	3
2	88	RICK HENDRICK	125	3	0	3	3	3
3	22	WALTER CZARNECKI	123	3	1	2	3	3
4	78	BARNEY VISSER	118	3	0	1	3	3
5	47	TAD GESCHICKTER	100	3	0	0	2	3
6	5	LINDA HENDRICK	92	3	0	0	1	3
7	48	JEFF GORDON	91	3	1	2	2	3
8	11	J D GIBBS	87	3	0	2	2	3
9	13	BOB GERMAIN	87	3	0	0	1	3
10	20	JOE GIBBS	85	3	0	1	2	3
11	55	MICHAEL WALTRIP	84	3	0	0	1	3
12	16	JACK ROUSH	84	3	0	0	1	3
13	41	GENE HAAS	83	3	0	0	0	3
14	31	RICHARD CHILDRRESS	82	3	0	1	2	3
15	27	RICHARD CHILDRRESS	82	3	0	0	0	3
16	15	ROB KAUFFMAN	81	3	0	0	1	3
17	43	RICHARD PETTY	80	3	0	0	0	3
18	2	ROGER PENSKE	77	3	0	0	2	3
19	38	BRAD JENKINS	77	3	0	0	0	3
20	9	RICHARD PETTY	75	3	0	0	0	3
21	18	JOE GIBBS	74	3	0	0	0	3
22	10	TONY STEWART	68	3	0	0	0	3
23	42	CHIP GANASSI	64	3	0	0	1	3
24	33	JOE FALK	62	3	0	0	0	3
25	3	RICHARD CHILDRRESS	59	3	0	0	0	3
26	19	J D GIBBS	57	3	0	0	0	3
27	6	JOHN HENRY	55	3	0	0	0	3
28	1	FELIX SABATES	54	3	0	0	0	3
29	34	JERRY FREEZE	46	3	0	0	0	3
30	51	HARRY SCOTT JR.	44	3	0	0	0	3
31	95	BOB LEAVINE	44	3	0	0	0	3
32	24	RICK HENDRICK	42	3	0	0	0	3
33	35	BOB JENKINS	41	3	0	0	0	3
34	17	JOHN HENRY	38	3	0	0	0	3
35	46	HARRY SCOTT JR.	37	2	0	0	0	3
36	32	ARCHIE ST HILAIRE	34	2	0	0	0	3
37	21	GLEN WOOD	30	2	0	0	0	2
38	14	MARGARET HAAS	27	3	0	0	0	3
39	83	RON DEVINE	25	1	0	0	0	3
40	23	RON DEVINE	23	3	0	0	0	3
41	7	TOMMY BALDWIN	22	2	0	0	0	3
42	62	JAY ROBINSON	22	2	0	0	0	3
43	98	MIKE CURB	22	2	0	0	0	3
44	26	ANTHONY MARLOWE	13	2	0	0	0	3
45	44	JOHN COHEN	12	1	0	0	0	2
46	40	MICHAEL HILLMAN	11	3	0	0	0	3
47	66	JAY ROBINSON	8	1	0	0	0	3
48	30	CURTIS KEY SR.	2	1	0	0	0	2
49	129	ROBBY BENTON	0	0	0	0	0	3