

MONSTER ENERGY NASCAR CUP SERIES OFFICIAL RACE REPORT No. 8



58TH ANNUAL FOOD CITY 500
 BRISTOL MOTOR SPEEDWAY
 Bristol, TN - April 15, 2018
 .533-Mile Concrete Oval
 500 Laps - 266.5 Miles



TIME OF RACE: 3 hours, 26 minutes, 25 seconds

AVERAGE SPEED: 77.465 mph

MARGIN OF VICTORY: 0.628 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	18	Kyle Busch	Skittles Toyota	500		2	49	Running	5	117	5
2	6	42	Kyle Larson	McDonald's Chevrolet	500	5	5	47	Running	4	200	
3	17	48	Jimmie Johnson	Lowe's for Pros Chevrolet	500	7	3	46	Running			
4	4	17	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	SunnyD Ford	500	10	6	39	Running			
5	8	88	Alex Bowman	Nationwide Chevrolet	500		7	36	Running			
6	19	10	Aric Almirola	Smithfield Ford	500	8		34	Running			
7	39	4	Kevin Harvick	Busch Beer Ford	500		8	33	Running			
8	14	14	Clint Bowyer	Haas Automation Demo Day Ford	500	3		37	Running			
9	10	22	Joey Logano	Autotrader Ford	500			28	Running	1	1	
10	30	31	Ryan Newman	Bass Pro Shops/Cabela's Chevrolet	500	2		36	Running			
11	12	19	Daniel Suarez	ARRIS Toyota	500			26	Running	1	5	
12	23	38	David Ragan	The Pete Store Ford	500			25	Running			
13	7	21	Paul Menard	Menards/Dutch Boy Ford	499			24	Running			
14	25	11	Denny Hamlin	FedEx Freight Toyota	499		4	30	Running	1	4	
15	21	3	Austin Dillon	Realtree Chevrolet	499		9	24	Running			
16	20	43	Darrell Wallace Jr #	STP Chevrolet	499		10	22	Running	1	6	
17	18	47	AJ Allmendinger	Kroger ClickList Chevrolet	499	4		27	Running			
18	11	24	William Byron #	AXALTA Chevrolet	498			19	Running			
19	31	1	Jamie McMurray	Cessna Chevrolet	498			18	Running			
20	29	00	Landon Cassill	TW CABLE Chevrolet	498			17	Running			
21	24	32	Matt DiBenedetto	Keen Parts/CorvetteParts.Net Ford	497			16	Running			
22	2	41	Kurt Busch	Haas Automation/Monster Energy Ford	496	9		17	Running			
23	3	2	Brad Keselowski	Discount Tire Ford	495	1	1	34	Running	4	67	2
24	33	6	Trevor Bayne	AdvoCare Ford	495			13	Running			
25	34	72	Corey Lajoie	TriStar Motorsports Chevrolet	494			12	Running			
26	13	20	Erik Jones	DeWalt Toyota	494	6		16	Running			
27	35	96	D.J. Kennington	Gaunt Brothers Racing Toyota	482			10	Running			
28	32	13	Ty Dillon	GEICO Chevrolet	475			9	Running			
29	16	9	Chase Elliott	Mountain Dew Baja Blast Chevrolet	473			8	Running			
30	26	78	Martin Truex Jr	Auto-Owners Insurance Toyota	458			7	Accident			
31	28	23	Gray Gaulding	Earthwater Toyota	448			6	Running			
32	36	55	Reed Sorenson	VIPRacingExperience.com Chevrolet	342			5	Accident			
33	38	66	Chad Finchum (i)	Concrete North/Smithbilt Homes Toyota	335			0	Accident			
34	15	95	Kasey Kahne	WRL General Contractors Chevrolet	236			3	Steering			
35	5	12	Ryan Blaney	REV Ford	117			2	Accident	2	100	
36	22	37	Chris Buescher	Bush's Beans Chevrolet	116			1	Accident			
37	37	51	Harrison Rhodes	Industrial Construction Experts Inc. Chevrolet	115			1	Accident			
38	9	34	Michael McDowell	Love's Travel Stops Ford	9			1	Accident			
39	27	15	Ross Chastain (i)	LowT Center Chevrolet	3			0	Accident			

Sunoco Rookie of the Year Contender.
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Stage 1 Top 10: 2, 31, 14, 47, 42, 20, 48, 10, 41, 17
 Stage 2 Top 10: 2, 18, 48, 11, 42, 17, 88, 4, 3, 43

Race Comments: Kyle Busch won the Food City 500 at Bristol Motor Speedway, his 45th 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: #4- back-up car, 41 - back-up car and 48 - unapproved tire change.

Failed to Qualify: n/a

Caution Flags: 13 cautions for 114 laps. [Beneficiary in Brackets] 5-9 (Car #9, 24, 78, 19, 47, 15, 34, 38, 66 Incident Frontstretch [None]); 18-22 (Car #47,1 Incident Turn 2 [38]); 47-59 (Weather [Red Flag 25:25] [55]); 62-67 (Car #17, 20, 22 Incident Turn 4 [51]); 119-124 (Car #12, 1, 37, 38, 51, 6 Incident Turn 3 [Red Flag 6:29] [00]); 127-134 (Stage 1 Conclusion [1]); 156-169 (Car #6 Incident Turn 4 [Red Flag 26:54] [32]); 204-217 (Weather [32]); 252-261 (Stage 2 Conclusion [1]); 325-329 (Car #42, 31 Incident Frontstretch [17]); 355-365 (Car #55 Incident Turn 4 [38]); 391-399 (Weather [11]); 471-478 (Car #2 Incident Turn 2 [19]).

Lead Changes: 18 lead changes among 8 drivers. Ky. Busch 1-16, Blaney 17-55, Logano 56, Blaney 57-117, Keselowski 118-130, Larson 131-243, Keselowski 244-261, Hamlin 262-265, Keselowski 266-292, Larson 293-324, Ky. Busch 325-360, Suarez 361-365, Keselowski 366-374, Wallace Jr 375-380, Ky. Busch 381-438, Larson 439-472, Ky. Busch 473, Larson 474-494, Ky. Busch 495-500.

BUSCH POLE AWARD: Kyle Busch (128.822 mph. 14.895 secs.)
 AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD: Kyle Larson
 FASTEST LAP AWARD: Kyle Larson (lap 222, 128.391 mph)
 MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER OF THE RACE: Toyota Racing Development (TRD) (#18)
 MOBIL 1 PERFORMANCE AWARD: Aric Almirola (91 passes)
 MOOG GO THE EXTRA MILE AWARD: Ryan Newman (crew chief Lucas Lambert, 0.177 seconds)
 SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE RACE: Darrell Wallace Jr

MANUFACTURERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

	Pts	Wins
Toyota	292	(3)
Ford	286	(4)
Chevrolet	262	(1)

MOOG GO THE EXTRA MILE AWARD

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

BUSCH POLE AWARD

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

AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD

Kyle Busch	(#18)	3
Joey Logano	(#22)	1
Kevin Harvick	(#4)	1

SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

WILLIAM BYRON	154
DARRELL WALLACE JR.	148

FASTEST LAP AWARD

Kevin Harvick	(#4)	3
Kyle Larson	(#42)	2
Martin Truex Jr	(#78)	1

MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER

TRD	(#18)	126
Roush/Yates	(#4)	99
Roush/Yates	(#22)	74

MOBIL 1 PERFORMANCE AWARD

Aric Almirola	(#10)	2
Ricky Stenhouse Jr	(#17)	2
David Ragan	(#38)	2

NEXT EVENT: April 21, 2018 - 64th Annual Toyota Owners 400, Richmond Raceway, Richmond, VA (300 Miles) (400 Laps)

MONSTER ENERGY NASCAR CUP SERIES DRIVER LEADERS

Race #8: 58TH ANNUAL FOOD CITY "500" Race Date: 04/15/2018

Rank	DRIVER	Points	Behind Leader	Race Wins	Stage Wins	Playoff Points
1	KYLE BUSCH	365	0	2	2	12
2	JOEY LOGANO	306	59	0	0	0
3	KEVIN HARVICK	290	75	3	4	12
4	CLINT BOWYER	286	79	1	0	5
5	BRAD KESELOWSKI	271	94	0	3	3
6	RYAN BLANEY	267	98	0	2	2
7	MARTIN TRUEX JR.	257	108	1	2	7
8	DENNY HAMLIN	252	113	0	1	1
9	KYLE LARSON	249	116	0	0	0
10	KURT BUSCH	241	124	0	2	2
11	ARIC ALMIROLA	211	154	0	0	0
12	ERIK JONES	209	156	0	0	0
13	ALEX BOWMAN	190	175	0	0	0
14	AUSTIN DILLON	183	182	1	0	5
15	RYAN NEWMAN	181	184	0	0	0
16	PAUL MENARD	170	195	0	0	0
17	JIMMIE JOHNSON	169	196	0	0	0
18	RICKY STENHOUSE JR.	162	203	0	0	0
19	WILLIAM BYRON	154	211	0	0	0
20	A J ALLMENDINGER	150	215	0	0	0
21	DARRELL WALLACE JR.	148	217	0	0	0
22	JAMIE McMURRAY	140	225	0	0	0
23	CHASE ELLIOTT	136	229	0	0	0
24	DANIEL SUAREZ	134	231	0	0	0
25	CHRIS BUESCHER	119	246	0	0	0
26	DAVID RAGAN	117	248	0	0	0
27	MICHAEL MCDOWELL	115	250	0	0	0
28	TREVOR BAYNE	110	255	0	0	0
29	KASEY KAHNE	101	264	0	0	0
30	TY DILLON	95	270	0	0	0
31	MATT DIBENEDETTO	91	274	0	0	0
32	COLE WHITT	55	310	0	0	0
33	GRAY GAULDING .	54	311	0	0	0
34	D J KENNINGTON	38	327	0	0	0
35	LANDON CASSILL	34	331	0	0	0
36	JEFFREY EARNHARDT	28	337	0	0	0
37	HARRISON RHODES	22	343	0	0	0
38	MARK THOMPSON	15	350	0	0	0
39	COREY LAJOIE	14	351	0	0	0
40	REED SORENSON	14	351	0	0	0
41	BRENDAN GAUGHAN	9	356	0	0	0
42	DANICA PATRICK	2	363	0	0	0
43	JUSTIN MARKS(i)	0	365	0	0	0
44	DAVID GILLILAND(i)	0	365	0	0	0
45	ROSS CHASTAIN(i)	0	365	0	0	0
46	COLE CUSTER(i)	0	365	0	0	0
47	JJ YELEY(i)	0	365	0	0	0
48	JOEY GASE(i)	0	365	0	0	0
49	TIMMY HILL(i)	0	365	0	0	0
50	CHAD FINCHUM(i)	0	365	0	0	0

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MONSTER ENERGY NASCAR CUP SERIES OWNER LEADERS

Race #8: 58TH ANNUAL FOOD CITY "500" Race Date: 04/15/2018

Rank	Car #	OWNER	Points	Behind Leader	Race Wins	Stage Wins	Playoff Points	Qualifying Attempts
1	18	Joe Gibbs Racing	365	0	2	2	12	8
2	22	Team Penske	306	59	0	0	0	8
3	4	Stewart-Haas Racing	290	75	3	4	12	8
4	14	Stewart-Haas Racing	286	79	1	0	5	8
5	2	Team Penske	271	94	0	3	3	8
6	12	Team Penske	267	98	0	2	2	8
7	78	Furniture Row Racing	257	108	1	2	7	8
8	11	Joe Gibbs Racing	252	113	0	1	1	8
9	42	Chip Ganassi Racing	249	116	0	0	0	8
10	41	Stewart-Haas Racing	241	124	0	2	2	8
11	10	Stewart-Haas Racing	211	154	0	0	0	8
12	20	Joe Gibbs Racing	209	156	0	0	0	8
13	88	Hendrick Motorsports	190	175	0	0	0	8
14	3	Richard Childress Racing	183	182	1	0	5	8
15	31	Richard Childress Racing	181	184	0	0	0	8
16	21	Wood Brothers Racing	170	195	0	0	0	8
17	48	Hendrick Motorsports	169	196	0	0	0	8
18	17	Roush Fenway Racing	162	203	0	0	0	8
19	24	Hendrick Motorsports	154	211	0	0	0	8
20	47	JTG Daugherty Racing	150	215	0	0	0	8
21	43	Richard Petty Motorsports	148	217	0	0	0	8
22	1	Chip Ganassi Racing	140	225	0	0	0	8
23	9	Hendrick Motorsports	136	229	0	0	0	8
24	19	Joe Gibbs Racing	134	231	0	0	0	8
25	37	JTG Daugherty Racing	119	246	0	0	0	8
26	38	Front Row Motorsports	117	248	0	0	0	8
27	34	Front Row Motorsports	115	250	0	0	0	8
28	6	Roush Fenway Racing	110	255	0	0	0	8
29	95	Leavine Family Racing	101	264	0	0	0	8
30	13	Germain Racing	95	270	0	0	0	8
31	32	GO FAS Racing	91	274	0	0	0	8
32	72	TriStar Motorsports	69	296	0	0	0	8
33	51	Rick Ware Racing	67	298	0	0	0	8
34	15	Premium Motorsports	63	302	0	0	0	8
35	00	StarCom Racing	62	303	0	0	0	8
36	23	BK Racing	54	311	0	0	0	8
37	96	Gaunt Brothers Racing	38	327	0	0	0	4
38	55	Premium Motorsports	25	340	0	0	0	5
39	92	RBR Enterprises	23	342	0	0	0	1
40	166	Phoenix Air Racing	15	350	0	0	0	1
41	162	Beard Motorsports	9	356	0	0	0	1
42	66	Motorsports Business Management	4	361	0	0	0	1