

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES OFFICIAL RACE REPORT No. 12

53RD ANNUAL COCA-COLA 600

CHARLOTTE MOTOR SPEEDWAY

Concord, NC - May 27, 2012

1.5-Mile Paved Tri-Oval

400 Laps - 600 Miles Purse: \$6,544,088



**TIME OF RACE:** 3 hours, 51 minutes, 14 seconds

**AVERAGE SPEED:** 155.687 mph

**MARGIN OF VICTORY:** 4.295 second(s)

Fin Pos	Str Pos	Car No	Driver	Team	Laps	Pts	Bns Pts	Driver Rating	Winnings	Status	Lead Tms	Laps
1	7	5	Kasey Kahne	Quaker State Chevrolet	400	47	4	135.5	\$355,675	Running	6	96
2	8	11	Denny Hamlin	FedEx Ground Toyota	400	43	1	112.7	284,831	Running	2	13
3	17	18	Kyle Busch	M&M's Red-White-Blue Toyota	400	42	1	119.2	236,898	Running	3	55
4	4	16	Greg Biffle	Fastenal Ford	400	42	2	135.5	199,915	Running	9	204
5	24	2	Brad Keselowski	Miller Lite Dodge	400	40	1	99.6	174,010	Running	1	1
6	12	88	Dale Earnhardt Jr	Nat'l Guard-American Salute/Diet Mtn. Dew Chev	400	38		94.5	142,015	Running		
7	23	24	Jeff Gordon	Drive to End Hunger Chevrolet	400	38	1	100.2	165,276	Running	2	5
8	14	29	Kevin Harvick	Budweiser Folds of Honor Chevrolet	400	37	1	100.9	163,676	Running	1	1
9	28	99	Carl Edwards	Fastenal Ford	400	35		88.1	161,781	Running		
10	20	17	Matt Kenseth	Fastenal Ford	399	34		93.0	157,226	Running		
11	3	48	Jimmie Johnson	Lowe's Patriotic Chevrolet	399	33		111.2	155,541	Running		
12	15	56	Martin Truex Jr	NAPA Auto Parts Toyota	399	32		84.2	135,319	Running		
13	5	15	Clint Bowyer	5-hour Energy Toyota	398	31		85.0	135,619	Running		
14	16	39	Ryan Newman	U.S. ARMY Chevrolet	398	30		75.3	145,613	Running		
15	9	27	Paul Menard	Menards/Serta Chevrolet	398	29		73.2	113,305	Running		
16	1	43	Aric Almirola	U.S. Air Force Ford	398	29	1	82.1	177,466	Running	1	3
17	10	78	Regan Smith	Furniture Row Chevrolet	398	27		72.5	128,488	Running		
18	18	83	Landon Cassill	Burger King Real Fruit Smoothies Toyota	398	27	1	65.3	127,075	Running	1	1
19	22	31	Jeff Burton	Wheaties Chevrolet	398	25		71.6	137,930	Running		
20	29	42	Juan Pablo Montoya	Target Chevrolet	398	24		64.9	129,796	Running		
21	31	1	Jamie McMurray	Bass Pro Shops/Arctic Cat Chevrolet	397	23		76.3	128,638	Running		
22	25	13	Casey Mears	GEICO Ford	397	22		53.9	112,838	Running		
23	19	20	Joey Logano	Dollar General Toyota	397	21		57.4	103,755	Running		
24	13	21	Trevor Bayne (i)	Motorcraft/Quick Lane Tire & Auto Ctr. Ford	397	0		59.0	94,880	Running		
25	21	14	Tony Stewart	Office Depot/Mobil 1 Chevrolet	397	19		60.6	144,430	Running		
26	39	38	David Gilliland	Mod Space Ford	397	18		53.8	107,538	Running		
27	42	51	Kurt Busch	Phoenix Construction Services Inc. Chevrolet	396	17		54.3	112,413	Running		
28	26	47	Bobby Labonte	Kingsford Charcoal Toyota	396	16		46.7	109,677	Running		
29	37	93	Travis Kvapil	Dr. Pepper Toyota	395	15		46.7	100,005	Running		
30	40	10	Danica Patrick (i)	GoDaddy.com Chevrolet	395	0		42.9	92,880	Running		
31	41	32	T.J. Bell (i)	Green Smoke Ford	390	0		34.2	96,730	Running		
32	2	9	Marcos Ambrose	DeWalt Ford	367	13	1	93.6	126,513	Running	4	20
33	11	22	AJ Allmendinger	Shell Pennzoil Dodge	361	11		67.2	133,055	Running		
34	6	55	Mark Martin	Aaron's Armed Forces Foundation Toyota	338	10		81.2	89,055	Engine		
35	30	34	David Ragan	Al's Liners/Scorpion Coatings Ford	281	10	1	47.3	88,205	Engine	1	1
36	32	98	Michael McDowell	Presbyterian Healthcare Ford	228	8		38.5	88,080	Engine		
37	38	95	Scott Speed	Jordan Truck Sales Ford	136	7		35.6	87,855	Fuel Pump		
38	35	30	David Stremme	Inception Motorsports Toyota	86	6		30.9	87,742	Rear Gear		
39	34	33	Stephen Leicht #	Little Joe's Autos/Precon Chevrolet	74	5		29.0	92,300	Vibration		
40	36	36	Dave Blaney	SealWrap Chevrolet	54	4		35.6	84,165	Engine		
41	43	87	Joe Nemechek (i)	AM/FM Energy / SWM Toyota	47	0		30.9	84,005	Vibration		
42	27	74	Cole Whitt (i)	Turn One Racing Chevrolet	33	0		27.4	83,925	Vibration		
43	33	26	Josh Wise #	MDS Transport Ford	15	1		27.3	84,290	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:** (4) #19 Mike Bliss; #73 David Reutimann; #49 J.J. Yeley; #23 Scott Riggs

**Race Comments:** Before an estimated attendance of 140,000, Kasey Kahne won the Coca-Cola 600, his 13th NASCAR Sprint Cup Series victory. Prior to the green flag, the following car(s) dropped to the rear of the field for the reasons indicated: #51 (back-up car).

**Caution Flags:** 5 cautions for 23 laps. [Beneficiary in Brackets] 113-117 (Debris Backstretch [42]); 135-138 (Debris Turn 1 [14]); 171-174 (Car #93 Accident Turn 4 [24]); 179-182 (Debris Turn 3 [99]); 320-325 (Debris Turn 1 [55]).

**Lap Leaders:** 31 lead changes among 11 drivers. Almirola-pole, Ambrose 1-2, Almirola 3-5, Ambrose 6-8, Biffle 9-14, Ambrose 15-22, Biffle 23-113, Ambrose 114-120, Ky. Busch 121-124, Biffle 125-134, J. Gordon 135-138, Ky. Busch 139-171, Ragan 172, Ky. Busch 173-190, Biffle 191-219, Kahne 220-221, Biffle 222, Cassill 223, Biffle 224-280, Kahne 281-307, Hamlin 308, Biffle 309-315, Kahne 316, Biffle 317, Kahne 318, Biffle 319-320, Hamlin 321-332, Kahne 333-353, Keselowski 354, Harvick 355, J. Gordon 356, Kahne 357-400.

**FASTEST QUALIFIER:** Aric Almirola (192.94 mph. 27.988 secs.)

**3M LAP LEADER:** Greg Biffle (204 Laps)

**AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD:** Kyle Busch

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

**MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER OF THE RACE:** Roush Yates Engines (#16)

**MOBIL 1 OIL DRIVER OF THE RACE:** Denny Hamlin

**MOOG STEERING AND SUSPENSION PROBLEM SOLVER OF THE RACE:** Dale Earnhardt Jr (crew chief Steve Letarte, 0.150 seconds)

**NASCAR SPRINT CUP LEADER BONUS:** No winner: rolls over to \$60,000 at next event++

**USG IMPROVING THE FINISH:** Carl Edwards (19 places)

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

**NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES TOP 12**

Rank	Driver	(Wins)
1	Greg Biffle	453 (1)
2	Matt Kenseth	443 (1)
3	Denny Hamlin	437 (2)
4	Dale Earnhardt Jr	435 (0)
5	Jimmie Johnson	405 (1)
6	Martin Truex Jr	404 (0)
7	Kevin Harvick	398 (0)
8	Kyle Busch	391 (1)
9	Tony Stewart	388 (2)
10	Carl Edwards	372 (0)
11	Brad Keselowski	368 (2)
12	Clint Bowyer	366 (0)

**MANUFACTURERS' CHAMPIONSHIP**

Manufacturer	Pts	Wins
Chevrolet	81	(5)
Toyota	70	(3)
Ford	61	(2)
Dodge	52	(2)

**3M LAP LEADER**

Jimmie Johnson	(#48)	2
Greg Biffle	(#16)	1
Matt Kenseth	(#17)	1

**AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD**

Greg Biffle	(#16)	1
Denny Hamlin	(#11)	1
Jimmie Johnson	(#48)	1

**DIRECTV CREW CHIEF OF THE RACE**

Matt Puccia	(#16)	4
Dave Rogers	(#18)	3
Jimmy Fennig	(#17)	1

**MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER**

Roush/Yates	(#16)	127
Hendrick	(#48)	115
TRD	(#11)	112

**MOBIL 1 OIL DRIVER OF THE RACE**

Denny Hamlin	(#11)	5
Kyle Busch	(#18)	2
Tony Stewart	(#14)	2

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

Jimmy Fennig	(#17)	2
Steve Letarte	(#88)	2
Chad Knaus	(#48)	1

**USG IMPROVING THE FINISH**

Carl Edwards	(#99)	2
Jeff Gordon	(#24)	2
Matt Kenseth	(#17)	1

**COORS LIGHT POLE AWARD**

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

**SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE YEAR**

Josh Wise	30
Stephen Leicht	2

**NEXT EVENT:** June 3, 2012 - 43rd Annual FedEx 400 benefiting Autism Speaks, Dover International Speedway, Dover, DE (400 Miles) (400 Laps)

**NOTE:** The above figures are based upon team winnings and include racing purse and cash contingency awards by participating manufacturers. (5/28/2012)

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES DRIVER LEADERS

Race #12: 53RD ANNUAL COCA-COLA "600" Race Date: 5/27/2012

POS	DRIVER	Points	Starts	Wins	Top 5	Top 10	Money Won
1	GREG BIFFLE	453	12	1	7	8	\$2,787,428
2	MATT KENSETH	443	12	1	6	8	3,570,533
3	DENNY HAMLIN	437	12	2	6	7	2,848,307
4	DALE EARNHARDT JR.	435	12	0	4	9	2,668,820
5	JIMMIE JOHNSON	405	12	1	5	8	3,564,515
6	MARTIN TRUEX JR.	404	12	0	4	7	2,147,841
7	KEVIN HARVICK	398	12	0	2	6	2,224,547
8	KYLE BUSCH	391	12	1	5	7	2,678,674
9	TONY STEWART	388	12	2	4	5	2,655,335
10	CARL EDWARDS	372	12	0	2	8	2,122,461
11	BRAD KESELOWSKI	368	12	2	4	6	2,313,395
12	CLINT BOWYER	366	12	0	1	5	1,843,411
13	RYAN NEWMAN	337	12	1	2	3	2,050,179
14	PAUL MENARD	337	12	0	0	3	1,628,610
15	KASEY KAHNE	330	12	1	3	6	1,862,561
16	JOEY LOGANO	314	12	0	0	3	1,490,478
17	JEFF BURTON	300	12	0	1	3	2,037,865
18	JUAN PABLO MONTOYA	296	12	0	0	1	1,710,247
19	ARIC ALMIROLA	291	12	0	0	1	1,783,762
20	MARCOS AMBROSE	287	12	0	0	1	1,786,066
21	JAMIE MCMURRAY	286	12	0	0	2	1,739,591
22	JEFF GORDON	279	12	0	1	3	2,024,250
23	REGAN SMITH	265	12	0	0	0	1,626,081
24	A J ALLMENDINGER	264	12	0	1	1	1,945,345
25	KURT BUSCH	255	12	0	0	1	1,603,169
26	MARK MARTIN	252	9	0	1	4	1,260,628
27	BOBBY LABONTE	242	12	0	0	0	1,553,406
28	CASEY MEARS	231	12	0	0	0	1,411,231
29	DAVID GILLILAND	202	12	0	0	0	1,331,198
30	DAVID RAGAN	198	12	0	0	1	1,387,283
31	LANDON CASSILL	181	12	0	0	0	1,548,795
32	TRAVIS KVAPIL	163	11	0	0	0	1,094,192
33	DAVID REUTIMANN	162	11	0	0	0	1,163,255
34	DAVE BLANEY	161	12	0	0	0	1,164,288
35	DAVID STREMME	92	11	0	0	0	1,099,400
36	J J YELEY	80	8	0	0	0	679,583
37	BRIAN VICKERS	66	2	0	1	1	177,570
38	MICHAEL MCDOWELL	65	11	0	0	0	1,055,322
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	508,555
43	JOSH WISE	41	11	0	0	0	863,514
44	MICHAEL WALTRIP	26	1	0	0	0	132,662
45	STEPHEN LEICHT	14	2	0	0	0	198,740
46	HERMIE SADLER III	13	1	0	0	0	80,610
47	SCOTT RIGGS	13	6	0	0	0	438,460
48	SCOTT SPEED	11	4	0	0	0	335,182
49	BILL ELLIOTT	7	1	0	0	0	108,318
50	ROBBY GORDON	6	2	0	0	0	332,500
51	TREVOR BAYNE(i)	0	5	0	0	2	773,805
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	400,655
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	7	0	0	0	575,833
58	JOE NEMECHK(i)	0	10	0	0	0	981,523
59	DANICA PATRICK(i)	0	3	0	0	0	451,575
60	T J BELL(i)	0	1	0	0	0	96,730
61	COLE WHITT(i)	0	3	0	0	0	225,807
62	MIKE SKINNER	0	1	0	0	0	71,875
63	TIMMY HILL(i)	0	1	0	0	0	79,780
64	MIKE WALLACE(i)	0	0	0	0	0	23,900
65	KENNY WALLACE(i)	0	0	0	0	0	24,838
66	STACY COMPTON	0	0	0	0	0	0
67	JEFF GREEN(i)	0	0	0	0	0	0
68	TIM ANDREWS(i)	0	0	0	0	0	0

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NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES OWNER LEADERS

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POS	Car #	OWNER	Points	Starts	Wins	Top 5	Top 10	Attempts
1	16	JACK ROUSH	453	12	1	7	8	12
2	17	JOHN HENRY	443	12	1	6	8	12
3	11	J D GIBBS	437	12	2	6	7	12
4	88	RICK HENDRICK	435	12	0	4	9	12
5	48	JEFF GORDON	405	12	1	5	8	12
6	56	MICHAEL WALTRIP	404	12	0	4	7	12
7	29	RICHARD CHILDRESS	398	12	0	2	6	12
8	18	JOE GIBBS	391	12	1	5	7	12
9	14	MARGARET HAAS	388	12	2	4	5	12
10	99	JACK ROUSH	372	12	0	2	8	12
11	2	ROGER PENSKE	368	12	2	4	6	12
12	15	ROB KAUFFMAN	366	12	0	1	5	12
13	55	BILL JENKINS	344	12	0	2	5	12
14	39	TONY STEWART	337	12	1	2	3	12
15	27	RICHARD CHILDRESS	337	12	0	0	3	12
16	5	LINDA HENDRICK	330	12	1	3	6	12
17	20	JOE GIBBS	314	12	0	0	3	12
18	31	RICHARD CHILDRESS	300	12	0	1	3	12
19	42	CHIP GANASSI	296	12	0	0	1	12
20	43	RICHARD PETTY	291	12	0	0	1	12
21	9	RICHARD PETTY	287	12	0	0	1	12
22	1	FELIX SABATES	286	12	0	0	2	12
23	24	RICK HENDRICK	279	12	0	1	3	12
24	78	BARNEY VISSER	265	12	0	0	0	12
25	22	WALTER CZARNECKI	264	12	0	1	1	12
26	51	JAMES FINCH	255	12	0	0	1	12
27	47	TAD GESCHICKTER	242	12	0	0	0	12
28	13	BOB GERMAIN	231	12	0	0	0	12
29	38	BRAD JENKINS	202	12	0	0	0	12
30	34	BOB JENKINS	198	12	0	0	1	12
31	93	THOMAS UEBERALL	189	12	0	0	0	12
32	83	THOMAS UEBERALL	181	12	0	0	0	12
33	32	JACK ROUSH	172	12	0	0	0	12
34	10	TOMMY BALDWIN	169	12	0	0	0	12
35	36	ALLAN HEINKE	161	12	0	0	0	12
36	21	GLEN WOOD	116	5	0	0	2	5
37	33	RICHARD CHILDRESS	110	10	0	0	0	12
38	30	KEVIN BUCKLER	92	11	0	0	0	12
39	249	JAY ROBINSON	80	8	0	0	0	12
40	26	JERRY FREEZE	66	12	0	0	0	12
41	98	MIKE CURB	65	11	0	0	0	12
42	87	ANDREA NEMECHEK	48	10	0	0	0	12
43	23	ROBERT RICHARDSON SR.	30	7	0	0	0	12
44	132	FRANK STODDARD JR.	27	1	0	0	0	1
45	12	ROGER PENSKE	26	1	0	0	0	1
46	74	VICKIE COMPTON	17	6	0	0	0	8
47	119	RANDY HUMPHREY	12	4	0	0	0	7
48	195	BOB LEAVINE	9	3	0	0	0	3
49	97	ANDREA NEMECHEK	7	1	0	0	0	2
50	7	ROBBY GORDON	6	2	0	0	0	4
51	52	KELLY OWEN	3	1	0	0	0	2
52	37	LARRY GUNSELMAN	2	1	0	0	0	6
53	179	ARCHIE ST HILAIRE	2	1	0	0	0	2
54	173	SCOTT GUNDERSON	0	1	0	0	0	2
55	109	BRACK MAGGARD	0	0	0	0	0	1
56	140	MICHAEL HILLMAN	0	0	0	0	0	1