

Food City 500

500 Laps at Bristol Motor Raceway

Bristol, Tennessee

266.5 Miles on 0.533 mile Short Track

Fin	St	No	Driver	Sponsor	Make	Laps	Laps Led	Race Pts	Bonus Pts	Pts	Status	Earnings
1	17	18	Kyle Busch	Skittles	Toyota	500	71	40		51	running	
2	27	1	Kurt Busch	Monster Energy	Chevrolet	500	0	35		40	running	
3	7	22	Joey Logano	AutoTrader	Ford	500	146	34		51	running	
4	3	12	Ryan Blaney	PPG	Ford	500	158	33		46	running	
5	5	11	Denny Hamlin	FedEx Freight	Toyota	500	7	32		32	running	
6	9	21	Paul Menard	Menards / Sylvania	Ford	500	0	31		34	running	
7	8	14	Clint Bowyer	Haas Automation	Ford	500	24	30		42	running	
8	20	41	Daniel Suarez	Haas Automation	Ford	500	0	29		30	running	
9	11	6	Ryan Newman	Wyndham Rewards	Ford	500	0	28		36	running	
10	10	48	Jimmie Johnson	Ally	Chevrolet	500	0	27		33	running	
11	1	9	Chase Elliott	NAPA Auto Parts	Chevrolet	500	38	26		27	running	
12	21	95	Matt DiBenedet	Nascar Heat Pro League	Toyota	500	0	25		25	running	
13	13	4	Kevin Harvick	Hunt Brothers Pizza	Ford	500	0	24		24	running	
14	15	3	Austin Dillon	Symbicort	Chevrolet	500	0	23		25	running	
15	24	13	Ty Dillon	GEICO	Chevrolet	500	6	22		32	running	
16	2	24	William Byron	Axalta	Chevrolet	500	0	21		21	running	
17	23	19	Martin Truex,	Auto Owners Insurance	Toyota	499	0	20		22	running	
18	12	2	Brad Keselowsk	Discount Tire	Ford	499	40	19		34	running	
19	16	42	Kyle Larson	Credit One Bank	Chevrolet	499	0	18		18	running	
20	28	43	Darrell Wallac	Blue-Emu	Chevrolet	499	0	17		17	running	
21	22	38	David Ragan	MDS Transport	Ford	498	0	16		16	running	
22	25	37	Chris Buescher	Bush's Beans / Clorox / Cott	Chevrolet	498	0	15		19	running	
23	14	88	Alex Bowman	Nationwide	Chevrolet	497	0	14		14	running	
24	4	20	Erik Jones	Craftsman "Racing for a Mira	Toyota	497	10	13		13	running	
25	30	47	Ryan Preece	Kroger / Clorox / Cascade	Chevrolet	496	0	12		12	running	
26	31	0	Landon Cassill	StarCom / Jacob White Constr	Chevrolet	495	0	11		11	running	
27	29	36	Matt Tift	Surface Sunscreen / Tunity	Ford	494	0	10		10	running	
28	18	34	Michael McDowe	Love's Travel Stops / Speedc	Ford	493	0	9		9	running	
29	37	15	Ross Chastain	Rim Ryderz	Chevrolet	491	0	8		0	running	
30	26	8	Daniel Hemric	Caterpillar / Bass Pro Shops	Chevrolet	490	0	7		7	running	
31	34	52	Bayley Currey	Belmont Classic Cars	Chevrolet	488	0	6		0	running	
32	36	77	Quinn Hougg	FALCI Adaptive Motorsports	Chevrolet	476	0	5		5	running	
33	19	17	Ricky Stenhaus	Sunny D	Ford	395	0	4		4	running	
34	32	32	Corey LaJoie	Dude Wipes	Ford	308	0	3		3	crash	
35	35	66	Timmy Hill	In Memory of Richie Anderson	Toyota	239	0	2		0	suspension	
36	33	51	Gray Gaulding	Jacob Companies	Ford	142	0	1		0	engine	
37	6	10	Aric Almirola	SHAZAM! / Smithfield	Ford	3	0	1		1	crash	

Race Time: 2:56:38

Average Speed: 90.527

Lead Change: 21

LeadDrivers: 9

Cautions: 11

Caution Laps: 77

Margin: .722 sec

Qualifying Speed: 131.713

Qualifying Notes Failed to Qualify: None.

Leaders: C. Elliott 1-38; C. Bowyer 39-40; R. Blaney 41; D. Hamlin 42-48; E. Jones 49-58; R. Blaney 59-117; C. Bowyer 118-123; T. Dillon 124-129; B. Keselowski 130-144; J. Logano 145-255; R. Blaney 256-353; J. Logano 354-374; C. Bowyer 375-377; J. Logano 378; C. Bowyer 379-383; K. Busch 384-408; C. Bowyer 409-416; J. Logano 417; K. Busch 418-444; B. Keselowski 445-469; J. Logano 470-481; K. Busch 482-500.

Spin to win: Kyle Busch recovers from crash for eighth victory at Bristol

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BRISTOL, Tenn. - Kyle Busch wasn't the only driver to overcome adversity during Sunday's running of the Food City 500 at Bristol Motor Speedway.

But he was the only one to end up in Victory Lane.



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The race winner was involved in a multi-car crash on the second lap of the 500-lap affair, sustaining damage to the rear of his car. But he patiently worked his way back through the field. He took his first lead at lap 384.

The key to the win came late - Busch collected his third win of the season in the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series and his eighth overall at Bristol Motor Speedway when he chose track position over fresh tires during the 11th and final caution of the race.

"I don't know, we're crazy; we just do what we do (to) try to win," the driver of the No. 18 Toyota for Joe Gibbs Racing said after climbing from his entry on the frontstretch.

The final run to the checkered flag was set up after Kyle Larson got into the wall with less than 25 laps remaining to bring out the yellow flag. Joey Logano and Team Penske teammate Brad Keselowski, running 1-2, hit pit road, as did several others in the lead pack.

But Busch, along with older brother Kurt, opted to stay out, along with Daniel Suarez and Paul Menard to restart first through fourth when the field went back to green with just 14 laps remaining.

"It's pretty awesome to be able to snooker those guys, get our win today here at Bristol," the younger Busch said. "I love this place.

"It was fun to battle out the brother there at the end. I know we didn't quite get the side-by-side racing it out; I saw him looking at the top. I'm like, 'I better go.' I got up there, was able to make some ground."

"It was a no-brainer for us," crew chief Adam Stevens said afterward when asked about the call not to bring his driver to pit road.

Busch also paid tribute to three-time series champion and FOX NASCAR analyst Darrell Waltrip, who won 12 times at the Tennessee venue.

"It ain't 12, that's for sure," Busch said of his win total at BMS. "So I've got more to go."

There were issues on the final restart, Keselowski was penalized for failing to follow a NASCAR directive, but none for the front two.

Logano, Ryan Blaney and Denny Hamlin completed the top five.

Menard, Clint Bowyer, Suarez, Ryan Newman and Jimmie Johnson were sixth through 10th, respectively.

"I really wanted to beat him," Kurt Busch said of the battle with his brother. "I was going to wreck him. ... He already won (this year). I figure he could give a little love to his brother. I wanted that one bad. ...

"I'm happy that we were in position to do it. This group of guys, we're not quite ready to win yet, but that was close."

The win was Busch's 54th overall in the series. His previous wins this season came at ISM (Phoenix) Raceway and Auto Club Speedway in Fontana, California

He led 71 laps, including the final 19. He also overcame an early spin that saw his Toyota swept up in a five-car incident on just the second lap of the 500-lap race.

The race was the eighth of the season; all eight have been won by drivers from either the Joe Gibbs Racing or Team Penske camps.

It was a battle reminiscent of past contests held at Bristol, with plenty of contact as well as lead changes. Blaney was the lap leader at 158 while Logano paced the field for 146.

Ty Dillon was a surprising winner of the opening stage, edging Bowyer with a last-lap pass. Logano won the second stage.

Several teams, including those of Keselowski, Kevin Harvick and Martin Truex Jr., battled loose wheel issues. Others were merely forced to deal with damage typically associated with the close-quarters racing that has been the norm at BMS.

