

MONSTER ENERGY NASCAR CUP SERIES OFFICIAL RACE REPORT No. 4

14TH ANNUAL TICKETGUARDIAN 500

ISM RACEWAY

Avondale, AZ - March 11, 2018

1-Mile Paved Tri-Oval

312 Laps - 312.0 Miles



TIME OF RACE: 2 hours, 53 minutes, 13 seconds

AVERAGE SPEED: 108.073 mph

MARGIN OF VICTORY: 0.774 second(s)

| Fin Pos | Str Pos | Car No | Driver | Team | Laps | Stg 1 Pos | Stg 2 Pos | Pts | Status | Lead Tms | Playoff Laps | Playoff Pts |
|---------|---------|--------|----------------------|---|------|-----------|-----------|-----|----------|----------|--------------|-------------|
| 1 | 10 | 4 | Kevin Harvick | Jimmy John's Ford | 312 | 2 | 7 | 53 | Running | 2 | 38 | 5 |
| 2 | 7 | 18 | Kyle Busch | Skittles Sweet Heat Toyota | 312 | 1 | 4 | 52 | Running | 4 | 128 | 1 |
| 3 | 3 | 9 | Chase Elliott | NAPA Auto Parts Chevrolet | 312 | 6 | | 39 | Running | | | |
| 4 | 6 | 11 | Denny Hamlin | FedEx Freight Toyota | 312 | 4 | | 40 | Running | 1 | 33 | |
| 5 | 1 | 78 | Martin Truex Jr | 5-hour Energy/Bass Pro Shops Toyota | 312 | 5 | 8 | 41 | Running | 1 | 3 | |
| 6 | 19 | 14 | Clint Bowyer | Haas Automation Ford | 312 | | 10 | 32 | Running | | | |
| 7 | 22 | 10 | Aric Almirola | Smithfield Ford | 312 | | | 30 | Running | | | |
| 8 | 15 | 19 | Daniel Suarez | ARRIS Toyota | 312 | | | 29 | Running | | | |
| 9 | 9 | 20 | Erik Jones | Sport Clips Toyota | 312 | 10 | | 29 | Running | | | |
| 10 | 23 | 41 | Kurt Busch | Mobil 1/Haas Automation Ford | 312 | 8 | 1 | 40 | Running | 1 | 6 | 1 |
| 11 | 13 | 31 | Ryan Newman | Grainger Chevrolet | 312 | | | 26 | Running | 1 | 23 | |
| 12 | 11 | 24 | William Byron # | AXALTA Chevrolet | 312 | | | 25 | Running | 1 | 15 | |
| 13 | 4 | 88 | Alex Bowman | Nationwide Chevrolet | 312 | | | 24 | Running | | | |
| 14 | 17 | 48 | Jimmie Johnson | Lowe's for Pros Chevrolet | 312 | | | 23 | Running | | | |
| 15 | 25 | 2 | Brad Keselowski | Alliance Truck Parts Ford | 312 | 7 | 2 | 35 | Running | 2 | 12 | |
| 16 | 12 | 12 | Ryan Blaney | DeVilbiss Ford | 311 | | | 21 | Running | | | |
| 17 | 18 | 3 | Austin Dillon | Dow Chevrolet | 311 | | | 20 | Running | | | |
| 18 | 2 | 42 | Kyle Larson | Credit One Bank Chevrolet | 311 | 3 | | 27 | Running | 2 | 54 | |
| 19 | 5 | 22 | Joey Logano | Shell Pennzoil Ford | 311 | 9 | | 20 | Running | | | |
| 20 | 21 | 6 | Trevor Bayne | AdvoCare Ford | 311 | | | 17 | Running | | | |
| 21 | 20 | 47 | AJ Allmendinger | Kroger ClickList Chevrolet | 311 | | | 16 | Running | | | |
| 22 | 16 | 38 | David Ragan | MDS Transport Ford | 311 | | | 15 | Running | | | |
| 23 | 29 | 17 | Ricky Stenhouse Jr | Fastenal Ford | 311 | | 3 | 22 | Running | | | |
| 24 | 26 | 95 | Kasey Kahne | WRL General Contractors Chevrolet | 311 | | 9 | 15 | Running | | | |
| 25 | 30 | 32 | Matt DiBenedetto | Zynga Poker Ford | 311 | | | 12 | Running | | | |
| 26 | 8 | 1 | Jamie McMurray | McDonald's Chevrolet | 310 | | | 11 | Running | | | |
| 27 | 36 | 15 | Ross Chastain (i) | LowT Center Chevrolet | 310 | | | 0 | Running | | | |
| 28 | 27 | 43 | Darrell Wallace Jr # | Click n' Close Chevrolet | 309 | | | 9 | Running | | | |
| 29 | 24 | 37 | Chris Buescher | Scott Towels Chevrolet | 309 | | | 8 | Running | | | |
| 30 | 28 | 13 | Ty Dillon | GEICO Chevrolet | 309 | | 6 | 12 | Running | | | |
| 31 | 34 | 96 | D.J. Kennington | Northern Provincial Pipe/Wilride Transport Toyota | 309 | | | 6 | Running | | | |
| 32 | 31 | 34 | Michael McDowell | K-Love Radio Ford | 308 | | 5 | 11 | Running | | | |
| 33 | 35 | 51 | Timmy Hill (i) | RWR Chevrolet | 306 | | | 0 | Running | | | |
| 34 | 32 | 23 | Gray Gaulding | Earthwater Toyota | 304 | | | 3 | Running | | | |
| 35 | 37 | 00 | Jeffrey Earnhardt | VRX Simulators Chevrolet | 292 | | | 2 | Running | | | |
| 36 | 14 | 21 | Paul Menard | Menards/Dutch Boy Ford | 189 | | | 1 | Accident | | | |
| 37 | 33 | 72 | Corey Lajoie | Schluter-Systems Chevrolet | 23 | | | 1 | Engine | | | |

Sunoco Rookie of the Year Contender.

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Stage 1 Top 10: 18, 4, 42, 11, 78, 9, 2, 41, 22, 20

Stage 2 Top 10: 41, 2, 17, 18, 34, 13, 4, 78, 95, 14

Race Comments: Kevin Harvick won the TicketGuardian 500 at ISM Raceway, his 40th victory in the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series. Prior to the start of the race, the following cars dropped to the rear of the field under penalty for the reason indicated: #00, #17 (backup car), #96 (unapproved tire change).

Failed to Qualify: n/a

Caution Flags: 6 cautions for 36 laps. [Beneficiary in Brackets] 26-33 (Fluid On Backstretch From #72 (Competition Caution) [51]); 77-83 (Stage 1 Conclusion [15]); 123-126 (Car #42 Incident In Turn 4 [95]); 147-149 (Car #37 Incident In Turn 4 [None]); 152-158 (Stage 2 Conclusion [43]); 192-198 (Car #21 Incident In Turn 2 [96]).

Lead Changes: 15 lead changes among 9 drivers. Truex Jr-pole, Larson 1-30, Truex Jr 31-33, Larson 34-57, Ky. Busch 58-123, Keselowski 124-128, Ky. Busch 129-147, Ku. Busch 148-153, Ky. Busch 154-178, Harvick 179-194, Byron 195-209, Hamlin 210-242, Ky. Busch 243-260, Keselowski 261-267, Newman 268-290, Harvick 291-312.

FASTEST QUALIFIER: Martin Truex Jr (136.945 mph, 26.288 secs.)

AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD: Kyle Busch

FASTEST LAP AWARD: Kyle Larson (Lap 6, 132.280 mph)

MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER OF THE RACE: Toyota Racing Development (TRD) (#18)

MOBIL 1 PERFORMANCE AWARD: Ricky Stenhouse Jr (92 Passes)

MOOG GO THE EXTRA MILE AWARD: Clint Bowyer (crew chief Mike Bugarewicz, - 0.050 seconds)

SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE RACE: William Byron

MANUFACTURERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

| | Pts | Wins |
|-----------|-----|------|
| Ford | 145 | (3) |
| Toyota | 137 | (0) |
| Chevrolet | 136 | (1) |

SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

| | |
|---------------------|----|
| DARRELL WALLACE JR. | 77 |
| WILLIAM BYRON | 68 |

AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD

| | | |
|---------------|-------|---|
| Kevin Harvick | (#4) | 1 |
| Kyle Busch | (#18) | 1 |
| Joey Logano | (#22) | 1 |

FASTEST LAP AWARD

| | | |
|---------------|-------|---|
| Kevin Harvick | (#4) | 2 |
| Kyle Larson | (#42) | 2 |

MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER

| | | |
|-------------|-------|----|
| Roush/Yates | (#4) | 61 |
| TRD | (#18) | 48 |
| Roush/Yates | (#11) | 41 |

MOBIL 1 PERFORMANCE AWARD

| | | |
|--------------------|-------|---|
| Martin Truex Jr | (#78) | 1 |
| Ricky Stenhouse Jr | (#17) | 1 |
| David Ragan | (#38) | 1 |

MOOG GO THE EXTRA MILE AWARD

| | | |
|-----------------|-------|---|
| Adam Stevens | (#18) | 1 |
| Michael Wheeler | (#11) | 1 |
| Mike Bugarewicz | (#14) | 1 |

NEXT EVENT: March 18, 2018 - 22nd Annual Auto Club 400, Auto Club Speedway, Fontana, CA (400 Miles) (200 Laps)

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MONSTER ENERGY NASCAR CUP SERIES DRIVER LEADERS

Race #4: 14TH ANNUAL TICKETGUARDIAN "500" Race Date: 03/11/2018

| Rank | DRIVER | Points | Behind Leader | Race Wins | Stage Wins | Playoff Points |
|------|---------------------|--------|---------------|-----------|------------|----------------|
| 1 | KEVIN HARVICK | 168 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 11 |
| 2 | KYLE BUSCH | 156 | 12 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 3 | MARTIN TRUEX JR. | 156 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 | JOEY LOGANO | 152 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5 | RYAN BLANEY | 152 | 16 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 6 | DENNY HAMLIN | 137 | 31 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 7 | BRAD KESELOWSKI | 134 | 34 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 8 | KYLE LARSON | 131 | 37 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 9 | CLINT BOWYER | 125 | 43 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 10 | ARIC ALMIROLA | 123 | 45 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11 | KURT BUSCH | 117 | 51 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 12 | AUSTIN DILLON | 114 | 54 | 1 | 0 | 5 |
| 13 | RYAN NEWMAN | 101 | 67 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 14 | PAUL MENARD | 97 | 71 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 15 | ERIK JONES | 93 | 75 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 16 | CHASE ELLIOTT | 91 | 77 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 17 | ALEX BOWMAN | 91 | 77 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 18 | RICKY STENHOUSE JR. | 88 | 80 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 19 | DARRELL WALLACE JR. | 77 | 91 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20 | CHRIS BUESCHER | 75 | 93 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 21 | WILLIAM BYRON | 68 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 22 | DANIEL SUAREZ | 67 | 101 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 23 | TREVOR BAYNE | 67 | 101 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 24 | MICHAEL MCDOWELL | 64 | 104 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 25 | A J ALLMENDINGER | 59 | 109 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 26 | JIMMIE JOHNSON | 59 | 109 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 27 | DAVID RAGAN | 54 | 114 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 28 | JAMIE MCMURRAY | 53 | 115 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 29 | KASEY KAHNE | 52 | 116 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 30 | MATT DIBENEDETTO | 43 | 125 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 31 | TY DILLON | 37 | 131 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 32 | JEFFREY EARNHARDT | 27 | 141 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 33 | GRAY GAULDING . | 25 | 143 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 34 | D J KENNINGTON | 19 | 149 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 35 | COLE WHITT | 18 | 150 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 36 | MARK THOMPSON | 15 | 153 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 37 | BRENDAN GAUGHAN | 9 | 159 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 38 | HARRISON RHODES | 4 | 164 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 39 | DANICA PATRICK | 2 | 166 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 40 | COREY LAJOIE | 2 | 166 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 41 | JUSTIN MARKS(i) | 0 | 168 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 42 | DAVID GILLILAND(i) | 0 | 168 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 43 | COLE CUSTER(i) | 0 | 168 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 44 | ROSS CHASTAIN(i) | 0 | 168 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 45 | JOEY GASE(i) | 0 | 168 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 46 | TIMMY HILL(i) | 0 | 168 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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MONSTER ENERGY NASCAR CUP SERIES OWNER LEADERS

Race #4: 14TH ANNUAL TICKETGUARDIAN "500" Race Date: 03/11/2018

| Rank | Car # | OWNER | Points | Behind Leader | Race Wins | Stage Wins | Playoff Points | Qualifying Attempts |
|------|-------|---------------------------|--------|---------------|-----------|------------|----------------|---------------------|
| 1 | 4 | Stewart-Haas Racing | 168 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 11 | 4 |
| 2 | 18 | Joe Gibbs Racing | 156 | 12 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| 3 | 78 | Furniture Row Racing | 156 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 4 | 22 | Team Penske | 152 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 5 | 12 | Team Penske | 152 | 16 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| 6 | 11 | Joe Gibbs Racing | 137 | 31 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 7 | 2 | Team Penske | 134 | 34 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| 8 | 42 | Chip Ganassi Racing | 131 | 37 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 9 | 14 | Stewart-Haas Racing | 125 | 43 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 10 | 10 | Stewart-Haas Racing | 123 | 45 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 11 | 41 | Stewart-Haas Racing | 117 | 51 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| 12 | 3 | Richard Childress Racing | 114 | 54 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 4 |
| 13 | 31 | Richard Childress Racing | 101 | 67 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 14 | 21 | Wood Brothers Racing | 97 | 71 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 15 | 20 | Joe Gibbs Racing | 93 | 75 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 16 | 9 | Hendrick Motorsports | 91 | 77 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 17 | 88 | Hendrick Motorsports | 91 | 77 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 18 | 17 | Roush Fenway Racing | 88 | 80 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 19 | 43 | Richard Petty Motorsports | 77 | 91 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 20 | 37 | JTG Daugherty Racing | 75 | 93 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 21 | 24 | Hendrick Motorsports | 68 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 22 | 19 | Joe Gibbs Racing | 67 | 101 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 23 | 6 | Roush Fenway Racing | 67 | 101 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 24 | 34 | Front Row Motorsports | 64 | 104 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 25 | 47 | JTG Daugherty Racing | 59 | 109 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 26 | 48 | Hendrick Motorsports | 59 | 109 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 27 | 38 | Front Row Motorsports | 54 | 114 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 28 | 1 | Chip Ganassi Racing | 53 | 115 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 29 | 95 | Leavine Family Racing | 52 | 116 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 30 | 51 | Rick Ware Racing | 45 | 123 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 31 | 32 | GO FAS Racing | 43 | 125 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 32 | 13 | Germain Racing | 37 | 131 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 33 | 00 | StarCom Racing | 27 | 141 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 34 | 15 | Premium Motorsports | 27 | 141 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 35 | 23 | BK Racing | 25 | 143 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 36 | 92 | RBR Enterprises | 23 | 145 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 37 | 72 | TriStar Motorsports | 20 | 148 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 38 | 96 | Gaunt Brothers Racing | 19 | 149 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 39 | 166 | Phoenix Air Racing | 15 | 153 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 40 | 162 | Beard Motorsports | 9 | 159 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 41 | 55 | Premium Motorsports | 5 | 163 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |