

MONSTER ENERGY NASCAR CUP SERIES OFFICIAL RACE REPORT No. 5



22ND ANNUAL AUTO CLUB 400

AUTO CLUB SPEEDWAY

Fontana, CA - March 18, 2018

2-Mile Paved Tri-Oval

200 Laps - 400.0 Miles



TIME OF RACE: 2 hours, 42 minutes, 41 seconds

AVERAGE SPEED: 147.526 mph

MARGIN OF VICTORY: 11.685 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	1	78	Martin Truex Jr	Bass Pro Shops/5-hour ENERGY Toyota	200	1	1	60	Running	6	125	7
2	3	42	Kyle Larson	DC Solar Chevrolet	200	6	8	43	Running			
3	2	18	Kyle Busch	Interstate Batteries Toyota	200	2	3	51	Running	6	62	
4	11	2	Brad Keselowski	Wurth Ford	200	4	2	49	Running			
5	6	22	Joey Logano	Auto Club of Southern California Ford	200	3	6	45	Running	1	9	
6	25	11	Denny Hamlin	FedEx Express Toyota	200	10	4	39	Running	1	1	
7	4	20	Erik Jones	SiriusXM Toyota	200	8	5	39	Running			
8	8	12	Ryan Blaney	PPG Ford	200			29	Running			
9	33	48	Jimmie Johnson	Lowe's for Pros Chevrolet	200	5	7	38	Running			
10	5	3	Austin Dillon	Dow Coating Chevrolet	200			27	Running			
11	26	14	Clint Bowyer	Rush Truck Centers Ford	199	9	9	30	Running			
12	27	10	Aric Almirola	Smithfield Ford	199			25	Running			
13	28	88	Alex Bowman	Nationwide Chevrolet	199			24	Running			
14	7	41	Kurt Busch	Haas Automation/Monster Energy Ford	199	7		27	Running			
15	29	24	William Byron #	AXALTA Chevrolet	199		10	23	Running	1	1	
16	31	9	Chase Elliott	NAPA Auto Parts Chevrolet	199			21	Running			
17	15	1	Jamie McMurray	McDonald's Chevrolet	199			20	Running	1	1	
18	16	17	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	Ford Ford	199			19	Running			
19	14	21	Paul Menard	Menards/FVP Ford	199			18	Running			
20	19	43	Darrell Wallace Jr #	Farmer John Chevrolet	199			17	Running			
21	9	31	Ryan Newman	Chevrolet Accessories Chevrolet	199			16	Running			
22	32	47	AJ Allmendinger	Kroger ClickList Chevrolet	199			15	Running			
23	30	19	Daniel Suarez	ARRIS Toyota	199			14	Running			
24	34	95	Kasey Kahne	WRL General Contractors Chevrolet	199			13	Running	1	1	
25	21	38	David Ragan	1000Bowls.com Ford	199			12	Running			
26	22	34	Michael McDowell	Love's Travel Stops Ford	199			11	Running			
27	17	13	Ty Dillon	Twisted Tea Chevrolet	198			10	Running			
28	37	72	Cole Whitt	SoCal Chevy Chevrolet	198			9	Running			
29	36	15	Ross Chastain (i)	LowT Center Chevrolet	198			0	Running			
30	12	37	Chris Buescher	Healthy Choice Power Bowls Chevrolet	197			7	Running			
31	18	32	Matt DiBenedetto	Can-Am/Wholey Ford	196			6	Running			
32	20	23	Gray Gaulding	Earthwater Toyota	194			5	Running			
33	35	51	Timmy Hill (i)	Bubba Burgers Toyota	193			0	Running			
34	24	55	Reed Sorenson	Chevrolet	193			3	Running			
35	10	4	Kevin Harvick	Busch Beer Ford	191			2	Running			
36	23	00	Jeffrey Earnhardt	VRX Simulators Chevrolet	189			1	Running			
37	13	6	Trevor Bayne	Performance Plus Ford	108			1	Accident			

Sunoco Rookie of the Year Contender.

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Stage 1 Top 10: 78, 18, 22, 2, 48, 42, 41, 20, 14, 11

Stage 2 Top 10: 78, 2, 18, 11, 20, 22, 48, 42, 14, 24

Race Comments: Martin Truex Jr. won the Auto Club 400 at Auto Club Speedway, his 16th Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series victory. Prior to the start of the race, the following cars dropped to the rear of the field under penalty for reasons indicated: #23, 88 – engine, 19 – back up car and 34 – rear gear.

Failed to Qualify: n/a

Caution Flags: 5 cautions for 21 laps. [Beneficiary in Brackets] 39-42 (Car #4 Incident In Turn 2 [37]); 62-66 (Stage 1 Conclusion [15]); 110-113 (Car #6 Incident In Turn 4 [31]); 122-126 (Stage 2 Conclusion [21]); 130-132 (Car #38 Incident In Turn 2 [13]).

Lead Changes: 16 lead changes among 7 drivers. Truex Jr 1-10, Ky. Busch 11-28, McMurray 29, Ky. Busch 30, Truex Jr 31-63, Logano 64-72, Truex Jr 73-89, Ky. Busch 90-93, Truex Jr 94-123, Ky. Busch 124-130, Kahne 131, Byron 132, Ky. Busch 133-160, Truex Jr 161-163, Hamlin 164, Ky. Busch 165-168, Truex Jr 169-200.

BUSCH POLE AWARD: Martin Truex Jr (186.567 mph. 38.592 secs.)

AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD: Martin Truex Jr

FASTEST LAP AWARD: Martin Truex Jr (lap 2, 185.553 mph)

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

MOBIL 1 PERFORMANCE AWARD: David Ragan (137 passes)

MOOG GO THE EXTRA MILE AWARD: Denny Hamlin (crew chief Michael Wheeler, - 0.202 seconds)

SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE RACE: William Byron

MANUFACTURERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

	Pts	Wins
Ford	178	(3)
Toyota	177	(1)
Chevrolet	163	(1)

AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD

Martin Truex Jr	(#78)	1
Kyle Busch	(#18)	1
Joey Logano	(#22)	1

FASTEST LAP AWARD

Kevin Harvick	(#4)	2
Martin Truex Jr	(#78)	1
Kyle Larson	(#42)	1

MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER

TRD	(#18)	72
Roush/Yates	(#4)	61
Roush/Yates	(#11)	52

MOBIL 1 PERFORMANCE AWARD

David Ragan	(#38)	2
Martin Truex Jr	(#78)	1
Ricky Stenhouse Jr	(#17)	1

MOOG GO THE EXTRA MILE AWARD

Michael Wheeler	(#11)	2
Adam Stevens	(#18)	1
Mike Bugarewicz	(#14)	1

BUSCH POLE AWARD

Martin Truex Jr	2
Kyle Busch	1
Ryan Blaney	1
Alex Bowman	1

SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

DARRELL WALLACE JR.	94
WILLIAM BYRON	91

NEXT EVENT: March 25, 2018 - 69th Annual STP 500, Martinsville Speedway, Martinsville, VA (263 Miles) (500 Laps)

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MONSTER ENERGY NASCAR CUP SERIES DRIVER LEADERS

Race #5: 22ND ANNUAL AUTO CLUB "400" Race Date: 03/18/2018

Rank	DRIVER	Points	Behind Leader	Race Wins	Stage Wins	Playoff Points
1	MARTIN TRUEX JR.	216	0	1	2	7
2	KYLE BUSCH	207	9	0	1	1
3	JOEY LOGANO	197	19	0	0	0
4	BRAD KESELOWSKI	183	33	0	1	1
5	RYAN BLANEY	181	35	0	1	1
6	DENNY HAMLIN	176	40	0	0	0
7	KYLE LARSON	174	42	0	0	0
8	KEVIN HARVICK	170	46	3	3	11
9	CLINT BOWYER	155	61	0	0	0
10	ARIC ALMIROLA	148	68	0	0	0
11	KURT BUSCH	144	72	0	2	2
12	AUSTIN DILLON	141	75	1	0	5
13	ERIK JONES	132	84	0	0	0
14	RYAN NEWMAN	117	99	0	0	0
15	PAUL MENARD	115	101	0	0	0
16	ALEX BOWMAN	115	101	0	0	0
17	RICKY STENHOUSE JR.	107	109	0	0	0
18	JIMMIE JOHNSON	97	119	0	0	0
19	DARRELL WALLACE JR.	94	122	0	0	0
20	WILLIAM BYRON	91	125	0	0	0
21	CHASE ELLIOTT	87	129	0	0	0
22	CHRIS BUESCHER	82	134	0	0	0
23	DANIEL SUAREZ	81	135	0	0	0
24	MICHAEL MCDOWELL	75	141	0	0	0
25	A J ALLMENDINGER	74	142	0	0	0
26	JAMIE MCMURRAY	73	143	0	0	0
27	TREVOR BAYNE	68	148	0	0	0
28	DAVID RAGAN	66	150	0	0	0
29	KASEY KAHNE	65	151	0	0	0
30	MATT DIBENEDETTO	49	167	0	0	0
31	TY DILLON	47	169	0	0	0
32	GRAY GAULDING .	30	186	0	0	0
33	JEFFREY EARNHARDT	28	188	0	0	0
34	COLE WHITT	27	189	0	0	0
35	D J KENNINGTON	19	197	0	0	0
36	MARK THOMPSON	15	201	0	0	0
37	BRENDAN GAUGHAN	9	207	0	0	0
38	HARRISON RHODES	4	212	0	0	0
39	REED SORENSON	3	213	0	0	0
40	DANICA PATRICK	2	214	0	0	0
41	COREY LAJOIE	2	214	0	0	0
42	JUSTIN MARKS(i)	0	216	0	0	0
43	DAVID GILLILAND(i)	0	216	0	0	0
44	COLE CUSTER(i)	0	216	0	0	0
45	ROSS CHASTAIN(i)	0	216	0	0	0
46	JOEY GASE(i)	0	216	0	0	0
47	TIMMY HILL(i)	0	216	0	0	0

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MONSTER ENERGY NASCAR CUP SERIES OWNER LEADERS

Race #5: 22ND ANNUAL AUTO CLUB "400" Race Date: 03/18/2018

Rank	Car #	OWNER	Points	Behind Leader	Race Wins	Stage Wins	Playoff Points	Qualifying Attempts
1	78	Furniture Row Racing	216	0	1	2	7	5
2	18	Joe Gibbs Racing	207	9	0	1	1	5
3	22	Team Penske	197	19	0	0	0	5
4	2	Team Penske	183	33	0	1	1	5
5	12	Team Penske	181	35	0	1	1	5
6	11	Joe Gibbs Racing	176	40	0	0	0	5
7	42	Chip Ganassi Racing	174	42	0	0	0	5
8	4	Stewart-Haas Racing	170	46	3	3	11	5
9	14	Stewart-Haas Racing	155	61	0	0	0	5
10	10	Stewart-Haas Racing	148	68	0	0	0	5
11	41	Stewart-Haas Racing	144	72	0	2	2	5
12	3	Richard Childress Racing	141	75	1	0	5	5
13	20	Joe Gibbs Racing	132	84	0	0	0	5
14	31	Richard Childress Racing	117	99	0	0	0	5
15	21	Wood Brothers Racing	115	101	0	0	0	5
16	88	Hendrick Motorsports	115	101	0	0	0	5
17	17	Roush Fenway Racing	107	109	0	0	0	5
18	48	Hendrick Motorsports	97	119	0	0	0	5
19	43	Richard Petty Motorsports	94	122	0	0	0	5
20	24	Hendrick Motorsports	91	125	0	0	0	5
21	9	Hendrick Motorsports	87	129	0	0	0	5
22	37	JTG Daugherty Racing	82	134	0	0	0	5
23	19	Joe Gibbs Racing	81	135	0	0	0	5
24	34	Front Row Motorsports	75	141	0	0	0	5
25	47	JTG Daugherty Racing	74	142	0	0	0	5
26	1	Chip Ganassi Racing	73	143	0	0	0	5
27	6	Roush Fenway Racing	68	148	0	0	0	5
28	38	Front Row Motorsports	66	150	0	0	0	5
29	95	Leavine Family Racing	65	151	0	0	0	5
30	51	Rick Ware Racing	49	167	0	0	0	5
31	32	GO FAS Racing	49	167	0	0	0	5
32	13	Germain Racing	47	169	0	0	0	5
33	15	Premium Motorsports	35	181	0	0	0	5
34	23	BK Racing	30	186	0	0	0	5
35	72	TriStar Motorsports	29	187	0	0	0	5
36	00	StarCom Racing	28	188	0	0	0	5
37	92	RBR Enterprises	23	193	0	0	0	1
38	96	Gaunt Brothers Racing	19	197	0	0	0	2
39	166	Phoenix Air Racing	15	201	0	0	0	1
40	162	Beard Motorsports	9	207	0	0	0	1
41	55	Premium Motorsports	8	208	0	0	0	2