

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES OFFICIAL RACE REPORT No. 25

53RD ANNUAL ADVOCARE 500

ATLANTA MOTOR SPEEDWAY

Hampton, GA - September 2, 2012

1.54-Mile Paved Tri-Oval

325 Laps - 500.5 Miles Purse: \$6,189,911



TIME OF RACE: 3 hours, 32 minutes, 45 seconds

AVERAGE SPEED: 142.02 mph

MARGIN OF VICTORY: 0.378 second(s)

Fin Pos	Str Pos	Car No	Driver	Team	Laps	Pts	Bns Pts	Driver Rating	Winnings	Status	Lead Tms	Laps
1	7	11	Denny Hamlin	Sport Clips Toyota	327	48	5	141.0	\$355,716	Running	7	105
2	5	24	Jeff Gordon	DuPont Chevrolet	327	43	1	113.7	245,976	Running	1	6
3	21	2	Brad Keselowski	Miller Lite Dodge	327	41		106.6	197,435	Running		
4	28	56	Martin Truex Jr	NAPA Shocks Toyota	327	41	1	113.3	173,354	Running	1	40
5	24	29	Kevin Harvick	Rheem Chevrolet	327	40	1	123.8	172,101	Running	4	101
6	3	18	Kyle Busch	Wrigley / Doublemint Toyota	327	39	1	120.7	162,398	Running	3	66
7	35	88	Dale Earnhardt Jr	National Guard / Diet Mountain Dew Chevrolet	327	37		80.2	127,490	Running		
8	18	27	Paul Menard	Quaker State / Menards Chevrolet	327	36		87.5	120,390	Running		
9	4	17	Matt Kenseth	Ford Eco Boost Ford	327	35		98.5	153,801	Running		
10	6	55	Mark Martin	Aaron's Dream Machine Toyota	327	34		93.8	107,790	Running		
11	15	22	Sam Hornish Jr(i)	Shell Pennzoil Dodge	327	0		95.6	145,730	Running		
12	26	31	Jeff Burton	Caterpillar Chevrolet	327	32		79.7	142,255	Running		
13	16	51	Kurt Busch	Hendrickcars.com Chevrolet	327	31		75.3	129,638	Running		
14	27	78	Regan Smith	Furniture Row / Farm American Chevrolet	327	30		74.6	126,638	Running		
15	2	16	Greg Biffle	3M / Manheim Auctions Ford	327	30	1	88.5	112,205	Running	1	1
16	32	21	Trevor Bayne (i)	Good Sam / Camping World Ford	327	0		62.6	100,305	Running		
17	10	9	Marcos Ambrose	DeWalt Ford	327	27		83.6	127,488	Running		
18	9	20	Joey Logano	The Home Depot Toyota	327	26		79.0	106,680	Running		
19	25	47	Bobby Labonte	Kingsford Toyota	327	25		64.4	120,013	Running		
20	40	83	Landon Cassill	Burger King Toyota	326	24		54.5	124,475	Running		
21	33	42	Juan Pablo Montoya	Target Chevrolet	326	23		62.6	126,146	Running		
22	1	14	Tony Stewart	Office Depot / Mobil 1 Chevrolet	326	23	1	72.9	156,380	Running	1	8
23	11	5	Kasey Kahne	Hendrickcars.com Chevrolet	325	21		61.2	102,555	Running		
24	20	1	Jamie McMurray	Bass Pro Shops / Tracker Boats Chevrolet	325	20		61.5	124,763	Running		
25	22	36	Dave Blaney	Tommy Baldwin Racing Chevrolet	324	19		54.4	93,180	Running		
26	41	93	Travis Kvapil	Dr Pepper / Burger King Toyota	324	18		44.5	111,888	Running		
27	30	15	Clint Bowyer	5-hour Energy Toyota	324	17		79.2	118,844	Running		
28	14	34	David Ragan	Glory Foods Ford	323	16		43.0	99,777	Running		
29	23	10	Danica Patrick (i)	GoDaddy.com Chevrolet	321	0		43.6	87,555	Running		
30	42	32	T.J. Bell (i)	Greensmoke Ford	319	0		36.2	97,180	Running		
31	29	38	David Gilliland	House - Autry Ford	298	13		44.3	87,255	Running		
32	13	43	Aric Almirola	AdvoCare Ford	297	12		56.5	124,291	Running		
33	19	13	Casey Mears	GEICO Ford	291	11		48.6	86,905	Engine		
34	8	48	Jimmie Johnson	Lowe's / Kobalt Tools Chevrolet	269	10		93.7	133,966	Accident		
35	17	39	Ryan Newman	ARMY Medicine Chevrolet	268	9		69.0	131,013	Accident		
36	12	99	Carl Edwards	Subway Ford	264	8		73.3	132,946	Engine		
37	36	95	Scott Speed	Jordan Truck Sales Ford	196	7		39.3	86,280	Suspension		
38	34	49	Jason Leffler (i)	Robinson-Blakeney Racing Toyota	77	0		34.9	86,157	Vibration		
39	31	30	David Stremme	Inception Motorsports Toyota	54	5		32.5	82,700	Suspension		
40	39	23	Scott Riggs	North Texas Pipe Chevrolet	43	4		31.1	82,550	Vibration		
41	43	37	J.J. Yeley	MaxQworkforce.com Chevrolet	32	3		27.9	82,375	Brakes		
42	38	91	Reed Sorenson (i)	Plinker Tactical Toyota	24	0		28.9	82,280	Overheating		
43	37	87	Joe Nemechek (i)	AM/FM Energy Wood & Pellet Stoves Toyota	22	0		24.3	82,641	Rear Gear		

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) #98 Michael McDowell; #26 Josh Wise; #33 Stephen Leicht; #19 Mike Bliss

Race Comments: Before an estimated crowd of 90,300, Denny Hamlin won the ADVOCARE 500, his 21st NASCAR Sprint Cup Series victory. To start the race, prior to the green flag the following car dropped to the rear of the field: #15 (engine change).

Caution Flags: 6 cautions for 31 laps. [Beneficiary in Brackets] 40-43 (Oil On The Track [95]); 131-134 (Debris Backstretch [27]); 243-247 (Car #42 Accident Turn 1 [27]); 266-269 (Oil On The Track [None]); 271-279 (Car #48, 22, 39 Accident Backstretch [None]); 321-325 (Car #1 Accident Frontstretch [51]).

Lap Leaders: 18 lead changes among 7 drivers. Stewart-pole, Biffle 1, Stewart 2-9, J. Gordon 10-15, Ky. Busch 16-34, Hamlin 35-40, Ky. Busch 41-81, Hamlin 82, Harvick 83-84, Ky. Busch 85-90, Hamlin 91-134, Harvick 135-173, Hamlin 174-176, Harvick 177-215, Hamlin 216-221, Harvick 222-242, Hamlin 243-281, Truex Jr 282-321, Hamlin 322-327.

COORS LIGHT POLE AWARD: Tony Stewart (186.121 mph. 29.787 secs.)

3M LAP LEADER: Denny Hamlin (105 Laps)

AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD: Denny Hamlin

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

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: Martin

Truex Jr (crew chief Chad Johnston, 0.229 seconds)

NASCAR SPRINT CUP LEADER BONUS: No winner: rolls over to \$30,000 at next event++

USG IMPROVING THE FINISH: Dale Earnhardt Jr (28 places)

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

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES TOP 12

Driver	(Wins)
1 - Greg Biffle	879 (2)
2 - Dale Earnhardt Jr	871 (1)
3 - Matt Kenseth	858 (1)
4 - Jimmie Johnson	848 (3)
5 - Martin Truex Jr	838 (0)
6 - Brad Keselowski	831 (3)
7 - Denny Hamlin	822 (4)
8 - Clint Bowyer	811 (1)
9 - Kevin Harvick	807 (0)
10 - Tony Stewart	769 (3)
11 - Kasey Kahne	751 (2)
12 - Kyle Busch	746 (1)

MANUFACTURERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

Manufacturer	Pts	Wins
Chevrolet	173	(11)
Toyota	146	(7)
Ford	125	(4)
Dodge	106	(3)

3M LAP LEADER

Jimmie Johnson	(#48)	5
Denny Hamlin	(#11)	3
Kyle Busch	(#18)	3

AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD

Jimmie Johnson	(#48)	3
Denny Hamlin	(#11)	3
Joey Logano	(#20)	3

DIRECTV CREW CHIEF OF THE RACE

Darian Grubb	(#11)	6
Matt Puccia	(#16)	5
Dave Rogers	(#18)	3

MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER

Hendrick	(#48)	254
TRD	(#11)	215
Roush/Yates	(#16)	206

MOBIL 1 OIL DRIVER OF THE RACE

Denny Hamlin	(#11)	9
Tony Stewart	(#14)	4
Clint Bowyer	(#15)	3

MOOG STEERING AND SUSPENSION PROBLEM SOLVER OF THE RACE

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

USG IMPROVING THE FINISH

Jeff Gordon	(#24)	3
Carl Edwards	(#99)	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

Tony Stewart	1
Kyle Busch	1
Jeff Gordon	1

Carl Edwards	1
Joey Logano	1
AJ Allmendinger	1

SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Josh Wise	64
Stephen Leicht	63

NEXT EVENT: September 8, 2012 - 55th Annual Federated Auto Parts 400 , Richmond International Raceway, Richmond, VA (300 Miles) (400 Laps)

NOTE: The above figures are based upon team winnings and include racing purse and cash contingency awards by participating manufacturers. (9/3/2012)

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES DRIVER LEADERS

Race #25: 53RD ANNUAL ADVOCARE "500" Race Date: 9/2/2012

POS	DRIVER	Points	Starts	Wins	Top 5	Top 10	Money Won
1	GREG BIFFLE	879	25	2	10	14	\$4,441,073
2	DALE EARNHARDT JR.	871	25	1	10	17	4,280,410
3	MATT KENSETH	858	25	1	9	15	5,556,676
4	JIMMIE JOHNSON	848	25	3	12	17	5,975,218
5	MARTIN TRUEX JR.	838	25	0	6	14	3,887,363
6	BRAD KESELOWSKI	831	25	3	10	14	4,295,885
7	DENNY HAMLIN	822	25	4	11	13	5,194,020
8	CLINT BOWYER	811	25	1	5	14	3,756,178
9	KEVIN HARVICK	807	25	0	4	10	4,171,155
10	TONY STEWART	769	25	3	9	11	4,935,415
11	KASEY KAHNE	751	25	2	7	13	3,475,301
12	KYLE BUSCH	746	25	1	6	12	4,653,493
13	JEFF GORDON	734	25	1	6	11	4,190,933
14	CARL EDWARDS	720	25	0	2	11	3,897,724
15	PAUL MENARD	710	25	0	0	7	2,977,300
16	MARCOS AMBROSE	706	25	1	3	8	3,567,460
17	RYAN NEWMAN	697	25	1	3	8	3,851,978
18	JOEY LOGANO	664	25	1	2	8	2,987,978
19	JAMIE MCMURRAY	618	25	0	0	3	3,320,430
20	JEFF BURTON	609	25	0	2	4	3,807,015
21	JUAN PABLO MONTOYA	584	25	0	0	2	3,270,655
22	ARIC ALMIROLA	569	25	0	0	2	3,430,985
23	REGAN SMITH	546	25	0	0	2	3,028,456
24	BOBBY LABONTE	538	25	0	0	1	3,009,957
25	KURT BUSCH	483	24	0	1	2	2,901,274
26	MARK MARTIN	451	16	0	2	6	2,038,313
27	CASEY MEARS	447	25	0	0	0	2,606,698
28	DAVID GILLILAND	438	25	0	0	0	2,581,093
29	DAVID RAGAN	425	25	0	0	1	2,603,986
30	TRAVIS KVAPIL	417	24	0	0	0	2,490,402
31	A J ALLMENDINGER	400	17	0	1	3	2,577,395
32	LANDON CASSILL	396	25	0	0	0	3,007,435
33	DAVE BLANEY	327	24	0	0	0	2,191,806
34	DAVID REUTIMANN	306	18	0	0	0	1,756,573
35	BRIAN VICKERS	177	6	0	3	3	594,290
36	DAVID STREMMER	177	20	0	0	0	1,890,638
37	J J YELEY	138	18	0	0	0	1,475,965
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	SCOTT SPEED	76	10	0	0	0	854,485
43	MICHAEL WALTRIP	75	3	0	0	1	316,687
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	45	16	0	0	0	1,232,160
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	9	0	1	1	1,197,375
59	TREVOR BAYNE(i)	0	10	0	0	2	1,274,317
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	22	0	0	0	1,875,046
66	REED SORENSON(i)	0	12	0	0	0	960,403
67	DANICA PATRICK(i)	0	5	0	0	0	629,770
68	T J BELL(i)	0	3	0	0	0	277,495
69	JASON LEFFLER(i)	0	4	0	0	0	313,877
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

(i) = Ineligible for driver points in this series

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES OWNER LEADERS

Race #25: 53RD ANNUAL ADVOCARE "500" Race Date: 9/2/2012

POS	Car #	OWNER	Points	Starts	Wins	Top 5	Top 10	Attempts
1	16	JACK ROUSH	879	25	2	10	14	25
2	88	RICK HENDRICK	871	25	1	10	17	25
3	17	JOHN HENRY	858	25	1	9	15	25
4	48	JEFF GORDON	848	25	3	12	17	25
5	56	MICHAEL WALTRIP	838	25	0	6	14	25
6	2	ROGER PENSKE	831	25	3	10	14	25
7	11	J D GIBBS	822	25	4	11	13	25
8	15	ROB KAUFFMAN	811	25	1	5	14	25
9	29	RICHARD CHILDRESS	807	25	0	4	10	25
10	14	MARGARET HAAS	769	25	3	9	11	25
11	5	LINDA HENDRICK	751	25	2	7	13	25
12	18	JOE GIBBS	746	25	1	6	12	25
13	24	RICK HENDRICK	734	25	1	6	11	25
14	99	JACK ROUSH	720	25	0	2	11	25
15	27	RICHARD CHILDRESS	710	25	0	0	7	25
16	9	RICHARD PETTY	706	25	1	3	8	25
17	55	BILL JENKINS	703	25	0	5	10	25
18	39	TONY STEWART	697	25	1	3	8	25
19	20	JOE GIBBS	664	25	1	2	8	25
20	1	FELIX SABATES	618	25	0	0	3	25
21	31	RICHARD CHILDRESS	609	25	0	2	4	25
22	22	WALTER CZARNECKI	601	25	0	2	4	25
23	42	CHIP GANASSI	584	25	0	0	2	25
24	43	RICHARD PETTY	569	25	0	0	2	25
25	78	BARNEY VISSER	546	25	0	0	2	25
26	47	TAD GESCHICKTER	538	25	0	0	1	25
27	51	JAMES FINCH	506	25	0	1	2	25
28	13	BOB GERMAIN	447	25	0	0	0	25
29	93	THOMAS UEBERALL	443	25	0	0	0	25
30	38	BRAD JENKINS	438	25	0	0	0	25
31	34	BOB JENKINS	425	25	0	0	1	25
32	83	THOMAS UEBERALL	396	25	0	0	0	25
33	10	TOMMY BALDWIN	362	25	0	0	0	25
34	32	JACK ROUSH	340	25	0	0	0	25
35	36	ALLAN HEINKE	326	25	0	0	0	25
36	21	GLEN WOOD	209	10	0	0	2	10
37	33	RICHARD CHILDRESS	205	20	0	0	0	25
38	30	KEVIN BUCKLER	179	21	0	0	0	25
39	249	JAY ROBINSON	150	17	0	0	0	22
40	98	MIKE CURB	134	22	0	0	0	25
41	26	JERRY FREEZE	132	23	0	0	0	25
42	87	ANDREA NEMECHEK	115	22	0	0	0	25
43	195	BOB LEAVINE	73	8	0	0	0	9
44	23	ROBERT RICHARDSON SR.	62	17	0	0	0	23
45	119	RANDY HUMPHREY	46	14	0	0	0	19
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	37	LARRY GUNSELMAN	9	3	0	0	0	10
51	97	ANDREA NEMECHEK	7	1	0	0	0	2
52	50	STEVE TURNER	7	1	0	0	0	1
53	179	ARCHIE ST HILAIRE	7	4	0	0	0	6
54	191	MARK SMITH	6	3	0	0	0	5
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