

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES OFFICIAL RACE REPORT No. 4

52ND ANNUAL FOOD CITY 500

BRISTOL MOTOR SPEEDWAY

Bristol, TN - March 18, 2012

.533-Mile Concrete Oval

500 Laps - 266.50 Miles Purse: \$5,551,155



TIME OF RACE: 2 hours, 51 minutes, 52 seconds

AVERAGE SPEED: 93.037 mph

MARGIN OF VICTORY: 0.714 second(s)

Fin Pos	Str Pos	Car No	Driver	Team	Laps	Pts	Bns Pts	Driver Rating	Winnings	Status	Lead Tms	Laps
1	5	2	Brad Keselowski	Miller Lite Dodge	500	48	5	142.4	\$186,770	Running	4	232
2	21	17	Matt Kenseth	Best Buy Ford	500	43	1	119.3	179,821	Running	2	45
3	15	56	Martin Truex Jr	NAPA Auto Parts Toyota	500	41		104.2	147,149	Running		
4	16	15	Clint Bowyer	5-hour Energy Toyota	500	40		107.2	135,124	Running		
5	25	55	Brian Vickers	Aaron's Toyota	500	40	1	120.5	98,535	Running	3	125
6	33	31	Jeff Burton	BB&T Chevrolet	500	38		107.1	139,810	Running		
7	17	1	Jamie McMurray	McDonald's Chevrolet	500	37		93.1	127,793	Running		
8	30	42	Juan Pablo Montoya	Target Chevrolet	500	36		84.3	124,351	Running		
9	22	48	Jimmie Johnson	Lowe's / Kobalt Tools Chevrolet	500	35		94.8	136,596	Running		
10	11	27	Paul Menard	Menards / MOEN Chevrolet	500	34		88.7	102,060	Running		
11	14	29	Kevin Harvick	Budweiser Chevrolet	500	33		80.3	139,546	Running		
12	3	39	Ryan Newman	Quicken Loans Chevrolet	500	32		85.9	132,818	Running		
13	1	16	Greg Biffle	811 / 3M Ford	500	32	1	98.7	111,085	Running	1	41
14	23	14	Tony Stewart	Office Depot / Mobil 1 Chevrolet	500	30		84.6	140,810	Running		
15	18	88	Dale Earnhardt Jr	National Guard / Diet Mountain Dew Chevrolet	500	30	1	102.4	100,035	Running	2	2
16	9	20	Joey Logano	The Home Depot Toyota	498	28		76.9	99,935	Running		
17	2	22	AJ Allmendinger	Shell Pennzoil Dodge	498	28	1	94.0	132,635	Running	1	54
18	27	51	Kurt Busch	Hendrickcars.com Chevrolet	498	26		67.9	116,893	Running		
19	7	43	Aric Almirola	Charter Communications Ford	498	25		77.1	127,446	Running		
20	20	11	Denny Hamlin	FedEx Ground Toyota	498	24		69.7	132,901	Running		
21	19	10	David Reutimann	TRADEBANK Chevrolet	497	23		63.6	90,010	Running		
22	32	33	Brendan Gaughan	South Point Hotel & Casino Chevrolet	496	22		63.4	97,735	Running		
23	31	34	David Ragan	Long John Silver's Ford	496	21		55.0	105,618	Running		
24	6	78	Regan Smith	Furniture Row Racing / CSX Play It Safe Chevrolet	496	20		64.2	111,343	Running		
25	24	13	Casey Mears	GEICO Ford	496	19		58.8	101,068	Running		
26	26	38	David Gilliland	Taco Bell Ford	496	18		55.8	98,207	Running		
27	34	93	Travis Kvapil	Burger King / Dr. Pepper Toyota	496	17		51.8	96,510	Running		
28	36	47	Bobby Labonte	Clorox / Scott Products Toyota	495	16		55.0	95,860	Running		
29	29	83	Landon Cassill	Burger King / Dr. Pepper Toyota	495	15		52.7	111,605	Running		
30	40	49	J.J. Yeley	JPO Absorbents Toyota	493	14		38.3	86,410	Running		
31	39	98	Michael McDowell	K LOVE - Let It Start With Me Ford	492	13		40.9	84,110	Running		
32	13	18	Kyle Busch	Wrigley Doublemint Toyota	423	12		35.9	131,243	Running		
33	42	32	Ken Schrader	We Drive Sales - TMone.com Ford	420	11		41.4	91,985	Running		
34	35	36	Dave Blaney	Seal Wrap / Widow Wax Chevrolet	417	10		49.7	83,935	Running		
35	4	24	Jeff Gordon	Drive to End Hunger Chevrolet	395	10	1	94.3	131,921	Running	1	1
36	12	9	Marcos Ambrose	MAC Tools Ford	389	8		35.3	111,743	Running		
37	10	5	Kasey Kahne	Farmers Insurance Chevrolet	366	7		43.8	91,780	Running		
38	28	30	David Stremme	Food Country USA / Inception Motorsports Toyota	334	6		43.7	83,703	Accident		
39	8	99	Carl Edwards	Kellogg's / Cheez-It Ford	245	5		35.0	127,191	Running		
40	41	87	Joe Nemechek (i)	AM/FM Energy Wood & Pellet Stoves Toyota	57	0		32.4	80,875	Brakes		
41	43	23	Scott Riggs	North Texas Pipe Chevrolet	26	3		31.1	80,800	Vibration		
42	38	74	Reed Sorenson (i)	Carnegie Hotel / Turn One Racing Chevrolet	17	0		28.1	80,720	Vibration		
43	37	26	Josh Wise #	Morristown Drivers Service Ford	16	1		27.1	80,289	Spindle		

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: (1) #37 Timmy Hill

Race Comments: Before an estimated crowd of 102,000, Brad Keselowski won the Food City 500, his fifth NASCAR Sprint Cup Series victory. To start the race, prior to the green flag the following cars dropped to the rear of the field for the reasons indicated: 30, 36 (transmission change).

Caution Flags: 5 cautions for 49 laps. [Beneficiary in Brackets] 25-46 (Car #2, 5, 9, 18, 29, 78, 99 Accident Turn 1 [23]); 117-121 (Car #32 Accident Turn 2 [36]); 341-346 (Car #30 Accident Turn 4 [14]); 361-371 (Car #24 Accident Turn 3 [39]); 479-483 (Car #14 Accident Turn 3 [39]).

Lap Leaders: 13 lead changes among 7 drivers. Biffle 1-41, Allmendinger 42-95, Vickers 96-116, Earnhardt Jr 117, Vickers 118-216, Keselowski 217-254, Kenseth 255-256, J. Gordon 257, Vickers 258-262, Keselowski 263-341, Earnhardt Jr 342, Keselowski 343-346, Kenseth 347-389, Keselowski 390-500.

COORS LIGHT POLE AWARD: Greg Biffle (125.215 mph. 15.324 secs.)

3M LAP LEADER: Brad Keselowski (232 Laps)

AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD: Brad Keselowski

DIRECTV CREW CHIEF OF THE RACE: Greg Biffle (crew chief Matt Puccia)

MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER OF THE RACE: Penske Engines (#2)

MOBIL 1 OIL DRIVER OF THE RACE: Martin Truex Jr

MOOG STEERING AND SUSPENSION PROBLEM SOLVER OF THE RACE: Matt Kenseth (crew chief Jimmy Fennig, -0.087 seconds)

NASCAR SPRINT CUP LEADER BONUS: No winner: rolls over to \$30,000 at next event++

USG IMPROVING THE FINISH: Jeff Burton (27 places)

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

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES TOP 12 (Wins)

1 - Greg Biffle	157	(0)
2 - Kevin Harvick	148	(0)
3 - Matt Kenseth	145	(1)
4 - Martin Truex Jr	139	(0)
5 - Denny Hamlin	137	(1)
6 - Dale Earnhardt Jr	137	(0)
7 - Tony Stewart	130	(1)
8 - Clint Bowyer	126	(0)
9 - Joey Logano	126	(0)
10 - Paul Menard	123	(0)
11 - Jeff Burton	120	(0)
12 - Ryan Newman	118	(0)

MANUFACTURERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

	Pts	Wins
Ford	25	(1)
Chevrolet	24	(1)
Toyota	21	(1)
Dodge	18	(1)

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
Brad Keselowski	(#2)	1

DIRECTV CREW CHIEF OF THE RACE

Matt Puccia	(#16)	1
Shane Wilson	(#29)	1
Jimmy Fennig	(#17)	1

MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER

Roush/Yates	(#16)	50
ECR	(#29)	39
Hendrick	(#48)	34

USG IMPROVING THE FINISH

Denny Hamlin	(#11)	1
Jeff Burton	(#31)	1
Carl Edwards	(#99)	1

MOBIL 1 OIL DRIVER OF THE RACE

Denny Hamlin	(#11)	2
Martin Truex Jr	(#56)	1
Tony Stewart	(#14)	1

MOOG STEERING AND SUSPENSION PROBLEM SOLVER OF THE RACE

Jimmy Fennig	(#17)	1
Chad Johnston	(#56)	1
Sluqger Labbe	(#27)	1

COORS LIGHT POLE AWARD

Greg Biffle	1
Carl Edwards	1
Mark Martin	1
Kasey Kahne	1

SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Josh Wise	23
Timmy Hill	12

NEXT EVENT: March 25, 2012 - 16th Annual Auto Club 400, Auto Club Speedway, Fontana, CA (400 Miles) (200 Laps)

NOTE: The above figures are based upon team winnings and include racing purse and cash contingency awards by participating manufacturers. (3/19/2012)

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES DRIVER LEADERS

Race #4: 52ND ANNUAL FOOD CITY "500" Race Date: 3/18/2012

POS	DRIVER	Points	Starts	Wins	Top 5	Top 10	Money Won
1	GREG BIFFLE	157	4	0	3	3	\$1,310,413
2	KEVIN HARVICK	148	4	0	1	2	951,309
3	MATT KENSETH	145	4	1	2	2	2,053,260
4	MARTIN TRUEX JR.	139	4	0	1	2	957,834
5	DENNY HAMLIN	137	4	1	2	2	1,263,129
6	DALE EARNHARDT JR.	137	4	0	1	2	1,429,075
7	TONY STEWART	130	4	1	1	1	1,164,685
8	CLINT BOWYER	126	4	0	1	2	764,244
9	JOEY LOGANO	126	4	0	0	2	677,253
10	PAUL MENARD	123	4	0	0	3	755,240
11	JEFF BURTON	120	4	0	1	2	998,215
12	RYAN NEWMAN	118	4	0	1	1	852,308
13	BRAD KESELOWSKI	113	4	1	2	2	819,335
14	CARL EDWARDS	107	4	0	1	2	872,679
15	KYLE BUSCH	99	4	0	0	1	950,135
16	MARK MARTIN	97	3	0	0	2	513,243
17	JIMMIE JOHNSON	96	4	0	2	3	935,167
18	JUAN PABLO MONTOYA	96	4	0	0	1	707,179
19	JAMIE McMURRAY	94	4	0	0	2	730,012
20	REGAN SMITH	94	4	0	0	0	691,273
21	BOBBY LABONTE	92	4	0	0	0	639,427
22	ARIC ALMIROLA	88	4	0	0	0	695,009
23	JEFF GORDON	85	4	0	0	1	767,072
24	MARCOS AMBROSE	82	4	0	0	0	740,822
25	DAVE BLANEY	76	4	0	0	0	535,803
26	A J ALLMENDINGER	72	4	0	0	0	740,065
27	KURT BUSCH	70	4	0	0	0	620,319
28	DAVID RAGAN	66	4	0	0	0	584,995
29	DAVID GILLILAND	66	4	0	0	0	564,370
30	DAVID REUTIMANN	62	4	0	0	0	552,450
31	CASEY MEARS	60	4	0	0	0	572,552
32	KASEY KAHNE	57	4	0	0	0	613,298
33	LANDON CASSILL	54	4	0	0	0	637,470
34	BRENDAN GAUGHAN	49	3	0	0	0	270,790
35	TRAVIS KVAPIL	47	3	0	0	0	280,868
36	DAVID STREMME	44	4	0	0	0	536,230
37	BRIAN VICKERS	40	1	0	1	1	98,535
38	MICHAEL MCDOWELL	34	4	0	0	0	524,864
39	J J YELEY	33	3	0	0	0	260,242
40	TERRY LABONTE	27	1	0	0	0	316,150
41	TONY RAINES	25	1	0	0	0	317,676
42	KEN SCHRADER	25	2	0	0	0	189,615
43	JOSH WISE	11	3	0	0	0	230,867
44	ROBBY GORDON	6	2	0	0	0	332,500
45	SCOTT RIGGS	5	2	0	0	0	145,025
46	TIMMY HILL	2	1	0	0	0	79,780
47	TREVOR BAYNE(i)	0	2	0	0	1	396,065
48	RICKY STENHOUSE JR.(i)	0	1	0	0	0	353,063
49	MIKE BLISS(i)	0	1	0	0	0	80,800
50	ELLIOTT SADLER(i)	0	1	0	0	0	305,788
51	JOE NEMECHK(i)	0	4	0	0	0	512,663
52	DANICA PATRICK(i)	0	1	0	0	0	281,715
53	REED SORENSON(i)	0	1	0	0	0	80,720
54	MIKE WALLACE(i)	0	0	0	0	0	18,175
55	MICHAEL WALTRIP	0	0	0	0	0	38,982
56	KENNY WALLACE(i)	0	0	0	0	0	24,838
57	BILL ELLIOTT	0	0	0	0	0	24,888
58	ROBERT RICHARDSON JR.(i)	0	0	0	0	0	24,913

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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	16	JACK ROUSH	157	4	0	3	3	4
2	29	RICHARD CHILDRESS	148	4	0	1	2	4
3	17	JOHN HENRY	145	4	1	2	2	4
4	56	MICHAEL WALTRIP	139	4	0	1	2	4
5	11	J D GIBBS	137	4	1	2	2	4
6	88	RICK HENDRICK	137	4	0	1	2	4
7	55	BILL JENKINS	137	4	0	1	3	4
8	14	MARGARET HAAS	130	4	1	1	1	4
9	15	ROB KAUFFMAN	126	4	0	1	2	4
10	20	JOE GIBBS	126	4	0	0	2	4
11	27	RICHARD CHILDRESS	123	4	0	0	3	4
12	31	RICHARD CHILDRESS	120	4	0	1	2	4
13	39	TONY STEWART	118	4	0	1	1	4
14	2	ROGER PENSKE	113	4	1	2	2	4
15	99	JACK ROUSH	107	4	0	1	2	4
16	18	JOE GIBBS	99	4	0	0	1	4
17	48	JEFF GORDON	96	4	0	2	3	4
18	42	CHIP GANASSI	96	4	0	0	1	4
19	1	TERESA EARNHARDT	94	4	0	0	2	4
20	78	BARNEY VISSER	94	4	0	0	0	4
21	47	TAD GESCHICKTER	92	4	0	0	0	4
22	43	RICHARD PETTY	88	4	0	0	0	4
23	24	RICK HENDRICK	85	4	0	0	1	4
24	9	RICHARD PETTY	82	4	0	0	0	4
25	36	ALLAN HEINKE	76	4	0	0	0	4
26	22	WALTER CZARNECKI	72	4	0	0	0	4
27	51	JAMES FINCH	70	4	0	0	0	4
28	32	JACK ROUSH	70	4	0	0	0	4
29	34	BOB JENKINS	66	4	0	0	0	4
30	33	RICHARD CHILDRESS	66	4	0	0	0	4
31	38	BRAD JENKINS	66	4	0	0	0	4
32	93	THOMAS UEBERALL	65	4	0	0	0	4
33	13	BOB GERMAIN	60	4	0	0	0	4
34	5	LINDA HENDRICK	57	4	0	0	0	4
35	83	THOMAS UEBERALL	54	4	0	0	0	4
36	10	TOMMY BALDWIN	50	4	0	0	0	4
37	21	GLEN WOOD	44	2	0	0	1	2
38	30	KEVIN BUCKLER	44	4	0	0	0	4
39	26	JERRY FREEZE	36	4	0	0	0	4
40	98	DUSTY WHITNEY	34	4	0	0	0	4
41	249	JAY ROBINSON	33	3	0	0	0	4
42	132	FRANK STODDARD JR.	27	1	0	0	0	1
43	87	ANDREA NEMECHEK	27	4	0	0	0	4
44	7	ROBBY GORDON	6	2	0	0	0	3
45	23	ROBERT RICHARDSON SR.	5	2	0	0	0	4
46	37	LARRY GUNSELMAN	2	1	0	0	0	4
47	74	VICKIE COMPTON	2	1	0	0	0	1
48	97	ANDREA NEMECHEK	0	0	0	0	0	1
49	140	MICHAEL HILLMAN	0	0	0	0	0	1
50	109	BRACK MAGGARD	0	0	0	0	0	1