

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES OFFICIAL RACE REPORT No. 5

20TH ANNUAL AUTO CLUB 400

AUTO CLUB SPEEDWAY

Fontana, CA - March 20, 2016

2-Mile Paved Tri-Oval

205 Laps - 410.0 Miles



TIME OF RACE: 2 hours, 59 minutes, 17 seconds

AVERAGE SPEED: 137.213 mph

MARGIN OF VICTORY: 0.772 second(s)

| Fin Pos | Str Pos | Car No | Driver | Team | Laps | Pts | Bns Pts | Driver Rating | Status | Lead Tms | Laps |
|---------|---------|--------|---------------------|--|------|-----|---------|---------------|----------|----------|------|
| 1 | 19 | 48 | Jimmie Johnson | Lowe's/Superman Chevrolet | 205 | 44 | 4 | 124.8 | Running | 6 | 25 |
| 2 | 2 | 4 | Kevin Harvick | Jimmy John's Chevrolet | 205 | 41 | 2 | 144.0 | Running | 9 | 142 |
| 3 | 3 | 11 | Denny Hamlin | Sport Clips Toyota | 205 | 39 | 1 | 100.1 | Running | 1 | 2 |
| 4 | 9 | 22 | Joey Logano | AAA Southern California Ford | 205 | 38 | 1 | 112.6 | Running | 2 | 3 |
| 5 | 18 | 17 | Ricky Stenhouse Jr | Fastenal Ford | 205 | 36 | | 88.7 | Running | | |
| 6 | 8 | 24 | Chase Elliott # | NAPA Auto Parts Chevrolet | 205 | 36 | 1 | 105.1 | Running | 1 | 1 |
| 7 | 5 | 19 | Carl Edwards | Subway Toyota | 205 | 35 | 1 | 105.9 | Running | 3 | 9 |
| 8 | 11 | 47 | AJ Allmendinger | Food4Less/Scott Products Chevrolet | 205 | 33 | | 86.0 | Running | | |
| 9 | 15 | 2 | Brad Keselowski | Wurth Ford | 205 | 32 | | 88.9 | Running | | |
| 10 | 10 | 1 | Jamie McMurray | McDonald's Chevrolet | 205 | 31 | | 73.0 | Running | | |
| 11 | 27 | 88 | Dale Earnhardt Jr | Nationwide/Batman Chevrolet | 205 | 30 | | 75.2 | Running | | |
| 12 | 21 | 44 | Brian Scott # | Albertsons Co/White Tail Ford | 205 | 29 | | 60.8 | Running | | |
| 13 | 24 | 14 | Brian Vickers | Janssen Arnie's Army Charitable Foundation Chevrolet | 205 | 28 | | 77.0 | Running | | |
| 14 | 4 | 31 | Ryan Newman | Caterpillar Chevrolet | 205 | 27 | | 84.2 | Running | | |
| 15 | 13 | 27 | Paul Menard | FVP/Menards Chevrolet | 205 | 26 | | 69.8 | Running | | |
| 16 | 34 | 38 | Landon Cassill | MDS Transport Ford | 205 | 25 | | 50.8 | Running | | |
| 17 | 23 | 13 | Casey Mears | GEICO Chevrolet | 205 | 24 | | 64.0 | Running | | |
| 18 | 29 | 15 | Clint Bowyer | Visine Chevrolet | 205 | 23 | | 55.7 | Running | | |
| 19 | 20 | 20 | Matt Kenseth | DeWalt Toyota | 205 | 23 | 1 | 85.9 | Running | 1 | 2 |
| 20 | 7 | 6 | Trevor Bayne | AdvoCare Ford | 205 | 21 | | 63.0 | Running | | |
| 21 | 25 | 43 | Aric Almirola | Smithfield Ford | 205 | 20 | | 68.3 | Running | | |
| 22 | 35 | 23 | David Raqqan | Dr Pepper Toyota | 205 | 19 | | 48.2 | Running | | |
| 23 | 28 | 7 | Regan Smith | AIPAC Chevrolet | 205 | 18 | | 51.3 | Running | | |
| 24 | 1 | 3 | Austin Dillon | American Ethanol Chevrolet | 205 | 17 | | 86.3 | Running | | |
| 25 | 6 | 18 | Kyle Busch | M&M's 75 Toyota | 205 | 16 | | 92.0 | Running | | |
| 26 | 36 | 98 | Cole Whitt | Rinnai Tankless Water Heaters Chevrolet | 205 | 15 | | 37.7 | Running | | |
| 27 | 33 | 83 | Matt DiBenedetto | Cosmo Motors Toyota | 205 | 14 | | 43.9 | Running | | |
| 28 | 12 | 5 | Kasey Kahne | Farmers Insurance Chevrolet | 205 | 13 | | 55.0 | Running | | |
| 29 | 38 | 46 | Michael Annett | Pilot Flying J Chevrolet | 205 | 12 | | 34.0 | Running | | |
| 30 | 26 | 41 | Kurt Busch | Haas Automation/Monster Energy Chevrolet | 205 | 11 | | 36.0 | Running | | |
| 31 | 30 | 95 | Michael McDowell | WRL General Contractors Chevrolet | 205 | 10 | | 40.2 | Running | | |
| 32 | 17 | 78 | Martin Truex Jr | Furniture Row Toyota | 204 | 10 | 1 | 98.9 | Running | 3 | 21 |
| 33 | 16 | 34 | Chris Buescher # | Love's Travel Stops Ford | 204 | 8 | | 49.0 | Running | | |
| 34 | 39 | 32 | Jeffrey Earnhardt # | Can-Am Ford | 200 | 7 | | 28.3 | Running | | |
| 35 | 14 | 21 | Ryan Blaney # | Motorcraft/Quick Lane Tire & Auto Center Ford | 195 | 6 | | 67.7 | Accident | | |
| 36 | 37 | 30 | Josh Wise | SBC Contractors Chevrolet | 195 | 5 | | 25.3 | Running | | |
| 37 | 22 | 16 | Greg Biffle | Ford EcoBoost Ford | 146 | 4 | | 48.2 | Engine | | |
| 38 | 31 | 10 | Danica Patrick | TaxAct Chevrolet | 120 | 3 | | 51.8 | Accident | | |
| 39 | 32 | 42 | Kyle Larson | Target Chevrolet | 46 | 2 | | 29.8 | Accident | | |

Sunoco Rookie of the Year Contender.

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Bonus points: includes winner (3), lap leader (1) & most laps led (1) points

Failed to qualify: n/a

Race Comments: Jimmie Johnson won the Auto Club 400 at Auto Club Speedway, his 77th career NASCAR Sprint Cup Series victory. Prior to the start of the race, the following cars dropped to the rear of the field: No. 41 (backup), No. 47 (rear end gear change).

Caution Flags: 6 cautions for 33 laps. [Beneficiary in Brackets] 28-31 (Car #34 Incident In Turn 2 [46]); 49-53 (Car #42 Incident In The Backstretch [14]); 109-114 (Car #6 Incident In Turn 1 [11]); 122-130 (Car #10 Incident In Turn 1 [44]); 156-160 (Debris In Turn 3 [88]); 200-203 (Car #18 Incident In Turn 3 [6]).

Lap Leaders: 26 lead changes among 8 drivers. Dillon-pole, Harvick 1-28, Edwards 29-33, Harvick 34, Edwards 35-36, Harvick 37-52, Logano 53, Harvick 54-70, Truex Jr 71-77, Johnson 78-82, Elliott 83, Kenseth 84-85, Harvick 86-105, Johnson 106-109, Truex Jr 110, Harvick 111-113, Johnson 114-123, Truex Jr 124-136, Harvick 137-157, Johnson 158-159, Edwards 160-161, Johnson 162-163, Logano 164-165, Harvick 166-200, Hamlin 201-202, Harvick 203, Johnson 204-205.

COORS LIGHT POLE AWARD: Austin Dillon (188.482 mph, 38.200 secs.)

3M HARD CHARGER AWARD SEGMENT 2 WINNER: Dale Earnhardt Jr (49 positions)

AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD: Kevin Harvick

DURALAST BRAKES "BRAKE IN THE RACE" AWARD: Kevin Harvick

INGERSOLL RAND POWER MOVE: Jamie McMurray (9 positions)

MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER OF THE RACE: Hendrick Engines (#4)

MOBIL 1 DRIVER OF THE RACE: Kevin Harvick

MOOG STEERING AND SUSPENSION PROBLEM SOLVER OF THE RACE: Chase Elliott (crew chief Alan Gustafson, -0.248 seconds)

SHERWIN-WILLIAMS FASTEST LAP AWARD: Carl Edwards (Lap 2, 183.946 MPH)

SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE RACE: Chase Elliott

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES TOP 16 (Wins)

| | | |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|
| 1 - Kevin Harvick | 195 | (1) |
| 2 - Jimmie Johnson | 184 | (2) |
| 3 - Carl Edwards | 171 | (0) |
| 4 - Denny Hamlin | 170 | (1) |
| 5 - Kyle Busch | 170 | (0) |
| 6 - Joey Logano | 165 | (0) |
| 7 - Kurt Busch | 148 | (0) |
| 8 - Dale Earnhardt Jr | 145 | (0) |
| 9 - Brad Keselowski | 142 | (1) |
| 10 - Austin Dillon | 139 | (0) |
| 11 - Martin Truex Jr | 127 | (0) |
| 12 - Jamie McMurray | 125 | (0) |
| 13 - Aric Almirola | 120 | (0) |
| 14 - Ricky Stenhouse Jr | 119 | (0) |
| 15 - Matt Kenseth | 113 | (0) |
| 16 - Chase Elliott | 110 | (0) |

MANUFACTURERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

| | Pts | Wins |
|-----------|-----|------|
| Chevrolet | 210 | (3) |
| Toyota | 201 | (1) |
| Ford | 180 | (1) |

AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD

| | | |
|----------------|-------|---|
| Kevin Harvick | (#4) | 2 |
| Jimmie Johnson | (#48) | 1 |
| Carl Edwards | (#19) | 1 |

DURALAST BRAKES "BRAKE IN THE RACE" AWARD

| | | |
|---------------|-------|---|
| Kevin Harvick | (#4) | 2 |
| Kyle Busch | (#18) | 2 |
| Kurt Busch | (#41) | 1 |

INGERSOLL RAND POWER MOVE

| | | |
|------------------|-------|----|
| Michael McDowell | (#95) | 16 |
| Jamie McMurray | (#1) | 9 |
| Paul Menard | (#27) | 8 |

MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER

| | | |
|----------|-------|----|
| Hendrick | (#4) | 79 |
| TRD | (#18) | 56 |
| Hendrick | (#48) | 55 |

MOBIL 1 DRIVER OF THE RACE

| | | |
|---------------|-------|---|
| Kevin Harvick | (#4) | 2 |
| Kyle Busch | (#18) | 2 |
| Denny Hamlin | (#11) | 1 |

MOOG STEERING AND SUSPENSION PROBLEM SOLVER OF THE RACE

| | | |
|-----------------|-------|---|
| Rodney Childers | (#4) | 1 |
| Chad Knaus | (#48) | 1 |
| Dave Rogers | (#19) | 1 |

SHERWIN-WILLIAMS FASTEST LAP AWARD

| | | |
|----------------|-------|---|
| Kyle Busch | (#18) | 2 |
| Carl Edwards | (#19) | 1 |
| Jamie McMurray | (#1) | 1 |

COORS LIGHT POLE AWARD

| | |
|-----------------|---|
| Kurt Busch | 2 |
| Kyle Busch | 1 |
| Austin Dillon | 1 |
| Chase Elliott # | 1 |

SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

| | |
|-------------------|----|
| Chase Elliott | 60 |
| Ryan Blaney | 55 |
| Brian Scott | 46 |
| Chris Buescher | 44 |
| Jeffrey Earnhardt | 23 |

NEXT EVENT: April 3, 2016 - 67th Annual STP 500, Martinsville Speedway, Martinsville, VA (263 Miles) (500 Laps)

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES DRIVER LEADERS

Race #5: 20TH ANNUAL AUTO CLUB "400" Race Date: 03/20/2016

| POS | DRIVER | Points | Starts | Wins | Top 5 | Top 10 |
|-----|-----------------------|--------|--------|------|-------|--------|
| 1 | KEVIN HARVICK | 195 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| 2 | JIMMIE JOHNSON | 184 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| 3 | CARL EDWARDS | 171 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 4 |
| 4 | DENNY HAMLIN | 170 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| 5 | KYLE BUSCH | 170 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| 6 | JOEY LOGANO | 165 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| 7 | KURT BUSCH | 148 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| 8 | DALE EARNHARDT JR. | 145 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| 9 | BRAD KESELOWSKI | 142 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| 10 | AUSTIN DILLON | 139 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| 11 | MARTIN TRUEX JR. | 127 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| 12 | JAMIE MCMURRAY | 125 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 13 | ARIC ALMIROLA | 120 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 14 | RICKY STENHOUSE JR. | 119 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| 15 | MATT KENSETH | 113 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 16 | CHASE ELLIOTT | 110 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| 17 | RYAN BLANEY | 110 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 18 | KASEY KAHNE | 109 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 19 | A J ALLMENDINGER | 108 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 20 | RYAN NEWMAN | 95 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 21 | TREVOR BAYNE | 95 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 22 | PAUL MENARD | 91 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 23 | REGAN SMITH | 88 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 24 | KYLE LARSON | 87 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 25 | BRIAN SCOTT | 85 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 26 | CASEY MEARS | 84 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 27 | GREG BIFFLE | 80 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 28 | LANDON CASSILL | 77 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 29 | DANICA PATRICK | 72 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 30 | DAVID RAGAN | 67 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 31 | CLINT BOWYER | 66 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 32 | MICHAEL MCDOWELL | 61 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 33 | MATT DIBENEDETTO | 58 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 34 | MICHAEL ANNETT | 57 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 35 | CHRIS BUESCHER | 49 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 36 | BRIAN VICKERS | 48 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 37 | COLE WHITT | 27 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 38 | JOSH WISE | 20 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 39 | JEFFREY EARNHARDT | 18 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 40 | MICHAEL WALTRIP | 12 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 41 | BOBBY LABONTE | 11 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 42 | ROBERT RICHARDSON JR. | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 43 | TY DILLON(i) | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 44 | JOEY GASE(i) | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 45 | DAVID GILLILAND | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 46 | REED SORENSON | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES OWNER LEADERS

Race #5: 20TH ANNUAL AUTO CLUB "400" Race Date: 03/20/2016

| POS | Car # | OWNER | Points | Starts | Wins | Top 5 | Top 10 | Attempts |
|-----|-------|-------------------------------|--------|--------|------|-------|--------|----------|
| 1 | 4 | Stewart-Haas Racing | 195 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 5 |
| 2 | 48 | Hendrick Motorsports | 184 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 5 |
| 3 | 19 | Joe Gibbs Racing | 171 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 4 | 11 | Joe Gibbs Racing | 170 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 5 |
| 5 | 18 | Joe Gibbs Racing | 170 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 22 | Team Penske | 165 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| 7 | 41 | Stewart-Haas Racing | 148 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| 8 | 88 | Hendrick Motorsports | 145 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| 9 | 2 | Team Penske | 142 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| 10 | 3 | Richard Childress Racing | 139 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| 11 | 78 | Furniture Row Racing | 127 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| 12 | 1 | Chip Ganassi Racing | 125 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 |
| 13 | 43 | Richard Petty Motorsports | 120 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| 14 | 17 | Roush Fenway Racing | 119 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| 15 | 20 | Joe Gibbs Racing | 113 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 |
| 16 | 24 | Hendrick Motorsports | 110 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 5 |
| 17 | 21 | Wood Brothers Racing | 110 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5 |
| 18 | 5 | Hendrick Motorsports | 109 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 |
| 19 | 47 | JTG Daugherty Racing | 108 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 |
| 20 | 14 | Stewart-Haas Racing | 98 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| 21 | 31 | Richard Childress Racing | 95 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| 22 | 6 | Roush Fenway Racing | 95 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| 23 | 27 | Richard Childress Racing | 91 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| 24 | 7 | Tommy Baldwin Racing | 88 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 |
| 25 | 42 | Chip Ganassi Racing | 87 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 |
| 26 | 44 | Richard Petty Motorsports | 85 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| 27 | 13 | Germain Racing | 84 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| 28 | 16 | Roush Fenway Racing | 80 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| 29 | 38 | Front Row Motorsports | 77 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| 30 | 10 | Stewart-Haas Racing | 72 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| 31 | 83 | BK Racing | 69 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| 32 | 23 | BK Racing | 67 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| 33 | 15 | HScott Motorsports | 66 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| 34 | 46 | HScott Motorsports | 57 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| 35 | 95 | Circle Sport-Leavine Family | 51 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| 36 | 34 | Front Row Motorsports | 49 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| 37 | 32 | GO FAS Racing | 38 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| 38 | 98 | Premium Motorsports | 27 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| 39 | 59 | Circle Sport - Leavine Family | 26 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 40 | 30 | The Motorsports Group | 20 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| 41 | 26 | BK Racing | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 42 | 93 | BK Racing | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 43 | 35 | Front Row Motorsports | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 44 | 40 | Hillman Racing | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |