

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES OFFICIAL RACE REPORT No. 24

52ND ANNUAL IRWIN TOOLS NIGHT RACE

BRISTOL MOTOR SPEEDWAY

Bristol, TN - August 25, 2012

.533-Mile Concrete Oval

500 Laps - 266.5 Miles Purse: \$6,255,621



TIME OF RACE: 3 hours, 9 minutes, 27 seconds

AVERAGE SPEED: 84.402 mph

MARGIN OF VICTORY: 1.103 second(s)

Fin Pos	Str Pos	Car No	Driver	Team	Laps	Pts	Bns Pts	Driver Rating	Winnings	Status	Lead Tms	Laps
1	8	11	Denny Hamlin	FedEx Ground Toyota	500	47	4	136.2	\$329,166	Running	5	70
2	37	48	Jimmie Johnson	Lowe's Dover White Chevrolet	500	43	1	103.1	249,776	Running	1	52
3	11	24	Jeff Gordon	FarmVille/Drive to End Hunger Chevrolet	500	41		113.9	204,751	Running		
4	22	55	Brian Vickers	MyClassicGarage.com Toyota	500	41	1	98.5	139,215	Running	1	1
5	9	9	Marcos Ambrose	DeWalt Ford	500	40	1	102.6	153,123	Running	1	1
6	10	18	Kyle Busch	M&M's Toyota	500	38		103.4	161,723	Running		
7	23	15	Clint Bowyer	5-hour Energy Toyota	500	37		101.9	141,279	Running		
8	4	20	Joey Logano	Dollar General Toyota	500	38	2	119.5	130,065	Running	4	139
9	12	5	Kasey Kahne	Hendrickcars.com Chevrolet	500	36	1	86.2	117,240	Running	1	42
10	7	27	Paul Menard	Menards/Schrock Chevrolet	500	34		82.8	117,365	Running		
11	15	56	Martin Truex Jr	NAPA Auto Parts Toyota	500	34	1	104.9	133,844	Running	1	44
12	16	88	Dale Earnhardt Jr	Diet Mountain Dew/National Guard Chevrolet	500	33	1	83.8	112,505	Running	1	13
13	28	42	Juan Pablo Montoya	Target Chevrolet	500	31		84.4	133,646	Running		
14	36	47	Bobby Labonte	Bush's Beans Toyota	500	30		64.5	130,113	Running		
15	13	29	Kevin Harvick	Rheem Chevrolet	500	29		92.0	149,466	Running		
16	14	78	Regan Smith	Furniture Row/Farm American Chevrolet	500	28		70.4	125,538	Running		
17	26	1	Jamie McMurray	Bass Pro Shops/Allstate Chevrolet	500	27		67.4	131,763	Running		
18	41	93	Travis Kvapil	Burger King/Dr. Pepper Toyota	500	26		60.2	122,213	Running		
19	3	16	Greg Biffle	3M/Bondo Ford	500	26	1	83.0	107,980	Running	2	41
20	18	38	David Gilliland	Taco Bell Ford	500	24		62.9	111,963	Running		
21	1	13	Casey Mears	GEICO Ford	499	24	1	64.5	107,577	Running	1	26
22	27	99	Carl Edwards	Fastenal Ford	496	23	1	76.9	140,971	Running	2	45
23	30	98	Michael McDowell	K-Love/Curb Records Ford	496	21		48.9	93,805	Running		
24	33	83	Landon Cassill	Burger King/Dr. Pepper Toyota	490	20		48.3	122,575	Running		
25	17	17	Matt Kenseth	Valvoline NextGen Ford	486	20	1	84.1	141,766	Running	2	25
26	25	36	Dave Blaney	Seal Wrap Chevrolet	476	18		57.2	94,780	Accident		
27	21	14	Tony Stewart	Mobil 1/Office Depot Chevrolet	471	18	1	65.7	144,285	Running	1	1
28	20	51	Kurt Busch	Phoenix Construction Chevrolet	440	16		61.3	101,250	Running		
29	43	10	Danica Patrick (i)	Go Daddy Racing Chevrolet	434	0		46.3	90,640	Accident		
30	2	2	Brad Keselowski	Miller Lite Dodge	434	14		87.5	129,250	Running		
31	39	49	Jason Leffler (i)	America Israel Racing Toyota	417	0		38.7	90,895	Running		
32	24	34	David Ragan	Glory Foods Ford	409	12		40.3	90,285	Running		
33	6	31	Jeff Burton	Caterpillar Chevrolet	360	11		86.2	132,250	Running		
34	29	22	Sam Hornish Jr(i)	Shell Pennzoil Dodge	343	0		43.7	134,615	Running		
35	5	43	Aric Almirola	Goody's Ford	235	9		63.6	126,841	Accident		
36	19	39	Ryan Newman	Outback Steakhouse Chevrolet	189	8		47.0	133,953	Accident		
37	31	30	David Stremme	Inception Motorsports Toyota	159	7		34.5	89,660	Rear Gear		
38	32	26	Josh Wise #	MDS Transport Ford	150	6		32.0	91,052	Brakes		
39	40	87	Joe Nemechek (i)	AM/FM Energy/AC General Toyota	130	0		31.0	86,110	Electrical		
40	38	33	Stephen Leicht #	LittleJoesAuto.com Chevrolet	56	4		30.6	93,975	Fuel Pressure		
41	35	23	Scott Riggs	North Texas Pipe Chevrolet	20	3		29.8	85,750	Brakes		
42	42	32	Ken Schrader	Federated Auto Parts Ford	9	2		28.9	93,635	Accident		
43	34	19	Mike Bliss (i)	Plinker Tactical Toyota	6	0		28.4	85,960	Power Steering		

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) #95 Scott Speed; #79 Kelly Bires; #91 Reed Sorenson; #37 J.J. Yeley

Race Comments: Before an estimated attendance of 145,000, Denny Hamlin won the Irwin Tools Night Race, his 20th NASCAR Sprint Cup Series victory. There were no cars that dropped to the rear of the field prior to the green flag.

Caution Flags: 13 cautions for 87 laps. [Beneficiary in Brackets] 11-17 (Car #32, 49 Accident Frontstretch [None]); 83-89 (Debris In Turn 2 [98]); 123-129 (Car #22, 34 Accident Turn 4 [17]); 149-158 (Car #34 Spin Turn 4 [14]); 192-199 (Car #42, 39, 31 Accident Turn 4 [5]); 225-230 (Car #43, 38 Accident Turn 1 [10]); 272-276 (Car #2, 47 Accident Backstretch [55]); 323-328 (Car #78, 51 Accident Frontstretch [55]); 334-339 (Car #14, 17 Accident Frontstretch [78]); 347-352 (Car #36 Accident Turn 1 [78]); 415-419 (Car #13 Accident Turns 1 & 2 [10]); 424-429 (Debris In Turn 1 [13]); 436-443 (Car #10, 78 Accident Frontstretch [98]).

Lap Leaders: 22 lead changes among 13 drivers. Mears 1-26, Logano 27-84, Hamlin 85, Logano 86-107, Kahne 108-149, Logano 150-192, Earnhardt Jr 193-205, Hamlin 206-226, Biffle 227-253, Kenseth 254-272, Johnson 273-324, Hamlin 325, Kenseth 326-331, Stewart 332, Logano 333-348, Ambrose 349, Biffle 350-363, Truex Jr 364-407, Hamlin 408-415, Edwards 416-443, Vickers 444, Edwards 445-461, Hamlin 462-500.

COORS LIGHT POLE AWARD: None - due to inclement weather

3M LAP LEADER: Joey Logano (139 Laps)

AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD: Joey Logano

DIRECTV CREW CHIEF OF THE RACE: Denny Hamlin (crew chief Darian Grubb)

FREESCALE "WIDE OPEN": Brian Vickers

MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER OF THE RACE: Toyota Racing Development (TRD) (#11)

MOBIL 1 OIL DRIVER OF THE RACE: Denny Hamlin

MOOG STEERING AND SUSPENSION PROBLEM SOLVER OF THE RACE: Jimmie Johnson (crew chief Chad Knaus, 0.215 seconds)

NASCAR SPRINT CUP LEADER BONUS: No winner: rolls over to \$20,000 at next event++

SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE RACE: Josh Wise

USG IMPROVING THE FINISH: Jimmie Johnson (35 places)

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

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES TOP 12

	(Wins)
1 - Greg Biffle	849 (2)
2 - Jimmie Johnson	838 (3)
3 - Dale Earnhardt Jr	834 (1)
4 - Matt Kenseth	823 (1)
5 - Martin Truex Jr	797 (0)
6 - Clint Bowyer	794 (1)
7 - Brad Keselowski	790 (3)
8 - Denny Hamlin	774 (3)
9 - Kevin Harvick	767 (0)
10 - Tony Stewart	746 (3)
11 - Kasey Kahne	730 (2)
12 - Carl Edwards	712 (0)

MANUFACTURERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

	Pts	Wins
Chevrolet	167	(11)
Toyota	137	(6)
Ford	122	(4)
Dodge	102	(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
Joey Logano	(#20)	3
Greg Biffle	(#16)	2

DIRECTV CREW CHIEF OF THE RACE

Matt Puccia	(#16)	5
Darian Grubb	(#11)	5
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)	254
Roush/Yates	(#16)	201
TRD	(#11)	195

MOBIL 1 OIL DRIVER OF THE RACE

Denny Hamlin	(#11)	8
Tony Stewart	(#14)	4
Clint Bowyer	(#15)	3

MOOG STEERING AND SUSPENSION PROBLEM SOLVER OF THE RACE

Steve Letarte	(#88)	4
Chad Knaus	(#48)	3
Chad Johnston	(#56)	3

USG IMPROVING THE FINISH

Carl Edwards	(#99)	3
Jeff Gordon	(#24)	3
Jimmie Johnson	(#48)	2

COORS LIGHT POLE AWARD

Mark Martin	4
Greg Biffle	2
Denny Hamlin	2
Kasey Kahne	2
Marcos Ambrose	2
Juan Pablo Montoya	2
Jimmie Johnson	1
Matt Kenseth	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	63
Stephen Leicht	62

NEXT EVENT: September 2, 2012 - 53rd Annual ADVOCARE 500, Atlanta Motor Speedway, Hampton, GA (500.5 Miles) (325 Laps)

NOTE: The above figures are based upon team winnings and include racing purse and cash contingency awards by participating manufacturers. (8/27/2012)

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES DRIVER LEADERS

Race #24: 52ND ANNUAL IRWIN TOOLS NIGHT RACE Race Date: 8/25/2012

POS	DRIVER	Points	Starts	Wins	Top 5	Top 10	Money Won
1	GREG BIFFLE	849	24	2	10	14	\$4,328,868
2	JIMMIE JOHNSON	838	24	3	12	17	5,841,252
3	DALE EARNHARDT JR.	834	24	1	10	16	4,152,920
4	MATT KENSETH	823	24	1	9	14	5,402,875
5	MARTIN TRUOX JR.	797	24	0	5	13	3,714,009
6	CLINT BOWYER	794	24	1	5	14	3,637,334
7	BRAD KESELOWSKI	790	24	3	9	13	4,098,450
8	DENNY HAMLIN	774	24	3	10	12	4,838,304
9	KEVIN HARVICK	767	24	0	3	9	3,999,054
10	TONY STEWART	746	24	3	9	11	4,779,035
11	KASEY KAHNE	730	24	2	7	13	3,372,746
12	CARL EDWARDS	712	24	0	2	11	3,764,778
13	KYLE BUSCH	707	24	1	6	11	4,491,095
14	JEFF GORDON	691	24	1	5	10	3,944,957
15	RYAN NEWMAN	688	24	1	3	8	3,720,965
16	MARCOS AMBROSE	679	24	1	3	8	3,439,972
17	PAUL MENARD	674	24	0	0	6	2,856,910
18	JOEY LOGANO	638	24	1	2	8	2,881,298
19	JAMIE MCMURRAY	598	24	0	0	3	3,195,667
20	JEFF BURTON	577	24	0	2	4	3,664,760
21	JUAN PABLO MONTOYA	561	24	0	0	2	3,144,509
22	ARIC ALMIROLA	557	24	0	0	2	3,306,694
23	REGAN SMITH	516	24	0	0	2	2,901,818
24	BOBBY LABONTE	513	24	0	0	1	2,889,944
25	KURT BUSCH	452	23	0	1	2	2,771,636
26	CASEY MEARS	436	24	0	0	0	2,519,793
27	DAVID GILLILAND	425	24	0	0	0	2,493,838
28	MARK MARTIN	417	15	0	2	5	1,930,523
29	DAVID RAGAN	409	24	0	0	1	2,504,209
30	A J ALLMENDINGER	400	17	0	1	3	2,577,395
31	TRAVIS KVAPIL	399	23	0	0	0	2,378,514
32	LANDON CASSILL	372	24	0	0	0	2,882,960
33	DAVE BLANEY	308	23	0	0	0	2,098,626
34	DAVID REUTIMANN	306	18	0	0	0	1,756,573
35	BRIAN VICKERS	177	6	0	3	3	594,290
36	DAVID STREMMER	172	19	0	0	0	1,807,938
37	J J YELEY	135	17	0	0	0	1,393,590
38	MICHAEL MCDOWELL	122	19	0	0	0	1,660,596
39	JOSH WISE	107	22	0	0	0	1,744,501
40	KEN SCHRADER	102	9	0	0	0	851,305
41	STEPHEN LEICHT	89	11	0	0	0	1,012,750
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	41	15	0	0	0	1,149,610
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	8	0	1	1	1,051,645
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	12	0	0	0	974,539
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 NEMECHK(i)	0	21	0	0	0	1,792,405
66	REED SORENSON(i)	0	11	0	0	0	878,123
67	DANICA PATRICK(i)	0	4	0	0	0	542,215
68	T J BELL(i)	0	2	0	0	0	180,315
69	JASON LEFFLER(i)	0	3	0	0	0	227,720
70	JASON WHITE(i)	0	1	0	0	0	76,610
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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2	48	JEFF GORDON	838	24	3	12	17	24
3	88	RICK HENDRICK	834	24	1	10	16	24
4	17	JOHN HENRY	823	24	1	9	14	24
5	56	MICHAEL WALTRIP	797	24	0	5	13	24
6	15	ROB KAUFFMAN	794	24	1	5	14	24
7	2	ROGER PENSKE	790	24	3	9	13	24
8	11	J D GIBBS	774	24	3	10	12	24
9	29	RICHARD CHILDRESS	767	24	0	3	9	24
10	14	MARGARET HAAS	746	24	3	9	11	24
11	5	LINDA HENDRICK	730	24	2	7	13	24
12	99	JACK ROUSH	712	24	0	2	11	24
13	18	JOE GIBBS	707	24	1	6	11	24
14	24	RICK HENDRICK	691	24	1	5	10	24
15	39	TONY STEWART	688	24	1	3	8	24
16	9	RICHARD PETTY	679	24	1	3	8	24
17	27	RICHARD CHILDRESS	674	24	0	0	6	24
18	55	BILL JENKINS	669	24	0	5	9	24
19	20	JOE GIBBS	638	24	1	2	8	24
20	1	FELIX SABATES	598	24	0	0	3	24
21	31	RICHARD CHILDRESS	577	24	0	2	4	24
22	22	WALTER CZARNECKI	568	24	0	2	4	24
23	42	CHIP GANASSI	561	24	0	0	2	24
24	43	RICHARD PETTY	557	24	0	0	2	24
25	78	BARNEY VISSER	516	24	0	0	2	24
26	47	TAD GESCHICKTER	513	24	0	0	1	24
27	51	JAMES FINCH	475	24	0	1	2	24
28	13	BOB GERMAIN	436	24	0	0	0	24
29	38	BRAD JENKINS	425	24	0	0	0	24
30	93	THOMAS UEBERALL	425	24	0	0	0	24
31	34	BOB JENKINS	409	24	0	0	1	24
32	83	THOMAS UEBERALL	372	24	0	0	0	24
33	10	TOMMY BALDWIN	347	24	0	0	0	24
34	32	JACK ROUSH	326	24	0	0	0	24
35	36	ALLAN HEINKE	307	24	0	0	0	24
36	33	RICHARD CHILDRESS	205	20	0	0	0	24
37	21	GLEN WOOD	181	9	0	0	2	9
38	30	KEVIN BUCKLER	174	20	0	0	0	24
39	249	JAY ROBINSON	144	16	0	0	0	21
40	98	MIKE CURB	134	22	0	0	0	24
41	26	JERRY FREEZE	132	23	0	0	0	24
42	87	ANDREA NEMECHEK	114	21	0	0	0	24
43	195	BOB LEAVINE	66	7	0	0	0	8
44	23	ROBERT RICHARDSON SR.	58	16	0	0	0	22
45	119	RANDY HUMPHREY	46	14	0	0	0	18
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	6
53	37	LARRY GUNSELMAN	6	2	0	0	0	9
54	191	MARK SMITH	4	2	0	0	0	4
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