

NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Race Number 10

Unofficial Race Results for the 43Rd Annual Aaron's 499 - Sunday, May 6, 2012

Talladega Superspeedway - Talladega, AL - 2.66 Mile Paved

Total Race Length - 194 Laps - 516.04 Miles - Purse: \$6,076,191



Leader

Fin	Str	Car	Driver	Team	Laps	Pts	Bns	Driver Rating	Winnings	Status	Tms	Laps
1	13	2	Brad Keselowski	Miller Lite Dodge	194	47	4	120.1	\$305,745	Running	2	10
2	21	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	Burger 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 Jr.(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	Burger 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	\$97,025	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		

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).

Failed to Qualify: (1) 49 JJ Yeley.

Time of Race: 3 Hrs, 13 Mins, 17 Secs.

Average Speed: 160.192 MPH

Margin of Victory: 0.304 Seconds

Caution Flags: 5 for 24 laps: Laps: 17-20 (Oil on track from #78 [None]); 144-150 (#20, 24, 32, 36, 42, 43, 56, 83, 99 accident turn 3 [11]); 177-179 (#9, 13, 21 accident turn 2 [29]); 182-184 (#2, 51 accident frontstretch [38]); 186-192 (#11, 14, 16, 20, 22, 23, 27, 29, 55 accident turn 1 [93]).

Lead Changes: 34 among 17 drivers: 0; T. Stewart 1-16; P. Menard 17; T. Kvapil 18; M. Kenseth 19-24; M. Waltrip 25-45; J. Johnson 46-50; M. Kenseth 51-59; J. Burton 60-61; D. Earnhardt Jr. 62-71; M. Kenseth 72-86; K. Kahne 87-94; J. Montoya 95; K. Kahne 96-98; J. Montoya 99-100; G. Biffle 101; K. Harvick 102; P. Menard 103-104; G. Biffle 105-111; J. Burton 112; G. Biffle 113-119; Kurt Busch 120-121; M. Kenseth 122-133; Kurt Busch 134-135; M. Kenseth 136-142; Kyle Busch 143; P. Menard 144-150; B. Keselowski 151-158; D. Hamlin 159-161; C. Mears 162-163; D. Hamlin 164-166; M. Kenseth 167-174; D. Hamlin 175-176; M. Kenseth 177-192; B. Keselowski 193-194.

Top 12 Driver Points: (1) G. Biffle 378;(2) M. Kenseth 371;(3) D. Earnhardt Jr. 369;(4) D. Hamlin 351;(5) K. Harvick 333;(6) M. Truex Jr. 332;(7) T. Stewart 328;(8) J. Johnson 324;(9) Kyle Busch 308;(10) C. Bowyer 302;(11) C. Edwards 300;(12) B. Keselowski 299.

3M Lap Leader: Matt Kenseth, #17 73 Laps

American Ethanol Green Flag Restart Award: Travis Kvapil, #93

Coors Light Pole Award: Jeff Gordon, #24 191.623 mph

DIRECTV Crew Chief of the Race: Greg Biffle, #16 cc M Puccia

Mahle Clevite Engine Builder of the Race: Roush Yates Engines, #17

Mobil 1 Oil Driver of the Race: Kyle Busch, #18

Moog Chassis Parts Problem Solver of the Race: Dale Earnhardt Jr, #88 cc S Letarte, .039 **USG Improving the Finish:** David Ragan, #34 25 places

(i) Ineligible for driver points in this series

Next Race: May. 12, 2012 - Darlington Raceway