

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES OFFICIAL RACE REPORT No. 10

43RD ANNUAL AARON'S 499  
TALLADEGA SUPERSPEEDWAY

Talladega, AL - May 6, 2012

2.66-Mile Paved Tri-Oval

188 Laps - 500 Miles Purse: \$6,076,191



TIME OF RACE: 3 hours, 13 minutes, 17 seconds

AVERAGE SPEED: 160.192 mph

MARGIN OF VICTORY: 0.304 second(s)

Fin Pos	Str Pos	Car No	Driver	Team	Laps	Pts	Bns Pts	Driver Rating	Winnings	Status	Lead Tms	Laps
1	23	2	Brad Keselowski	Miller Lite Dodge	194	47	4	120.1	\$305,745	Running	2	10
2	11	18	Kyle Busch	M&M's Toyota	194	43	1	106.2	263,298	Running	1	1
3	10	17	Matt Kenseth	Best Buy Ford	194	43	2	128.5	225,701	Running	7	73
4	5	5	Kasey Kahne	Farmers Insurance Chevrolet	194	41	1	88.4	155,090	Running	2	11
5	6	16	Greg Biffle	3M/O'Reilly Auto Parts Ford	194	40	1	118.4	143,540	Running	3	15
6	24	15	Clint Bowyer	Aaron's/Alabama National Championship Toyota	194	38		82.9	146,554	Running		
7	32	34	David Ragan	Front Row Motorsports Ford	194	37		85.6	137,723	Running		
8	11	21	Trevor Bayne (i)	Motorcraft/Quick Lane Tire & Auto Center Ford	194	0		87.8	110,565	Running		
9	18	88	Dale Earnhardt Jr	National Guard/Diet Mountain Dew Chevrolet	194	36	1	88.4	120,765	Running	1	10
10	29	31	Jeff Burton	Caterpillar Chevrolet	194	35	1	83.3	143,640	Running	2	3
11	23	1	Jamie McMurray	Bass Pro Shops/Tracker Boats Chevrolet	194	33		71.6	133,013	Running		
12	4	43	Aric Almirola	VeriFone Sail Ford	194	32		95.3	137,716	Running		
13	26	38	David Gilliland	Taco Bell Ford	194	31		73.8	115,688	Running		
14	3	9	Marcos Ambrose	Stanley Ford	194	30		97.4	126,613	Running		
15	2	22	AJ Allmendinger	Shell Pennzoil/AAA Dodge	194	29		86.6	139,305	Running		
16	41	93	Travis Kvapil	Burgr King/Dr. Pepper Toyota	194	29	1	56.3	125,063	Running	1	1
17	17	27	Paul Menard	Menards/Turtle Wax Chevrolet	194	28	1	67.9	103,330	Running	3	10
18	25	13	Casey Mears	GEICO Ford	194	27	1	73.6	106,138	Running	1	2
19	9	55	Michael Waltrip	Aaron's Color Your Way Toyota	194	26	1	97.7	93,680	Running	1	21
20	33	51	Kurt Busch	Phoenix Construction Services Inc. Chevrolet	193	25	1	96.6	111,602	Running	2	4
21	42	47	Bobby Labonte	Bush's Beans Toyota	192	23		56.0	100,105	Running		
22	34	10	David Reutimann	Tommy Baldwin Racing Chevrolet	192	22		52.7	91,380	Running		
23	22	11	Denny Hamlin	FedEx Express Toyota	192	22	1	66.9	132,771	Running	3	8
24	8	14	Tony Stewart	Office Depot/Mobil 1 Chevrolet	190	21	1	88.6	140,180	Running	1	16
25	20	29	Kevin Harvick	Rheem Chevrolet	184	20	1	55.7	136,016	Accident	1	1
26	30	20	Joey Logano	Dollar General Toyota	184	18		62.3	96,955	Accident		
27	39	23	Robert Richardson (i)	North TX Pipe Toyota	182	0		44.8	85,405	Accident		
28	15	56	Martin Truex Jr	NAPA Auto Parts Toyota	166	16		53.1	114,569	Accident		
29	28	32	Terry Labonte	C&J Energy Ford	143	15		48.8	92,655	Accident		
30	38	36	Dave Blaney	Golden Corral Chevrolet	142	14		68.2	85,955	Accident		
31	7	99	Carl Edwards	Fastenal Ford	142	13		66.1	130,546	Accident		
32	12	42	Juan Pablo Montoya	Target/Kraft Chevrolet	142	13	1	67.4	114,146	Accident	2	3
33	1	24	Jeff Gordon	DuPont Chevrolet	142	11		66.1	137,866	Accident		
34	40	83	Landon Cassill	Burgr King/Dr. Pepper Toyota	141	10		73.4	110,250	Accident		
35	19	48	Jimmie Johnson	Lowe's Chevrolet	61	10	1	76.2	130,691	Engine	1	5
36	14	39	Ryan Newman	Bass Pro Shops/Tracker Boats Chevrolet	42	8		35.9	127,763	Engine		
37	36	97	Bill Elliott	NEMCO Motorsports Toyota	37	7		31.0	83,430	Electrical		
38	43	33	Tony Raines	Little Joe's Autos Chevrolet	32	6		28.4	91,082	Engine		
39	27	30	David Stremme	Stock Car Steel and Aluminum Toyota	30	5		32.5	79,550	Transmission		
40	31	78	Regan Smith	Furniture Row Chevrolet	15	4		36.0	87,275	Engine		
41	37	87	Joe Nemechek (i)	AM/FM Energy Wood & Pellet Stoves Toyota	7	0		28.4	79,025	Vibration		
42	16	26	Josh Wise #	Morristown Driver's Service Ford	5	2		29.8	79,355	Rear Gear		
43	35	98	Michael McDowell	Curb Records Ford	2	1		26.3	78,681	Vibration		

# 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) #49 J.J. Yeley

**Race Comments:** Before an estimated attendance of 108,500, Brad Keselowski won the Aaron's 499, his sixth NASCAR Sprint Cup Series victory. Prior to the green flag, the following cars dropped to the rear of the field for the reason indicated: #38, 93 (adjustments outside impound).

**Caution Flags:** 5 cautions for 24 laps. [Beneficiary in Brackets] 17-20 (Oil On Track From #78 [None]); 144-150 (Car #20, 24, 32, 36, 42, 43, 56, 83, 99 Accident Turn 3 [11]); 177-179 (Car #9, 13, 21 Accident Turn 2 [29]); 182-184 (Car #2, 51 Accident Frontstretch [38]); 186-192 (Car #11, 14, 16, 20, 22, 23, 27, 29, 55 Accident Turn 1 [93]).

**Lap Leaders:** 33 lead changes among 17 drivers. Stewart 1-16, Menard 17, Kvapil 18, Kenseth 19-24, Waltrip 25-45, Johnson 46-50, Kenseth 51-59, Burton 60-61, Earnhardt Jr 62-71, Kenseth 72-86, Kahne 87-94, Montoya 95, Kahne 96-98, Montoya 99-100, Biffle 101, Harvick 102, Menard 103-104, Biffle 105-111, Burton 112, Biffle 113-119, Ku. Busch 120-121, Kenseth 122-133, Ku. Busch 134-135, Kenseth 136-142, Ky. Busch 143, Menard 144-150, Keselowski 151-158, Hamlin 159-161, Mears 162-163, Hamlin 164-166, Kenseth 167-174, Hamlin 175-176, Kenseth 177-192, Keselowski 193-194.

**COORS LIGHT POLE AWARD:** Jeff Gordon (191.623 mph. 49.973 secs.)

**3M LAP LEADER:** Matt Kenseth (73 Laps)

**AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD:** Travis Kvapil

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

**MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER OF THE RACE:** Roush Yates Engines (#17)

**MOBIL 1 OIL DRIVER OF THE RACE:** Kyle Busch

**MOOG STEERING AND SUSPENSION PROBLEM SOLVER OF THE RACE:** Dale Earnhardt Jr (crew chief Steve Letarte, 0.039 seconds)

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

**USG IMPROVING THE FINISH:** David Ragan (25 places)

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

**NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES TOP 12**

Driver	(Wins)
1 - Greg Biffle	378 (1)
2 - Matt Kenseth	371 (1)
3 - Dale Earnhardt Jr	369 (0)
4 - Denny Hamlin	351 (2)
5 - Kevin Harvick	333 (0)
6 - Martin Truex Jr	332 (0)
7 - Tony Stewart	328 (2)
8 - Jimmie Johnson	324 (0)
9 - Kyle Busch	308 (1)
10 - Clint Bowyer	302 (0)
11 - Carl Edwards	300 (0)
12 - Brad Keselowski	299 (2)

**MANUFACTURERS' CHAMPIONSHIP**

Manufacturer	Pts	Wins
Chevrolet	63	(3)
Toyota	58	(3)
Ford	53	(2)
Dodge	46	(2)

**3M LAP LEADER**

Matt Kenseth	(#17)	1
Denny Hamlin	(#11)	1
Kevin Harvick	(#29)	1

**AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD**

Greg Biffle	(#16)	1
Denny Hamlin	(#11)	1
Kevin Harvick	(#29)	1

**DIRECTV CREW CHIEF OF THE RACE**

Matt Puccia	(#16)	3
Dave Rogers	(#18)	2
Jimmy Fennig	(#17)	1

**MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER**

Roush/Yates	(#16)	101
Roush/Yates	(#17)	93
Hendrick	(#48)	86

**MOBIL 1 OIL DRIVER OF THE RACE**

Denny Hamlin	(#11)	3
Tony Stewart	(#14)	2
Kyle Busch	(#18)	2

**MOOG STEERING AND SUSPENSION PROBLEM SOLVER OF THE RACE**

Jimmy Fennig	(#17)	2
Steve Letarte	(#88)	1
Chad Johnston	(#56)	1

**USG IMPROVING THE FINISH**

Jeff Gordon	(#24)	2
Matt Kenseth	(#17)	1
Denny Hamlin	(#11)	1

**COORS LIGHT POLE AWARD**

Kasey Kahne	2
Mark Martin	2
Greg Biffle	1
Denny Hamlin	1
Martin Truex Jr	1
Carl Edwards	1
AJ Allmendinger	1
Jeff Gordon	1

**SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE YEAR**

Josh Wise	29
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**NEXT EVENT:** May 12, 2012 - 63rd Annual Bojangles' Southern 500, Darlington Raceway, Darlington, SC (501.322 Miles) (367 Laps)

**NOTE:** The above figures are based upon team winnings and include racing purse and cash contingency awards by participating manufacturers. (5/7/2012)

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES DRIVER LEADERS

Race #10: 43RD ANNUAL AARON'S "499" Race Date: 5/6/2012

POS	DRIVER	Points	Starts	Wins	Top 5	Top 10	Money Won
1	GREG BIFFLE	378	10	1	6	7	\$2,406,798
2	MATT KENSETH	371	10	1	6	6	3,082,191
3	DALE EARNHARDT JR.	369	10	0	4	8	2,236,400
4	DENNY HAMLIN	351	10	2	4	5	2,246,485
5	KEVIN HARVICK	333	10	0	2	5	1,838,165
6	MARTIN TRUEX JR.	332	10	0	3	6	1,824,183
7	TONY STEWART	328	10	2	3	4	2,227,850
8	JIMMIE JOHNSON	324	10	0	4	7	2,017,848
9	KYLE BUSCH	308	10	1	3	5	2,142,338
10	CLINT BOWYER	302	10	0	1	5	1,512,183
11	CARL EDWARDS	300	10	0	2	6	1,741,740
12	BRAD KESELOWSKI	299	10	2	3	5	1,738,320
13	RYAN NEWMAN	286	10	1	2	3	1,691,138
14	PAUL MENARD	277	10	0	0	3	1,340,835
15	JOEY LOGANO	259	10	0	0	2	1,249,223
16	JAMIE MCMURRAY	253	10	0	0	2	1,465,255
17	JUAN PABLO MONTOYA	252	10	0	0	1	1,431,970
18	JEFF BURTON	249	10	0	1	3	1,742,220
19	KASEY KAHNE	246	10	0	2	4	1,318,931
20	A J ALLMENDINGER	242	10	0	1	1	1,571,510
21	MARCOS AMBROSE	239	10	0	0	0	1,447,640
22	ARIC ALMIROLA	237	10	0	0	1	1,450,095
23	JEFF GORDON	232	10	0	1	2	1,659,368
24	MARK MARTIN	218	7	0	1	4	1,010,733
25	KURT BUSCH	215	10	0	0	1	1,300,528
26	BOBBY LABONTE	211	10	0	0	0	1,251,729
27	REGAN SMITH	208	10	0	0	0	1,303,965
28	CASEY MEARS	187	10	0	0	0	1,169,170
29	DAVID RAGAN	172	10	0	0	1	1,135,391
30	DAVID GILLILAND	165	10	0	0	0	1,099,317
31	DAVID REUTIMANN	154	10	0	0	0	1,049,845
32	TRAVIS KVAPIL	148	9	0	0	0	886,947
33	DAVE BLANEY	140	10	0	0	0	1,001,868
34	LANDON CASSILL	135	10	0	0	0	1,282,460
35	DAVID STREMMER	81	9	0	0	0	910,303
36	J J YELEY	73	7	0	0	0	574,992
37	BRIAN VICKERS	66	2	0	1	1	177,570
38	MICHAEL MCDOWELL	57	10	0	0	0	967,242
39	BRENDAN GAUGHAN	50	4	0	0	0	354,559
40	KEN SCHRADER	47	4	0	0	0	358,230
41	TERRY LABONTE	42	2	0	0	0	384,855
42	TONY RAINES	41	3	0	0	0	479,625
43	JOSH WISE	39	9	0	0	0	677,455
44	MICHAEL WALTRIP	26	1	0	0	0	132,662
45	HERMIE SADLER III	13	1	0	0	0	80,610
46	SCOTT RIGGS	13	6	0	0	0	438,460
47	STEPHEN LEICHT	9	1	0	0	0	77,635
48	BILL ELLIOTT	7	1	0	0	0	108,318
49	ROBBY GORDON	6	2	0	0	0	332,500
50	SCOTT SPEED	2	2	0	0	0	146,017
51	TREVOR BAYNE(i)	0	4	0	0	2	604,885
52	SAM HORNISH JR.(i)	0	1	0	0	0	76,610
53	RICKY STENHOUSE JR.(i)	0	1	0	0	0	304,275
54	MIKE BLISS(i)	0	5	0	0	0	371,325
55	ELLIOTT SADLER(i)	0	1	0	0	0	305,788
56	ROBERT RICHARDSON JR.(i)	0	1	0	0	0	110,318
57	REED SORENSON(i)	0	6	0	0	0	486,328
58	JOE NEMECHKI(i)	0	8	0	0	0	796,238
59	DANICA PATRICK(i)	0	1	0	0	0	281,715
60	COLE WHITT(i)	0	1	0	0	0	66,200
61	TIMMY HILL(i)	0	1	0	0	0	79,780
62	MIKE WALLACE(i)	0	0	0	0	0	23,900
63	KENNY WALLACE(i)	0	0	0	0	0	24,838
64	STACY COMPTON	0	0	0	0	0	0
65	JEFF GREEN(i)	0	0	0	0	0	0
66	TIM ANDREWS(i)	0	0	0	0	0	0

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## NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES OWNER LEADERS

Race #10: 43RD ANNUAL AARON'S "499" Race Date: 5/6/2012

POS	Car #	OWNER	Points	Starts	Wins	Top 5	Top 10	Attempts
1	16	JACK ROUSH	378	10	1	6	7	10
2	17	JOHN HENRY	371	10	1	6	6	10
3	88	RICK HENDRICK	369	10	0	4	8	10
4	11	J D GIBBS	351	10	2	4	5	10
5	29	RICHARD CHILDRESS	333	10	0	2	5	10
6	56	MICHAEL WALTRIP	332	10	0	3	6	10
7	14	MARGARET HAAS	328	10	2	3	4	10
8	48	JEFF GORDON	324	10	0	4	7	10
9	55	BILL JENKINS	310	10	0	2	5	10
10	18	JOE GIBBS	308	10	1	3	5	10
11	15	ROB KAUFFMAN	302	10	0	1	5	10
12	99	JACK ROUSH	300	10	0	2	6	10
13	2	ROGER PENSKE	299	10	2	3	5	10
14	39	TONY STEWART	286	10	1	2	3	10
15	27	RICHARD CHILDRESS	277	10	0	0	3	10
16	20	JOE GIBBS	259	10	0	0	2	10
17	1	FELIX SABATES	253	10	0	0	2	10
18	42	CHIP GANASSI	252	10	0	0	1	10
19	31	RICHARD CHILDRESS	249	10	0	1	3	10
20	5	LINDA HENDRICK	246	10	0	2	4	10
21	22	WALTER CZARNECKI	242	10	0	1	1	10
22	9	RICHARD PETTY	239	10	0	0	0	10
23	43	RICHARD PETTY	237	10	0	0	1	10
24	24	RICK HENDRICK	232	10	0	1	2	10
25	51	JAMES FINCH	215	10	0	0	1	10
26	47	TAD GESCHICKTER	211	10	0	0	0	10
27	78	BARNEY VISSER	208	10	0	0	0	10
28	13	BOB GERMAIN	187	10	0	0	0	10
29	34	BOB JENKINS	172	10	0	0	1	10
30	93	THOMAS UEBERALL	166	10	0	0	0	10
31	38	BRAD JENKINS	165	10	0	0	0	10
32	32	JACK ROUSH	145	10	0	0	0	10
33	10	TOMMY BALDWIN	142	10	0	0	0	10
34	36	ALLAN HEINKE	140	10	0	0	0	10
35	83	THOMAS UEBERALL	135	10	0	0	0	10
36	33	RICHARD CHILDRESS	105	9	0	0	0	10
37	21	GLEN WOOD	96	4	0	0	2	4
38	30	KEVIN BUCKLER	81	9	0	0	0	10
39	249	JAY ROBINSON	73	7	0	0	0	10
40	26	JERRY FREEZE	64	10	0	0	0	10
41	98	MIKE CURB	57	10	0	0	0	10
42	87	ANDREA NEMECHEK	41	8	0	0	0	10
43	23	ROBERT RICHARDSON SR.	30	7	0	0	0	10
44	132	FRANK STODDARD JR.	27	1	0	0	0	1
45	12	ROGER PENSKE	26	1	0	0	0	1
46	119	RANDY HUMPHREY	12	4	0	0	0	5
47	74	VICKIE COMPTON	9	4	0	0	0	6
48	97	ANDREA NEMECHEK	7	1	0	0	0	2
49	7	ROBBY GORDON	6	2	0	0	0	4
50	37	LARRY GUNSELMAN	2	1	0	0	0	6
51	195	BOB LEAVINE	2	2	0	0	0	2
52	109	BRACK MAGGARD	0	0	0	0	0	1
53	140	MICHAEL HILLMAN	0	0	0	0	0	1
54	52	KELLY OWEN	0	0	0	0	0	1
55	179	ARCHIE ST HILAIRE	0	0	0	0	0	1