



NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES OFFICIAL RACE REPORT No. 30

44TH ANNUAL GOOD SAM ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE 500

TALLADEGA SUPERSPEEDWAY

Talladega, AL - October 7, 2012

2.66-Mile Paved Tri-Oval

188 Laps - 500 Miles Purse: \$5,373,101



TIME OF RACE: 2 hours, 56 minutes, 12 seconds

AVERAGE SPEED: 171.194 mph

MARGIN OF VICTORY: Under Caution

Table with columns: Fin Pos, Str Pos, Car No, Driver, Team, Laps, Pts, Bns Pts, Driver Rating, Winnings, Status, Lead Tms, Laps. Lists race results for 188 laps.

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: n/a

Race Comments: Before an estimated crowd of 88,000, Matt Kenseth won the Good Sam Roadside Assistance 500, his 23rd NASCAR Sprint Cup Series victory. Prior to the green flag, the following car dropped to the rear of the field for the reason indicated: #36 (unapproved adjustments during impound).

Caution Flags: 5 cautions for 17 laps. [Beneficiary in Brackets] 18-21 (Car #13, 20, 33, 99 Accident Turn 3 [None]); 100-103 (Car #1, 51 Accident Turn 2 [21]); 140-143 (Debris Backstretch [18]); 184-187 (Car #1 Spin Frontstretch [36]); 189 (Car #88, 29, 11, 47, 32, 48, 5, 43, 36, 78, 55, 13, 2, 15, 34, 27, 9, 56, 38, 18, 22, 31, 16, 93, 14 Accident Turn 4 [None]).

Lap Leaders: 54 lead changes among 18 drivers. Kahne 1-7, Bowyer 8, Kahne 9-10, Bayne 11, Bowyer 12, Earnhardt Jr 13-14, Ky. Busch 15-17, Harvick 18, Kvapil 19, Ky. Busch 20-22, Kenseth 23-32, Earnhardt Jr 33-40, Kenseth 41, Earnhardt Jr 42-49, Mears 50, Burton 51-52, Bayne 53-56, Mears 57-61, Johnson 62-71, J. Gordon 72-78, McMurray 79-89, Ku. Busch 90-93, Kenseth 94-96, Ku. Busch 97-98, Burton 99, Johnson 100, Ragan 101, Ambrose 102-103, Kenseth 104-108, Harvick 109-116, McMurray 117-118, Kenseth 119-126, Biffle 127, Kenseth 128-131, McMurray 132-139, Kvapil 140-141, Mears 142-143, Biffle 144-145, Harvick 146-147, Biffle 148-151, McMurray 152, Biffle 153-155, McMurray 156-160, Biffle 161, McMurray 162, Biffle 163-167, McMurray 168, Harvick 169, McMurray 170, Kenseth 171, Mears 172-173, McMurray 174-181, Bowyer 182-187, Stewart 188, Kenseth 189.

COORS LIGHT POLE AWARD: Kasey Kahne (191.455 mph. 50.017 secs.)

3M LAP LEADER: Jamie McMurray (38 Laps)

AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD: Matt Kenseth

DIRECTV CREW CHIEF OF THE RACE: Greg Biffle (crew chief Matt Puccia)

FREESCALE "WIDE OPEN": Matt Kenseth

MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER OF THE RACE: Roush Yates Engines (#17)

MOBIL 1 OIL DRIVER OF THE RACE: Kyle Busch

MOOG STEERING AND SUSPENSION PROBLEM SOLVER OF THE RACE: Greg Biffle (crew chief Matt Puccia, 0.079 seconds)

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

USG IMPROVING THE FINISH: Travis Kvapil (28 places)

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

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES TOP 12 (Wins)

Table with columns: Driver, Wins, Pts. Lists top 12 drivers and their performance.

MANUFACTURERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

Table with columns: Manufacturer, Pts, Wins. Lists manufacturer performance.

3M LAP LEADER

Table with columns: Driver, Wins, Pts. Lists lap leader performance.

AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD

Table with columns: Driver, Wins, Pts. Lists restart award performance.

DIRECTV CREW CHIEF OF THE RACE

Table with columns: Driver, Wins, Pts. Lists crew chief performance.

FREESCALE "WIDE OPEN"

Table with columns: Driver, Wins, Pts. Lists wide open performance.

MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER

Table with columns: Driver, Wins, Pts. Lists engine builder performance.

MOBIL 1 OIL DRIVER OF THE RACE

Table with columns: Driver, Wins, Pts. Lists oil driver performance.

MOOG STEERING AND SUSPENSION PROBLEM SOLVER OF THE RACE

Table with columns: Driver, Wins, Pts. Lists suspension solver performance.

USG IMPROVING THE FINISH

Table with columns: Driver, Wins, Pts. Lists improving finish performance.

COORS LIGHT POLE AWARD

Table with columns: Driver, Wins, Pts. Lists pole award performance.

SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Table with columns: Driver, Wins, Pts. Lists rookie of the year performance.

NEXT EVENT: October 13, 2012 - 53rd Annual Bank of America 500, Charlotte Motor Speedway, Concord, NC (501 Miles) (334 Laps)

NOTE: The above figures are based upon team winnings and include racing purse and cash contingency awards by participating manufacturers. (10/8/2012)

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES DRIVER LEADERS

Race #30: 44TH ANNUAL GOOD SAM ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE "500" Race Date: 10/7/2012

POS	DRIVER	Points	Starts	Wins	Top 5	Top 10	Money Won
1	BRAD KESELOWSKI	2179	30	5	12	19	\$5,216,790
2	JIMMIE JOHNSON	2165	30	3	15	20	6,864,703
3	DENNY HAMLIN	2156	30	5	12	15	5,990,335
4	KASEY KAHNE	2143	30	2	9	15	4,045,906
5	CLINT BOWYER	2139	30	2	7	18	4,483,143
6	JEFF GORDON	2137	30	1	10	15	5,119,058
7	TONY STEWART	2133	30	3	10	14	5,691,220
8	MARTIN TRUEX JR.	2131	30	0	6	16	4,477,163
9	GREG BIFFLE	2130	30	2	10	16	4,942,893
10	KEVIN HARVICK	2130	30	0	4	11	4,848,480
11	DALE EARNHARDT JR.	2128	30	1	10	18	4,763,465
12	MATT KENSETH	2117	30	2	11	17	6,403,416
13	KYLE BUSCH	912	30	1	8	15	5,426,488
14	RYAN NEWMAN	865	30	1	4	12	4,529,098
15	CARL EDWARDS	844	30	0	3	12	4,555,299
16	PAUL MENARD	830	30	0	0	7	3,431,295
17	MARCOS AMBROSE	816	30	1	3	8	4,109,870
18	JOEY LOGANO	797	30	1	2	11	3,472,258
19	JEFF BURTON	748	30	0	2	6	4,436,535
20	JAMIE MCMURRAY	714	30	0	0	3	3,878,715
21	ARIC ALMIROLA	686	30	0	0	2	4,023,960
22	JUAN PABLO MONTOYA	675	30	0	0	2	3,819,448
23	REGAN SMITH	670	30	0	1	3	3,567,658
24	BOBBY LABONTE	655	30	0	0	1	3,534,581
25	MARK MARTIN	563	19	0	4	8	2,405,488
26	KURT BUSCH	557	29	0	1	2	3,375,980
27	DAVID RAGAN	530	30	0	1	2	3,102,677
28	DAVID GILLILAND	520	30	0	0	0	2,997,854
29	TRAVIS KVAPIL	512	29	0	0	1	2,999,551
30	CASEY MEARS	511	30	0	0	0	2,999,690
31	LANDON CASSILL	475	30	0	0	0	3,531,780
32	A J ALLMENDINGER	400	17	0	1	3	2,577,395
33	DAVE BLANEY	367	28	0	0	0	2,491,606
34	DAVID REUTIMANN	337	21	0	0	0	1,979,773
35	BRIAN VICKERS	213	7	0	3	4	689,275
36	DAVID STREMMER	209	24	0	0	0	2,187,813
37	MICHAEL MCDOWELL	153	24	0	0	0	2,024,371
38	J J YELEY	151	20	0	0	0	1,616,525
39	JOSH WISE	123	26	0	0	0	2,035,352
40	KEN SCHRADER	111	10	0	0	0	929,465
41	STEPHEN LEICHT	107	13	0	0	0	1,175,295
42	MICHAEL WALTRIP	94	4	0	0	1	396,472
43	TERRY LABONTE	94	4	0	0	0	582,995
44	SCOTT SPEED	89	13	0	0	0	1,073,293
45	TONY RAINES	71	7	0	0	0	788,728
46	SCOTT RIGGS	52	18	0	0	0	1,366,055
47	BRENDAN GAUGHAN	50	4	0	0	0	354,559
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	MIKE OLSEN	11	1	0	0	0	81,735
52	ROBBY GORDON	11	3	0	0	0	405,300
53	MIKE SKINNER	10	4	0	0	0	340,850
54	TOMY DRISSI	6	1	0	0	0	76,242
55	STACY COMPTON	5	1	0	0	0	64,225
56	DAVID MAYHEW	4	1	0	0	0	72,625
57	KELLY BIRES	3	2	0	0	0	139,167
58	PATRICK LONG	2	1	0	0	0	61,555
59	SAM HORNISH JR.(i)	0	14	0	1	1	1,821,645
60	TREVOR BAYNE(i)	0	12	0	0	2	1,450,257
61	RICKY STENHOUSE JR.(i)	0	2	0	0	0	383,210
62	MIKE BLISS(i)	0	14	0	0	0	1,119,949
63	AUSTIN DILLON(i)	0	1	0	0	0	88,285
64	DANICA PATRICK(i)	0	7	0	0	0	795,535
65	ROBERT RICHARDSON JR.(i)	0	2	0	0	0	184,578
66	ELLIOTT SADLER(i)	0	1	0	0	0	305,788
67	JOE NEMECHKI(i)	0	27	0	0	0	2,231,914
68	REED SORENSON(i)	0	15	0	0	0	1,163,992
69	T J BELL(i)	0	5	0	0	0	453,510
70	JASON LEFFLER(i)	0	4	0	0	0	313,877
71	JASON WHITE(i)	0	1	0	0	0	76,610
72	COLE WHITT(i)	0	5	0	0	0	395,747
73	CHRIS COOK(i)	0	2	0	0	0	134,035
74	TIMMY HILL(i)	0	2	0	0	0	150,360
75	KENNY WALLACE(i)	0	0	0	0	0	24,838
76	MIKE WALLACE(i)	0	0	0	0	0	23,900
77	JEFF GREEN(i)	0	0	0	0	0	0
78	TIM ANDREWS(i)	0	0	0	0	0	0
79	BRIAN SIMO	0	0	0	0	0	0
80	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	2179	30	5	12	19	30
2	48	JEFF GORDON	2165	30	3	15	20	30
3	11	J D GIBBS	2156	30	5	12	15	30
4	5	LINDA HENDRICK	2143	30	2	9	15	30
5	15	ROB KAUFFMAN	2139	30	2	7	18	30
6	24	RICK HENDRICK	2137	30	1	10	15	30
7	14	MARGARET HAAS	2133	30	3	10	14	30
8	56	MICHAEL WALTRIP	2131	30	0	6	16	30
9	16	JACK ROUSH	2130	30	2	10	16	30
10	29	RICHARD CHILDRESS	2130	30	0	4	11	30
11	88	RICK HENDRICK	2128	30	1	10	18	30
12	17	JOHN HENRY	2117	30	2	11	17	30
13	18	JOE GIBBS	912	30	1	8	15	30
14	55	BILL JENKINS	870	30	0	7	13	30
15	39	TONY STEWART	865	30	1	4	12	30
16	99	JACK ROUSH	844	30	0	3	12	30
17	27	RICHARD CHILDRESS	830	30	0	0	7	30
18	9	RICHARD PETTY	816	30	1	3	8	30
19	20	JOE GIBBS	797	30	1	2	11	30
20	31	RICHARD CHILDRESS	748	30	0	2	6	30
21	22	WALTER CZARNECKI	729	30	0	2	4	30
22	1	FELIX SABATES	714	30	0	0	3	30
23	43	RICHARD PETTY	686	30	0	0	2	30
24	42	CHIP GANASSI	675	30	0	0	2	30
25	78	BARNEY VISSER	670	30	0	1	3	30
26	47	TAD GESCHICKTER	655	30	0	0	1	30
27	51	JAMES FINCH	580	30	0	1	2	30
28	93	THOMAS UEBERALL	538	30	0	0	1	30
29	34	BOB JENKINS	530	30	0	1	2	30
30	38	BRAD JENKINS	520	30	0	0	0	30
31	13	BOB GERMAIN	511	30	0	0	0	30
32	83	THOMAS UEBERALL	475	30	0	0	0	30
33	10	TOMMY BALDWIN	428	30	0	0	0	30
34	32	FRANK STODDARD JR.	413	30	0	0	0	30
35	36	ALLAN HEINKE	377	30	0	0	0	30
36	21	GLEN WOOD	257	12	0	0	2	12
37	33	RICHARD CHILDRESS	234	24	0	0	0	30
38	30	KEVIN BUCKLER	211	25	0	0	0	30
39	98	MIKE CURB	165	27	0	0	0	30
40	249	JAY ROBINSON	150	17	0	0	0	25
41	26	JERRY FREEZE	148	27	0	0	0	30
42	87	ANDREA NEMECHEK	138	27	0	0	0	30
43	195	BOB LEAVINE	86	11	0	0	0	12
44	23	ROBERT RICHARDSON SR.	78	20	0	0	0	28
45	119	RANDY HUMPHREY	52	16	0	0	0	23
46	6	JOHN HENRY	32	1	0	0	0	1
47	132	FRANK STODDARD JR.	27	1	0	0	0	1
48	12	ROGER PENSKE	26	1	0	0	0	1
49	74	VICKIE COMPTON	22	7	0	0	0	11
50	37	LARRY GUNSELMAN	15	5	0	0	0	14
51	7	ROBBY GORDON	11	3	0	0	0	5
52	191	MARK SMITH	10	6	0	0	0	9
53	97	ANDREA NEMECHEK	9	2	0	0	0	3
54	179	ARCHIE ST HILAIRE	8	5	0	0	0	8
55	50	STEVE TURNER	7	1	0	0	0	1
56	52	KELLY OWEN	3	1	0	0	0	3
57	173	SCOTT GUNDERSON	0	1	0	0	0	2
58	109	BRACK MAGGARD	0	0	0	0	0	1
59	140	MICHAEL HILLMAN	0	0	0	0	0	1
60	0	STEVEN SCHARR	0	0	0	0	0	1