

MONSTER ENERGY NASCAR CUP SERIES OFFICIAL RACE REPORT No. 31



50TH ANNUAL 1000BULBS.COM 500
TALLADEGA SUPERSPEEDWAY
Talladega, AL - October 14, 2018
2.66-Mile Paved Tri-Oval
193 Laps - 513.4 Miles



TIME OF RACE: 3 hours, 20 minutes, 24 seconds

AVERAGE SPEED: 153.707 mph

MARGIN OF VICTORY: 0.105 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	4	10	Aric Almirola	Smithfield Bacon for Life Ford	193	4	4	54	Running	1	1	5
2	2	14	Clint Bowyer	Cummins/Rush Truck Centers Ford	193	2	2	53	Running			
3	12	17	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	SunnyD Ford	193			34	Running			
4	10	11	Denny Hamlin	FedEx Ground Toyota	193	8	5	42	Running			
5	20	22	Joey Logano	Shell Pennzoil Ford	193	5	9	40	Running			
6	23	47	AJ Allmendinger	Kroger ClickList Chevrolet	193			31	Running	1	1	
7	6	48	Jimmie Johnson	Lowe's for Pros Chevrolet	193			30	Running			
8	15	20	Erik Jones	Craftsman Toyota	193			29	Running			
9	30	21	Paul Menard	Menards/Dutch Boy Ford	193			28	Running			
10	25	95	Regan Smith	Procore Chevrolet	193			27	Running			
11	34	42	Kyle Larson	Credit One Bank Chevrolet	193			26	Running			
12	28	62	Brendan Gaughan (i)	BearOilDistributing/SouthPointHotel Chevrolet	193			0	Running	1	1	
13	24	6	Trevor Bayne	AdvoCare Rehydrate Ford	193			24	Running			
14	1	41	Kurt Busch	Monster Energy/Haas Automation Ford	193	1	3	41	Running	3	108	1
15	29	13	Ty Dillon	GEICO Chevrolet	193	10		23	Running			
16	13	19	Daniel Suarez	Stanley Toyota	193			21	Running			
17	21	3	Austin Dillon	American Ethanol e15 Chevrolet	193		8	23	Running			
18	37	00	Joey Gase (i)	PFK Foundation Chevrolet	193			0	Running			
19	17	43	Bubba Wallace #	Medallion Bank/Petty's Garage Chevrolet	193			18	Running			
20	8	24	William Byron #	Hertz Chevrolet	193			17	Running	1	5	
21	26	37	Chris Buescher	Bush's Chili Beans Chevrolet	193			16	Running			
22	38	99	Landon Cassill (i)	StarCom Fiber Chevrolet	193			0	Running			
23	11	78	Martin Truex Jr	Bass Pro Shops/5-hour ENERGY Toyota	193			14	Running			
24	36	15	Ross Chastain (i)	Xchange of America/Solomon Plumbing Chevrolet	193			0	Running	1	1	
25	22	31	Ryan Newman	Liberty National Chevrolet	193			12	Running			
26	9	18	Kyle Busch	M&M's Toyota	193		7	15	Running	1	1	
27	18	2	Brad Keselowski	Miller Lite Ford	193		10	11	Running	2	21	
28	3	4	Kevin Harvick	Jimmy John's Ford	193	3	1	27	Running	2	46	1
29	19	12	Ryan Blaney	REV Ford	193	6	6	18	Running	1	6	
30	27	32	Matt DiBenedetto	Dude Wipes Ford	192			7	Running	2	2	
31	5	9	Chase Elliott	NAPA Nightvision Lamps Chevrolet	192	7		10	Running			
32	40	72	Corey Lajoie	Winn Dixie Chevrolet	191			5	Running			
33	7	88	Alex Bowman	Nationwide Chevrolet	191	9		6	Running			
34	33	7	D.J. Kennington (i)	Wilride Transport Ltd Chevrolet	190			0	Running			
35	31	1	Jamie McMurray	Winter Park Construction/Arctic Cat Chevrolet	186			2	Running			
36	32	23	JJ Yeley (i)	Steakhouse Elite Ford	185			0	Accident			
37	35	96	Jeffrey Earnhardt	Xtreme Concepts/iK9 Toyota	185			1	Running			
38	39	51	Cody Ware	Jacob Companies Chevrolet	185			1	Running			
39	16	38	David Ragan	1000Bulbs.com Ford	173			1	Running			
40	14	34	Michael McDowell	Speedco/Rotella Ford	155			1	Running			

Sunoco Rookie of the Year Contender.
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Stage 1 Top 10: 41, 14, 4, 10, 22, 12, 9, 11, 88, 13
Stage 2 Top 10: 4, 14, 41, 10, 11, 12, 18, 3, 22, 2

Race Comments: Aric Almirola won the 50th 1000Bulbs.com 500 at Talladega Superspeedway, his second 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. 00, 42 (unapproved adjustments).

Failed to Qualify: (1) #97 David Starr

Caution Flags: 8 cautions for 32 laps. [Beneficiary in Brackets] 12-14 (Car #96 Spin Frontstretch [None]); 57-60 (End Of Stage 1 [72]); 63-66 (Car #48 Incident Frontstretch [99]); 105-107 (Car #42 Incident Backstretch [21]); 112-115 (End Of Stage 2 [42]); 137-141 (Car #1 Incident Frontstretch [17]); 161-164 (Debris On Frontstretch [48]); 187-191 (Car #24, 88, 23, 20, 9 Incident Turn 4 [31]).

Lead Changes: 15 lead changes among 11 drivers. Ku. Busch 1-11, Allmendinger 12, Ku. Busch 13-56, DiBenedetto 57, Blaney 58-63, Chastain 64, Harvick 65-68, Ky. Busch 69, Harvick 70-111, Keselowski 112-121, Byron 122-126, Keselowski 127-137, DiBenedetto 138, Gaughan 139, Ku. Busch 140-192, Almirola 193.

BUSCH POLE AWARD: Kurt Busch (195.804 mph, 48.906 secs.)
AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD: Ricky Stenhouse Jr
FASTEST LAP AWARD: Jamie McMurray (Lap 5, 204.869 MPH)
MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER OF THE RACE: Roush-Yates Engines (#14)

MOBIL 1 DRIVER OF THE RACE: Regan Smith (312 Passes)
MOOG GO THE EXTRA MILE AWARD: AJ Allmendinger (crew chief Trent Owens, 0.133 seconds)
SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE RACE: Bubba Wallace

MANUFACTURERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

	Pts	Wins
Ford	1,124	(16)
Toyota	1,108	(12)
Chevrolet	1,021	(3)

AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD

Kevin Harvick	(#4)	9
Kyle Busch	(#18)	5
Martin Truex Jr	(#78)	5

FASTEST LAP AWARD

Kevin Harvick	(#4)	10
Kyle Busch	(#18)	5
Martin Truex Jr	(#78)	4

MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER

Roush/Yates	(#4)	387
TRD	(#18)	371
Roush/Yates	(#41)	265

MOBIL 1 DRIVER OF THE RACE

AJ Allmendinger	(#47)	1
Michael McDowell	(#34)	1
Regan Smith	(#95)	1

MOOG GO THE EXTRA MILE AWARD

Adam Stevens	(#18)	5
Mike Bugarewicz	(#14)	3
Paul Wolfe	(#2)	3

BUSCH POLE AWARD

Kurt Busch	5
Martin Truex Jr	4
Kevin Harvick	3
Kyle Busch	3
Kyle Larson	3
Denny Hamlin	3
Ryan Blaney	2
Chase Elliott	1
Alex Bowman	1
Erik Jones	1
Paul Menard	1
Daniel Suarez	1

SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

WILLIAM BYRON	521
BUBBA WALLACE	402

NEXT EVENT: October 21, 2018 - 18th Annual Hollywood Casino 400, Kansas Speedway, Kansas City, KS (400.5 Miles) (267 Laps)

MONSTER ENERGY NASCAR CUP SERIES DRIVER LEADERS

Race #31: 50TH ANNUAL 1000BULBS.COM "500" Race Date: 10/14/2018

Rank	DRIVER	Points	Behind Leader	Race Wins	Stage Wins	Playoff Points
1	KEVIN HARVICK	3128	0	7	15	53
2	KYLE BUSCH	3111	17	7	5	55
3	JOEY LOGANO	3104	24	1	3	14
4	KURT BUSCH	3095	33	1	3	15
5	ARIC ALMIROLA	3087	41	1	1	6
6	CLINT BOWYER	3086	42	2	1	15
7	MARTIN TRUEX	3083	45	4	10	38
8	CHASE ELLIOTT	3066	62	2	3	13
9	BRAD KESELOWSKI	3065	63	3	5	25
10	RYAN BLANEY	3061	67	1	6	13
11	KYLE LARSON	3057	71	0	4	6
12	ALEX BOWMAN	3015	113	0	0	0
13	DENNY HAMLIN	2136	992	0	2	0
14	JIMMIE JOHNSON	2128	1000	0	0	0
15	AUSTIN DILLON	2124	1004	1	0	0
16	ERIK JONES	2108	1020	1	0	0
17	RYAN NEWMAN	641	2487	0	0	0
18	PAUL MENARD	619	2509	0	1	0
19	RICKY STENHOUSE	615	2513	0	2	0
20	DANIEL SUAREZ	614	2514	0	0	0
21	JAMIE MCMURRAY	574	2554	0	0	0
22	WILLIAM BYRON	521	2607	0	0	0
23	A J ALLMENDINGER	502	2626	0	1	0
24	CHRIS BUESCHER	493	2635	0	0	0
25	DAVID RAGAN	440	2688	0	0	0
26	MICHAEL MCDOWELL	433	2695	0	0	0
27	BUBBA WALLACE	402	2726	0	0	0
28	TY DILLON	400	2728	0	0	0
29	KASEY KAHNE	358	2770	0	0	0
30	MATT DIBENEDETTO	325	2803	0	0	0
31	TREVOR BAYNE	264	2864	0	0	0
32	MATT KENSETH	193	2935	0	1	0
33	COREY LAJOIE	137	2991	0	0	0
34	GRAY GAULDING	119	3009	0	0	0
35	REGAN SMITH	113	3015	0	0	0
36	JEFFREY EARNHARDT	109	3019	0	0	0
37	COLE WHITT	107	3021	0	0	0
38	REED SORENSON	60	3068	0	0	0
39	KYLE WEATHERMAN	27	3101	0	0	0
40	HARRISON RHODES	24	3104	0	0	0
41	BLAKE JONES	21	3107	0	0	0
42	MARK THOMPSON	15	3113	0	0	0
43	DERRIKE COPE	8	3120	0	0	0
44	CHRIS COOK	6	3122	0	0	0
45	TOMY DRISSI	5	3123	0	0	0
46	DANICA PATRICK	2	3126	0	0	0
47	CODY WARE	2	3126	0	0	0
48	ALON DAY	1	3127	0	0	0
49	STANTON BARRETT	1	3127	0	0	0
50	BRENDAN GAUGHAN	0	3128	0	0	0
51	JUSTIN MARKS	0	3128	0	0	0
52	D J KENNINGTON	0	3128	0	0	0
53	DAVID GILLILAND	0	3128	0	0	0
54	RAY BLACK	0	3128	0	0	0
55	JJ YELEY	0	3128	0	0	0
56	LANDON CASSILL	0	3128	0	0	0
57	ROSS CHASTAIN	0	3128	0	0	0
58	JOEY GASE	0	3128	0	0	0
59	PARKER KLIGERMAN	0	3128	0	0	0
60	DANIEL HEMRIC	0	3128	0	0	0
61	TIMOTHY PETERS	0	3128	0	0	0
62	COLE CUSTER	0	3128	0	0	0
63	BJ MCLEOD	0	3128	0	0	0
64	TIMMY HILL	0	3128	0	0	0
65	GARRETT SMITHLEY	0	3128	0	0	0
66	CHAD FINCHUM	0	3128	0	0	0
67	JESSE LITTLE	0	3128	0	0	0
68	SPENCER GALLAGHER	0	3128	0	0	0
69	JOSH BILICKI	0	3128	0	0	0
70	DAVID STARR	0	3128	0	0	0

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Race #31: 50TH ANNUAL 1000BULBS.COM "500" Race Date: 10/14/2018

Rank	Car #	OWNER	Points	Behind Leader	Race Wins	Stage Wins	Playoff Points	Qualifying Attempts
1	4	Stewart-Haas Racing	3128	0	7	15	53	31
2	18	Joe Gibbs Racing	3111	17	7	5	55	31
3	22	Team Penske	3104	24	1	3	14	31
4	41	Stewart-Haas Racing	3095	33	1	3	15	31
5	10	Stewart-Haas Racing	3087	41	1	1	6	31
6	14	Stewart-Haas Racing	3086	42	2	1	15	31
7	78	Furniture Row Racing	3083	45	4	10	38	31
8	9	Hendrick Motorsports	3066	62	2	3	13	31
9	2	Team Penske	3065	63	3	5	25	31
10	12	Team Penske	3061	67	1	6	13	31
11	42	Chip Ganassi Racing	3057	71	0	4	6	31
12	88	Hendrick Motorsports	3015	113	0	0	0	31
13	11	Joe Gibbs Racing	2136	992	0	2	0	31
14	48	Hendrick Motorsports	2128	1000	0	0	0	31
15	3	Richard Childress Racing	2124	1004	1	0	0	31
16	20	Joe Gibbs Racing	2108	1020	1	0	0	31
17	31	Richard Childress Racing	641	2487	0	0	0	31
18	21	Wood Brothers Racing	619	2509	0	1	0	31
19	17	Roush Fenway Racing	615	2513	0	2	0	31
20	19	Joe Gibbs Racing	614	2514	0	0	0	31
21	1	Chip Ganassi Racing	574	2554	0	0	0	31
22	24	Hendrick Motorsports	521	2607	0	0	0	31
23	47	JTG Daugherty Racing	502	2626	0	1	0	31
24	37	JTG Daugherty Racing	493	2635	0	0	0	31
25	95	Leavine Family Racing	471	2657	0	0	0	31
26	6	Roush Fenway Racing	457	2671	0	1	0	31
27	38	Front Row Motorsports	440	2688	0	0	0	31
28	34	Front Row Motorsports	433	2695	0	0	0	31
29	43	Richard Petty Motorsports	402	2726	0	0	0	31
30	13	Germain Racing	400	2728	0	0	0	31
31	32	GO FAS Racing	325	2803	0	0	0	31
32	15	Premium Motorsports	275	2853	0	0	0	31
33	72	TriStar Motorsports	244	2884	0	0	0	31
34	00	StarCom Racing	230	2898	0	0	0	31
35	23	BK Racing	210	2918	0	0	0	31
36	51	Rick Ware Racing	168	2960	0	0	0	31
37	96	Gaunt Brothers Racing	166	2962	0	0	0	19
38	107	Premium Motorsports	136	2992	0	0	0	22
39	162	Beard Motorsports	74	3054	0	0	0	4
40	199	StarCom Racing	71	3057	0	0	0	14
41	66	Motorsports Business Management	41	3087	0	0	0	15
42	92	RBR Enterprises	37	3091	0	0	0	3
43	8	Richard Childress Racing	20	3108	0	0	0	2
44	52	Rick Ware Racing	16	3112	0	0	0	6
45	166	Phoenix Air Racing	15	3113	0	0	0	1
46	7	NY Racing Team	1	3127	0	0	0	1