

# NASCAR Cup Series Race Number 2

Race Results for the Pala Casino 400 - Sunday, February 26, 2023

Auto Club Speedway - Fontana, CA - 2. - Mile Paved

Total Race Length - 200 Laps - 400. Miles



| Fin | Str | Car | Driver             | Team                                   | Laps | Stage 1 |     | Stage 2 |     | Pts | Status   | Tms | Playoff |     |
|-----|-----|-----|--------------------|----------------------------------------|------|---------|-----|---------|-----|-----|----------|-----|---------|-----|
|     |     |     |                    |                                        |      | Pos     | Pos | Pos     | Pos |     |          |     | Laps    | Pts |
| 1   | 21  | 8   | Kyle Busch         | Lucas Oil Chevrolet                    | 200  |         |     | 2       |     | 49  | Running  | 3   | 27      | 5   |
| 2   | 33  | 9   | Chase Elliott      | NAPA Auto Parts Chevrolet              | 200  | 10      |     | 7       |     | 40  | Running  | 1   | 1       |     |
| 3   | 8   | 1   | Ross Chastain      | Kubota Chevrolet                       | 200  | 1       |     | 1       |     | 54  | Running  | 5   | 91      | 2   |
| 4   | 7   | 99  | Daniel Suarez      | Freeway Insurance Chevrolet            | 200  | 3       |     | 5       |     | 47  | Running  |     |         |     |
| 5   | 10  | 4   | Kevin Harvick      | GEARWRENCH Ford                        | 200  | 8       |     | 4       |     | 42  | Running  | 2   | 5       |     |
| 6   | 13  | 11  | Denny Hamlin       | Sport Clips Haircuts Toyota            | 200  | 5       |     | 6       |     | 42  | Running  | 3   | 11      |     |
| 7   | 16  | 6   | Brad Keselowski    | Castrol Edge Ford                      | 200  |         |     | 9       |     | 32  | Running  | 1   | 2       |     |
| 8   | 4   | 48  | Alex Bowman        | Ally Chevrolet                         | 200  | 4       |     | 8       |     | 39  | Running  | 2   | 17      |     |
| 9   | 28  | 3   | Austin Dillon      | Dow Coatings Chevrolet                 | 200  |         |     |         |     | 28  | Running  | 1   | 3       |     |
| 10  | 3   | 22  | Joey Logano        | AAA Southern California Ford           | 200  | 7       |     | 3       |     | 39  | Running  | 6   | 19      |     |
| 11  | 14  | 19  | Martin Truex Jr    | Reser's Fine Foods Toyota              | 200  | 9       |     |         |     | 28  | Running  |     |         |     |
| 12  | 2   | 47  | Ricky Stenhouse Jr | Ralphs/Tree Top Chevrolet              | 200  |         |     |         |     | 25  | Running  |     |         |     |
| 13  | 5   | 17  | Chris Buescher     | Pala Casino Ford                       | 200  |         |     |         |     | 24  | Running  |     |         |     |
| 14  | 12  | 7   | Corey LaJoie       | NEGU Chevrolet                         | 200  |         |     | 10      |     | 24  | Running  |     |         |     |
| 15  | 24  | 21  | Harrison Burton    | DEX Imaging Ford                       | 200  |         |     |         |     | 22  | Running  |     |         |     |
| 16  | 23  | 54  | Ty Gibbs #         | Monster Energy Toyota                  | 200  |         |     |         |     | 21  | Running  |     |         |     |
| 17  | 25  | 38  | Todd Gilliland     | Long John Silver's Ford                | 200  |         |     |         |     | 20  | Running  |     |         |     |
| 18  | 26  | 34  | Michael McDowell   | Horizon Hobby Ford                     | 200  |         |     |         |     | 19  | Running  | 1   | 6       |     |
| 19  | 34  | 43  | Erik Jones         | Allegiant Chevrolet                    | 200  |         |     |         |     | 18  | Running  |     |         |     |
| 20  | 31  | 14  | Chase Briscoe      | Rush Truck Centers/MobilDelvac Ford    | 200  |         |     |         |     | 17  | Running  |     |         |     |
| 21  | 29  | 31  | Justin Haley       | LeafFilter Gutter Protection Chevrolet | 199  |         |     |         |     | 16  | Running  |     |         |     |
| 22  | 20  | 42  | Noah Gragson #     | Sunseeker Resort Chevrolet             | 199  |         |     |         |     | 15  | Running  | 1   | 1       |     |
| 23  | 22  | 15  | JJ Yeley           | ActOne Group Ford                      | 199  |         |     |         |     | 14  | Running  |     |         |     |
| 24  | 30  | 78  | BJ McLeod          | American Hartford Gold Chevrolet       | 199  |         |     |         |     | 13  | Running  |     |         |     |
| 25  | 32  | 24  | William Byron      | RaptorTough.com Chevrolet              | 198  | 6       |     |         |     | 17  | Running  |     |         |     |
| 26  | 9   | 12  | Ryan Blaney        | Wurth Ford                             | 196  | 2       |     |         |     | 20  | Running  | 2   | 16      |     |
| 27  | 11  | 51  | Cody Ware          | Biohaven Ford                          | 195  |         |     |         |     | 10  | Running  |     |         |     |
| 28  | 19  | 2   | Austin Cindric     | Menards/Quaker State Ford              | 194  |         |     |         |     | 9   | Running  |     |         |     |
| 29  | 15  | 5   | Kyle Larson        | HendrickCars.com Chevrolet             | 185  |         |     |         |     | 8   | Running  |     |         |     |
| 30  | 18  | 23  | Bubba Wallace      | Leidos Toyota                          | 172  |         |     |         |     | 7   | Engine   |     |         |     |
| 31  | 36  | 77  | Ty Dillon          | NationsGuard Chevrolet                 | 140  |         |     |         |     | 6   | Engine   |     |         |     |
| 32  | 1   | 20  | Christopher Bell   | Sirius XM Toyota                       | 88   |         |     |         |     | 5   | Accident | 1   | 1       |     |
| 33  | 27  | 41  | Ryan Preece        | HaasTooling.com Ford                   | 87   |         |     |         |     | 4   | Accident |     |         |     |
| 34  | 35  | 45  | Tyler Reddick      | The Beast Unleashed Toyota             | 87   |         |     |         |     | 3   | Accident |     |         |     |
| 35  | 17  | 10  | Aric Almirola      | Smithfield Ford                        | 86   |         |     |         |     | 2   | Accident |     |         |     |
| 36  | 6   | 16  | AJ Allmendinger    | Farmsmart Chevrolet                    | 75   |         |     |         |     | 1   | Accident |     |         |     |

**Time of Race:** 3 Hrs, 8 Mins, 5 Secs.

**Average Speed:** 127.603 MPH

**Margin of Victory:** 2.998 Seconds

**Stage 1 Top 10:** 1, 12, 99, 48, 11, 24, 22, 4, 19, 9

**Stage 2 Top 10:** 1, 8, 22, 4, 99, 11, 9, 48, 6, 7

**Race Comments:** Kyle Busch won the 26th running of the Pala Casino 400 at Auto Club Speedway, his 61st victory in the 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: None.

**Failed to Qualify:** None.

**Caution Flags:** 8 for 38 laps; Laps: 17-20 (Competition Caution [None]); 43-46 (#6, 7 Incident Backstretch [51]); 67-72 (Stage 1 Conclusion [14]); 76-79 (#16 Incident Backstretch [6]); 82-86 (#7 Spin Turn 4 [51]); 88-92 (#41, 20, 12, 10, 45, 51, 77, 31, 38 Incident Frontstretch [19]); 132-137 (Stage 2 Conclusion [42]); 142-145 (#77 Stopped on Track [19]).

**Lead Changes:** 28 among 13 drivers; C. Bell 1; A. Bowman 2-17; R. Chastain 18-27; J. Logano 28-29; R. Blaney 30-42; J. Logano 43; R. Blaney 44-46; R. Chastain 47-67; A. Bowman 68; R. Chastain 69-72; D. Hamlin 73-74; J. Logano 75-76; A. Dillon 77-79; N. Gragson # 80; J. Logano 81-92; D. Hamlin 93-97; R. Chastain 98-132; J. Logano 133; K. Harvick 134-137; K. Busch 138-141; J. Logano 142; K. Busch 143-144; K. Harvick 145; R. Chastain 146-166; C. Elliott 167; D. Hamlin 168-171; B. Keselowski 172-173; M. McDowell 174-179; K. Busch 180-200.

(i) Ineligible for driver points in this series

**Next Race:** March 5, 2023 - Las Vegas Motor Speedway

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