



MONSTER ENERGY NASCAR CUP SERIES OFFICIAL RACE REPORT No. 3

20TH ANNUAL KOBALT 400  
 LAS VEGAS MOTOR SPEEDWAY  
 Las Vegas, NV - March 12, 2017  
 1.5-Mile Paved Tri-Oval  
 267 Laps - 400.5 Miles



TIME OF RACE: 2 hours, 56 minutes, 39 seconds

AVERAGE SPEED: 136.032 mph

MARGIN OF VICTORY: 1.495 second(s)

Fin Pos	Str Pos	Car No	Driver	Team	Laps	Stage 1 Pos	Stage 2 Pos	Pts	Status	Lead Tms	Laps	Playoff Pts
1	2	78	Martin Truex Jr	Bass Pro Shops/TRACKER BOATS Toyota	267	1	1	60	Running	6	150	7
2	5	42	Kyle Larson	Target Chevrolet	267	2	3	52	Running			
3	12	24	Chase Elliott	NAPA Chevrolet	267	5	4	47	Running			
4	6	22	Joey Logano	Pennzoil Ford	267		5	39	Running	1	5	
5	1	2	Brad Keselowski	Miller Lite Ford	267	4	2	48	Running	4	89	
6	15	11	Denny Hamlin	FedEx Office Toyota	267			31	Running			
7	3	21	Ryan Blaney	Motorcraft/Quick Lane Tire & Auto Center Ford	267	3	6	43	Running			
8	10	1	Jamie McMurray	Credit One Bank/Cessna Chevrolet	267	6	8	37	Running			
9	4	20	Matt Kenseth	BlueDEF Toyota	267	9		30	Running			
10	13	14	Clint Bowyer	Haas Automation Ford	267			27	Running			
11	16	48	Jimmie Johnson	Kobalt Chevrolet	267	7	10	31	Running	2	19	
12	7	5	Kasey Kahne	LiftMaster Chevrolet	267			25	Running			
13	20	6	Trevor Bayne	Performance Plus Motor Oil Ford	267			24	Running			
14	30	43	Aric Almirola	Smithfield Ford	267			23	Running			
15	8	77	Erik Jones #	5-hour Energy Extra Strength Toyota	267			22	Running			
16	18	88	Dale Earnhardt Jr	Nationwide Chevrolet	267	10	7	26	Running			
17	21	31	Ryan Newman	Caterpillar Chevrolet	267		9	22	Running			
18	26	95	Michael McDowell	WRL General Contractors Chevrolet	267			19	Running	1	2	
19	14	27	Paul Menard	Valvoline Menards Chevrolet	267			18	Running			
20	11	19	Daniel Suarez #	ARRIS Toyota	267			17	Running			
21	24	13	Ty Dillon #	GEICO Chevrolet	267			16	Running	1	2	
22	9	18	Kyle Busch	M&M's Toyota	267	8		18	Running			
23	25	37	Chris Buescher	Natural Light Chevrolet	266			14	Running			
24	23	47	AJ Allmendinger	Kroger ClickList Chevrolet	266			13	Running			
25	22	3	Austin Dillon	Lucas Oil Chevrolet	266			12	Running			
26	31	32	Matt DiBenedetto	Can-Am/Kappa Ford	265			11	Running			
27	27	34	Landon Cassill	Love's Travel Stops Ford	264			10	Running			
28	33	72	Cole Whitt	Rinnai Chevrolet	264			9	Running			
29	32	38	David Ragan	Juice Battery Ford	264			8	Running			
30	17	41	Kurt Busch	Monster Energy/Haas Automation Ford	263			7	Running			
31	37	15	Reed Sorenson	Toyota	262			6	Running			
32	36	33	Jeffrey Earnhardt	Little Joes Autos/Curtis Key Plumbing Chevrolet	261			5	Running			
33	29	17	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	Fastenal Ford	261			4	Running			
34	35	23	Gray Gaulding #	Schluter Systems Toyota	260			3	Running			
35	38	55	Derrike Cope	Chevrolet	254			2	Running			
36	28	10	Danica Patrick	Aspen Dental Ford	246			1	Engine			
37	39	51	Timmy Hill (i)	Dashub Chevrolet	135			0	Suspension			
38	19	4	Kevin Harvick	Mobil 1 Annual Protection Ford	68			1	Accident			
39	34	83	Corey Lajoie #	JAS Expedited Trucking Toyota	16			1	Accident			

# Sunoco Rookie of the Year Contender.  
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Stage 1 Top 10: 78, 42, 21, 2, 24, 1, 48, 18, 20, 88  
 Stage 2 Top 10: 78, 2, 42, 24, 22, 21, 88, 1, 31, 48

Race Comments: Martin Truex Jr. won Sunday's Kobalt 400 at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, his eighth career Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series victory. Prior to the start of the race, the following cars dropped to the rear of the field for the reasons indicated: #10 (rear gear), #17 (backup car), #51 (transmission).

Failed to Qualify: n/a

Caution Flags: 6 cautions for 34 laps. [Beneficiary in Brackets] 19-24 (Car #83 Incident In Turn 2 [33]); 70-75 (Car #4 Incident On The Frontstretch [47]); 82-87 (Stage 1 Conclusion [37]); 153-156 (Car #55 Incident In Turn 2 [18]); 162-167 (Stage 2 Conclusion [95]); 253-258 (Oil On The Track From #10 [43]).

Lead Changes: 14 lead changes among 6 drivers. Keselowski 1-19, Truex Jr 20-24, Keselowski 25-70, Logano 71-75, Truex Jr 76-124, Keselowski 125-126, Dillon 127-128, McDowell 129-130, Truex Jr 131-153, Johnson 154-156, Truex Jr 157-211, Johnson 212-227, Truex Jr 228-243, Keselowski 244-265, Truex Jr 266-267.

COORS LIGHT POLE AWARD: Brad Keselowski (193.68 mph, 27.881 secs.)  
 AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD: Martin Truex Jr  
 INGERSOLL RAND POWER MOVE: Kasey Kahne (5 positions)  
 MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER OF THE RACE: Roush-Yates Engines (#2)  
 MOBIL 1 DRIVER OF THE RACE: Kyle Larson

MOOG GO THE EXTRA MILE AWARD: Denny Hamlin (crew chief Michael Wheeler, 0.047 seconds)  
 SHERWIN-WILLIAMS FASTEST LAP AWARD: Kyle Larson (Lap 89, 185.363 MPH)  
 SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE RACE: Erik Jones

MANUFACTURERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

	Pts	Wins
Ford	113	(2)
Chevrolet	104	(0)
Toyota	103	(1)

AMERICAN ETHANOL GREEN FLAG RESTART AWARD

Martin Truex Jr	(#78)	2
Kevin Harvick	(#4)	1

INGERSOLL RAND POWER MOVE

Kasey Kahne	(#5)	13
AJ Allmendinger	(#47)	10

MAHLE CLEVITE ENGINE BUILDER

Roush/Yates	(#2)	37
Hendrick	(#42)	34
Hendrick	(#24)	34

MOBIL 1 DRIVER OF THE RACE

Kyle Larson	(#42)	2
Kurt Busch	(#41)	1

MOOG GO THE EXTRA MILE AWARD

Chad Johnston	(#42)	1
Keith Rodden	(#5)	1
Michael Wheeler	(#11)	1

SHERWIN-WILLIAMS FASTEST LAP AWARD

Kyle Larson	(#42)	2
Austin Dillon	(#3)	1

COORS LIGHT POLE AWARD

Brad Keselowski	1
Chase Elliott	1

SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Erik Jones	30
Daniel Suarez	29
Ty Dillon	28
Corey Lajoie	26
Gray Gaulding	15

NEXT EVENT: March 19, 2017 - 13th Annual Camping World 500, Phoenix Raceway, Avondale, AZ (312 Miles) (312 Laps)

## MONSTER ENERGY NASCAR CUP SERIES DRIVER LEADERS

Race #3: 20TH ANNUAL KOBALT "400" Race Date: 03/12/2017

Rank	DRIVER	Points	Behind Leader	Race Wins	Stage Wins	Playoff Points
1	BRAD KESELOWSKI	132	0	1	0	5
2	KYLE LARSON	131	1	0	0	0
3	CHASE ELLIOTT	129	3	0	0	0
4	MARTIN TRUEX JR.	127	5	1	2	7
5	JOEY LOGANO	119	13	0	0	0
6	RYAN BLANEY	106	26	0	0	0
7	KURT BUSCH	93	39	1	0	5
8	KEVIN HARVICK	91	41	0	3	3
9	KASEY KAHNE	88	44	0	0	0
10	JAMIE MCMURRAY	86	46	0	0	0
11	TREVOR BAYNE	82	50	0	0	0
12	CLINT BOWYER	73	59	0	0	0
13	MATT KENSETH	71	61	0	0	0
14	ARIC ALMIROLA	70	62	0	0	0
15	DENNY HAMLIN	68	64	0	0	0
16	PAUL MENARD	62	70	0	0	0
17	RYAN NEWMAN	59	73	0	0	0
18	JIMMIE JOHNSON	55	77	0	0	0
19	KYLE BUSCH	50	82	0	1	1
20	ERIK JONES	49	83	0	0	0
21	MICHAEL MCDOWELL	49	83	0	0	0
22	MATT DIBENEDETTO	48	84	0	0	0
23	TY DILLON	47	85	0	0	0
24	COLE WHITT	47	85	0	0	0
25	AUSTIN DILLON	47	85	0	0	0
26	LONDON CASSILL	46	86	0	0	0
27	DALE EARNHARDT JR.	46	86	0	0	0
28	DANIEL SUAREZ	42	90	0	0	0
29	RICKY STENHOUSE JR.	38	94	0	0	0
30	DANICA PATRICK	37	95	0	0	0
31	DAVID RAGAN	35	97	0	0	0
32	MICHAEL WALTRIP	29	103	0	0	0
33	CHRIS BUESCHER	29	103	0	0	0
34	A J ALLMENDINGER	28	104	0	0	0
35	JEFFREY EARNHARDT	20	112	0	0	0
36	COREY LAJOIE	17	115	0	0	0
37	REED SORENSON	12	120	0	0	0
38	GRAY GAULDING	4	128	0	0	0
39	DERRIKE COPE	3	129	0	0	0
40	D J KENNINGTON	1	131	0	0	0
41	CODY WARE	1	131	0	0	0
42	BRENDAN GAUGHAN(i)	0	132	0	0	0
43	ELLIOTT SADLER(i)	0	132	0	0	0
44	JOEY GASE(i)	0	132	0	0	0
45	TIMMY HILL(i)	0	132	0	0	0

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## MONSTER ENERGY NASCAR CUP SERIES OWNER LEADERS

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Rank	Car #	OWNER	Points	Behind Leader	Race Wins	Stage Wins	Playoff Points	Qualifying Attempts
1	2	Team Penske	132	0	1	0	5	3
2	42	Chip Ganassi Racing	131	1	0	0	0	3
3	24	Hendrick Motorsports	129	3	0	0	0	3
4	78	Furniture Row Racing	127	5	1	2	7	3
5	22	Team Penske	119	13	0	0	0	3
6	21	Wood Brothers Racing	106	26	0	0	0	3
7	41	Stewart-Haas Racing	93	39	1	0	5	3
8	4	Stewart-Haas Racing	91	41	0	3	3	3
9	5	Hendrick Motorsports	88	44	0	0	0	3
10	1	Chip Ganassi Racing	86	46	0	0	0	3
11	6	Roush Fenway Racing	82	50	0	0	0	3
12	14	Stewart-Haas Racing	73	59	0	0	0	3
13	20	Joe Gibbs Racing	71	61	0	0	0	3
14	43	Richard Petty Motorsports	70	62	0	0	0	3
15	11	Joe Gibbs Racing	68	64	0	0	0	3
16	27	Richard Childress Racing	62	70	0	0	0	3
17	31	Richard Childress Racing	59	73	0	0	0	3
18	48	Hendrick Motorsports	55	77	0	0	0	3
19	18	Joe Gibbs Racing	50	82	0	1	1	3
20	77	Furniture Row Racing	49	83	0	0	0	3
21	95	Leavine Family Racing	49	83	0	0	0	3
22	32	GO FAS Racing	48	84	0	0	0	3
23	13	Germain Racing	47	85	0	0	0	3
24	72	TriStar Motorsports	47	85	0	0	0	3
25	3	Richard Childress Racing	47	85	0	0	0	3
26	34	Front Row Motorsports	46	86	0	0	0	3
27	88	Hendrick Motorsports	46	86	0	0	0	3
28	19	Joe Gibbs Racing	42	90	0	0	0	3
29	15	Premium Motorsports	41	91	0	0	0	3
30	17	Roush Fenway Racing	38	94	0	0	0	3
31	10	Stewart-Haas Racing	37	95	0	0	0	3
32	38	Front Row Motorsports	35	97	0	0	0	3
33	37	JTG Daugherty Racing	29	103	0	0	0	3
34	47	JTG Daugherty Racing	28	104	0	0	0	3
35	175	Beard Motorsports	26	106	0	0	0	1
36	33	Circle Sport / TMG	20	112	0	0	0	3
37	23	BK Racing	18	114	0	0	0	3
38	7	Tommy Baldwin Racing	17	115	0	0	0	1
39	83	BK Racing	17	115	0	0	0	3
40	55	Premium Motorsports	3	129	0	0	0	3
41	51	Rick Ware Racing	2	130	0	0	0	3
42	96	Gaunt Brothers Racing	1	131	0	0	0	1