

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES OFFICIAL RACE REPORT No. 27



12TH ANNUAL GEICO 400
CHICAGOLAND SPEEDWAY
Joliet, IL - September 16, 2012
1.5-Mile Paved Tri-Oval



267 Laps - 400.5 Miles Purse: \$6,037,930

TIME OF RACE: 2 hours, 47 minutes, 37 seconds

AVERAGE SPEED: 143.363 mph

MARGIN OF VICTORY: 3.171 second(s)

Fin Pos	Str Pos	Car No	Driver	Team	Laps	Pts	Bns Pts	Driver Rating	Winnings	Status	Lead Tms	Laps
1	13	2	Brad Keselowski	Miller Lite Dodge	267	47	4	133.3	\$303,195	Running	4	76
2	1	48	Jimmie Johnson	Lowe's/Kobalt Tools Chevrolet	267	44	2	144.0	272,951	Running	4	172
3	6	5	Kasey Kahne	Farmers Insurance Chevrolet	267	41		121.2	179,565	Running		
4	21	18	Kyle Busch	Wrigley Toyota	267	40		110.3	193,998	Running		
5	20	39	Ryan Newman	Gene Haas Foun Workshops For Warriors Chev	267	39		95.3	173,348	Running		
6	29	14	Tony Stewart	Office Depot/Mobil 1 Chevrolet	267	39	1	101.2	168,840	Running	1	3
7	10	20	Joey Logano	Dollar General Toyota	267	37		109.1	124,440	Running		
8	4	88	Dale Earnhardt Jr	AMP Energy/7-Eleven/National Guard Chevrolet	267	36		91.0	116,440	Running		
9	18	56	Martin Truex Jr	NAPA Auto Parts Toyota	267	35		85.0	133,054	Running		
10	9	15	Clint Bowyer	5-hour Energy Toyota	267	35	1	98.9	131,754	Running	1	6
11	16	22	Sam Hornish Jr(i)	Shell Pennzoil Dodge	267	0		92.9	142,880	Running		
12	35	29	Kevin Harvick	Budweiser Chevrolet	267	32		77.3	145,591	Running		
13	22	16	Greg Biffle	Scotch Blue Ford	267	31		81.1	106,955	Running		
14	15	55	Mark Martin	LG Partner of the Year/Aaron's Toyota	267	30		89.7	97,630	Running		
15	11	27	Paul Menard	Menards/Libman Chevrolet	267	29		75.5	105,280	Running		
16	8	11	Denny Hamlin	FedEx Ground Toyota	267	29	1	91.9	138,496	Running	1	1
17	2	43	Aric Almirola	Farmland Ford	266	28	1	80.5	132,366	Running	1	3
18	3	17	Matt Kenseth	Best Buy Ford	266	27	1	83.6	139,916	Running	1	2
19	5	99	Carl Edwards	Fastenal Ford	266	25		77.7	136,671	Running		
20	14	21	Trevor Bayne (i)	Good Sam/Camping World Ford	266	0		63.7	94,705	Running		
21	12	1	Jamie McMurray	McDonald's Chevrolet	266	24	1	66.1	123,863	Running	1	1
22	37	34	David Ragan	Distraction.gov Ford	266	23	1	58.6	110,288	Running	2	3
23	28	42	Juan Pablo Montoya	Target Chevrolet	265	21		54.6	121,396	Running		
24	32	31	Jeff Burton	Caterpillar Chevrolet	265	20		58.0	129,480	Running		
25	41	10	Danica Patrick (i)	GoDaddy.com Chevrolet	265	0		49.0	90,630	Running		
26	23	47	Bobby Labonte	Bubba Burger Toyota	264	18		52.5	113,538	Running		
27	17	9	Marcos Ambrose	Stanley Ford	263	17		57.7	116,588	Running		
28	40	38	David Gilliland	1800LoanMart Ford	263	16		45.9	102,138	Running		
29	26	83	Landon Cassill	Burger King Toyota	262	15		53.0	114,125	Running		
30	39	32	T.J. Bell (i)	U.S. Chrome Ford	261	0		37.6	96,530	Running		
31	38	93	Travis Kvapil	Burger King/Dr. Pepper Toyota	259	13		37.1	103,988	Running		
32	30	51	Kurt Busch	Phoenix Construction Chevrolet	245	12		59.4	101,677	Running		
33	42	36	Dave Blaney	Tommy Baldwin Racing Chevrolet	199	11		43.8	83,930	Engine		
34	7	78	Regan Smith	Furniture Row Racing/Farm American Chevrolet	197	10		65.4	91,730	Engine		
35	19	24	Jeff Gordon	DuPont Chevrolet	190	9		88.9	131,441	Accident		
36	27	13	Casey Mears	GEICO Ford	146	8		48.8	83,305	Accident		
37	36	33	Cole Whitt (i)	LittleJoesAutos.com Chevrolet	70	0		31.2	91,080	Fuel Pressure		
38	43	26	Josh Wise #	MDS Transport Ford	66	6		28.4	82,857	Vibration		
39	31	30	David Stremme	Inception Motorsports Toyota	60	5		31.5	79,325	Transmission		
40	33	87	Joe Nemechek (i)	AM/FM Energy Wood & Pellet Stoves Toyota	52	0		29.8	79,080	Vibration		
41	25	95	Scott Speed	JTS Ford	49	3		36.6	78,805	Suspension		
42	34	19	Mike Bliss (i)	Plinker Tactical Toyota	41	0		28.5	78,635	Brakes		
43	24	98	Michael McDowell	Phil Parson Racing Ford	38	1		30.4	78,907	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) #23 Scott Riggs; #91 Reed Sorenson; #37 J.J. Yeley; #49 Jason Leffler

Race Comments: Before an estimated attendance of 65,000 Brad Keselowski won the Geico 400, his 8th NASCAR Sprint Cup Series victory. Prior to the green flag, the following car dropped to the rear of the field for the reason indicated: 88 (engine change)

Caution Flags: 4 cautions for 23 laps. [Beneficiary in Brackets] 67-71 (Debris [31]); 102-105 (Debris [22]); 150-157 (Car #13 Accident Turn 2 [34]); 189-194 (Car #24 Accident Turn 1 [1]).

Lap Leaders: 16 lead changes among 9 drivers. Johnson-pole, Almirola 1-3, Johnson 4-45, Keselowski 46, Kenseth 47-48, Johnson 49-102, Keselowski 103-150, Johnson 151-189, Ragan 190-191, Johnson 192-228, Keselowski 229, Hamlin 230, Stewart 231-233, Bowyer 234-239, McMurray 240, Ragan 241, Keselowski 242-267.

COORS LIGHT POLE AWARD: Jimmie Johnson (182.865 mph. 29.530 secs.)

3M LAP LEADER: Jimmie Johnson (173 Laps)

AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD: Jimmie Johnson

DIRECTV CREW CHIEF OF THE RACE: Joey Logano (crew chief Jason Ratcliff)

FREESCALE "WIDE OPEN": Ryan Newman

MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER OF THE RACE: Hendrick Engines (#48)

MOBIL 1 OIL DRIVER OF THE RACE: Kyle Busch

MOOG STEERING AND SUSPENSION PROBLEM SOLVER OF THE RACE: Ryan Newman (crew chief Tony Gibson, -0.538 seconds)

NASCAR SPRINT CUP LEADER BONUS: Brad Keselowski (\$40,000 ++)

USG IMPROVING THE FINISH: Tony Stewart (23 places)

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

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES TOP 12 (Wins)			FREESCALE "WIDE OPEN"			COORS LIGHT POLE AWARD		
1 - Brad Keselowski	2,056	(4)	Tony Stewart	(#14)	35	Mark Martin		4
2 - Jimmie Johnson	2,053	(3)	Matt Kenseth	(#17)	32	Jimmie Johnson		2
3 - Tony Stewart	2,048	(3)	Greg Biffle	(#16)	30	Denny Hamlin		2
4 - Denny Hamlin	2,041	(4)	MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER			Kasey Kahne		2
5 - Kasey Kahne	2,041	(2)	Hendrick	(#48)	281	Greg Biffle		2
6 - Clint Bowyer	2,041	(2)	TRD	(#11)	220	Marcos Ambrose		2
7 - Dale Earnhardt Jr	2,039	(1)	Roush/Yates	(#16)	216	Juan Pablo Montoya		2
8 - Greg Biffle	2,037	(2)	MOBIL 1 OIL DRIVER OF THE RACE			Tony Stewart		1
9 - Martin Truex Jr	2,035	(0)	Denny Hamlin	(#11)	9	Dale Earnhardt Jr		1
10 - Kevin Harvick	2,032	(0)	Tony Stewart	(#14)	4	Martin Truex Jr		1
11 - Matt Kenseth	2,030	(1)	Clint Bowyer	(#15)	4	Matt Kenseth		1
12 - Jeff Gordon	2,009	(1)	MOOG STEERING AND SUSPENSION PROBLEM SOLVER OF THE RACE			Jeff Gordon		1
MANUFACTURERS' CHAMPIONSHIP			Steve Addington	(#14)	4	Kyle Busch		1
Chevrolet	185	(11)	Steve Letarte	(#88)	4	Carl Edwards		1
Toyota	159	(8)	Chad Johnston	(#56)	4	Joey Logano		1
Ford	132	(4)	USG IMPROVING THE FINISH			AJ Allmendinger		1
Dodge	118	(4)	Tony Stewart	(#14)	4	SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE YEAR		
3M LAP LEADER			Jeff Gordon	(#24)	3	Stephen Leicht		74
Jimmie Johnson	(#48)	6	Carl Edwards	(#99)	3	Josh Wise		66
Denny Hamlin	(#11)	4						
Kyle Busch	(#18)	3						
AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD								
Jimmie Johnson	(#48)	4						
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						

NEXT EVENT: September 23, 2012 - 16th Annual Sylvania 300, New Hampshire Motor Speedway, Loudon, NH (317.4 Miles) (300 Laps)

NOTE: The above figures are based upon team winnings and include racing purse and cash contingency awards by participating manufacturers. (9/17/2012)

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES DRIVER LEADERS

Race #27: 12TH ANNUAL GEICO "400" Race Date: 9/16/2012

POS	DRIVER	Points	Starts	Wins	Top 5	Top 10	Money Won
1	BRAD KESELOWSKI	2056	27	4	11	16	\$4,724,610
2	JIMMIE JOHNSON	2053	27	3	13	18	6,370,465
3	TONY STEWART	2048	27	3	10	13	5,283,940
4	DENNY HAMLIN	2041	27	4	11	13	5,455,467
5	KASEY KAHNE	2041	27	2	8	14	3,743,901
6	CLINT BOWYER	2041	27	2	6	16	4,114,046
7	DALE EARNHARDT JR.	2039	27	1	10	18	4,489,285
8	GREG BIFFLE	2037	27	2	10	15	4,641,913
9	MARTIN TRUEX JR.	2035	27	0	6	15	4,123,591
10	KEVIN HARVICK	2032	27	0	4	11	4,456,842
11	MATT KENSETH	2030	27	1	10	16	5,848,813
12	JEFF GORDON	2009	27	1	7	12	4,525,920
13	KYLE BUSCH	814	27	1	7	13	4,967,609
14	RYAN NEWMAN	773	27	1	4	10	4,151,544
15	CARL EDWARDS	772	27	0	2	11	4,153,696
16	PAUL MENARD	760	27	0	0	7	3,165,965
17	MARCOS AMBROSE	752	27	1	3	8	3,790,641
18	JOEY LOGANO	715	27	1	2	9	3,195,753
19	JEFF BURTON	667	27	0	2	5	4,071,830
20	JAMIE MCMURRAY	664	27	0	0	3	3,550,986
21	JUAN PABLO MONTOYA	629	27	0	0	2	3,499,527
22	ARIC ALMIROLA	615	27	0	0	2	3,674,922
23	REGAN SMITH	576	27	0	0	2	3,221,479
24	BOBBY LABONTE	575	27	0	0	1	3,223,063
25	MARK MARTIN	522	18	0	3	7	2,264,728
26	KURT BUSCH	511	26	0	1	2	3,096,794
27	CASEY MEARS	470	27	0	0	0	2,773,510
28	DAVID GILLILAND	467	27	0	0	0	2,756,441
29	DAVID RAGAN	460	27	0	0	1	2,784,834
30	TRAVIS KVAPIL	447	26	0	0	0	2,690,958
31	LANDON CASSILL	436	27	0	0	0	3,224,440
32	A J ALLMENDINGER	400	17	0	1	3	2,577,395
33	DAVE BLANEY	349	26	0	0	0	2,346,171
34	DAVID REUTIMANN	316	19	0	0	0	1,826,883
35	DAVID STREMMER	189	22	0	0	0	2,039,843
36	BRIAN VICKERS	177	6	0	3	3	594,290
37	J J YELEY	138	18	0	0	0	1,475,965
38	MICHAEL MCDOWELL	127	21	0	0	0	1,806,128
39	JOSH WISE	115	24	0	0	0	1,893,858
40	KEN SCHRADER	111	10	0	0	0	929,465
41	STEPHEN LEICHT	97	12	0	0	0	1,092,260
42	SCOTT SPEED	79	11	0	0	0	933,290
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	50	17	0	0	0	1,299,060
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	11	0	1	1	1,462,465
59	TREVOR BAYNE(i)	0	11	0	0	2	1,369,022
60	RICKY STENHOUSE JR.(i)	0	1	0	0	0	304,275
61	MIKE BLISS(i)	0	14	0	0	0	1,119,949
62	AUSTIN DILLON(i)	0	1	0	0	0	88,285
63	DANICA PATRICK(i)	0	6	0	0	0	720,400
64	ELLIOTT SADLER(i)	0	1	0	0	0	305,788
65	ROBERT RICHARDSON JR.(i)	0	1	0	0	0	110,318
66	JOE NEMECHKI(i)	0	24	0	0	0	2,023,854
67	REED SORENSON(i)	0	13	0	0	0	1,027,263
68	T J BELL(i)	0	4	0	0	0	374,025
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	4	0	0	0	316,887
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
79	MARK GREEN	0	0	0	0	0	0

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POS	Car #	OWNER	Points	Starts	Wins	Top 5	Top 10	Attempts
1	2	ROGER PENSKE	2056	27	4	11	16	27
2	48	JEFF GORDON	2053	27	3	13	18	27
3	14	MARGARET HAAS	2048	27	3	10	13	27
4	11	J D GIBBS	2041	27	4	11	13	27
5	5	LINDA HENDRICK	2041	27	2	8	14	27
6	15	ROB KAUFFMAN	2041	27	2	6	16	27
7	88	RICK HENDRICK	2039	27	1	10	18	27
8	16	JACK ROUSH	2037	27	2	10	15	27
9	56	MICHAEL WALTRIP	2035	27	0	6	15	27
10	29	RICHARD CHILDRESS	2032	27	0	4	11	27
11	17	JOHN HENRY	2030	27	1	10	16	27
12	24	RICK HENDRICK	2009	27	1	7	12	27
13	18	JOE GIBBS	814	27	1	7	13	27
14	55	BILL JENKINS	774	27	0	6	11	27
15	39	TONY STEWART	773	27	1	4	10	27
16	99	JACK ROUSH	772	27	0	2	11	27
17	27	RICHARD CHILDRESS	760	27	0	0	7	27
18	9	RICHARD PETTY	752	27	1	3	8	27
19	20	JOE GIBBS	715	27	1	2	9	27
20	31	RICHARD CHILDRESS	667	27	0	2	5	27
21	22	WALTER CZARNECKI	667	27	0	2	4	27
22	1	FELIX SABATES	664	27	0	0	3	27
23	42	CHIP GANASSI	629	27	0	0	2	27
24	43	RICHARD PETTY	615	27	0	0	2	27
25	78	BARNEY VISSER	576	27	0	0	2	27
26	47	TAD GESCHICKTER	575	27	0	0	1	27
27	51	JAMES FINCH	534	27	0	1	2	27
28	93	THOMAS UEBERALL	473	27	0	0	0	27
29	13	BOB GERMAIN	470	27	0	0	0	27
30	38	BRAD JENKINS	467	27	0	0	0	27
31	34	BOB JENKINS	460	27	0	0	1	27
32	83	THOMAS UEBERALL	436	27	0	0	0	27
33	10	TOMMY BALDWIN	391	27	0	0	0	27
34	32	JACK ROUSH	363	27	0	0	0	27
35	36	ALLAN HEINKE	348	27	0	0	0	27
36	21	GLEN WOOD	233	11	0	0	2	11
37	33	RICHARD CHILDRESS	220	22	0	0	0	27
38	30	KEVIN BUCKLER	191	23	0	0	0	27
39	249	JAY ROBINSON	150	17	0	0	0	23
40	26	JERRY FREEZE	140	25	0	0	0	27
41	98	MIKE CURB	139	24	0	0	0	27
42	87	ANDREA NEMECHEK	125	24	0	0	0	27
43	195	BOB LEAVINE	76	9	0	0	0	10
44	23	ROBERT RICHARDSON SR.	67	18	0	0	0	25
45	119	RANDY HUMPHREY	52	16	0	0	0	21
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	12
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	7	4	0	0	0	7
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
59	0	STEVEN SCHARR	0	0	0	0	0	1