

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES OFFICIAL RACE REPORT No. 5

16TH ANNUAL AUTO CLUB 400

AUTO CLUB SPEEDWAY

Fontana, CA - March 25, 2012

2-Mile Paved Tri-Oval

200 Laps - 400 Miles Purse: \$5,847,881



TIME OF RACE: 1 hours, 36 minutes, 39 seconds

AVERAGE SPEED: 160.166 mph

MARGIN OF VICTORY: Under Caution

Fin Pos	Str Pos	Car No	Driver	Team	Laps	Pts	Bns Pts	Driver Rating	Winnings	Status	Lead Tms	Laps
1	9	14	Tony Stewart	Office Depot/Mobil 1 Chevrolet	129	47	4	133.5	\$323,450	Running	2	42
2	2	18	Kyle Busch	Interstate Batteries Toyota	129	44	2	137.5	254,698	Running	2	80
3	14	88	Dale Earnhardt Jr	Diet Mountain Dew/National Guard Chevrolet	129	41		104.3	170,165	Running		
4	7	29	Kevin Harvick	Jimmy John's Chevrolet	129	40		103.9	181,551	Running		
5	12	99	Carl Edwards	Subway Ford	129	39		100.7	166,056	Running		
6	4	16	Greg Biffle	3M Ford	129	38		104.9	119,590	Running		
7	6	39	Ryan Newman	U.S. ARMY Chevrolet	129	37		104.5	146,448	Running		
8	13	56	Martin Truex Jr	NAPA Auto Parts Toyota	129	36		89.3	131,504	Running		
9	23	51	Kurt Busch	Phoenix Construction Services Inc. Chevrolet	129	35		79.9	138,898	Running		
10	10	48	Jimmie Johnson	Lowe's/Jimmie Johnson Foundation Chevrolet	129	35	1	112.5	142,201	Running	2	2
11	1	11	Denny Hamlin	FedEx Express Toyota	129	34	1	115.1	149,771	Running	2	2
12	3	55	Mark Martin	Aaron's Toyota	129	32		90.8	96,355	Running		
13	11	15	Clint Bowyer	5-hour Energy Toyota	129	31		85.4	122,469	Running		
14	5	5	Kasey Kahne	Quaker State Chevrolet	129	30		89.9	102,105	Running		
15	25	22	AJ Allmendinger	Southern California AAA Dodge	129	29		76.5	134,330	Running		
16	15	17	Matt Kenseth	Ford EcoBoost Ford	129	28		79.2	138,866	Running		
17	24	42	Juan Pablo Montoya	Target Chevrolet	128	27		66.1	122,096	Running		
18	17	2	Brad Keselowski	Miller Lite Dodge	128	26		81.7	125,250	Running		
19	27	27	Paul Menard	Menards/CertainTeed Chevrolet	128	25		58.1	98,705	Running		
20	22	78	Regan Smith	Furniture Row/Farm American Chevrolet	128	24		63.3	114,163	Running		
21	29	9	Marcos Ambrose	DeWalt Ford	128	23		67.3	118,388	Running		
22	19	31	Jeff Burton	Caterpillar Chevrolet	128	22		72.0	127,180	Running		
23	33	13	Casey Mears	GEICO Ford	128	21		65.0	102,163	Running		
24	8	20	Joey Logano	Dollar General Toyota	128	20		68.6	95,280	Running		
25	28	43	Aric Almirola	Medallion Financial Ford	128	19		56.2	124,016	Running		
26	21	24	Jeff Gordon	Drive to End Hunger Chevrolet	128	19	1	94.7	130,566	Running	2	3
27	18	10	David Reutimann	Accell Construction Chevrolet	127	17		59.0	85,230	Running		
28	26	47	Bobby Labonte	Charter Toyota	127	16		54.9	104,188	Running		
29	40	93	Travis Kvapil	Burger King/Dr. Pepper Toyota	127	15		48.0	101,777	Running		
30	41	38	David Gilliland	1-800 LoanMart Ford	127	14		41.4	85,480	Running		
31	38	34	David Ragan	Front Row Motorsports Ford	127	13		48.0	83,280	Running		
32	16	1	Jamie McMurray	Bass Pro Shops/Allstate Chevrolet	126	12		68.2	111,613	Running		
33	34	36	Dave Blaney	Tommy Baldwin Racing Chevrolet	126	11		37.7	80,355	Running		
34	42	32	Ken Schrader	US Chrome/1 Less Than 2 Ltd. Ford	125	10		32.0	88,155	Running		
35	36	49	J.J. Yeley	America Israel Racing Chevrolet	125	9		35.5	79,930	Running		
36	31	83	Landon Cassill	Burger King/Dr. Pepper Toyota	124	8		46.2	106,125	Running		
37	30	26	Josh Wise #	MDS Ford	51	7		32.9	79,555	Vibration		
38	32	98	Michael McDowell	Curb Records Ford	40	6		39.1	79,307	Vibration		
39	20	30	David Stremme	@TheNascarFans Toyota	36	5		34.1	75,855	Rear Gear		
40	39	19	Mike Bliss (i)	Ironclad Toyota	18	0		33.8	75,675	Transmission		
41	35	23	Scott Riggs	North TX Pipe Chevrolet	17	3		30.0	75,505	Vibration		
42	43	74	Reed Sorenson (i)	Turn One Racing Chevrolet	6	0		28.9	75,415	Vibration		
43	37	33	Brendan Gaughan	South Point Casino Chevrolet	1	1		27.8	83,769	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: (3) #7 Robby Gordon; #87 Joe Nemecek; #37 Timmy Hill

Race Comments: Before an estimated attendance of 90,000, Tony Stewart won the Auto Club 400, his 46th NASCAR Sprint Cup Series victory. Prior to the green flag, the following car dropped to the rear of the field for the reason indicated: #30 (transmission change).

Caution Flags: 1 cautions for 5 laps. [Beneficiary in Brackets] 125-129 (Rain{Red Flag After Lap 129} [22]).

Lap Leaders: 9 lead changes among 5 drivers. Hamlin 1, Ky. Busch 2-67, Hamlin 68, J. Gordon 69, Johnson 70, Ky. Busch 71-84, Stewart 85-104, Johnson 105, J. Gordon 106-107, Stewart 108-129.

COORS LIGHT POLE AWARD: Denny Hamlin (186.403 mph. 38.626 secs.)

3M LAP LEADER: Kyle Busch (80 Laps)

AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD: No winner, rolls over to the year-end award winner

DIRECTV CREW CHIEF OF THE RACE: Kyle Busch (crew chief Dave Rogers)

FREESCALE "WIDE OPEN": Carl Edwards

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

MOBIL 1 OIL DRIVER OF THE RACE: Tony Stewart

MOOG STEERING AND SUSPENSION PROBLEM SOLVER OF THE RACE: Kurt Busch (crew chief Nicholas Harrison, 0.069 seconds)

NASCAR SPRINT CUP LEADER BONUS: No winner: rolls over to \$40,000 at next event++

USG IMPROVING THE FINISH: Kurt Busch (14 places)

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

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES TOP 12

	(Wins)
1 - Greg Biffle	195 (0)
2 - Kevin Harvick	188 (0)
3 - Dale Earnhardt Jr	178 (0)
4 - Tony Stewart	177 (2)
5 - Martin Truex Jr	175 (0)
6 - Matt Kenseth	173 (1)
7 - Denny Hamlin	171 (1)
8 - Clint Bowyer	157 (0)
9 - Jimmie Johnson	156 (0)
10 - Ryan Newman	155 (0)
11 - Paul Menard	148 (0)
12 - Carl Edwards	146 (0)

MANUFACTURERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

	Pts	Wins
Chevrolet	33	(2)
Ford	29	(1)
Toyota	27	(1)
Dodge	21	(1)

3M LAP LEADER

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

FREESCALE "WIDE OPEN"

Greg Biffle	(#16)	8
Matt Kenseth	(#17)	8
Denny Hamlin	(#11)	8

MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER

Roush/Yates	(#16)	60
ECR	(#29)	51
TRD	(#11)	42

MOBIL 1 OIL DRIVER OF THE RACE

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

MOOG STEERING AND SUSPENSION PROBLEM SOLVER OF THE RACE

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

USG IMPROVING THE FINISH

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

COORS LIGHT POLE AWARD

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

SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Josh Wise	24
Timmy Hill	13

NEXT EVENT: April 1, 2012 - 63rd Annual Goody's Fast Relief 500, Martinsville Speedway, Ridgeway, VA (263 Miles) (500 Laps)

NOTE: The above figures are based upon team winnings and include racing purse and cash contingency awards by participating manufacturers. (3/26/2012)

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES DRIVER LEADERS

Race #5: 16TH ANNUAL AUTO CLUB "400" Race Date: 3/25/2012

POS	DRIVER	Points	Starts	Wins	Top 5	Top 10	Money Won
1	GREG BIFFLE	195	5	0	3	4	\$1,430,003
2	KEVIN HARVICK	188	5	0	2	3	1,132,860
3	DALE EARNHARDT JR.	178	5	0	2	3	1,599,240
4	TONY STEWART	177	5	2	2	2	1,488,135
5	MARTIN TRUEX JR.	175	5	0	1	3	1,089,338
6	MATT KENSETH	173	5	1	2	2	2,192,126
7	DENNY HAMLIN	171	5	1	2	2	1,412,900
8	CLINT BOWYER	157	5	0	1	2	886,713
9	JIMMIE JOHNSON	156	5	0	2	4	1,077,368
10	RYAN NEWMAN	155	5	0	1	2	973,918
11	PAUL MENARD	148	5	0	0	3	853,945
12	CARL EDWARDS	146	5	0	2	3	1,038,735
13	JOEY LOGANO	146	5	0	0	2	772,533
14	KYLE BUSCH	143	5	0	1	2	1,204,833
15	JEFF BURTON	142	5	0	1	2	1,115,395
16	BRAD KESELOWSKI	139	5	1	2	2	949,585
17	MARK MARTIN	129	4	0	0	2	609,598
18	JUAN PABLO MONTOYA	123	5	0	0	1	829,275
19	REGAN SMITH	118	5	0	0	0	780,698
20	BOBBY LABONTE	108	5	0	0	0	743,615
21	ARIC ALMIROLA	107	5	0	0	0	819,025
22	JAMIE McMURRAY	106	5	0	0	2	841,625
23	KURT BUSCH	105	5	0	0	1	759,217
24	MARCOS AMBROSE	105	5	0	0	0	859,210
25	JEFF GORDON	104	5	0	0	1	897,638
26	A J ALLMENDINGER	101	5	0	0	0	874,395
27	KASEY KAHNE	87	5	0	0	0	715,403
28	DAVE BLANEY	87	5	0	0	0	616,158
29	CASEY MEARS	81	5	0	0	0	674,715
30	DAVID GILLILAND	80	5	0	0	0	649,850
31	DAVID RAGAN	79	5	0	0	0	668,275
32	DAVID REUTIMANN	79	5	0	0	0	637,680
33	TRAVIS KVAPIL	62	4	0	0	0	382,645
34	LANDON CASSILL	62	5	0	0	0	743,595
35	BRENDAN GAUGHAN	50	4	0	0	0	354,559
36	DAVID STREMME	49	5	0	0	0	612,085
37	J J YELEY	42	4	0	0	0	340,172
38	BRIAN VICKERS	40	1	0	1	1	98,535
39	MICHAEL MCDOWELL	40	5	0	0	0	604,171
40	KEN SCHRADER	35	3	0	0	0	277,770
41	TERRY LABONTE	27	1	0	0	0	292,200
42	TONY RAINES	25	1	0	0	0	292,763
43	JOSH WISE	18	4	0	0	0	310,422
44	SCOTT RIGGS	8	3	0	0	0	220,530
45	ROBBY GORDON	6	2	0	0	0	332,500
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	304,275
49	MIKE BLISS(i)	0	2	0	0	0	156,475
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	2	0	0	0	156,135
54	ROBERT RICHARDSON JR.(i)	0	0	0	0	0	24,913
55	MIKE WALLACE(i)	0	0	0	0	0	23,900
56	MICHAEL WALTRIP	0	0	0	0	0	38,982
57	KENNY WALLACE(i)	0	0	0	0	0	24,838
58	BILL ELLIOTT	0	0	0	0	0	24,888

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NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES OWNER LEADERS

Race #5: 16TH ANNUAL AUTO CLUB "400" Race Date: 3/25/2012

POS	Car #	OWNER	Points	Starts	Wins	Top 5	Top 10	Attempts
1	16	JACK ROUSH	195	5	0	3	4	5
2	29	RICHARD CHILDRESS	188	5	0	2	3	5
3	88	RICK HENDRICK	178	5	0	2	3	5
4	14	MARGARET HAAS	177	5	2	2	2	5
5	56	MICHAEL WALTRIP	175	5	0	1	3	5
6	17	JOHN HENRY	173	5	1	2	2	5
7	11	J D GIBBS	171	5	1	2	2	5
8	55	BILL JENKINS	169	5	0	1	3	5
9	15	ROB KAUFFMAN	157	5	0	1	2	5
10	48	JEFF GORDON	156	5	0	2	4	5
11	39	TONY STEWART	155	5	0	1	2	5
12	27	RICHARD CHILDRESS	148	5	0	0	3	5
13	99	JACK ROUSH	146	5	0	2	3	5
14	20	JOE GIBBS	146	5	0	0	2	5
15	18	JOE GIBBS	143	5	0	1	2	5
16	31	RICHARD CHILDRESS	142	5	0	1	2	5
17	2	ROGER PENSKE	139	5	1	2	2	5
18	42	CHIP GANASSI	123	5	0	0	1	5
19	78	BARNEY VISSER	118	5	0	0	0	5
20	47	TAD GESCHICKTER	108	5	0	0	0	5
21	43	RICHARD PETTY	107	5	0	0	0	5
22	1	FELIX SABATES	106	5	0	0	2	5
23	51	JAMES FINCH	105	5	0	0	1	5
24	9	RICHARD PETTY	105	5	0	0	0	5
25	24	RICK HENDRICK	104	5	0	0	1	5
26	22	WALTER CZARNECKI	101	5	0	0	0	5
27	5	LINDA HENDRICK	87	5	0	0	0	5
28	36	ALLAN HEINKE	87	5	0	0	0	5
29	13	BOB GERMAIN	81	5	0	0	0	5
30	93	THOMAS UEBERALL	80	5	0	0	0	5
31	32	JACK ROUSH	80	5	0	0	0	5
32	38	BRAD JENKINS	80	5	0	0	0	5
33	34	BOB JENKINS	79	5	0	0	0	5
34	10	TOMMY BALDWIN	67	5	0	0	0	5
35	33	RICHARD CHILDRESS	67	5	0	0	0	5
36	83	THOMAS UEBERALL	62	5	0	0	0	5
37	30	KEVIN BUCKLER	49	5	0	0	0	5
38	21	GLEN WOOD	44	2	0	0	1	2
39	26	JERRY FREEZE	43	5	0	0	0	5
40	249	JAY ROBINSON	42	4	0	0	0	5
41	98	DUSTY WHITNEY	40	5	0	0	0	5
42	132	FRANK STODDARD JR.	27	1	0	0	0	1
43	87	ANDREA NEMECHEK	27	4	0	0	0	5
44	23	ROBERT RICHARDSON SR.	8	3	0	0	0	5
45	7	ROBBY GORDON	6	2	0	0	0	4
46	119	RANDY HUMPHREY	4	1	0	0	0	1
47	74	VICKIE COMPTON	4	2	0	0	0	2
48	37	LARRY GUNSELMAN	2	1	0	0	0	5
49	97	ANDREA NEMECHEK	0	0	0	0	0	1
50	140	MICHAEL HILLMAN	0	0	0	0	0	1
51	109	BRACK MAGGARD	0	0	0	0	0	1