

MONSTER ENERGY NASCAR CUP SERIES OFFICIAL RACE REPORT No. 25

69TH ANNUAL BOJANGLES' SOUTHERN 500

DARLINGTON RACEWAY

Darlington, SC - September 2, 2018

1.366-Mile Paved Oval

367 Laps - 501.3 Miles



TIME OF RACE: 3 hours, 48 minutes, 54 seconds

AVERAGE SPEED: 131.408 mph

MARGIN OF VICTORY: 1.224 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	13	2	Brad Keselowski	Miller Genuine Draft Ford	367	5	2	55	Running	2	24	5
2	8	22	Joey Logano	Pennzoil Ford	367	4	3	50	Running	1	18	
3	2	42	Kyle Larson	DC Solar Chevrolet	367	1	1	54	Running	3	284	2
4	22	4	Kevin Harvick	Busch Beer Throwback Ford	367	6	10	39	Running			
5	11	9	Chase Elliott	NAPA Throwback Chevrolet	367	10	4	40	Running			
6	9	41	Kurt Busch	Haas Automation Ford	367	8	6	39	Running			
7	5	18	Kyle Busch	Skittles 1998 Retro Toyota	367	9	8	35	Running			
8	7	20	Erik Jones	Sport Clips Throwback Toyota	367	2	5	44	Running			
9	31	1	Jamie McMurray	McDonald's 50 Years of Big Mac Chevrolet	367		9	30	Running			
10	1	11	Denny Hamlin	FedEx Throwback Toyota	367	7		31	Running	1	11	
11	3	78	Martin Truex Jr	Bass Pro Shops/5-hour ENERGY Toyota	367	3		34	Running	1	30	
12	25	17	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	John Deere Ford	367			25	Running			
13	19	37	Chris Buescher	Bush's Best Since 1908 Chevrolet	367			24	Running			
14	12	10	Aric Almirola	Smithfield Helping Hungry Homes Ford	367			23	Running			
15	21	12	Ryan Blaney	Menards/Duracell Ford	367			22	Running			
16	18	3	Austin Dillon	American Ethanol e15 Chevrolet	367			21	Running			
17	14	21	Paul Menard	Motorcraft/Quick Lane Tire & Auto Center Ford	366			20	Running			
18	23	38	David Ragan	Citgard 700 Ford	366			19	Running			
19	6	31	Ryan Newman	Caterpillar Chevrolet	366		7	22	Running			
20	26	34	Michael McDowell	Love's Travel Stops Ford	365			17	Running			
21	28	13	Ty Dillon	GEICO Chevrolet	365			16	Running			
22	24	47	AJ Allmendinger	Kroger ClickList Chevrolet	365			15	Running			
23	4	88	Alex Bowman	LLumar Chevrolet	365			14	Running			
24	29	95	Kasey Kahne	Dumont JETS Chevrolet	364			13	Running			
25	15	6	Matt Kenseth	Oscar Mayer Ford	364			12	Running			
26	27	43	Bubba Wallace #	STP Chevrolet	363			11	Running			
27	34	72	Corey Lajoie	BCT The Blockchain Terminal Chevrolet	360			10	Running			
28	33	15	Ross Chastain (i)	Chevrolet	360			0	Running			
29	16	19	Daniel Suarez	ARRIS Toyota	358			8	Running			
30	35	00	Landon Cassill (i)	StarCom Fiber Chevrolet	357			0	Running			
31	32	52	JJ Yeley (i)	Trading View Chevrolet	350			0	Running			
32	37	51	BJ McLeod (i)	Jacob Companies Chevrolet	347			0	Running			
33	38	99	Derrick Cope	Bojangles' Chevrolet	346			4	Running			
34	40	96	Jeffrey Earnhardt	Xtreme Concepts Toyota	344			3	Running			
35	10	24	William Byron #	AXALTA Throwback Chevrolet	329			2	Engine			
36	17	14	Clint Bowyer	Carolina Ford Dealers Ford	309			1	Accident			
37	36	66	Timmy Hill (i)	Rewards.com Toyota	268			0	Engine			
38	30	32	Matt DiBenedetto	Keen Parts/CorvetteParts.Net Ford	254			1	Rear End			
39	20	48	Jimmie Johnson	Lowe's Throwback Chevrolet	227			1	Oil Pump			
40	39	23	Joey Gase (i)	Agri-Supply/Sparks Toyota	120			0	Accident			

Sunoco Rookie of the Year Contender.

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Stage 1 Top 10: 42, 20, 78, 22, 2, 4, 11, 41, 18, 9

Stage 2 Top 10: 42, 2, 22, 9, 20, 41, 31, 18, 1, 4

Race Comments: Brad Keselowski won the 69th Bojangles' Southern 500 at Darlington Raceway, his 25th victory in the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series. Prior to the start of the race, the following cars dropped to the rear of the field under penalty for the reasons indicated: Nos. 1 and 23 (engine changes), Nos. 96 and 48 (unapproved adjustments).

Failed to Qualify: n/a

Caution Flags: 6 cautions for 35 laps. [Beneficiary in Brackets] 102-107 (End Of Stage 1 [37]); 129-133 (Car #23, 18 Incident Frontstretch [1]); 202-207 (End Of Stage 2 [3]); 313-322 (Car #14, 31, 96 Incident Turns 3 And 4 [4]); 330-333 (Debris Turn 2 [41]); 345-348 (Car #96 Spin Turn 2 [78]).

Lead Changes: 7 lead changes among 5 drivers. Hamlin 1-11, Larson 12-129, Truex Jr 130-159, Larson 160-258, Keselowski 259-260, Logano 261-278, Larson 279-345, Keselowski 346-367.

BUSCH POLE AWARD: Denny Hamlin (173.571 mph, 28.332 secs.)

AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD: Kyle Larson

FASTEST LAP AWARD: Denny Hamlin (lap 2, 173.571 mph)

MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER OF THE RACE: Hendrick Engines (#42)

MOBIL 1 PERFORMANCE AWARD: Clint Bowyer (94 passes)

MOOG GO THE EXTRA MILE AWARD: Brad Keselowski (crew chief Paul Wolfe, 0.254 seconds)

SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE RACE: Bubba Wallace

MANUFACTURERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

	Pts	Wins
Toyota	906	(11)
Ford	895	(12)
Chevrolet	817	(2)

AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD

Kevin Harvick	(#4)	7
Kyle Busch	(#18)	5
Martin Truex Jr	(#78)	5

FASTEST LAP AWARD

Kevin Harvick	(#4)	9
Kyle Busch	(#18)	4
Martin Truex Jr	(#78)	4

MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER

Roush/Yates	(#4)	333
TRD	(#18)	325
Roush/Yates	(#41)	216

MOBIL 1 PERFORMANCE AWARD

Kyle Larson	(#42)	4
Ricky Stenhouse Jr	(#17)	4
Clint Bowyer	(#14)	3

MOOG GO THE EXTRA MILE AWARD

Adam Stevens	(#18)	4
Paul Wolfe	(#2)	3
Mike Bugarewicz	(#14)	3

BUSCH POLE AWARD

Martin Truex Jr	4
Kyle Busch	3
Kurt Busch	3
Kyle Larson	3
Denny Hamlin	3
Kevin Harvick	2
Ryan Blaney	2
Chase Elliott	1
Alex Bowman	1
Paul Menard	1
Daniel Suarez	1

SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

WILLIAM BYRON	444
BUBBA WALLACE	357

NEXT EVENT: September 9, 2018 - 25th Annual Big Machine Vodka 400 at The Brickyard, Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Indianapolis, IN (400 Miles) (160 Laps)

MONSTER ENERGY NASCAR CUP SERIES DRIVER LEADERS

Race #25: 69TH ANNUAL BOJANGLES' SOUTHERN "500" Race Date: 09/02/2018

Rank	DRIVER	Points	Behind Leader	Race Wins	Stage Wins	Playoff Points
1	KYLE BUSCH	1038	0	6	5	35
2	KEVIN HARVICK	999	39	8	12	40
3	MARTIN TRUEX	883	155	4	7	27
4	KURT BUSCH	835	203	1	2	7
5	JOSEPH LOGANO	818	220	1	3	8
6	BRAD KESELOWSKI	785	253	2	4	9
7	KYLE LARSON	783	255	0	3	2
8	CLINT BOWYER	777	261	2	0	10
9	RYAN BLANEY	755	283	1	5	5
10	DENNY HAMLIN	738	300	0	2	2
11	WILLIAM ELLIOTT	737	301	2	3	8
12	ARIC ALMIROLA	681	357	0	1	1
13	ERIK JONES	679	359	1	0	5
14	JIMMIE JOHNSON	605	433	0	0	0
15	ALEX BOWMAN	586	452	0	1	0
16	RICKY STENHOUSE	518	520	0	2	2
17	RYAN NEWMAN	503	535	0	0	0
18	AUSTIN DILLON	496	542	1	0	5
19	PAUL MENARD	493	545	0	1	1
20	DANIEL SUAREZ	487	551	0	1	0
21	JAMIE MCMURRAY	464	574	0	0	0
22	WILLIAM BYRON	444	594	0	0	0
23	CHRISTOPHER BUESCHER	404	634	0	0	0
24	AJ ALLMENDINGER	391	647	1	1	1
25	DAVID RAGAN	368	670	0	0	0
26	MICHAEL MCDOWELL	361	677	0	0	0
27	KASEY KAHNE	358	680	0	0	0
28	WILLIAM WALLACE	357	681	0	0	0
29	TY DILLON	326	712	0	0	0
30	MATT DIBENEDETTO	267	771	0	0	0
31	TREVOR BAYNE	214	824	0	0	0
32	MATT KENSETH	129	909	0	0	0
33	GRAY GAULDING	118	920	0	0	0
34	COLE WHITT	90	948	0	0	0
35	COREY LAJOIE	89	949	0	0	0
36	JEFFREY EARNHARDT	73	965	0	0	0
37	REED SORENSON	45	993	0	0	0
38	HARRISON RHODES	23	1015	0	0	0
39	BLAKE JONES	21	1017	0	0	0
40	KYLE WEATHERMAN	16	1022	0	0	0
41	MARK THOMPSON	15	1023	0	0	0
42	DERRIKE COPE	8	1030	0	0	0
43	CHRIS COOK	6	1032	0	0	0
44	TOMY DRISSI	5	1033	0	0	0
45	DANICA PATRICK	2	1036	0	0	0
46	CODY WARE	1	1037	0	0	0
47	BRENDAN GAUGHAN(i)	0	1038	0	0	0
48	JUSTIN MARKS(i)	0	1038	0	0	0
49	D.J. KENNINGTON(i)	0	1038	0	0	0
50	DAVID GILLILAND(i)	0	1038	0	0	0
51	LONNYE BLACK(i)	0	1038	0	0	0
52	ROSS CHASTAIN(i)	0	1038	0	0	0
53	JJ YELEY(i)	0	1038	0	0	0
54	LANDON CASSILL(i)	0	1038	0	0	0
55	PARKER KLIGERMAN(i)	0	1038	0	0	0
56	TIMOTHY PETERS(i)	0	1038	0	0	0
57	COLE CUSTER(i)	0	1038	0	0	0
58	JOEY GASE(i)	0	1038	0	0	0
59	TIM HILL(i)	0	1038	0	0	0
60	BURTON MCLEOD(i)	0	1038	0	0	0
61	GARRETT SMITHLEY(i)	0	1038	0	0	0
62	DANIEL HEMRIC(i)	0	1038	0	0	0
63	JAMES FINCHUM(i)	0	1038	0	0	0
64	JESSE LITTLE(i)	0	1038	0	0	0
65	SPENCER GALLAGHER(i)	0	1038	0	0	0
66	JOSH BILICKI(i)	0	1038	0	0	0

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Rank	Car #	OWNER	Points	Behind Leader	Race Wins	Stage Wins	Playoff Points	Qualifying Attempts
1	18	Joe Gibbs Racing	1073	0	6	5	35	25
2	4	Stewart-Haas Racing	1039	34	7	12	40	25
3	78	Furniture Row Racing	910	163	4	7	27	25
4	41	Stewart-Haas Racing	842	231	1	2	7	25
5	22	Team Penske	826	247	1	3	8	25
6	2	Team Penske	794	279	1	4	9	25
7	14	Stewart-Haas Racing	787	286	2	0	10	25
8	42	Chip Ganassi Racing	785	288	0	3	2	25
9	12	Team Penske	760	313	0	5	5	25
10	9	Hendrick Motorsports	745	328	1	3	8	25
11	11	Joe Gibbs Racing	740	333	0	2	2	25
12	20	Joe Gibbs Racing	684	389	1	0	5	25
13	10	Stewart-Haas Racing	682	391	0	1	1	25
14	48	Hendrick Motorsports	605	468	0	0	0	25
15	88	Hendrick Motorsports	586	487	0	1	0	25
16	17	Roush Fenway Racing	520	553	0	2	2	25
17	31	Richard Childress Racing	503	570	0	0	0	25
18	3	Richard Childress Racing	501	572	1	0	5	25
19	21	Wood Brothers Racing	494	579	0	1	1	25
20	19	Joe Gibbs Racing	487	586	0	1	0	25
21	1	Chip Ganassi Racing	464	609	0	0	0	25
22	24	Hendrick Motorsports	444	629	0	0	0	25
23	37	JTG Daugherty Racing	404	669	0	0	0	25
24	47	JTG Daugherty Racing	392	681	0	1	1	25
25	38	Front Row Motorsports	368	705	0	0	0	25
26	34	Front Row Motorsports	361	712	0	0	0	25
27	95	Leavine Family Racing	358	715	0	0	0	25
28	43	Richard Petty Motorsports	357	716	0	0	0	25
29	6	Roush Fenway Racing	343	730	0	0	0	25
30	13	Germain Racing	326	747	0	0	0	25
31	32	GO FAS Racing	267	806	0	0	0	25
32	15	Premium Motorsports	219	854	0	0	0	25
33	72	TriStar Motorsports	179	894	0	0	0	25
34	00	StarCom Racing	172	901	0	0	0	25
35	23	BK Racing	166	907	0	0	0	25
36	51	Rick Ware Racing	142	931	0	0	0	25
37	96	Gaunt Brothers Racing	130	943	0	0	0	13
38	107	Premium Motorsports	105	968	0	0	0	18
39	162	Beard Motorsports	49	1024	0	0	0	3
40	199	StarCom Racing	44	1029	0	0	0	11
41	92	RBR Enterprises	37	1036	0	0	0	3
42	66	Motorsports Business Management	32	1041	0	0	0	10
43	166	Phoenix Air Racing	15	1058	0	0	0	1
44	52	Rick Ware Racing	7	1066	0	0	0	3
45	8	Richard Childress Racing	5	1068	0	0	0	1
46	7	NY Racing Team	1	1072	0	0	0	1