

MONSTER ENERGY NASCAR CUP SERIES OFFICIAL RACE REPORT No. 34



14TH ANNUAL AAA TEXAS 500
 TEXAS MOTOR SPEEDWAY
 Fort Worth, TX - November 4, 2018
 1.5-mile Paved Tri-oval
 337 Laps - 505.5 Miles



TIME OF RACE: 3 hours, 21 minutes, 27 seconds

AVERAGE SPEED: 150.558 mph

MARGIN OF VICTORY: 0.447 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	337	1	1	60	Running	5	177	
2	1	12	Ryan Blaney	Accella/Carlisle Ford	337	4	2	51	Running	3	40	
3	8	22	Joey Logano	AAA Insurance Ford	337	6	5	45	Running	4	54	
4	12	20	Erik Jones	Sport Clips Toyota	337	3	7	45	Running			
5	22	42	Kyle Larson	DC Solar Chevrolet	337			32	Running			
6	16	9	Chase Elliott	Kelley Blue Book Chevrolet	337	9	10	34	Running			
7	7	41	Kurt Busch	State Water Heaters Ford	337	2	8	42	Running			
8	4	10	Aric Almirola	Smithfield Spirals Ford	337	10	6	35	Running			
9	13	78	Martin Truex Jr	Bass Pro Shops/5-hour ENERGY Toyota	337	5	3	42	Running			
10	26	3	Austin Dillon	Dow NORKOOL Chevrolet	337			27	Running			
11	17	17	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	Fastenal Ford	337			26	Running			
12	5	2	Brad Keselowski	Wurth Ford	337		4	32	Running	1	50	
13	11	21	Paul Menard	Menards/Cardell Ford	337	8		27	Running			
14	18	88	Alex Bowman	Axalta Chevrolet	337			23	Running	1	3	
15	23	48	Jimmie Johnson	Lowe's for Pros Chevrolet	337			22	Running	2	11	
16	9	24	William Byron #	Hendrick Autoguard Chevrolet	337			21	Running			
17	10	18	Kyle Busch	M&M's Toyota	337	7		24	Running			
18	14	31	Ryan Newman	Caterpillar Next Gen Excavator Chevrolet	335			19	Running			
19	20	1	Jamie McMurray	Sherwin-Williams Chevrolet	335			18	Running			
20	25	47	AJ Allmendinger	Kroger ClickList Chevrolet	335			17	Running			
21	15	6	Trevor Bayne	AdvoCare Rehydrate Ford	335			16	Running			
22	24	13	Ty Dillon	GEICO Military Chevrolet	335			15	Running			
23	21	37	Chris Buescher	Clorox Chevrolet	335			14	Running			
24	27	38	David Ragan	Earthwater Ford	335			13	Running			
25	30	43	Bubba Wallace #	NASCAR Racing Experience Chevrolet	335			12	Running	1	2	
26	2	14	Clint Bowyer	Rush Truck Centers/Mobil Delvac 1 Ford	334			11	Running			
27	28	95	Regan Smith	Procore Chevrolet	332			10	Running			
28	19	19	Daniel Suarez	ARRIS Toyota	332		9	11	Running			
29	29	34	Michael McDowell	Love's/Luber Finer Ford	331			8	Running			
30	6	11	Denny Hamlin	FedEx Office Toyota	331			7	Running			
31	34	96	Parker Kligerman(i)	Gaunt Brothers Racing Toyota	329			0	Running			
32	33	15	Ross Chastain(i)	Low T Center Chevrolet	326			0	Running			
33	38	7	Reed Sorenson(i)	Sustainable Quarry Crypto Mining Chevrolet	326			0	Running			
34	36	99	Kyle Weatherman	StarCom Fiber Chevrolet	323			3	Running			
35	32	00	Landon Cassill(i)	Brookshire's Chevrolet	321			0	Running			
36	35	23	JJ Yeley(i)	maximum elevation off-road Toyota	321			0	Running			
37	39	51	Joey Gase(i)	Jacob Companies/Donate Life Texas Ford	317			0	Running			
38	31	32	Matt DiBenedetto	Can-Am/Wholey Ford	300			1	Accident			
39	40	97	David Starr(i)	Toyota	287			0	Running			
40	37	72	Corey Lajoie	Gas Monkey Garage Chevrolet	269			1	Running			

Sunoco Rookie of the Year Contender.
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Stage 1 Top 10: 4, 41, 20, 12, 78, 22, 18, 21, 9, 10
 Stage 2 Top 10: 4, 12, 78, 2, 22, 10, 20, 41, 19, 9

Race Comments: Kevin Harvick won the AAA Texas 500 at Texas Motor Speedway, his 45th 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. 19, 37, 78 (engine change), 32 (transmission change), 24, 48 (failed pre-race inspection) and 10 (unapproved body modification).

Failed to Qualify: n/a

Caution Flags: 8 cautions for 37 laps. [Beneficiary in Brackets] 32-36 (Competition Caution [38]); 87-92 (Stage 1 Conclusion [38]); 98-100 (Car #24, 48 Incident Turn 3 [43]); 172-176 (Stage 2 Conclusion [37]); 226-230 (Car #19 Incident Turn 2 [None]); 298-302 (Car #97 Incident Turn 2 [78]); 307-310 (Car #43, 37, 32 Incident Backstretch [17]); 332-335 (Car #19, 51, 47 Incident Turn 2 [18]).

Lead Changes: 16 lead changes among 7 drivers. Blaney 1-32, Harvick 33-131, Logano 132-152, Bowman 153-155, Wallace 156-157, Johnson 158-159, Harvick 160-172, Logano 173-176, Keselowski 177-226, Blaney 227, Logano 228-253, Harvick 254-280, Logano 281-283, Johnson 284-292, Harvick 293-310, Blaney 311-317, Harvick 318-337.

BUSCH POLE AWARD: Ryan Blaney (200.505 mph, 26.932 secs.)
 AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD: Kevin Harvick
 FASTEST LAP AWARD: Ryan Blaney (Lap 313, 194.098 MPH)
 MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER OF THE RACE: Roush-Yates Engines (#4)

MOBIL 1 DRIVER OF THE RACE: Aric Almirola (80 Passes)
 MOOG GO THE EXTRA MILE AWARD: Kyle Larson (crew chief Chad Johnston, 0.238 seconds)
 SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE RACE: William Byron

MANUFACTURERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

	Pts	Wins
Ford	1,235	(18)
Toyota	1,211	(12)
Chevrolet	1,123	(4)

AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD

Kevin Harvick	(#4)	10
Kyle Busch	(#18)	5
Martin Truex Jr	(#78)	5

FASTEST LAP AWARD

Kevin Harvick	(#4)	10
Kyle Busch	(#18)	5
Joey Logano	(#22)	5

MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER

Roush/Yates	(#4)	423
TRD	(#18)	403
Roush/Yates	(#22)	307

MOBIL 1 DRIVER OF THE RACE

Aric Almirola	(#10)	1
AJ Allmendinger	(#47)	1
Michael McDowell	(#34)	1

MOOG GO THE EXTRA MILE AWARD

Adam Stevens	(#18)	5
Paul Wolfe	(#2)	4
Chad Johnston	(#42)	4

BUSCH POLE AWARD

Kurt Busch	5
Kyle Busch	4
Martin Truex Jr	4
Kevin Harvick	3
Ryan Blaney	3
Denny Hamlin	3
Kyle Larson	3
Joey Logano	1
Chase Elliott	1
Erik Jones	1
Alex Bowman	1
Paul Menard	1
Daniel Suarez	1

SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

WILLIAM BYRON	544
BUBBA WALLACE	428

NEXT EVENT: November 11, 2018 - 31st Annual Can-Am 500, ISM Raceway, Avondale, AZ (500 Miles) (312 Laps)

MONSTER ENERGY NASCAR CUP SERIES DRIVER LEADERS

Race #34: 14TH ANNUAL AAA TEXAS "500" Race Date: 11/04/2018

Rank	DRIVER	Points	Behind Leader	Race Wins	Stage Wins	Playoff Points
1	KEVIN HARVICK	4143	0	8	18	54
2	KYLE BUSCH	4128	15	7	5	55
3	MARTIN TRUEX	4125	18	4	10	38
4	JOEY LOGANO	4119	24	2	5	15
5	KURT BUSCH	4100	43	1	3	15
6	CHASE ELLIOTT	4086	57	3	3	18
7	ARIC ALMIROLA	4068	75	1	1	6
8	CLINT BOWYER	4052	91	2	1	15
9	RYAN BLANEY	2283	1860	1	6	0
10	BRAD KESELOWSKI	2259	1884	3	5	0
11	DENNY HAMLIN	2220	1923	0	3	0
12	KYLE LARSON	2211	1932	0	4	0
13	ERIK JONES	2204	1939	1	0	0
14	JIMMIE JOHNSON	2195	1948	0	0	0
15	ALEX BOWMAN	2187	1956	0	0	0
16	AUSTIN DILLON	2184	1959	1	0	0
17	RYAN NEWMAN	721	3422	0	0	0
18	RICKY STENHOUSE	676	3467	0	2	0
19	PAUL MENARD	672	3471	0	1	0
20	DANIEL SUAREZ	666	3477	0	0	0
21	JAMIE MCMURRAY	633	3510	0	0	0
22	A J ALLMENDINGER	560	3583	0	1	0
23	CHRIS BUESCHER	552	3591	0	0	0
24	WILLIAM BYRON	544	3599	0	0	0
25	DAVID RAGAN	490	3653	0	0	0
26	MICHAEL MCDOWELL	463	3680	0	0	0
27	TY DILLON	449	3694	0	0	0
28	BUBBA WALLACE	428	3715	0	0	0
29	KASEY KAHNE	358	3785	0	0	0
30	MATT DIBENEDETTO	341	3802	0	0	0
31	TREVOR BAYNE	287	3856	0	0	0
32	MATT KENSETH	207	3936	0	1	0
33	REGAN SMITH	141	4002	0	0	0
34	COREY LAJOIE	141	4002	0	0	0
35	COLE WHITT	120	4023	0	0	0
36	GRAY GAULDING	119	4024	0	0	0
37	JEFFREY EARNHARDT	110	4033	0	0	0
38	KYLE WEATHERMAN	32	4111	0	0	0
39	HARRISON RHODES	24	4119	0	0	0
40	BLAKE JONES	21	4122	0	0	0
41	MARK THOMPSON	15	4128	0	0	0
42	DERRIKE COPE	8	4135	0	0	0
43	CHRIS COOK	6	4137	0	0	0
44	TOMY DRISSI	5	4138	0	0	0
45	DANICA PATRICK	2	4141	0	0	0
46	CODY WARE	2	4141	0	0	0
47	ALON DAY	1	4142	0	0	0
48	STANTON BARRETT	1	4142	0	0	0
49	HERMIE SADLER	1	4142	0	0	0
50	BRENDAN GAUGHAN	0	4143	0	0	0
51	JUSTIN MARKS	0	4143	0	0	0
52	D J KENNINGTON	0	4143	0	0	0
53	DAVID GILLILAND	0	4143	0	0	0
54	RAY BLACK	0	4143	0	0	0
55	JJ YELEY	0	4143	0	0	0
56	LANDON CASSILL	0	4143	0	0	0
57	ROSS CHASTAIN	0	4143	0	0	0
58	JOEY GASE	0	4143	0	0	0
59	PARKER KLIGERMAN	0	4143	0	0	0
60	DANIEL HEMRIC	0	4143	0	0	0
61	TIMOTHY PETERS	0	4143	0	0	0
62	COLE CUSTER	0	4143	0	0	0
63	REED SORENSON	0	4143	0	0	0
64	BJ MCLEOD	0	4143	0	0	0
65	TIMMY HILL	0	4143	0	0	0
66	GARRETT SMITHLEY	0	4143	0	0	0
67	CHAD FINCHUM	0	4143	0	0	0
68	JEB BURTON	0	4143	0	0	0
69	JESSE LITTLE	0	4143	0	0	0
70	SPENCER GALLAGHER	0	4143	0	0	0
71	JOSH BILICKI	0	4143	0	0	0
72	DAVID STARR	0	4143	0	0	0

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MONSTER ENERGY NASCAR CUP SERIES OWNER LEADERS

Race #34: 14TH ANNUAL AAA TEXAS "500" Race Date: 11/04/2018

Rank	Car #	OWNER	Points	Behind Leader	Race Wins	Stage Wins	Playoff Points	Qualifying Attempts
1	4	Stewart-Haas Racing	4143	0	8	18	54	34
2	18	Joe Gibbs Racing	4128	15	7	5	55	34
3	78	Furniture Row Racing	4125	18	4	10	38	34
4	22	Team Penske	4119	24	2	5	15	34
5	41	Stewart-Haas Racing	4100	43	1	3	15	34
6	9	Hendrick Motorsports	4086	57	3	3	18	34
7	10	Stewart-Haas Racing	4068	75	1	1	6	34
8	14	Stewart-Haas Racing	4052	91	2	1	15	34
9	12	Team Penske	2283	1860	1	6	0	34
10	2	Team Penske	2259	1884	3	5	0	34
11	11	Joe Gibbs Racing	2220	1923	0	3	0	34
12	42	Chip Ganassi Racing	2211	1932	0	4	0	34
13	20	Joe Gibbs Racing	2204	1939	1	0	0	34
14	48	Hendrick Motorsports	2195	1948	0	0	0	34
15	88	Hendrick Motorsports	2187	1956	0	0	0	34
16	3	Richard Childress Racing	2184	1959	1	0	0	34
17	31	Richard Childress Racing	721	3422	0	0	0	34
18	17	Roush Fenway Racing	676	3467	0	2	0	34
19	21	Wood Brothers Racing	672	3471	0	1	0	34
20	19	Joe Gibbs Racing	666	3477	0	0	0	34
21	1	Chip Ganassi Racing	633	3510	0	0	0	34
22	47	JTG Daugherty Racing	560	3583	0	1	0	34
23	37	JTG Daugherty Racing	552	3591	0	0	0	34
24	24	Hendrick Motorsports	544	3599	0	0	0	34
25	95	Leavine Family Racing	499	3644	0	0	0	34
26	6	Roush Fenway Racing	494	3649	0	1	0	34
27	38	Front Row Motorsports	490	3653	0	0	0	34
28	34	Front Row Motorsports	463	3680	0	0	0	34
29	13	Germain Racing	449	3694	0	0	0	34
30	43	Richard Petty Motorsports	428	3715	0	0	0	34
31	32	GO FAS Racing	341	3802	0	0	0	34
32	15	Premium Motorsports	289	3854	0	0	0	34
33	72	TriStar Motorsports	261	3882	0	0	0	34
34	00	StarCom Racing	242	3901	0	0	0	34
35	23	BK Racing	223	3920	0	0	0	34
36	96	Gaunt Brothers Racing	183	3960	0	0	0	22
37	51	Rick Ware Racing	177	3966	0	0	0	34
38	107	Premium Motorsports	142	4001	0	0	0	25
39	199	StarCom Racing	81	4062	0	0	0	17
40	162	Beard Motorsports	74	4069	0	0	0	4
41	66	Motorsports Business Management	43	4100	0	0	0	17
42	92	RBR Enterprises	37	4106	0	0	0	3
43	8	Richard Childress Racing	20	4123	0	0	0	2
44	52	Rick Ware Racing	16	4127	0	0	0	6
45	166	Phoenix Air Racing	15	4128	0	0	0	1
46	7	NY Racing Team	1	4142	0	0	0	1
47	197	Obaika Racing	1	4142	0	0	0	2