

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES OFFICIAL RACE REPORT No. 34



8TH ANNUAL AAA TEXAS 500  
TEXAS MOTOR SPEEDWAY  
Fort Worth, TX - November 4, 2012  
1.5-mile Paved Tri-oval  
334 Laps - 501 Miles Purse: \$6,969,209



TIME OF RACE: 3 hours, 41 minutes, 30 seconds

AVERAGE SPEED: 136.117 mph

MARGIN OF VICTORY: 0.808 second(s)

Fin Pos	Str Pos	Car No	Driver	Team	Laps	Pts	Bns Pts	Driver Rating	Winnings	Status	Lead Tms	Laps
1	1	48	Jimmie Johnson	Lowe's Chevrolet	335	48	5	146.8	\$492,086	Running	7	168
2	8	2	Brad Keselowski	Miller Lite Dodge	335	43	1	125.2	353,830	Running	5	75
3	3	18	Kyle Busch	Snickers Toyota	335	42	1	125.2	268,143	Running	4	80
4	10	17	Matt Kenseth	Ford EcoBoost Ford	335	41	1	96.8	246,021	Running	1	1
5	21	14	Tony Stewart	Office Depot/Mobil 1 Chevrolet	335	39		84.5	212,935	Running		
6	4	15	Clint Bowyer	5-hour Energy Toyota	335	38		113.3	180,149	Running		
7	19	88	Dale Earnhardt Jr	National Guard/Diet Mountain Dew Chevrolet	335	37		90.7	148,085	Running		
8	18	78	Kurt Busch	Furniture Row Chevrolet	335	36		89.6	155,493	Running		
9	23	29	Kevin Harvick	Rheem/Budweiser Chevrolet	335	35		83.5	168,971	Running		
10	2	16	Greg Biffle	3M Ford	335	34		105.7	128,560	Running		
11	6	20	Joey Logano	Home Depot/redbeacon.com Toyota	335	33		95.6	121,585	Running		
12	36	39	Ryan Newman	Quicken Loans Chevrolet	335	33	1	79.8	155,443	Running	2	6
13	5	56	Martin Truex Jr	Carlyle Tools by NAPA Toyota	335	31		101.3	134,249	Running		
14	16	24	Jeff Gordon	Drive to End Hunger Chevrolet	335	30		100.8	148,021	Running		
15	14	43	Aric Almirola	Farmland Ford	335	29		82.2	141,221	Running		
16	9	99	Carl Edwards	Aflac Ford	335	28		83.7	145,051	Running		
17	17	22	Sam Hornish Jr(i)	Shell Pennzoil Dodge	335	0		72.5	142,785	Running		
18	24	1	Jamie McMurray	McDonald's Chevrolet	335	26		67.0	132,543	Running		
19	22	31	Jeff Burton	Caterpillar Chevrolet	335	25		68.4	139,210	Running		
20	12	11	Denny Hamlin	FedEx Office Toyota	335	24		75.1	143,051	Running		
21	20	13	Casey Mears	GEICO Ford	335	23		57.4	116,343	Running		
22	7	21	Trevor Bayne (i)	Motorcraft/Quick Lane Tire & Auto Center Ford	335	0		64.0	99,810	Running	1	4
23	38	93	Travis Kvapil	Dr.Pepper Toyota	335	22	1	58.3	121,943	Running	1	1
24	32	10	Danica Patrick (i)	GoDaddy.com Chevrolet	335	0		61.4	99,210	Running		
25	13	5	Kasey Kahne	Hendrickcars.com/Great Clips Chevrolet	334	19		90.6	107,185	Running		
26	41	83	Landon Cassill	Burger King Toyota	333	18		46.4	125,755	Running		
27	27	27	Paul Menard	Quaker State/Menards Chevrolet	332	17		49.8	106,585	Running		
28	33	34	David Ragan	CertainTeed/31-W Ford	331	16		41.2	109,668	Running		
29	11	55	Mark Martin	Aaron's Dream Machine Toyota	329	15		82.0	97,710	Accident		
30	31	95	Scott Speed	B&D Electrical/TWD Ford	328	14		44.7	96,000	Running		
31	42	32	Ken Schrader	Federated Auto Parts Ford	328	13		37.8	105,560	Running		
32	15	9	Marcos Ambrose	Mac Tools Ford	310	12		70.5	124,743	Accident		
33	29	47	Bobby Labonte	Wounded Warrior Project Toyota	284	11		49.4	111,682	Running		
34	25	42	Juan Pablo Montoya	Huggies Chevrolet	279	10		48.4	123,926	Running		
35	30	38	David Gilliland	Long John Silver's Ford	225	9		46.0	93,460	Engine		
36	26	51	AJ Allmendinger	Phoenix Construction Chevrolet	107	8		54.6	101,510	Accident		
37	35	26	Josh Wise #	MDS Transport Ford	41	7		33.5	94,530	Vibration		
38	37	98	Michael McDowell	Phil Parsons Racing Ford	37	6		34.5	92,803	Overheating		
39	40	36	Dave Blaney	Tommy Baldwin Racing Chevrolet	37	5		31.9	89,900	Brakes		
40	43	87	Joe Nemechek (i)	AM/FM Energy Wood & Pellet Stoves Toyota	33	0		28.8	89,700	Vibration		
41	34	19	Mike Bliss (i)	Plinker Tactical/MCM Elegante Toyota	32	0		28.6	89,475	Brakes		
42	28	37	J.J. Yeley	MaxQWorkForce.com Chevrolet	10	2		29.6	89,275	Overheating		
43	39	91	Reed Sorenson (i)	Plinker Tactical/MCM Elegante Toyota	6	0		27.4	89,561	Electrical		

# 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:** (3) #33 Stephen Leicht; #79 Kelly Bires; #30 David Stremme

**Race Comments:** Before an estimated attendance of 146,000, Jimmie Johnson won the AAA Texas 500, his 60th NASCAR Sprint Cup Series victory.

**Caution Flags:** 9 cautions for 49 laps. [Beneficiary in Brackets] 101-104 (Debris [22]); 110-118 (Car #51 Accident Frontstretch [None]); 120-128 (42, 47, 21 Accident Frontstretch [31]); 186-190 (Debris [1]); 224-227 (Debris [21]); 276-280 (Debris [21]); 311-315 (Car #9 Accident Turn 1 [31]); 322-326 (Debris [31]); 331-333 (Car #55, 99 Accident Frontstretch [13]).

**Lap Leaders:** 20 lead changes among 7 drivers. Johnson 1-48, Newman 49-50, Johnson 51-101, Newman 102-105, Keselowski 106-118, Johnson 119-165, Ky. Busch 166, Kenseth 167, Bayne 168-171, Kvapil 172, Johnson 173-190, Ky. Busch 191-223, Keselowski 224, Ky. Busch 225-235, Keselowski 236-276, Ky. Busch 277-311, Johnson 312, Keselowski 313-326, Johnson 327, Keselowski 328-333, Johnson 334-335.

**COORS LIGHT POLE AWARD:** Jimmie Johnson (191.076 mph, 28.261 secs.)

**3M LAP LEADER:** Jimmie Johnson (168 Laps)

**AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD:** Jimmie Johnson

**DIRECTV CREW CHIEF OF THE RACE:** Kyle Busch (crew chief Dave Rogers)

**FREESCALE "WIDE OPEN":** Matt Kenseth

**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:** Matt

Kenseth (crew chief Jimmy Fennig, 0.448 seconds)

**NASCAR SPRINT CUP LEADER BONUS:** Jimmie Johnson (\$10,000 ++)

**USG IMPROVING THE FINISH:** Ryan Newman (24 places)

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

**NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES TOP 12 (Wins)**

1 - Jimmie Johnson	2,339	(5)
2 - Brad Keselowski	2,332	(5)
3 - Clint Bowyer	2,303	(3)
4 - Kasey Kahne	2,281	(2)
5 - Matt Kenseth	2,267	(3)
6 - Jeff Gordon	2,267	(1)
7 - Denny Hamlin	2,266	(5)
8 - Tony Stewart	2,259	(3)
9 - Martin Truex Jr	2,259	(0)
10 - Greg Biffle	2,256	(2)
11 - Kevin Harvick	2,238	(0)
12 - Dale Earnhardt Jr	2,188	(1)

**MANUFACTURERS' CHAMPIONSHIP**

	Pts	Wins
Chevrolet	231	(13)
Toyota	201	(10)
Ford	167	(6)
Dodge	149	(5)

**3M LAP LEADER**

Jimmie Johnson	(#48)	8
Denny Hamlin	(#11)	5
Kyle Busch	(#18)	4

**AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD**

Jimmie Johnson	(#48)	7
Denny Hamlin	(#11)	4
Greg Biffle	(#16)	3

**DIRECTV CREW CHIEF OF THE RACE**

Darian Grubb	(#11)	6
Matt Puccia	(#16)	6
Dave Rogers	(#18)	5

**FREESCALE "WIDE OPEN"**

Matt Kenseth	(#17)	45
Tony Stewart	(#14)	40
Greg Biffle	(#16)	35

**MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER**

Hendrick	(#48)	378
Penske	(#2)	284
TRD	(#11)	273

**MOBIL 1 OIL DRIVER OF THE RACE**

Denny Hamlin	(#11)	11
Kyle Busch	(#18)	8
Tony Stewart	(#14)	5

**MOOG STEERING AND SUSPENSION PROBLEM SOLVER OF THE RACE**

Steve Addington	(#14)	5
Chad Johnston	(#56)	4
Steve Letarte	(#88)	4

**USG IMPROVING THE FINISH**

Tony Stewart	(#14)	5
Jeff Gordon	(#24)	3
Carl Edwards	(#99)	3

**COORS LIGHT POLE AWARD**

Jimmie Johnson	4
Kasey Kahne	4
Mark Martin	4
Denny Hamlin	3
Greg Biffle	3
Jeff Gordon	2
Marcos Ambrose	2
Juan Pablo Montoya	2
Matt Kenseth	1
Tony Stewart	1
Martin Truex Jr	1
Dale Earnhardt Jr	1
Kyle Busch	1
Carl Edwards	1
Joey Logano	1
AJ Allmendinger	1

**SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE YEAR**

Stephen Leicht	97
Josh Wise	73

**NEXT EVENT:** November 11, 2012 - 25th Annual AdvoCare 500, Phoenix International Raceway, Avondale, AZ (312 Miles) (312 Laps)

**NOTE:** The above figures are based upon team winnings and include racing purse and cash contingency awards by participating manufacturers. (11/5/2012)

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES DRIVER LEADERS

Race #34: 8TH ANNUAL AAA TEXAS "500" Race Date: 11/4/2012

POS	DRIVER	Points	Starts	Wins	Top 5	Top 10	Money Won
1	JIMMIE JOHNSON	2339	34	5	18	24	\$7,900,347
2	BRAD KESELOWSKI	2332	34	5	13	22	5,988,615
3	CLINT BOWYER	2303	34	3	9	22	5,183,109
4	KASEY KAHNE	2281	34	2	11	18	4,517,176
5	MATT KENSETH	2267	34	3	13	19	7,287,365
6	JEFF GORDON	2267	34	1	10	17	5,661,272
7	DENNY HAMLIN	2266	34	5	13	16	6,610,109
8	TONY STEWART	2259	34	3	12	16	6,348,865
9	MARTIN TRUEX JR.	2259	34	0	7	18	5,067,439
10	GREG BIFFLE	2256	34	2	11	19	5,441,578
11	KEVIN HARVICK	2238	34	0	4	12	5,408,909
12	DALE EARNHARDT JR.	2188	32	1	10	19	4,996,185
13	KYLE BUSCH	1048	34	1	11	18	6,161,955
14	RYAN NEWMAN	969	34	1	4	12	5,055,265
15	CARL EDWARDS	965	34	0	3	13	5,100,898
16	PAUL MENARD	938	34	0	1	8	3,883,940
17	JOEY LOGANO	918	34	1	2	12	3,880,693
18	MARCOS AMBROSE	892	34	1	3	8	4,562,037
19	JEFF BURTON	827	34	0	2	6	4,929,345
20	JAMIE MCMURRAY	823	34	0	0	3	4,357,282
21	ARIC ALMIROLA	803	34	0	1	3	4,540,239
22	JUAN PABLO MONTOYA	762	34	0	0	2	4,282,722
23	BOBBY LABONTE	724	34	0	0	2	3,933,418
24	REGAN SMITH	713	32	0	1	4	3,766,501
25	KURT BUSCH	664	33	0	1	3	3,844,797
26	MARK MARTIN	638	22	0	4	9	2,703,638
27	DAVID RAGAN	598	34	0	1	2	3,477,586
28	TRAVIS KVAPIL	595	33	0	0	1	3,415,785
29	DAVID GILLILAND	586	34	0	0	0	3,359,105
30	CASEY MEARS	575	34	0	0	0	3,370,088
31	LANDON CASSILL	562	34	0	0	0	3,981,095
32	A J ALLMENDINGER	453	21	0	1	3	2,958,285
33	DAVE BLANEY	387	32	0	0	0	2,795,979
34	DAVID REUTIMANN	359	23	0	0	0	2,123,493
35	BRIAN VICKERS	250	8	0	3	5	774,435
36	DAVID STREMMER	220	26	0	0	0	2,322,968
37	MICHAEL MCDOWELL	178	28	0	0	0	2,334,716
38	J J YELEY	157	23	0	0	0	1,847,760
39	KEN SCHRADER	139	12	0	0	0	1,117,485
40	JOSH WISE	136	28	0	0	0	2,201,135
41	SCOTT SPEED	124	17	0	0	0	1,387,953
42	STEPHEN LEICHT	117	14	0	0	0	1,256,280
43	MICHAEL WALTRIP	94	4	0	0	1	396,472
44	TERRY LABONTE	94	4	0	0	0	582,995
45	TONY RAINES	71	7	0	0	0	788,728
46	SCOTT RIGGS	54	19	0	0	0	1,434,405
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	KELLY BIRES	9	3	0	0	0	222,024
55	TOMY DRISSI	6	1	0	0	0	76,242
56	STACY COMPTON	5	1	0	0	0	64,225
57	DAVID MAYHEW	4	1	0	0	0	72,625
58	PATRICK LONG	2	1	0	0	0	61,555
59	SAM HORNISH JR.(i)	0	18	0	1	1	2,334,055
60	TREVOR BAYNE(i)	0	15	0	0	2	1,715,982
61	RICKY STENHOUSE JR.(i)	0	3	0	0	0	450,220
62	TIMMY HILL(i)	0	4	0	0	0	325,675
63	DANICA PATRICK(i)	0	9	0	0	0	978,875
64	MIKE BLISS(i)	0	17	0	0	0	1,356,454
65	AUSTIN DILLON(i)	0	1	0	0	0	88,285
66	ROBERT RICHARDSON JR.(i)	0	2	0	0	0	184,578
67	ELLIOTT SADLER(i)	0	1	0	0	0	305,788
68	JOE NEMECHKI(i)	0	30	0	0	0	2,469,094
69	REED SORENSON(i)	0	19	0	0	0	1,463,722
70	T J BELL(i)	0	5	0	0	0	453,510
71	JASON LEFFLER(i)	0	4	0	0	0	313,877
72	JASON WHITE(i)	0	1	0	0	0	76,610
73	COLE WHITT(i)	0	5	0	0	0	395,747
74	CHRIS COOK(i)	0	2	0	0	0	134,035
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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2	2	ROGER PENSKE	2332	34	5	13	22	34
3	15	ROB KAUFFMAN	2303	34	3	9	22	34
4	5	LINDA HENDRICK	2281	34	2	11	18	34
5	17	JOHN HENRY	2267	34	3	13	19	34
6	24	RICK HENDRICK	2267	34	1	10	17	34
7	11	J D GIBBS	2266	34	5	13	16	34
8	14	MARGARET HAAS	2259	34	3	12	16	34
9	56	MICHAEL WALTRIP	2259	34	0	7	18	34
10	16	JACK ROUSH	2256	34	2	11	19	34
11	29	RICHARD CHILDRESS	2238	34	0	4	12	34
12	88	RICK HENDRICK	2231	34	1	10	20	34
13	18	JOE GIBBS	1048	34	1	11	18	34
14	55	BILL JENKINS	982	34	0	7	15	34
15	39	TONY STEWART	969	34	1	4	12	34
16	99	JACK ROUSH	965	34	0	3	13	34
17	27	RICHARD CHILDRESS	938	34	0	1	8	34
18	20	JOE GIBBS	918	34	1	2	12	34
19	9	RICHARD PETTY	892	34	1	3	8	34
20	22	WALTER CZARNECKI	834	34	0	2	4	34
21	31	RICHARD CHILDRESS	827	34	0	2	6	34
22	1	FELIX SABATES	823	34	0	0	3	34
23	43	RICHARD PETTY	803	34	0	1	3	34
24	78	BARNEY VISSER	777	34	0	1	4	34
25	42	CHIP GANASSI	762	34	0	0	2	34
26	47	TAD GESCHICKTER	724	34	0	0	2	34
27	51	JAMES FINCH	633	34	0	1	2	34
28	93	THOMAS UEBERALL	621	34	0	0	1	34
29	34	BOB JENKINS	598	34	0	1	2	34
30	38	BRAD JENKINS	586	34	0	0	0	34
31	13	BOB GERMAIN	575	34	0	0	0	34
32	83	THOMAS UEBERALL	562	34	0	0	0	34
33	10	TOMMY BALDWIN	482	34	0	0	0	34
34	32	FRANK STODDARD JR.	471	34	0	0	0	34
35	36	ALLAN HEINKE	397	34	0	0	0	34
36	21	GLEN WOOD	325	15	0	0	2	15
37	33	RICHARD CHILDRESS	244	25	0	0	0	34
38	30	KEVIN BUCKLER	222	27	0	0	0	34
39	98	MIKE CURB	190	31	0	0	0	34
40	26	JERRY FREEZE	161	29	0	0	0	34
41	249	JAY ROBINSON	150	17	0	0	0	25
42	87	ANDREA NEMECHEK	149	30	0	0	0	34
43	195	BOB LEAVINE	121	15	0	0	0	16
44	23	ROBERT RICHARDSON SR.	80	21	0	0	0	30
45	119	RANDY HUMPHREY	68	19	0	0	0	27
46	6	JOHN HENRY	41	2	0	0	0	2
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	21	8	0	0	0	18
51	191	MARK SMITH	18	10	0	0	0	13
52	179	ARCHIE ST HILAIRE	14	6	0	0	0	10
53	7	ROBBY GORDON	11	3	0	0	0	5
54	97	ANDREA NEMECHEK	9	2	0	0	0	3
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