

MONSTER ENERGY NASCAR CUP SERIES OFFICIAL RACE REPORT No. 29



59TH ANNUAL BANK OF AMERICA ROVAL 400

CHARLOTTE MOTOR SPEEDWAY

Concord, NC - September 30, 2018

2.28-Mile Paved Road Course

109 Laps - 248.5 Miles



TIME OF RACE: 3 hours, 1 minutes, 34 seconds

AVERAGE SPEED: 82.125 mph

MARGIN OF VICTORY: 0.792 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	9	12	Ryan Blaney	Menards/Pennzoil Ford	109	10	1	51	Running	2	16	6
2	8	1	Jamie McMurray	DC Solar Chevrolet	109			35	Running	1	1	
3	7	14	Clint Bowyer	Mobil 1/Advance Auto Parts Ford	109	3	5	48	Running			
4	3	88	Alex Bowman	Axalta Chevrolet	109	9	8	38	Running			
5	1	41	Kurt Busch	Haas Automation/Monster Energy Ford	109	2	3	49	Running	2	7	
6	4	9	Chase Elliott	SunEnergy1 Chevrolet	109	5	6	42	Running			
7	2	47	AJ Allmendinger	Kroger ClickList Chevrolet	109	8		33	Running			
8	6	48	Jimmie Johnson	Lowe's for Pros Chevrolet	109	6	2	43	Running			
9	19	4	Kevin Harvick	Jimmy John's New 9-Grain Wheat Sub Ford	109			28	Running			
10	15	22	Joey Logano	Shell Pennzoil Ford	109		4	34	Running			
11	29	31	Ryan Newman	Grainger/American Red Cross Chevrolet	109			26	Running			
12	27	11	Denny Hamlin	FedEx Freight Toyota	109			25	Running			
13	28	32	Matt DiBenedetto	Superior Logistics Services Inc. Ford	109			24	Running			
14	13	78	Martin Truex Jr	Auto-Owners Insurance Toyota	109	4		30	Running	1	5	
15	32	95	Regan Smith	Procore Chevrolet	109			22	Running			
16	30	38	David Ragan	MDS Transport Ford	109			21	Running			
17	10	37	Chris Buescher	Maple Cheerios Chevrolet	109			20	Running			
18	18	34	Michael McDowell	K-LOVE Radio Ford	109			19	Running			
19	20	10	Aric Almirola	Smithfield Ford	109			18	Running			
20	33	72	Cole Whitt	Rinnai Chevrolet	109			17	Running			
21	17	19	Daniel Suarez	Lenox Toyota	109			16	Running			
22	26	13	Ty Dillon	GEICO Chevrolet	109			15	Running			
23	11	8	Daniel Hemric (i)	Smokey Mountain Herbal Snuff Chevrolet	109		10	0	Running			
24	35	7	Ross Chastain (i)	SOKAL Media Group Chevrolet	109			0	Running			
25	5	42	Kyle Larson	Clover/First Data Chevrolet	109	1	9	24	Running	2	47	1
26	37	96	Jeffrey Earnhardt	iK9/Xtreme Concepts Toyota	109			11	Running			
27	31	15	Justin Marks (i)	GoPro Motorplex/Pickers Vodka Chevrolet	108			0	Running			
28	36	23	JJ Yeley (i)	Adirondack Tree Surgeons Toyota	108			0	Running			
29	38	00	Landon Cassill (i)	Dairi O Chevrolet	108			0	Running			
30	12	20	Erik Jones	Reser's Toyota	108			7	Running			
31	25	2	Brad Keselowski	Alliance Truck Parts Ford	103			6	Accident	1	29	
32	14	18	Kyle Busch	M&M's Toyota	103	7		9	Accident			
33	22	21	Paul Menard	Motorcraft/Quick Lane Tire & Auto Center Ford	103			4	Accident	1	2	
34	21	24	William Byron #	Unifirst Chevrolet	103			3	Accident			
35	16	6	Trevor Bayne	AdvoCare Rehydrate Ford	103			2	Accident			
36	34	43	Bubba Wallace #	World Wide Technology Chevrolet	103			1	Accident			
37	23	17	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	SunnyD Ford	100			1	Accident	1	2	
38	40	66	Timmy Hill (i)	Ternio Toyota	70			0	Axle			
39	24	3	Austin Dillon	Dow Chevrolet	64		7	5	Accident			
40	39	51	Stanton Barrett	Jacob Companies Ford	11			1	Accident			

Sunoco Rookie of the Year Contender.

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Stage 1 Top 10: 42, 41, 14, 78, 9, 48, 18, 47, 88, 12

Stage 2 Top 10: 12, 48, 41, 22, 14, 9, 3, 88, 42, 8

Race Comments: Ryan Blaney won the inaugural Bank of America ROVAL 400 at the Charlotte Motor Speedway Road Course, 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. 11, 2, 20, 43 (Back-up car), 95 (engine change).

Failed to Qualify: n/a

Caution Flags: 8 cautions for 16 laps. [Beneficiary in Brackets] 15-16 (Car #51 Incident Turn 1 [66]); 27-29 (Stage 1 Conclusion [66]); 52-54 (Stage 2 Conclusion [66]); 60-61 (Debris [72]); 67 (Car #3 Incident Turn 15 [72]); 70-71 (Car #10, 37 Incident Turn 5 [72]); 103 (Car #17 Incident Turn 1. [96]); 105-106 (Car #2, 42, 21, 6, 18, 8, 13, 10, 43, 34, 12, 31, 24, 7 Incident Turn 1 [Red Flag 14:27] [72]).

Lead Changes: 10 lead changes among 8 drivers. Ku. Busch 1-6, Larson 7-36, Blaney 37-51, Ku. Busch 52, Larson 53-69, McMurray 70, Stenhouse Jr 71-72, Menard 73-74, Keselowski 75-103, Truex Jr 104-108, Blaney 109.

BUSCH POLE AWARD: Kurt Busch (106.868 mph. 76.805 secs.)

AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD: Kyle Larson

MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER OF THE RACE: Roush-Yates Engines (#41)

MOBIL 1 PERFORMANCE AWARD: Daniel Suarez (87 passes)

MOOG GO THE EXTRA MILE AWARD: Kevin Harvick (crew chief Rodney Childers, 0.123 seconds)

SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE RACE: William Byron

MANUFACTURERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

	Pts	Wins
Ford	1,050	(15)
Toyota	1,040	(12)
Chevrolet	950	(2)

AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD

Kevin Harvick	(#4)	8
Kyle Busch	(#18)	5
Martin Truex Jr	(#78)	5

MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER

Roush/Yates	(#4)	371
TRD	(#18)	363
Hendrick	(#42)	246

MOBIL 1 PERFORMANCE AWARD

Daniel Suarez	(#19)	5
Ricky Stenhouse Jr	(#17)	5
Kyle Larson	(#42)	4

MOOG GO THE EXTRA MILE AWARD

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

BUSCH POLE AWARD

Martin Truex Jr	4
Kurt Busch	4
Kyle Busch	3
Kevin Harvick	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	486
BUBBA WALLACE	370

NEXT EVENT: October 7, 2018 - 49th Annual Gander Outdoors 400, Dover International Speedway, Dover, DE (400 Miles) (400 Laps)

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MONSTER ENERGY NASCAR CUP SERIES DRIVER LEADERS

Race #29: 59TH ANNUAL BANK OF AMERICA ROVAL "400" Race Date: 09/30/2018

Rank	DRIVER	Points	Behind Leader	Race Wins	Stage Wins	Playoff Points
1	KYLE BUSCH	3055	0	7	5	55
2	KEVIN HARVICK	3050	5	7	12	50
3	MARTIN TRUEX	3038	17	4	10	38
4	BRAD KESELOWSKI	3025	30	3	5	25
5	CLINT BOWYER	3015	40	2	1	15
6	JOEY LOGANO	3014	41	1	3	14
7	KURT BUSCH	3014	41	1	2	14
8	RYAN BLANEY	3013	42	1	6	13
9	CHASE ELLIOTT	3008	47	1	3	8
10	KYLE LARSON	3006	49	0	4	6
11	ARIC ALMIROLA	3001	54	0	1	1
12	ALEX BOWMAN	3000	55	0	0	0
13	JIMMIE JOHNSON	2097	958	0	0	0
14	AUSTIN DILLON	2071	984	1	0	5
15	DENNY HAMLIN	2056	999	0	2	3
16	ERIK JONES	2046	1009	1	0	5
17	RYAN NEWMAN	609	2446	0	0	0
18	PAUL MENARD	570	2485	0	1	0
19	DANIEL SUAREZ	566	2489	0	0	0
20	JAMIE MCMURRAY	553	2502	0	0	0
21	RICKY STENHOUSE	553	2502	0	2	0
22	WILLIAM BYRON	486	2569	0	0	0
23	CHRIS BUESCHER	465	2590	0	0	0
24	A J ALLMENDINGER	456	2599	0	1	0
25	DAVID RAGAN	426	2629	0	0	0
26	MICHAEL MCDOWELL	421	2634	0	0	0
27	BUBBA WALLACE	370	2685	0	0	0
28	TY DILLON	369	2686	0	0	0
29	KASEY KAHNE	358	2697	0	0	0
30	MATT DIBENEDETTO	308	2747	0	0	0
31	TREVOR BAYNE	240	2815	0	0	0
32	MATT KENSETH	176	2879	0	1	0
33	COREY LAJOIE	125	2930	0	0	0
34	GRAY GAULDING	119	2936	0	0	0
35	COLE WHITT	107	2948	0	0	0
36	JEFFREY EARNHARDT	102	2953	0	0	0
37	REGAN SMITH	70	2985	0	0	0
38	REED SORENSON	60	2995	0	0	0
39	KYLE WEATHERMAN	27	3028	0	0	0
40	HARRISON RHODES	23	3032	0	0	0
41	BLAKE JONES	21	3034	0	0	0
42	MARK THOMPSON	15	3040	0	0	0
43	DERRIKE COPE	8	3047	0	0	0
44	CHRIS COOK	6	3049	0	0	0
45	TOMY DRISSI	5	3050	0	0	0
46	DANICA PATRICK	2	3053	0	0	0
47	CODY WARE	1	3054	0	0	0
48	ALON DAY	1	3054	0	0	0
49	STANTON BARRETT	1	3054	0	0	0
50	BRENDAN GAUGHAN	0	3055	0	0	0
51	JUSTIN MARKS	0	3055	0	0	0
52	D J KENNINGTON	0	3055	0	0	0
53	DAVID GILLILAND	0	3055	0	0	0
54	RAY BLACK	0	3055	0	0	0
55	JJ YELEY	0	3055	0	0	0
56	ROSS CHASTAIN	0	3055	0	0	0
57	LANDON CASSILL	0	3055	0	0	0
58	PARKER KLIGERMAN	0	3055	0	0	0
59	DANIEL HEMRIC	0	3055	0	0	0
60	TIMOTHY PETERS	0	3055	0	0	0
61	COLE CUSTER	0	3055	0	0	0
62	JOEY GASE	0	3055	0	0	0
63	BJ MCLEOD	0	3055	0	0	0
64	TIMMY HILL	0	3055	0	0	0
65	GARRETT SMITHLEY	0	3055	0	0	0
66	CHAD FINCHUM	0	3055	0	0	0
67	JESSE LITTLE	0	3055	0	0	0
68	SPENCER GALLAGHER	0	3055	0	0	0
69	JOSH BILICKI	0	3055	0	0	0
70	DAVID STARR	0	3055	0	0	0

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Rank	Car #	OWNER	Points	Behind Leader	Race Wins	Stage Wins	Playoff Points	Qualifying Attempts
1	18	Joe Gibbs Racing	3055	0	7	5	55	29
2	4	Stewart-Haas Racing	3050	5	7	12	50	29
3	78	Furniture Row Racing	3038	17	4	10	38	29
4	2	Team Penske	3025	30	3	5	25	29
5	14	Stewart-Haas Racing	3015	40	2	1	15	29
6	22	Team Penske	3014	41	1	3	14	29
7	41	Stewart-Haas Racing	3014	41	1	2	14	29
8	12	Team Penske	3013	42	1	6	13	29
9	9	Hendrick Motorsports	3008	47	1	3	8	29
10	42	Chip Ganassi Racing	3006	49	0	4	6	29
11	10	Stewart-Haas Racing	3001	54	0	1	1	29
12	88	Hendrick Motorsports	3000	55	0	0	0	29
13	48	Hendrick Motorsports	2097	958	0	0	0	29
14	3	Richard Childress Racing	2071	984	1	0	5	29
15	11	Joe Gibbs Racing	2056	999	0	2	3	29
16	20	Joe Gibbs Racing	2046	1009	1	0	5	29
17	31	Richard Childress Racing	609	2446	0	0	0	29
18	21	Wood Brothers Racing	570	2485	0	1	0	29
19	19	Joe Gibbs Racing	566	2489	0	0	0	29
20	1	Chip Ganassi Racing	553	2502	0	0	0	29
21	17	Roush Fenway Racing	553	2502	0	2	0	29
22	24	Hendrick Motorsports	486	2569	0	0	0	29
23	37	JTG Daugherty Racing	465	2590	0	0	0	29
24	47	JTG Daugherty Racing	456	2599	0	1	0	29
25	95	Leavine Family Racing	428	2627	0	0	0	29
26	38	Front Row Motorsports	426	2629	0	0	0	29
27	34	Front Row Motorsports	421	2634	0	0	0	29
28	6	Roush Fenway Racing	416	2639	0	1	0	29
29	43	Richard Petty Motorsports	370	2685	0	0	0	29
30	13	Germain Racing	369	2686	0	0	0	29
31	32	GO FAS Racing	308	2747	0	0	0	29
32	15	Premium Motorsports	261	2794	0	0	0	29
33	72	TriStar Motorsports	232	2823	0	0	0	29
34	00	StarCom Racing	207	2848	0	0	0	29
35	23	BK Racing	204	2851	0	0	0	29
36	51	Rick Ware Racing	164	2891	0	0	0	29
37	96	Gaunt Brothers Racing	159	2896	0	0	0	17
38	107	Premium Motorsports	133	2922	0	0	0	21
39	199	StarCom Racing	56	2999	0	0	0	13
40	162	Beard Motorsports	49	3006	0	0	0	3
41	66	Motorsports Business Management	40	3015	0	0	0	14
42	92	RBR Enterprises	37	3018	0	0	0	3
43	8	Richard Childress Racing	20	3035	0	0	0	2
44	166	Phoenix Air Racing	15	3040	0	0	0	1
45	52	Rick Ware Racing	15	3040	0	0	0	5
46	7	NY Racing Team	1	3054	0	0	0	1