

MONSTER ENERGY NASCAR CUP SERIES OFFICIAL RACE REPORT No. 10



49TH ANNUAL GEICO 500
TALLADEGA SUPERSPEEDWAY
Talladega, AL - April 29, 2018
2.66-Mile Paved Tri-Oval
188 Laps - 500.1 Miles



TIME OF RACE: 3 hours, 16 minutes, 46 seconds

AVERAGE SPEED: 152.489 mph

MARGIN OF VICTORY: 0.127 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	9	22	Joey Logano	Shell Pennzoil/Autotrader Ford	188	2	2	58	Running	4	70	5
2	2	41	Kurt Busch	Monster Energy/Haas Automation Ford	188		8	38	Running	1	5	
3	5	9	Chase Elliott	NAPA Auto Parts Chevrolet	188			34	Running			
4	1	4	Kevin Harvick	Busch Beer Flannel Ford	188	9	4	42	Running	1	12	
5	7	17	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	Fifth Third Bank Ford	188	8	5	41	Running	1	4	
6	12	38	David Ragan	Bad Boy Mowers Ford	188		6	36	Running			
7	40	10	Aric Almirola	Smithfield Ford	188			30	Running			
8	11	88	Alex Bowman	Nationwide Chevrolet	188			29	Running	1	26	
9	18	31	Ryan Newman	Caterpillar Chevrolet	188			28	Running			
10	14	19	Daniel Suarez	ARRIS Toyota	188			27	Running	1	1	
11	25	37	Chris Buescher	Degree Chevrolet	188			26	Running	1	1	
12	16	48	Jimmie Johnson	Lowe's for Pros Chevrolet	188	10	7	30	Running			
13	19	18	Kyle Busch	M&M's Flavor Vote Toyota	188	4	10	32	Running			
14	4	11	Denny Hamlin	FedEx Express Toyota	188	6		28	Running	2	11	
15	29	13	Ty Dillon	GEICO Chevrolet	188			22	Running			
16	15	43	Darrell Wallace Jr #	Petty's Garage/Medallion Bank Chevrolet	188			21	Running	1	5	
17	26	95	Kasey Kahne	Procore Safety Qualified Chevrolet	188			20	Running	1	1	
18	23	12	Ryan Blaney	Menards/Richmond Ford	188	7	3	31	Running			
19	33	32	Matt DiBenedetto	Can-Am/Wholey Ford	188			18	Running	1	6	
20	31	96	D.J. Kennington	Gaunt Brothers Racing Toyota	188			17	Running			
21	36	72	Cole Whitt	1950 Clothing Company Chevrolet	188			16	Running			
22	30	62	Brendan Gaughan	Beard Oil Dist/South Point Hotel & Casino Chevrolet	188			15	Running	1	1	
23	32	92	Timothy Peters (i)	Advance Auto Parts/BTS Tire & Wheel Ford	187			0	Running			
24	37	23	Gray Gaulding	Earthwater Toyota	187			13	Running			
25	35	15	Ross Chastain (i)	Chevrolet	186			0	Running			
26	3	78	Martin Truex Jr	Bass Pro Shops/5-hour ENERGY Toyota	184	3		19	Accident			
27	34	00	Joey Gase (i)	Sparks Inc. Chevrolet	178			0	Engine			
28	27	1	Jamie McMurray	DC Solar Chevrolet	174			9	Running			
29	17	24	William Byron #	Liberty University Chevrolet	165		9	10	Accident	3	14	
30	13	21	Paul Menard	Motorcraft/Quick Lane Tire & Auto Center Ford	165	5	1	23	Accident	1	8	1
31	8	14	Clint Bowyer	Haas Automation Demo Day Ford	165			6	Accident			
32	20	34	Michael McDowell	Love's Travel Stops/Roller Bites Ford	165			5	Accident			
33	10	2	Brad Keselowski	Snap On Ford	165	1		14	Accident	4	21	1
34	28	47	AJ Allmendinger	Kroger ClickList Chevrolet	165			3	Accident	2	2	
35	24	3	Austin Dillon	Dow Scooper Cat Chevrolet	165			2	Accident			
36	39	51	Timmy Hill (i)	Keen's Building/Race to Erase Opioids Ford	151			0	Engine			
37	38	55	Reed Sorenson	Chevrolet	79			1	Suspension			
38	21	6	Trevor Bayne	AdvoCare Ford	71			1	Accident			
39	6	20	Erik Jones	XYO Network Toyota	71			1	Accident			
40	22	42	Kyle Larson	Credit One Bank Chevrolet	71			1	Accident			

Sunoco Rookie of the Year Contender.
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Stage 1 Top 10: 2, 22, 78, 18, 21, 11, 12, 17, 4, 48
Stage 2 Top 10: 21, 22, 12, 4, 17, 38, 48, 41, 24, 18

Race Comments: Joey Logano won the GEICO 500 at Talladega Superspeedway, his 19th 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 the reasons indicated: No. 1, 13, 19 and 31 (backup car), No. 9 (unapproved tire change) and No. 10 (unapproved adjustments).

Failed to Qualify: n/a

Caution Flags: 6 cautions for 29 laps. [Beneficiary in Brackets] 57-61 (Stage 1 Conclusion [38]); 73-78 (Car #1, 6, 10, 20, 42, 78 Incident On The Backstretch [72]); 112-116 (Stage 2 Conclusion [95]); 130-133 (Debris On The Frontstretch [14]); 156-159 (Fluid On The Track From #51 [96]); 167-171 (2, 3, 11, 12, 14, 18, 21, 24, 34, 43, 47, 48, 62 And 95 Incident In Turn 3 [11]).

Lead Changes: 25 lead changes among 16 drivers. Harvick 1-12, Bowman 13-38, Wallace Jr 39-43, Keselowski 44-57, Allmendinger 58, Keselowski 59-61, Byron 62-63, Keselowski 64-66, Byron 67, Buescher 68, DiBenedetto 69-74, Logano 75-96, Hamlin 97-104, Menard 105-112, Gaughan 113, Byron 114-124, Ku. Busch 125-129, Allmendinger 130, Stenhouse Jr 131-134, Hamlin 135-137, Logano 138-140, Keselowski 141, Logano 142-144, Suarez 145, Kahne 146, Logano 147-188.

BUSCH POLE AWARD: Kevin Harvick (194.448 mph, 49.247 secs.)
AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD: Chase Elliott
FASTEST LAP AWARD: David Ragan (lap 71, 203.667 mph)
MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER OF THE RACE: Roush-Yates Engines (#22)
MOBIL 1 PERFORMANCE AWARD: Kyle Busch (345 passes)
MOOG GO THE EXTRA MILE AWARD: Ryan Newman (crew chief Lucas Lambert, 0.070 seconds)
SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE RACE: Darrell Wallace Jr

MANUFACTURERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

	Pts	Wins
Ford	359	(5)
Toyota	359	(4)
Chevrolet	331	(1)

MOOG GO THE EXTRA MILE AWARD

Mike Bugarewicz	(#14)	2
Michael Wheeler	(#11)	2
Lucas Lambert	(#31)	2

BUSCH POLE AWARD

Martin Truex Jr	3
Kyle Busch	2
Kevin Harvick	1
Kurt Busch	1
Ryan Blaney	1
Alex Bowman	1

AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD

Kyle Busch	(#18)	3
Martin Truex Jr	(#78)	2
Joey Logano	(#22)	1

SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

WILLIAM BYRON	202
DARRELL WALLACE JR.	181

FASTEST LAP AWARD

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

MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER

TRD	(#18)	144
Roush/Yates	(#4)	127
Roush/Yates	(#22)	109

MOBIL 1 PERFORMANCE AWARD

Ricky Stenhouse Jr	(#17)	3
Aric Almirola	(#10)	2
David Ragan	(#38)	2

NEXT EVENT: May 6, 2018 - 49th Annual AAA400 Drive For Autism, Dover International Speedway, Dover, DE (400 Miles) (400 Laps)

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MONSTER ENERGY NASCAR CUP SERIES DRIVER LEADERS

Race #10: 49TH ANNUAL GEICO "500" Race Date: 04/29/2018

Rank	DRIVER	Points	Behind Leader	Race Wins	Stage Wins	Playoff Points
1	KYLE BUSCH	447	0	3	2	17
2	JOEY LOGANO	417	30	1	2	7
3	KEVIN HARVICK	366	81	3	4	12
4	CLINT BOWYER	335	112	1	0	5
5	KURT BUSCH	320	127	0	2	2
6	BRAD KESELOWSKI	317	130	0	4	4
7	DENNY HAMLIN	314	133	0	1	1
8	RYAN BLANEY	313	134	0	2	2
9	MARTIN TRUEX JR.	303	144	1	2	7
10	KYLE LARSON	280	167	0	0	0
11	ARIC ALMIROLA	278	169	0	0	0
12	ALEX BOWMAN	238	209	0	0	0
13	ERIK JONES	234	213	0	0	0
14	JIMMIE JOHNSON	230	217	0	0	0
15	RICKY STENHOUSE JR.	217	230	0	0	0
16	RYAN NEWMAN	214	233	0	0	0
17	AUSTIN DILLON	210	237	1	0	5
18	CHASE ELLIOTT	209	238	0	0	0
19	PAUL MENARD	206	241	0	1	1
20	WILLIAM BYRON	202	245	0	0	0
21	DANIEL SUAREZ	188	259	0	0	0
22	DARRELL WALLACE JR.	181	266	0	0	0
23	JAMIE MCMURRAY	167	280	0	0	0
24	A J ALLMENDINGER	163	284	0	0	0
25	DAVID RAGAN	157	290	0	0	0
26	CHRIS BUESCHER	156	291	0	0	0
27	TY DILLON	134	313	0	0	0
28	MATT DIBENEDETTO	130	317	0	0	0
29	KASEY KAHNE	129	318	0	0	0
30	TREVOR BAYNE	127	320	0	0	0
31	MICHAEL MCDOWELL	126	321	0	0	0
32	COLE WHITT	78	369	0	0	0
33	GRAY GAULDING	69	378	0	0	0
34	D J KENNINGTON	55	392	0	0	0
35	LONDON CASSILL	37	410	0	0	0
36	JEFFREY EARNHARDT	28	419	0	0	0
37	BRENDAN GAUGHAN	24	423	0	0	0
38	HARRISON RHODES	23	424	0	0	0
39	REED SORENSON	16	431	0	0	0
40	MARK THOMPSON	15	432	0	0	0
41	COREY LAJOIE	14	433	0	0	0
42	DANICA PATRICK	2	445	0	0	0
43	JUSTIN MARKS(i)	0	447	0	0	0
44	DAVID GILLILAND(i)	0	447	0	0	0
45	ROSS CHASTAIN(i)	0	447	0	0	0
46	TIMOTHY PETERS(i)	0	447	0	0	0
47	COLE CUSTER(i)	0	447	0	0	0
48	JOEY GASE(i)	0	447	0	0	0
49	JJ YELEY(i)	0	447	0	0	0
50	DANIEL HEMRIC(i)	0	447	0	0	0
51	TIMMY HILL(i)	0	447	0	0	0
52	CHAD FINCHUM(i)	0	447	0	0	0

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MONSTER ENERGY NASCAR CUP SERIES OWNER LEADERS

Race #10: 49TH ANNUAL GEICO "500" Race Date: 04/29/2018

Rank	Car #	OWNER	Points	Behind Leader	Race Wins	Stage Wins	Playoff Points	Qualifying Attempts
1	18	Joe Gibbs Racing	447	0	3	2	17	10
2	22	Team Penske	417	30	1	2	7	10
3	4	Stewart-Haas Racing	366	81	3	4	12	10
4	14	Stewart-Haas Racing	335	112	1	0	5	10
5	41	Stewart-Haas Racing	320	127	0	2	2	10
6	2	Team Penske	317	130	0	4	4	10
7	11	Joe Gibbs Racing	314	133	0	1	1	10
8	12	Team Penske	313	134	0	2	2	10
9	78	Furniture Row Racing	303	144	1	2	7	10
10	42	Chip Ganassi Racing	280	167	0	0	0	10
11	10	Stewart-Haas Racing	278	169	0	0	0	10
12	88	Hendrick Motorsports	238	209	0	0	0	10
13	20	Joe Gibbs Racing	234	213	0	0	0	10
14	48	Hendrick Motorsports	230	217	0	0	0	10
15	17	Roush Fenway Racing	217	230	0	0	0	10
16	31	Richard Childress Racing	214	233	0	0	0	10
17	3	Richard Childress Racing	210	237	1	0	5	10
18	9	Hendrick Motorsports	209	238	0	0	0	10
19	21	Wood Brothers Racing	206	241	0	1	1	10
20	24	Hendrick Motorsports	202	245	0	0	0	10
21	19	Joe Gibbs Racing	188	259	0	0	0	10
22	43	Richard Petty Motorsports	181	266	0	0	0	10
23	1	Chip Ganassi Racing	167	280	0	0	0	10
24	47	JTG Daugherty Racing	163	284	0	0	0	10
25	38	Front Row Motorsports	157	290	0	0	0	10
26	37	JTG Daugherty Racing	156	291	0	0	0	10
27	13	Germain Racing	134	313	0	0	0	10
28	32	GO FAS Racing	130	317	0	0	0	10
29	95	Leavine Family Racing	129	318	0	0	0	10
30	6	Roush Fenway Racing	127	320	0	0	0	10
31	34	Front Row Motorsports	126	321	0	0	0	10
32	72	TriStar Motorsports	92	355	0	0	0	10
33	15	Premium Motorsports	84	363	0	0	0	10
34	00	StarCom Racing	75	372	0	0	0	10
35	51	Rick Ware Racing	69	378	0	0	0	10
36	23	BK Racing	69	378	0	0	0	10
37	96	Gaunt Brothers Racing	55	392	0	0	0	5
38	92	RBR Enterprises	37	410	0	0	0	2
39	55	Premium Motorsports	27	420	0	0	0	7
40	162	Beard Motorsports	24	423	0	0	0	2
41	166	Phoenix Air Racing	15	432	0	0	0	1
42	8	Richard Childress Racing	5	442	0	0	0	1
43	66	Motorsports Business Management	4	443	0	0	0	1

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