

MONSTER ENERGY NASCAR CUP SERIES OFFICIAL RACE REPORT No. 34



13TH ANNUAL AAA TEXAS 500
 TEXAS MOTOR SPEEDWAY
 Fort Worth, TX - November 5, 2017
 1.5-mile Paved Tri-oval
 334 Laps - 501.0 Miles



TIME OF RACE: 3 hours, 29 minutes, 52 seconds

AVERAGE SPEED: 143.234 mph

MARGIN OF VICTORY: 1.58 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	3	4	Kevin Harvick	Mobil 1 Ford	334	1	2	59	Running	5	38	
2	7	78	Martin Truex Jr	Bass Pro Shops/Tracker Boats Toyota	334	2	4	51	Running	4	107	
3	2	11	Denny Hamlin	FedEx Office Toyota	334	3	6	47	Running	3	65	
4	35	20	Matt Kenseth	XFINITY Team USA Toyota	334	7	8	40	Running	3	29	
5	10	2	Brad Keselowski	Würth Ford	334			32	Running			
6	8	21	Ryan Blaney	Motorcraft/Quick Lane Tire & Auto Center Ford	334	8	3	42	Running			
7	36	22	Joey Logano	AAA Ford	334			30	Running	1	1	
8	34	24	Chase Elliott	Hooters Chevrolet	334		5	35	Running	1	1	
9	1	41	Kurt Busch	Haas Automation/Monster Energy Ford	334	5	7	38	Running			
10	4	77	Erik Jones #	Sport Clips Toyota	334	6	9	34	Running			
11	19	5	Kasey Kahne	Great Clips/Justice League Chevrolet	334			26	Running	1	3	
12	12	17	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	Fastenal Ford	334			25	Running			
13	15	3	Austin Dillon	Winter in PyeongChang Chevrolet	334	9	10	27	Running	1	1	
14	6	19	Daniel Suarez #	ARRIS Toyota	334	10		24	Running			
15	18	43	Aric Almirola	Smithfield Ford	334			22	Running			
16	16	47	AJ Allmendinger	Kroger ClickList Chevrolet	334			21	Running			
17	14	10	Danica Patrick	Aspen Dental \$10M for Veterans Ford	333			20	Running			
18	13	1	Jamie McMurray	Cessna Chevrolet	333			19	Running			
19	5	18	Kyle Busch	M&M's Caramel Toyota	333			18	Running	1	7	
20	25	31	Ryan Newman	Grainger Chevrolet	333			17	Running	1	1	
21	23	95	Michael McDowell	Rohto Jolt Eyedrops Chevrolet	333			16	Running	1	4	
22	26	37	Chris Buescher	Bush's Chili Beans Chevrolet	333			15	Running			
23	21	27	Paul Menard	Atlas/Menards Chevrolet	332			14	Running			
24	27	13	Ty Dillon #	GEICO Military Chevrolet	332			13	Running			
25	28	32	Matt DiBenedetto	Can-Am/Kappa Ford	332			12	Running			
26	22	34	Landon Cassill	Love's Travel Stops/SpeedCo Ford	331			11	Running			
27	9	48	Jimmie Johnson	Lowe's Chevrolet	331			10	Running			
28	37	6	Trevor Bayne	AdvoCare Ford	330			9	Running			
29	29	72	Cole Whitt	TriStar Motorsports Chevrolet	330			8	Running			
30	24	38	David Ragan	TheHouse.com Ford	329			7	Running			
31	38	15	Reed Sorenson	Low T Centers Chevrolet	325			6	Running			
32	30	7	Joey Gase (i)	DonateLifeTexas.org Chevrolet	322			0	Running			
33	32	33	Jeffrey Earnhardt	hulu Chevrolet	322			4	Running			
34	31	51	Ray Black Jr(i)	Scuba Life Chevrolet	305			0	Running			
35	17	88	Dale Earnhardt Jr	Nationwide/Justice League Chevrolet	304			2	Running	1	3	
36	20	14	Clint Bowyer	Rush Truck Centers/Mobil Delvac 1 Ford	303			1	Running			
37	11	42	Kyle Larson	Credit One Bank Chevrolet	282	4	1	18	Accident	4	74	1
38	33	66	David Starr (i)	Moore Freight Service Chevrolet	237			0	Accident			
39	39	23	Corey Lajoie #	Dr Pepper Toyota	227			1	Engine			
40	40	83	Gray Gaulding #	Earthwater Toyota	159			1	Engine			

Sunoco Rookie of the Year Contender.
 (i) = Ineligible for driver points in this series

Stage 1 Top 10: 4, 78, 11, 42, 41, 77, 20, 21, 3, 19
 Stage 2 Top 10: 42, 4, 21, 78, 24, 11, 41, 20, 77, 3

Race Comments: Kevin Harvick won the AAA Texas 500 at Texas Motor Speedway, his 37th Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series victory. Prior to the green flag, the following cars dropped to the rear of the field for the reasons indicated: No. 33 (transmission change) and No. 27 (driver change).

Failed to Qualify: n/a

Caution Flags: 8 cautions for 40 laps. [Beneficiary in Brackets] 87-91 (Stage 1 Conclusion [17]); 94-98 (Car #5 And 19 Incident In Turn 2 [2]); 172-177 (Stage 2 Conclusion [88]); 181-185 (Car #34 Spin In Turn 1 [18]); 234-238 (Car #95 Spin In Turn 2 [17]); 242-245 (Car #51 Incident In Turn 2 [5]); 270-274 (Car #51 Spin In Turn 2 [41]); 284-288 (Car #42 Incident In Turn 2 [Red: 10:29] [47]).

Lead Changes: 27 lead changes among 13 drivers. Ku. Busch-pole, Hamlin 1-46, Larson 47-53, Dillon 54, Elliott 55, McDowell 56-59, Newman 60, Larson 61-69, Harvick 70-88, Hamlin 89-91, Harvick 92-97, Larson 98-143, Kenseth 144-154, Earnhardt Jr 155-157, Kahne 158-160, Larson 161-172, Harvick 173, Kenseth 174-184, Truex Jr 185-225, Harvick 226-227, Ky. Busch 228-234, Logano 235, Truex Jr 236-238, Kenseth 239-245, Truex Jr 246-271, Hamlin 272-287, Truex Jr 288-324, Harvick 325-334.

COORS LIGHT POLE AWARD: Kurt Busch (200.915 mph, 26.877 secs.)
 AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD: Martin Truex Jr
 INGERSOLL RAND POWER MOVE: Kevin Harvick (2 positions)
 MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER OF THE RACE: Toyota Racing Development (TRD) (#11)

MOBIL 1 DRIVER OF THE RACE: Kevin Harvick
 MOOG GO THE EXTRA MILE AWARD: Brad Keselowski (crew chief Paul Wolfe, 0.298 seconds)
 SHERWIN-WILLIAMS FASTEST LAP AWARD: Denny Hamlin (Lap 4, 189.447 mph)
 SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE RACE: Erik Jones

MANUFACTURERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

	Pts	Wins
Toyota	1,212	(14)
Ford	1,189	(10)
Chevrolet	1,178	(10)

AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD

	(#)	Pts
Kyle Busch	(#18)	9
Martin Truex Jr	(#78)	8
Kyle Larson	(#42)	7

INGERSOLL RAND POWER MOVE

	(#)	Pts
Ryan Newman	(#31)	63
Daniel Suarez	(#19)	40
Kasey Kahne	(#5)	31

MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER

	(#)	Pts
TRD	(#18)	382
Hendrick	(#42)	320
Roush/Yates	(#4)	312

MOBIL 1 DRIVER OF THE RACE

	(#)	Pts
Kyle Larson	(#42)	10
Kyle Busch	(#18)	7
Kevin Harvick	(#4)	6

MOOG GO THE EXTRA MILE AWARD

	(#)	Pts
Tony Gibson	(#41)	5
Paul Wolfe	(#2)	3
Jason Ratcliff	(#20)	3

SHERWIN-WILLIAMS FASTEST LAP AWARD

	(#)	Pts
Kyle Busch	(#18)	13
Kyle Larson	(#42)	9
Denny Hamlin	(#11)	3

COORS LIGHT POLE AWARD

	Pts
Kyle Busch	8
Martin Truex Jr	3
Kyle Larson	3
Brad Keselowski	2
Matt Kenseth	2
Joey Logano	2
Dale Earnhardt Jr	2
Denny Hamlin	1
Ryan Blaney	1
Chase Elliott	1
Kurt Busch	1
Ricky Stenhouse Jr	1
Erik Jones #	1

SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

	Pts
Erik Jones	261
Daniel Suarez	254
Ty Dillon	190
Corey Lajoie	161
Gray Gaulding	154

NEXT EVENT: November 12, 2017 - 30th Annual Can-Am 500, Phoenix Raceway, Avondale, AZ (500 Miles) (312 Laps)

MONSTER ENERGY NASCAR CUP SERIES DRIVER LEADERS

Race #34: 13TH ANNUAL AAA TEXAS "500" Race Date: 11/05/2017

Rank	DRIVER	Points	Behind Leader	Race Wins	Stage Wins	Playoff Points
1	MARTIN TRUEx JR.	4168	0	7	19	69
2	KYLE BUSCH	4118	50	5	14	42
3	KEVIN HARVICK	4112	56	2	6	17
4	BRAD KESELOWSKI	4111	57	3	8	26
5	DENNY HAMLIN	4092	76	2	3	14
6	RYAN BLANEY	4089	79	1	4	9
7	CHASE ELLIOTT	4062	106	0	3	6
8	JIMMIE JOHNSON	4060	108	3	1	17
9	KYLE LARSON	2255	1913	4	5	0
10	MATT KENSETH	2255	1913	0	3	0
11	KURT BUSCH	2177	1991	1	0	0
12	KASEY KAHNE	2176	1992	1	0	0
13	AUSTIN DILLON	2175	1993	1	0	0
14	RICKY STENHOUSE JR.	2171	1997	2	0	0
15	JAMIE MCMURRAY	2165	2003	0	0	0
16	RYAN NEWMAN	2147	2021	1	0	0
17	JOEY LOGANO	869	3299	1	1	0
18	CLINT BOWYER	820	3348	0	1	0
19	ERIK JONES	802	3366	0	0	0
20	DANIEL SUAREZ	755	3413	0	1	0
21	TREVOR BAYNE	641	3527	0	0	0
22	DALE EARNHARDT JR.	629	3539	0	0	0
23	PAUL MENARD	588	3580	0	0	0
24	TY DILLON	556	3612	0	0	0
25	CHRIS BUESCHER	546	3622	0	0	0
26	MICHAEL MCDOWELL	514	3654	0	0	0
27	DANICA PATRICK	498	3670	0	0	0
28	A J ALLMENDINGER	494	3674	0	0	0
29	ARIC ALMIROLA	455	3713	0	0	0
30	DAVID RAGAN	423	3745	0	0	0
31	LANDON CASSILL	355	3813	0	0	0
32	MATT DIBENEDETTO	346	3822	0	0	0
33	COLE WHITT	312	3856	0	0	0
34	COREY LAJOIE	217	3951	0	0	0
35	GRAY GAULDING	164	4004	0	0	0
36	REED SORENSON	148	4020	0	0	0
37	JEFFREY EARNHARDT	132	4036	0	0	0
38	DERRIKE COPE	37	4131	0	0	0
39	MICHAEL WALTRIP	29	4139	0	0	0
40	BILLY JOHNSON	15	4153	0	0	0
41	BORIS SAID	15	4153	0	0	0
42	GARY KLUTT	6	4162	0	0	0
43	D J KENNINGTON	6	4162	0	0	0
44	CODY WARE	6	4162	0	0	0
45	ALON DAY	5	4163	0	0	0
46	STEPHEN LEICHT	5	4163	0	0	0
47	KEVIN O'CONNELL	4	4164	0	0	0
48	TOMMY REGAN	3	4165	0	0	0
49	HERMIE SADLER III	3	4165	0	0	0
50	KYLE WEATHERMAN	2	4166	0	0	0
51	BRENDAN GAUGHAN(i)	0	4168	0	0	0
52	DARRELL WALLACE JR.(i)	0	4168	0	0	0
53	TIMMY HILL(i)	0	4168	0	0	0
54	ELLIOTT SADLER(i)	0	4168	0	0	0
55	ROSS CHASTAIN(i)	0	4168	0	0	0
56	JOEY GASE(i)	0	4168	0	0	0
57	REGAN SMITH(i)	0	4168	0	0	0
58	JJ YELEY(i)	0	4168	0	0	0
59	RYAN SIEG(i)	0	4168	0	0	0
60	BJ MCLEOD(i)	0	4168	0	0	0
61	BRETT MOFFITT(i)	0	4168	0	0	0
62	CARL LONG(i)	0	4168	0	0	0
63	RAY BLACK II(i)	0	4168	0	0	0
64	JOSH BILICKI(i)	0	4168	0	0	0
65	DAVID STARR(i)	0	4168	0	0	0
66	MARK THOMPSON(i)	0	4168	0	0	0
67	JUSTIN MARKS(i)	0	4168	0	0	0

(i) = Ineligible for driver points in this series

MONSTER ENERGY NASCAR CUP SERIES OWNER LEADERS

Race #34: 13TH ANNUAL AAA TEXAS "500" Race Date: 11/05/2017

Rank	Car #	OWNER	Points	Behind Leader	Race Wins	Stage Wins	Playoff Points	Qualifying Attempts
1	78	Furniture Row Racing	4168	0	7	19	69	34
2	18	Joe Gibbs Racing	4118	50	5	14	42	34
3	4	Stewart-Haas Racing	4112	56	2	6	17	34
4	2	Team Penske	4111	57	3	8	26	34
5	11	Joe Gibbs Racing	4092	76	2	3	14	34
6	21	Wood Brothers Racing	4089	79	1	4	9	34
7	24	Hendrick Motorsports	4062	106	0	3	6	34
8	48	Hendrick Motorsports	4060	108	3	1	17	34
9	42	Chip Ganassi Racing	2255	1913	4	5	0	34
10	20	Joe Gibbs Racing	2255	1913	0	3	0	34
11	41	Stewart-Haas Racing	2177	1991	1	0	0	34
12	5	Hendrick Motorsports	2176	1992	1	0	0	34
13	3	Richard Childress Racing	2175	1993	1	0	0	34
14	17	Roush Fenway Racing	2171	1997	2	0	0	34
15	1	Chip Ganassi Racing	2165	2003	0	0	0	34
16	31	Richard Childress Racing	2147	2021	1	0	0	34
17	22	Team Penske	869	3299	1	1	0	34
18	14	Stewart-Haas Racing	820	3348	0	1	0	34
19	77	Furniture Row Racing	802	3366	0	0	0	34
20	19	Joe Gibbs Racing	755	3413	0	1	0	34
21	6	Roush Fenway Racing	641	3527	0	0	0	34
22	88	Hendrick Motorsports	629	3539	0	0	0	34
23	27	Richard Childress Racing	588	3580	0	0	0	34
24	43	Richard Petty Motorsports	567	3601	0	0	0	34
25	13	Germain Racing	556	3612	0	0	0	34
26	37	JTG Daugherty Racing	546	3622	0	0	0	34
27	95	Leavine Family Racing	514	3654	0	0	0	34
28	10	Stewart-Haas Racing	498	3670	0	0	0	34
29	47	JTG Daugherty Racing	494	3674	0	0	0	34
30	38	Front Row Motorsports	423	3745	0	0	0	34
31	34	Front Row Motorsports	355	3813	0	0	0	34
32	32	GO FAS Racing	346	3822	0	0	0	34
33	72	TriStar Motorsports	312	3856	0	0	0	34
34	15	Premium Motorsports	223	3945	0	0	0	34
35	23	BK Racing	218	3950	0	0	0	34
36	83	BK Racing	210	3958	0	0	0	32
37	33	Circle Sport / TMG	147	4021	0	0	0	34
38	55	Premium Motorsports	99	4069	0	0	0	27
39	7	Tommy Baldwin Racing	91	4077	0	0	0	10
40	175	Beard Motorsports	85	4083	0	0	0	4
41	51	Rick Ware Racing	78	4090	0	0	0	28
42	266	Motorsports Business Management	56	4112	0	0	0	11
43	96	Gaunt Brothers Racing	1	4167	0	0	0	2
44	00	StarCom Racing	1	4167	0	0	0	1