

MONSTER ENERGY NASCAR CUP SERIES OFFICIAL RACE REPORT No. 27



INAUGURAL SOUTH POINT 400
 LAS VEGAS MOTOR SPEEDWAY
 Las Vegas, NV - September 16, 2018
 1.5-Mile Paved Tri-Oval
 272 Laps - 408.0 Miles



TIME OF RACE: 3 hours, 28 minutes, 15 seconds

AVERAGE SPEED: 111.849 mph

MARGIN OF VICTORY: 1.276 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	Autotrader Ford	272		1	50	Running	8	75	6
2	11	42	Kyle Larson	DC Solar Vegas Strong Chevrolet	272		10	36	Running	4	24	
3	10	78	Martin Truex Jr	5-hour ENERGY Toyota	272	1	3	52	Running	3	96	1
4	2	22	Joey Logano	Pennzoil Ford	272	7	6	42	Running	2	46	
5	6	12	Ryan Blaney	PPG Ford	272		8	35	Running			
6	16	10	Aric Almirola	Smithfield Ford	272	9		33	Running			
7	4	18	Kyle Busch	M&M's Toyota	272	6		35	Running	1	1	
8	19	19	Daniel Suarez	ARRIS Toyota	272			29	Running			
9	22	31	Ryan Newman	Liberty National Chevrolet	272	10		29	Running			
10	20	21	Paul Menard	Menards/Aquafina Ford	272			27	Running			
11	18	3	Austin Dillon	DOWFROST Chevrolet	272			26	Running			
12	25	95	Regan Smith	Procore Chevrolet	272			25	Running	1	10	
13	23	6	Trevor Bayne	AdvoCare Rehydrate Ford	272			24	Running			
14	29	47	AJ Allmendinger	Kroger ClickList Chevrolet	272			23	Running			
15	28	37	Chris Buescher	Natural Light Race Day Resume Chevrolet	272			22	Running			
16	32	72	Corey Lajoie	Dragonchain Chevrolet	272			21	Running			
17	36	23	JJ Yeley (i)	Steakhouse Elite Toyota	272			0	Running			
18	37	00	Landon Cassill (i)	StarCom Fiber Chevrolet	272			0	Running			
19	9	88	Alex Bowman	Valvoline Chevrolet	271	3	9	28	Running			
20	34	15	Ross Chastain (i)	Xchange of America Chevrolet	271			0	Running			
21	8	41	Kurt Busch	Haas Automation Ford	271	4	2	32	Running			
22	17	48	Jimmie Johnson	Lowe's for Pros Chevrolet	270		4	22	Running			
23	15	14	Clint Bowyer	One Cure Ford	270			14	Running			
24	26	32	Matt DiBenedetto	Zynga Poker Ford	269			13	DVP			
25	35	96	Jeffrey Earnhardt	American Soldier Network/Xtreme Concepts Toyota	269			12	Running			
26	33	99	Kyle Weatherman	StarCom Fiber Chevrolet	269			11	Running			
27	27	38	David Ragan	MDS Transport Ford	268			10	Running			
28	38	51	BJ McLeod (i)	Jacob Companies Ford	268			0	Running			
29	24	34	Michael McDowell	Speedco/Rotella Ford	265			8	Accident			
30	14	17	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	SunnyD Ford	251			7	Accident			
31	40	7	Reed Sorenson	Chevrolet	246			6	Running			
32	3	11	Denny Hamlin	FedEx Ground Toyota	245			5	Accident	1	1	
33	39	66	Timmy Hill (i)	Rewards.com Toyota	231			0	Running			
34	30	13	Ty Dillon	GEICO Chevrolet	218			3	Accident			
35	12	1	Jamie McMurray	GEARWRENCH Chevrolet	211		5	8	Accident	1	5	
36	7	9	Chase Elliott	NAPA Auto Parts Chevrolet	211	5	7	11	Accident			
37	21	24	William Byron #	AXALTA Chevrolet	210			1	Accident			
38	31	43	Bubba Wallace #	World Wide Technology Chevrolet	164			1	Front Hub			
39	5	4	Kevin Harvick	Mobil 1 Ford	147	2		10	Accident	2	14	
40	1	20	Erik Jones	DeWalt Toyota	147	8		4	Accident			

Sunoco Rookie of the Year Contender.
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Stage 1 Top 10: 78, 4, 88, 41, 9, 18, 22, 20, 10, 31
 Stage 2 Top 10: 2, 41, 78, 48, 1, 22, 9, 12, 88, 42

Race Comments: Brad Keselowski won the Inaugural South Point 400 at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, his 27th 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: Update on cars to the rear: No. 51 (rear gear change), No. 3 (unapproved body modification).

Failed to Qualify: n/a

Caution Flags: 12 cautions for 59 laps. [Beneficiary in Brackets] 82-87 (End Of Stage 1 [47]); 90-93 (Car #17 Incident Turn 3 [21]); 112-115 (Car #13 Incident Frontstretch [37]); 149-156 (Car #4, 20 Incident Turn 1 [95]); 162-166 (End Of Stage 2 [43]); 184-187 (Car #24 Incident Turn 3 [72]); 213-222 (Car #1, 9 Incident Turn 4 [00]); 234-237 (Car #18 Spin Turn 4 [15]); 248-250 (Car #11 Incident Turn 4 [18]); 253-256 (Car #17 Incident Backstretch [15]); 263-265 (Debris In Turn 3 [23]); 267-270 (Car #34, 15, 32, 41, 38 Incident Turn 3 [Red Flag 10:37] [88]).

Lead Changes: 23 lead changes among 9 drivers. Jones-pole, Logano 1-33, Harvick 34-37, Ky. Busch 38, Hamlin 39, Smith 40-49, Harvick 50-59, Truex Jr 60-112, Keselowski 113-124, Truex Jr 125-150, Keselowski 151-161, McMurray 162-166, Larson 167-177, Keselowski 178-183, Larson 184, Keselowski 185-201, Truex Jr 202-218, Keselowski 219-221, Logano 222-234, Keselowski 235-237, Larson 238-239, Keselowski 240, Larson 241-250, Keselowski 251-272.

BUSCH POLE AWARD: Erik Jones (188.121 mph. 28.705 secs.)
 AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD: Brad Keselowski
 FASTEST LAP AWARD: Joey Logano (Lap 3 /181.678 MPH)
 MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER OF THE RACE: Roush-Yates Engines (#2)

MOBIL 1 PERFORMANCE AWARD: Daniel Suarez (102 Passes)
 MOOG GO THE EXTRA MILE AWARD: Kyle Larson (crew chief Chad Johnston, 0.381 seconds)
 SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE RACE: William Byron

MANUFACTURERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

	Pts	Wins
Ford	975	(14)
Toyota	975	(11)
Chevrolet	882	(2)

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
Alex Bowman	1
Chase Elliott	1
Erik Jones	1
Paul Menard	1
Daniel Suarez	1

AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD

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

FASTEST LAP AWARD

Kevin Harvick	(#4)	10
Martin Truex Jr	(#78)	4
Kyle Busch	(#18)	4

MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER

Roush/Yates	(#4)	345
TRD	(#18)	343
Hendrick	(#42)	231

MOBIL 1 PERFORMANCE AWARD

Kyle Larson	(#42)	4
Daniel Suarez	(#19)	4
Ricky Stenhouse Jr	(#17)	4

SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

WILLIAM BYRON	466
BUBBA WALLACE	359

NEXT EVENT: September 22, 2018 - 61st Annual Federated Auto Parts 400, Richmond Raceway, Richmond, VA (300 Miles) (400 Laps)

MONSTER ENERGY NASCAR CUP SERIES DRIVER LEADERS

Race #27: INAUGURAL SOUTH POINT "400" Race Date: 09/16/2018

Rank	DRIVER	Points	Behind Leader	Race Wins	Stage Wins	Playoff Points
1	MARTIN TRUEX	2087	0	4	8	36
2	KYLE BUSCH	2085	2	6	5	50
3	BRAD KESELOWSKI	2069	18	3	5	25
4	KEVIN HARVICK	2060	27	7	12	50
5	JOEY LOGANO	2056	31	1	3	14
6	KURT BUSCH	2046	41	1	2	14
7	RYAN BLANEY	2042	45	0	5	7
8	KYLE LARSON	2041	46	0	3	5
9	ARIC ALMIROLA	2034	53	0	1	1
10	AUSTIN DILLON	2031	56	1	0	5
11	CLINT BOWYER	2029	58	2	1	15
12	ALEX BOWMAN	2028	59	0	0	0
13	JIMMIE JOHNSON	2022	65	0	0	0
14	CHASE ELLIOTT	2019	68	1	3	8
15	ERIK JONES	2009	78	1	0	5
16	DENNY HAMLIN	2008	79	0	2	3
17	RYAN NEWMAN	561	1526	0	0	0
18	PAUL MENARD	551	1536	0	1	0
19	DANIEL SUAREZ	530	1557	0	0	0
20	RICKY STENHOUSE	528	1559	0	2	0
21	JAMIE MCMURRAY	502	1585	0	0	0
22	WILLIAM BYRON	466	1621	0	0	0
23	CHRIS BUESCHER	438	1649	0	0	0
24	A J ALLMENDINGER	415	1672	0	1	0
25	DAVID RAGAN	391	1696	0	0	0
26	MICHAEL MCDOWELL	389	1698	0	0	0
27	BUBBA WALLACE	359	1728	0	0	0
28	KASEY KAHNE	358	1729	0	0	0
29	TY DILLON	345	1742	0	0	0
30	MATT DIBENEDETTO	281	1806	0	0	0
31	TREVOR BAYNE	238	1849	0	0	0
32	MATT KENSETH	164	1923	0	1	0
33	COREY LAJOIE	120	1967	0	0	0
34	GRAY GAULDING	118	1969	0	0	0
35	JEFFREY EARNHARDT	90	1997	0	0	0
36	COLE WHITT	90	1997	0	0	0
37	REED SORENSON	60	2027	0	0	0
38	REGAN SMITH	42	2045	0	0	0
39	KYLE WEATHERMAN	27	2060	0	0	0
40	HARRISON RHODES	23	2064	0	0	0
41	BLAKE JONES	21	2066	0	0	0
42	MARK THOMPSON	15	2072	0	0	0
43	DERRIKE COPE	8	2079	0	0	0
44	CHRIS COOK	6	2081	0	0	0
45	TOMY DRISSI	5	2082	0	0	0
46	DANICA PATRICK	2	2085	0	0	0
47	CODY WARE	1	2086	0	0	0
48	BRENDAN GAUGHAN	0	2087	0	0	0
49	JUSTIN MARKS	0	2087	0	0	0
50	D J KENNINGTON	0	2087	0	0	0
51	DAVID GILLILAND	0	2087	0	0	0
52	RAY BLACK	0	2087	0	0	0
53	JJ YELEY	0	2087	0	0	0
54	ROSS CHASTAIN	0	2087	0	0	0
55	LANDON CASSILL	0	2087	0	0	0
56	PARKER KLIGERMAN	0	2087	0	0	0
57	TIMOTHY PETERS	0	2087	0	0	0
58	COLE CUSTER	0	2087	0	0	0
59	JOEY GASE	0	2087	0	0	0
60	BJ MCLEOD	0	2087	0	0	0
61	TIMMY HILL	0	2087	0	0	0
62	GARRETT SMITHLEY	0	2087	0	0	0
63	DANIEL HEMRIC	0	2087	0	0	0
64	CHAD FINCHUM	0	2087	0	0	0
65	JESSE LITTLE	0	2087	0	0	0
66	SPENCER GALLAGHER	0	2087	0	0	0
67	JOSH BILICKI	0	2087	0	0	0
68	DAVID STARR	0	2087	0	0	0

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Rank	Car #	OWNER	Points	Behind Leader	Race Wins	Stage Wins	Playoff Points	Qualifying Attempts
1	78	Furniture Row Racing	2087	0	4	8	36	27
2	18	Joe Gibbs Racing	2085	2	6	5	50	27
3	2	Team Penske	2069	18	3	5	25	27
4	4	Stewart-Haas Racing	2060	27	7	12	50	27
5	22	Team Penske	2056	31	1	3	14	27
6	41	Stewart-Haas Racing	2046	41	1	2	14	27
7	12	Team Penske	2042	45	0	5	7	27
8	42	Chip Ganassi Racing	2041	46	0	3	5	27
9	10	Stewart-Haas Racing	2034	53	0	1	1	27
10	3	Richard Childress Racing	2031	56	1	0	5	27
11	14	Stewart-Haas Racing	2029	58	2	1	15	27
12	88	Hendrick Motorsports	2028	59	0	0	0	27
13	48	Hendrick Motorsports	2022	65	0	0	0	27
14	9	Hendrick Motorsports	2019	68	1	3	8	27
15	20	Joe Gibbs Racing	2009	78	1	0	5	27
16	11	Joe Gibbs Racing	2008	79	0	2	3	27
17	31	Richard Childress Racing	561	1526	0	0	0	27
18	21	Wood Brothers Racing	551	1536	0	1	0	27
19	19	Joe Gibbs Racing	530	1557	0	0	0	27
20	17	Roush Fenway Racing	528	1559	0	2	0	27
21	1	Chip Ganassi Racing	502	1585	0	0	0	27
22	24	Hendrick Motorsports	466	1621	0	0	0	27
23	37	JTG Daugherty Racing	438	1649	0	0	0	27
24	47	JTG Daugherty Racing	415	1672	0	1	0	27
25	6	Roush Fenway Racing	402	1685	0	1	0	27
26	95	Leavine Family Racing	400	1687	0	0	0	27
27	38	Front Row Motorsports	391	1696	0	0	0	27
28	34	Front Row Motorsports	389	1698	0	0	0	27
29	43	Richard Petty Motorsports	359	1728	0	0	0	27
30	13	Germain Racing	345	1742	0	0	0	27
31	32	GO FAS Racing	281	1806	0	0	0	27
32	15	Premium Motorsports	247	1840	0	0	0	27
33	72	TriStar Motorsports	210	1877	0	0	0	27
34	00	StarCom Racing	197	1890	0	0	0	27
35	23	BK Racing	194	1893	0	0	0	27
36	51	Rick Ware Racing	152	1935	0	0	0	27
37	96	Gaunt Brothers Racing	147	1940	0	0	0	15
38	107	Premium Motorsports	120	1967	0	0	0	20
39	199	StarCom Racing	55	2032	0	0	0	12
40	162	Beard Motorsports	49	2038	0	0	0	3
41	66	Motorsports Business Management	38	2049	0	0	0	12
42	92	RBR Enterprises	37	2050	0	0	0	3
43	166	Phoenix Air Racing	15	2072	0	0	0	1
44	52	Rick Ware Racing	14	2073	0	0	0	4
45	8	Richard Childress Racing	5	2082	0	0	0	1
46	7	NY Racing Team	1	2086	0	0	0	1