

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES OFFICIAL RACE REPORT No. 23



43RD ANNUAL PURE MICHIGAN 400
MICHIGAN INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY

Brooklyn, MI - August 19, 2012

2-Mile Paved Tri-Oval

200 Laps - 400 Miles Purse: \$5,190,785



TIME OF RACE: 2 hours, 46 minutes, 44 seconds

AVERAGE SPEED: 144.662 mph

MARGIN OF VICTORY: 0.416 second(s)

Fin Pos	Str Pos	Car No	Driver	Team	Laps	Pts	Bns Pts	Driver Rating	Winnings	Status	Lead Tms	Laps
1	13	16	Greg Biffle	3M Ford	201	47	4	120.6	\$225,275	Running	3	26
2	19	2	Brad Keselowski	Miller Lite Dodge	201	43	1	112.4	155,680	Running	4	17
3	5	5	Kasey Kahne	Farmers Insurance Chevrolet	201	41		114.2	119,710	Running		
4	22	88	Dale Earnhardt Jr	National Guard / Diet Mountain Dew Chevrolet	201	41	1	96.1	116,585	Running	2	25
5	8	9	Marcos Ambrose	Stanley Ford	201	39		95.3	122,768	Running		
6	2	99	Carl Edwards	Geek Squad Ford	201	39	1	111.7	139,551	Running	1	1
7	12	15	Clint Bowyer	5-hour Energy Toyota	201	38	1	102.6	121,674	Running	1	19
8	15	39	Ryan Newman	WIX Chevrolet	201	36		84.2	130,168	Running		
9	10	27	Paul Menard	Menards / Pittsburgh Paints Chevrolet	201	36	1	101.2	96,110	Running	2	8
10	7	56	Martin Truex Jr	NAPA Auto Parts Toyota	201	35	1	114.1	120,199	Running	2	12
11	21	11	Denny Hamlin	FedEx Office Toyota	201	34	1	85.4	127,001	Running	1	1
12	17	22	Sam Hornish Jr(i)	Shell Pennzoil Dodge	201	0		89.8	126,210	Running	3	9
13	23	18	Kyle Busch	Interstate Batteries Toyota	201	31		76.5	127,993	Running		
14	24	1	Jamie McMurray	Bass Pro Shops / Mercury Chevrolet	201	30		77.1	115,293	Running		
15	30	93	Travis Kvapil	Burger King / Dr Pepper Toyota	201	29		64.6	111,043	Running		
16	20	29	Kevin Harvick	Jimmy John's Chevrolet	201	28		78.8	128,621	Running		
17	4	17	Matt Kenseth	Fifth Third Bank Ford	201	28	1	106.9	127,646	Running	1	5
18	36	38	David Gilliland	Taco Bell Ford	201	26		57.0	98,243	Running		
19	32	31	Jeff Burton	Wheaties Chevrolet	201	25		66.2	120,435	Running		
20	41	43	Aric Almirola	Eckrich Ford	201	24		67.2	124,746	Running		
21	39	10	David Reutimann	TMone.com Chevrolet	200	23		49.6	80,960	Running		
22	28	47	Bobby Labonte	Clorox Toyota	199	22		53.0	103,068	Running		
23	37	34	David Ragan	Long John Silver's Ford	199	21		46.9	91,968	Running		
24	6	21	Trevor Bayne (i)	Motorcraft / Quick Lane Tire & Auto Center Ford	199	0		78.2	80,010	Running		
25	9	83	Landon Cassill	Burger King / Dr Pepper Toyota	198	20	1	63.3	106,780	Running	1	1
26	25	42	Juan Pablo Montoya	Target Chevrolet	197	18		55.6	109,501	Running		
27	3	48	Jimmie Johnson	Lowe's Chevrolet	195	18	1	92.0	123,396	Engine	4	23
28	11	24	Jeff Gordon	Drive to End Hunger / AARP Chevrolet	167	16		64.3	124,071	Engine		
29	18	78	Regan Smith	Furniture Row / Farm American Chevrolet	154	15		63.3	96,507	Running		
30	26	51	Kurt Busch	Hendrickcars.com Chevrolet	135	14		56.2	87,885	Accident		
31	16	20	Joey Logano	The Home Depot Toyota	132	13		52.5	83,760	Running		
32	14	14	Tony Stewart	MOBIL 1 / Office Depot Chevrolet	109	12		54.6	128,710	Engine		
33	40	32	T.J. Bell (i)	Southern Pride Trucking / U.S. Chrome Ford	108	0		35.6	83,585	Transmission		
34	31	30	David Stremme	Inception Motorsports Toyota	72	10		38.5	75,210	Electrical		
35	1	55	Mark Martin	Aaron's Dream Machine Toyota	64	11	2	107.5	86,860	Accident	2	54
36	35	87	Joe Nemechek (i)	AM/FM Energy Wood & Pellet Stoves Toyota	38	0		33.5	75,010	Rear Gear		
37	29	13	Casey Mears	GEICO Ford	36	7		38.2	74,955	Vibration		
38	42	36	Dave Blaney	Tommy Baldwin Racing Chevrolet	34	6		36.6	74,828	Vibration		
39	43	98	Mike Skinner	Phil Parsons Racing Ford	25	5		35.7	72,075	Electrical		
40	34	26	Josh Wise #	MDS Transport Ford	21	4		35.8	72,025	Suspension		
41	38	23	Scott Riggs	North Texas Pipe Chevrolet	20	3		30.4	71,970	Suspension		
42	27	91	Reed Sorenson (i)	Plinker Tactical Toyota	15	0		30.4	71,895	Overheating		
43	33	19	Jason Leffler (i)	Plinker Tactical Ford	14	0		31.5	71,465	Fuel Pressure		

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: (2) #33 Stephen Leicht; #37 J.J. Yeley

Race Comments: Before an estimated attendance of 83,000, Greg Biffle won the Pure Michigan 400, his 18th NASCAR Sprint Cup Series victory. Prior to the green flag, the following cars dropped to the rear of the field for the reasons indicated: #43, 88 (back up car); 22 (driver change); 48 (engine change).

Caution Flags: 8 cautions for 35 laps. [Beneficiary in Brackets] 7-9 (Car #38 Spin Turn 4 [None]); 65-73 (Car #5, 42, 47, 55 Accident Turn 4 [34]); 77-80 (Car #9, 78 Accident Turn 4 [93]); 90-92 (Car #20 Accident Turn 3 [10]); 137-140 (Car #51 Accident Turn 3 [38]); 144-147 (Debris [1]); 182-186 (Car #21 Accident Turn 1 [43]); 197-199 (Oil On Track From #48 [38]).

Lap Leaders: 26 lead changes among 13 drivers. Martin 1-35, Keselowski 36-38, Johnson 39-42, Hornish Jr 43-45, Martin 46-64, Kenseth 65-69, Truex Jr 70, Bowyer 71-89, Truex Jr 90-100, Biffle 101-110, Hornish Jr 111-112, Menard 113, Earnhardt Jr 114-123, Johnson 124-125, Keselowski 126-128, Biffle 129-137, Earnhardt Jr 138-152, Johnson 153-165, Keselowski 166-168, Edwards 169, Hornish Jr 170-173, Hamlin 174, Menard 175-181, Cassill 182, Keselowski 183-190, Johnson 191-194, Biffle 195-201.

COORS LIGHT POLE AWARD: Mark Martin (199.706 mph. 36.053 secs.)

3M LAP LEADER: Mark Martin (54 Laps)

AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD: Martin Truex Jr

DIRECTV CREW CHIEF OF THE RACE: Carl Edwards (crew chief Chad Norris)

FREESCALE "WIDE OPEN": Greg Biffle

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

MOBIL 1 OIL DRIVER OF THE RACE: Clint Bowyer

MOOG STEERING AND SUSPENSION PROBLEM SOLVER OF THE RACE: Dale Earnhardt Jr (crew chief Steve Letarte, 0.364 seconds)

NASCAR SPRINT CUP LEADER BONUS: Greg Biffle (\$160,000 ++)

USG IMPROVING THE FINISH: Aric Almirola (21 places)

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

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES TOP 12

	(Wins)
1 - Greg Biffle	823 (2)
2 - Matt Kenseth	803 (1)
3 - Dale Earnhardt Jr	801 (1)
4 - Jimmie Johnson	795 (3)
5 - Brad Keselowski	776 (3)
6 - Martin Truex Jr	763 (0)
7 - Clint Bowyer	757 (1)
8 - Kevin Harvick	738 (0)
9 - Tony Stewart	728 (3)
10 - Denny Hamlin	727 (2)
11 - Kasey Kahne	694 (2)
12 - Carl Edwards	689 (0)

MANUFACTURERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

	Pts	Wins
Chevrolet	161	(11)
Toyota	128	(5)
Ford	118	(4)
Dodge	99	(3)

3M LAP LEADER

Jimmie Johnson	(#48)	5
Kyle Busch	(#18)	3
Matt Kenseth	(#17)	2

AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD

Jimmie Johnson	(#48)	3
Greg Biffle	(#16)	2
Brad Keselowski	(#2)	2

DIRECTV CREW CHIEF OF THE RACE

Matt Puccia	(#16)	5
Darian Grubb	(#11)	4
Dave Rogers	(#18)	3

FREESCALE "WIDE OPEN"

Greg Biffle	(#16)	30
Tony Stewart	(#14)	30
Matt Kenseth	(#17)	28

MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER

Hendrick	(#48)	240
Roush/Yates	(#16)	201
Roush/Yates	(#17)	190

MOBIL 1 OIL DRIVER OF THE RACE

Denny Hamlin	(#11)	7
Tony Stewart	(#14)	4
Clint Bowyer	(#15)	3

MOOG STEERING AND SUSPENSION PROBLEM SOLVER OF THE RACE

Steve Letarte	(#88)	4
Chad Johnston	(#56)	3
Steve Addington	(#14)	3

USG IMPROVING THE FINISH

Carl Edwards	(#99)	3
Jeff Gordon	(#24)	3
Matt Kenseth	(#17)	2

COORS LIGHT POLE AWARD

Mark Martin	4
Greg Biffle	2
Denny Hamlin	2
Kasey Kahne	2
Marcos Ambrose	2
Juan Pablo Montoya	2
Matt Kenseth	1
Jimmie Johnson	1
Martin Truex Jr	1
Carl Edwards	1
Kyle Busch	1
Jeff Gordon	1
Joey Logano	1
AJ Allmendinger	1

SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Josh Wise	52
Stephen Leicht	52

NEXT EVENT: August 25, 2012 - 52nd Annual IRWIN Tools Night Race, Bristol Motor Speedway, Bristol, TN (266.5 Miles) (500 Laps)

NOTE: The above figures are based upon team winnings and include racing purse and cash contingency awards by participating manufacturers. (8/20/2012)

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES DRIVER LEADERS

Race #23: 43RD ANNUAL PURE MICHIGAN "400" Race Date: 8/19/2012

POS	DRIVER	Points	Starts	Wins	Top 5	Top 10	Money Won
1	GREG BIFFLE	823	23	2	10	14	\$4,220,888
2	MATT KENSETH	803	23	1	9	14	5,261,109
3	DALE EARNHARDT JR.	801	23	1	10	16	4,040,415
4	JIMMIE JOHNSON	795	23	3	11	16	5,591,476
5	BRAD KESELOWSKI	776	23	3	9	13	3,969,200
6	MARTIN TRUEX JR.	763	23	0	5	13	3,580,165
7	CLINT BOWYER	757	23	1	5	13	3,496,055
8	KEVIN HARVICK	738	23	0	3	9	3,849,588
9	TONY STEWART	728	23	3	9	11	4,634,750
10	DENNY HAMLIN	727	23	2	9	11	4,509,138
11	KASEY KAHNE	694	23	2	7	12	3,255,506
12	CARL EDWARDS	689	23	0	2	11	3,623,807
13	RYAN NEWMAN	680	23	1	3	8	3,587,012
14	KYLE BUSCH	669	23	1	6	10	4,329,372
15	PAUL MENARD	665	23	0	0	5	2,739,545
16	JEFF GORDON	650	23	1	4	9	3,740,206
17	MARCOS AMBROSE	639	23	1	2	7	3,286,849
18	JOEY LOGANO	600	23	1	2	7	2,751,233
19	JAMIE MCMURRAY	571	23	0	0	3	3,063,904
20	JEFF BURTON	566	23	0	2	4	3,532,510
21	ARIC ALMIROLA	548	23	0	0	2	3,179,853
22	JUAN PABLO MONTOYA	530	23	0	0	2	3,010,863
23	REGAN SMITH	488	23	0	0	2	2,776,280
24	BOBBY LABONTE	483	23	0	0	1	2,759,831
25	KURT BUSCH	436	22	0	1	2	2,670,386
26	MARK MARTIN	417	15	0	2	5	1,930,523
27	CASEY MEARS	412	23	0	0	0	2,412,216
28	DAVID GILLILAND	401	23	0	0	0	2,381,875
29	A J ALLMENDINGER	400	17	0	1	3	2,577,395
30	DAVID RAGAN	397	23	0	0	1	2,413,924
31	TRAVIS KVAPIL	373	22	0	0	0	2,256,301
32	LANDON CASSILL	352	23	0	0	0	2,760,385
33	DAVID REUTIMANN	306	18	0	0	0	1,756,573
34	DAVE BLANEY	290	22	0	0	0	2,003,846
35	DAVID STREMME	165	18	0	0	0	1,718,278
36	BRIAN VICKERS	136	5	0	2	2	455,075
37	J J YELEY	135	17	0	0	0	1,393,590
38	MICHAEL MCDOWELL	101	18	0	0	0	1,566,791
39	JOSH WISE	101	21	0	0	0	1,653,449
40	KEN SCHRADER	100	8	0	0	0	757,670
41	STEPHEN LEICHT	85	10	0	0	0	918,775
42	MICHAEL WALTRIP	75	3	0	0	1	316,687
43	SCOTT SPEED	69	9	0	0	0	768,205
44	TONY RAINES	67	6	0	0	0	719,028
45	TERRY LABONTE	66	3	0	0	0	492,560
46	BRENDAN GAUGHAN	50	4	0	0	0	354,559
47	SCOTT RIGGS	38	14	0	0	0	1,063,860
48	BORIS SAID	34	2	0	0	0	167,290
49	BILL ELLIOTT	14	2	0	0	0	196,098
50	HERMIE SADLER III	13	1	0	0	0	80,610
51	ROBBY GORDON	11	3	0	0	0	405,300
52	MIKE SKINNER	10	4	0	0	0	340,850
53	TOMY DRISSI	6	1	0	0	0	76,242
54	STACY COMPTON	5	1	0	0	0	64,225
55	DAVID MAYHEW	4	1	0	0	0	72,625
56	KELLY BIRES	2	1	0	0	0	69,400
57	PATRICK LONG	2	1	0	0	0	61,555
58	SAM HORNISH JR.(i)	0	7	0	1	1	917,030
59	TREVOR BAYNE(i)	0	9	0	0	2	1,174,012
60	RICKY STENHOUSE JR.(i)	0	1	0	0	0	304,275
61	MIKE BLISS(i)	0	11	0	0	0	888,579
62	AUSTIN DILLON(i)	0	1	0	0	0	88,285
63	ELLIOTT SADLER(i)	0	1	0	0	0	305,788
64	ROBERT RICHARDSON JR.(i)	0	1	0	0	0	110,318
65	JOE NEMECHEK(i)	0	20	0	0	0	1,706,295
66	REED SORENSON(i)	0	11	0	0	0	878,123
67	DANICA PATRICK(i)	0	3	0	0	0	451,575
68	T J BELL(i)	0	2	0	0	0	180,315
69	JASON WHITE(i)	0	1	0	0	0	76,610
70	JASON LEFFLER(i)	0	2	0	0	0	136,825
71	COLE WHITT(i)	0	3	0	0	0	225,807
72	CHRIS COOK(i)	0	2	0	0	0	134,035
73	TIMMY HILL(i)	0	1	0	0	0	79,780
74	KENNY WALLACE(i)	0	0	0	0	0	24,838
75	MIKE WALLACE(i)	0	0	0	0	0	23,900
76	JEFF GREEN(i)	0	0	0	0	0	0
77	TIM ANDREWS(i)	0	0	0	0	0	0
78	BRIAN SIMO	0	0	0	0	0	0

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POS	Car #	OWNER	Points	Starts	Wins	Top 5	Top 10	Attempts
1	16	JACK ROUSH	823	23	2	10	14	23
2	17	JOHN HENRY	803	23	1	9	14	23
3	88	RICK HENDRICK	801	23	1	10	16	23
4	48	JEFF GORDON	795	23	3	11	16	23
5	2	ROGER PENSKE	776	23	3	9	13	23
6	56	MICHAEL WALTRIP	763	23	0	5	13	23
7	15	ROB KAUFFMAN	757	23	1	5	13	23
8	29	RICHARD CHILDRESS	738	23	0	3	9	23
9	14	MARGARET HAAS	728	23	3	9	11	23
10	11	J D GIBBS	727	23	2	9	11	23
11	5	LINDA HENDRICK	694	23	2	7	12	23
12	99	JACK ROUSH	689	23	0	2	11	23
13	39	TONY STEWART	680	23	1	3	8	23
14	18	JOE GIBBS	669	23	1	6	10	23
15	27	RICHARD CHILDRESS	665	23	0	0	5	23
16	24	RICK HENDRICK	650	23	1	4	9	23
17	9	RICHARD PETTY	639	23	1	2	7	23
18	55	BILL JENKINS	628	23	0	4	8	23
19	20	JOE GIBBS	600	23	1	2	7	23
20	1	FELIX SABATES	571	23	0	0	3	23
21	31	RICHARD CHILDRESS	566	23	0	2	4	23
22	22	WALTER CZARNECKI	558	23	0	2	4	23
23	43	RICHARD PETTY	548	23	0	0	2	23
24	42	CHIP GANASSI	530	23	0	0	2	23
25	78	BARNEY VISSER	488	23	0	0	2	23
26	47	TAD GESCHICKTER	483	23	0	0	1	23
27	51	JAMES FINCH	459	23	0	1	2	23
28	13	BOB GERMAIN	412	23	0	0	0	23
29	38	BRAD JENKINS	401	23	0	0	0	23
30	93	THOMAS UEBERALL	399	23	0	0	0	23
31	34	BOB JENKINS	397	23	0	0	1	23
32	83	THOMAS UEBERALL	352	23	0	0	0	23
33	10	TOMMY BALDWIN	332	23	0	0	0	23
34	32	JACK ROUSH	324	23	0	0	0	23
35	36	ALLAN HEINKE	289	23	0	0	0	23
36	33	RICHARD CHILDRESS	201	19	0	0	0	23
37	21	GLEN WOOD	181	9	0	0	2	9
38	30	KEVIN BUCKLER	167	19	0	0	0	23
39	249	JAY ROBINSON	131	15	0	0	0	20
40	26	JERRY FREEZE	126	22	0	0	0	23
41	98	MIKE CURB	113	21	0	0	0	23
42	87	ANDREA NEMECHEK	109	20	0	0	0	23
43	195	BOB LEAVINE	66	7	0	0	0	7
44	23	ROBERT RICHARDSON SR.	55	15	0	0	0	21
45	119	RANDY HUMPHREY	45	13	0	0	0	17
46	132	FRANK STODDARD JR.	27	1	0	0	0	1
47	12	ROGER PENSKE	26	1	0	0	0	1
48	74	VICKIE COMPTON	22	7	0	0	0	11
49	7	ROBBY GORDON	11	3	0	0	0	5
50	97	ANDREA NEMECHEK	7	1	0	0	0	2
51	50	STEVE TURNER	7	1	0	0	0	1
52	179	ARCHIE ST HILAIRE	7	4	0	0	0	5
53	37	LARRY GUNSELMAN	6	2	0	0	0	8
54	191	MARK SMITH	4	2	0	0	0	3
55	52	KELLY OWEN	3	1	0	0	0	3
56	173	SCOTT GUNDERSON	0	1	0	0	0	2
57	109	BRACK MAGGARD	0	0	0	0	0	1
58	140	MICHAEL HILLMAN	0	0	0	0	0	1