

Daytona 500

207 Laps at Daytona International Speedway

Daytona Beach, Florida

517.5 Miles on 2.5 mile Super Speedway

Fin	St	No	Driver	Sponsor	Make	Laps	Laps Led	Race Pts	Bonus Pts	Pts	Status	Earnings
1	10	11	Denny Hamlin	FedEx Express	Toyota	207	30	40		45	running	
2	31	18	Kyle Busch	M&M's Chocolate Bar	Toyota	207	37	35		45	running	
3	28	20	Erik Jones	Sport Clips	Toyota	207	0	34		35	running	
4	4	22	Joey Lagano	Shell / Pennzoil	Ford	207	11	33		42	running	
5	34	34	Michael McDowell	Love's Travel Stops	Ford	207	0	32		32	running	
6	22	13	Ty Dillon	GEICO	Chevrolet	207	0	31		31	running	
7	26	42	Kyle Larson	Credit One Bank	Chevrolet	207	0	30		33	running	
8	21	47	Ryan Preece	Kroger.com / Breyer's / Velv	Chevrolet	207	0	29		29	running	
9	17	48	Jimmie Johnson	Ally	Chevrolet	207	0	28		30	running	
10	36	15	Ross Chastain	Royal Teak Collection	Chevrolet	207	0	27		0	running	
11	2	88	Alex Bowman	Nationwide	Chevrolet	207	0	26		35	running	
12	35	2	Brad Keselowski	Discount Tire	Ford	207	0	25		32	running	
13	5	17	Ricky Stenhouse,	Fastenal / 3M	Ford	207	16	24		30	running	
14	19	6	Ryan Newman	Oscar Mayer Deli Fresh	Ford	207	0	23		23	running	
15	25	96	Parker Kligerman	Toyota: Proud Sponsor of Tea	Toyota	205	0	22		0	running	
16	20	3	Austin Dillon	Dow / Childress 50th Anniver	Chevrolet	205	0	21		21	running	
17	18	9	Chase Elliott	NAPA Auto Parts	Chevrolet	200	0	20		24	crash	
18	32	32	Corey LaJoie	Old Spice	Ford	200	0	19		19	running	
19	38	51	B.J. McLeod	Jacob Companies	Chevrolet	200	0	18		0	running	
20	6	14	Clint Bowyer	Rush Truck Centers / Mobil 1	Ford	199	0	17		17	crash	
21	1	24	William Byron	Axalta	Chevrolet	198	44	16		25	crash	
22	16	40	Jamie McMurray	McDonalds/ Cessna	Chevrolet	198	6	15		15	crash	
23	30	62	Brendan Gaughan	Beard Oil / South Point Hote	Chevrolet	197	0	14		0	crash	
24	27	0	Landon Cassill	Permatex	Chevrolet	196	0	13		13	crash	
25	12	1	Kurt Busch	Monster Energy	Chevrolet	196	0	12		12	running	
26	3	4	Kevin Harvick	Busch Beer Car2Can	Ford	194	0	11		17	crash	
27	39	31	Tyler Reddick	Symbicort	Chevrolet	191	0	10		0	crash	
28	9	95	Matt DiBenedetto	Procore	Toyota	190	49	9		14	crash	
29	7	21	Paul Menard	Motorcraft / Quick Lane Tire	Ford	190	0	8		8	crash	
30	24	38	David Ragan	Select Blinds	Ford	190	0	7		7	crash	
31	14	12	Ryan Blaney	Menards / Peak	Ford	190	13	6		22	crash	
32	8	10	Aric Almirola	Smithfield	Ford	190	0	0		13	crash	
33	23	41	Daniel Suarez	Haas Automation	Ford	190	0	4		14	crash	
34	29	8	Daniel Hemric	Caterpillar / Childress 50th	Chevrolet	190	1	3		3	parked	
35	11	19	Martin Truex, Jr	Bass Pro Shops / Tracker ATV	Toyota	190	0	0		2	crash	
36	33	36	Matt Tift	Speedco / Love's Travel Stop	Ford	190	0	1		1	crash	
37	15	37	Chris Buescher	Kleenex Wet Wipes / Cheerios	Chevrolet	190	0	1		1	crash	
38	13	43	Darrell Wallace,	Aftershokz	Chevrolet	169	0	1		1	crash	
39	37	52	Cody Ware	Winn Dixie	Chevrolet	155	0	1		1	crash	
40	40	27	Casey Mears	Rim Ryderz	Chevrolet	104	0	1		1	crash	

Race Time: 3:45:55 A

Average Speed: 137.44

Lead Change: 15

LeadDrivers: 9

Cautions: 12

Caution Laps: 47

Margin: .138 sec

Qualifying Speed: 194.305

Qualifying Notes Failed to Qualify: (2) #66 Joey Gase, #71 Ryan Truex

Leaders: W. Byron 1-2; R. Stenhouse Jr. 3-6; M. DiBenedetto 7-21; K. Busch 22; R. Stenhouse Jr. 23-34; K. Busch 35-61; J. Logano 62-72; D. Hemric # 73; M. DiBenedetto 74-107; K. Busch 108; R. Blaney 109-121; W. Byron 122-163; J. McMurray 164-169; D. Hamlin 170-190; K. Busch 191-198; D. Hamlin 199-207.

Denny Hamlin wins 61st annual Daytona 500 as JGR finishes 1-2-3

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 DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - Five weeks after the death of Joe Gibbs Racing president J.D. Gibbs, the driver he discovered won the Daytona 500 for the second time.

In a two-lap dash in overtime Sunday at Daytona International Speedway, Denny Hamlin held off teammate Kyle



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Busch to win the 61st running of the Great American Race, an event that featured massive fireworks with five late cautions that left 14 cars on the lead lap at the finish.

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Busch didn't regret his decision to let Hamlin drop down in front of him after the overtime restart.

"Strength in numbers," Busch explained. "We were trying to protect at least one of our cars being able to get to Victory Lane, and I felt like we were able to do that with being able to do what we did on that last restart."

"But, overall, it's certainly bittersweet. It's awesome to see a JGR car in Victory Lane with Joe and J.D. and everything that's gone on this offseason with all that. But it's very, very bittersweet for all those that support us and all my team guys that work so hard to try to get to Victory Lane and get our Daytona 500 victory."

"He's got two. I've got none. We just have to move on and go to the next time."

What had been a relative calm race turned chaotic in the late going. After a restart with 10 laps left, all hell broke loose as the field approached Turn 3. Contact from Paul Menard's No. 21 Ford sent Matt DiBenedetto's No. 95 Toyota spinning into the outside wall and back across traffic. By the time cars finished wrecking, 21 cars had sustained damage ranging from minor to catastrophic.

DiBenedetto was eliminated from his maiden run in the No. 95 Leavine Family Racing Toyota Camry, leaving Menard to do a mea culpa when he exited the infield care center.

"I'm not really sure what happened," Menard said. "I hooked the 95. I was trying to get to his outside, and he was kind of in the middle and he went to the outside and was going back and forth. The 12 (Ryan Blaney) had a big run, so I jumped up in front of him and hooked the 95."

"I'll take the blame for that one, I guess. We had really fast Fords. I sped on pit road and got us behind. We had to play catch-up. We had a shot there at the end though. It was time to go. It's frustrating that we have to put ourselves in that position to race this way. I tried backing off but wrecked a lot of cars."

Two more cautions for multicar wrecks followed before Hamlin could make his decisive two-lap run to the finish and claim the Harley J. Earl trophy for the second time.

