

Coca-Cola 600

400 Laps at Lowe's Motor Speedway

Concord, North Carolina

600 Miles on 1.5 mile Speedway

Fin	St	No	Driver	Sponsor	Make	Laps	Laps Led	Race Pts	Bonus Pts	Pts	Status	Earnings
1	14	19	Martin Truex,	Bass Pro Shops / Tracker ATV	Toyota	400	116	40		52	running	
2	7	22	Joey Logano	Shell / Pennzoil	Ford	400	0	35		44	running	
3	3	18	Kyle Busch	M&M's Red, White & Blue	Toyota	400	79	34		59	running	
4	12	9	Chase Elliott	NAPA Auto Parts	Chevrolet	400	43	33		55	running	
5	9	17	Ricky Stenhou	DeWalt / Fastenal Patriotic	Ford	400	0	32		36	running	
6	22	37	Chris Buescher	Kroger - Thrill of the Grill	Chevrolet	400	0	31		31	running	
7	13	88	Alex Bowman	Nationwide Patriotic	Chevrolet	400	8	30		44	running	
8	15	48	Jimmie Johnson	Ally Patriotic	Chevrolet	400	0	29		32	running	
9	1	24	William Byron	Liberty Patriotic	Chevrolet	400	31	28		39	running	
10	5	4	Kevin Harvick	Mobil 1	Ford	400	14	27		38	running	
11	2	10	Aric Almirola	Smithfield Patriotic	Ford	400	0	26		26	running	
12	30	32	Corey LaJoie	Superior Logistics Svcs. / F	Ford	400	0	25		25	running	
13	19	12	Ryan Blaney	DEX Imaging	Ford	400	2	24		36	running	
14	17	21	Paul Menard	Menards / Knauf	Ford	400	0	23		23	running	
15	31	38	David Ragan	Select Blinds	Ford	400	3	22		22	running	
16	18	6	Ryan Newman	Oscar Mayer Hot Dogs	Ford	400	0	21		21	running	
17	20	11	Denny Hamlin	FedEx Ground	Toyota	400	21	20		30	running	
18	6	41	Daniel Suarez	Coca-Cola	Ford	399	0	19		19	running	
19	21	2	Brad Keselowsk	Miller Lite Stars & Stripes	Ford	398	76	18		38	running	
20	26	36	Matt Tift	Surface Sunscreen / Tunity P	Ford	398	0	17		17	running	
21	10	8	Daniel Hemric	Cessna / Beechcraft	Chevrolet	398	7	16		16	running	
22	23	34	Michael McDowe	Love's / Special Forces Char	Ford	398	0	15		15	running	
23	28	13	Ty Dillon	GEICO Military	Chevrolet	397	0	14		14	running	
24	8	14	Clint Bowyer	Peak Antifreeze & Coolant	Ford	397	0	13		13	running	
25	29	43	Darrell Wallac	Coca-Cola Orange Vanilla	Chevrolet	396	0	12		12	running	
26	34	96	Parker Kligerm	Gaunt Brothers Racing	Toyota	396	0	11		0	running	
27	11	1	Kurt Busch	Gear Wrench	Chevrolet	396	0	10		19	running	
28	39	77	Quinn Hougg	NASCAR Mobile App	Chevrolet	396	0	9		9	running	
29	36	53	B.J. McLeod	Enlisted Nine Flight Company	Chevrolet	395	0	8		0	running	
30	37	27	Reed Sorenson	VIPRacingExperience.com	Chevrolet	389	0	7		7	running	
31	24	47	Ryan Preece	Kroger / Planters / Ball Par	Chevrolet	343	0	6		6	suspension	
32	40	66	Joey Gase	OCR Gaz Bar	Toyota	334	0	5		0	running	
33	25	42	Kyle Larson	Credit One Bank	Chevrolet	315	0	4		7	crash	
34	4	3	Austin Dillon	Coca-Cola Zero Sugar	Chevrolet	315	0	3		3	crash	
35	33	52	Bayley Currey	RWR SR-71	Ford	245	0	2		0	crash	
36	35	15	Ross Chastain	Cross Country Adjusting	Chevrolet	134	0	1		0	suspension	
37	32	0	Landon Cassill	StarCom Fiber	Chevrolet	108	0	1		0	oil cooler	
38	38	51	Cody Ware	Jacob Companies P-40 Warhawk	Ford	51	0	1		0	rear gear	
39	27	95	Matt DiBenedet	Procore - Safety Qualified	Toyota	47	0	1		1	crash	
40	16	20	Erik Jones	Reser's Main St. Bistro	Toyota	22	0	1		1	crash	

Race Time: 4:50:09

Average Speed: 124.074

Lead Change: 30

LeadDrivers: 11

Cautions: 16

Caution Laps: 80

Margin: .330 sec

Qualifying Speed: 183.424

Qualifying Notes Failed to Qualify: None

Leaders: W. Byron 1-24; K. Busch 25-49; W. Byron 50; K. Harvick 51-54; K. Busch 55-58; K. Harvick 59-62; M. Truex Jr 63-73; K. Harvick 74; D. Hemric # 75-81; B. Keselowski 82-90; K. Harvick 91-95; B. Keselowski 96-106; D. Hamlin 107-127; C. Elliott 128-130; M. Truex Jr 131; R. Blaney 132-133; B. Keselowski 134-162; W. Byron 163-167; B. Keselowski 168-189; A. Bowman 190-193; W. Byron 194; A. Bowman 195-198; B. Keselowski 199-203; K. Busch 204-252; M. Truex Jr 253-258; K. Busch 259; M. Truex Jr 260-303; C. Elliott 304-343; M. Truex Jr 344-392; D. Ragan 393-395; M. Truex Jr 396-400.



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Truex Jr. masters final restart, claims Coca-Cola 600 victory

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CONCORD, N.C. – Martin Truex Jr. survived an early brush with the outside wall and a frenetic restart with five laps left to win Sunday night's Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte Motor Speedway.

On a race that featured 16 cautions – most since the record 22 in 2005 – Truex made a four-wide pass to the inside coming off Turn 2 on Lap 396 of 400 at the 1.5-mile track and beat runner-up Joey Logano to the finish line by .330 seconds.

The victory was Truex's third of the season, matching Joe Gibbs Racing teammate Kyle Busch and Team Penske's Brad Keselowski for most in the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series so far. It was his third at Charlotte and the 22nd of his career, but it was hardly the sort of dominating performance that saw Truex lead a record 392 laps in 2016.

Quite the contrary. After charging to a lead of nearly three seconds in the first stage of the race, Truex blew a right front tire and slammed the Turn 4 wall hard enough to cause the third caution of the evening. After repairs, Truex restarted 32nd on Lap 79, but by the end of Stage 1 on Lap 100, he had rallied to finish ninth and remained in the mix the rest of the night.

And when David Ragan stayed out on old tires, and Ryan Newman made a two-tire stop before the final restart on Lap 396, Truex cleared those two drivers and Logano down the backstretch in the move that won the race, an event in which each driver honored a fallen soldier in observance of Memorial Day.

"That was just incredible – what a race!" Truex said after putting on a celebratory smoke show on the frontstretch. "This is for everybody who gave their life so we could be here doing this tonight.

"What a hell of a team – we never gave up on it. I thought we were done. We blew a tire and hit the wall. We never gave up on it. Just kept fighting, just kept fighting. What a race there at the end. That was pretty wild."

"Wild" doesn't adequately describe the decisive restart. Busch split the Fords of Ragan and Newman in Turn 2, choosing to go three-wide rather than pushing Ragan clear in the top lane. Truex then powered his No. 19 Toyota to the inside off Turn 2 and had the lead by the time the cars rolled through Turns 3 and 4.

But when Truex sped through Turn 4 and approached the tri-oval, Logano was right on his bumper, pushing hard. It wasn't until the cars reached Turn 1 on Lap 397 that Truex pulled away.

"I was thinking I was going wherever there was a hole, because I wasn't lifting," Truex said of his winning move. "That's kind of the way it works there. It seemed like the second half of the race, for sure, the bottom was really where you wanted to be. I had a hole in the bottom to get into (Turn) 3, and I knew that was my only shot. Just barely cleared the 22 (Logano) off (Turn) 4 sideways. He was on my bumper and had me sideways, and I hung onto it and luckily finished it from there."

Logano overcame early handling issues to finish second but wasn't a factor until late in the race.

"The 38 (Ragan) ran really high, and I thought he was going to run the middle, and I kind of misjudged it," Logano said of the last restart. "That's what just killed a little bit of momentum where Martin was just able to have enough momentum to clear me off that corner.

"At that point I shoved him ahead to try to make the pass to the outside, but he defended it well ... the good thing is we kept fighting and got something out of the day."

Kyle Busch ran third, followed by Chase Elliott, Ricky Stenhouse Jr., and Chris Buescher, who rallied from hard contact with the Turn 4 wall on Lap 127 and charged from 12th to sixth after the final restart.

Alex Bowman, Jimmie Johnson, pole winner William Byron and Kevin Harvick completed the top 10 in an action-filled race that featured 30 lead changes among 11 drivers.

Though Truex won NASCAR's only 600-mile race for the second time, the significance of the event was undiminished.

"This is just a special race," Truex said. "The longest race of the year. So much history. What this weekend means for all the soldiers and all those that have given the ultimate sacrifice so we can even be here. The Null Family that's on my car – Chief Petty Officer (Nicholas) Null.

"I met his family this weekend and they were so appreciative of NASCAR and teams and everybody for doing this. I can't wait to see them here. They said we were going to win, and now we get to have a cold beer and celebrate. Just appreciate everybody on this weekend. It's definitely a special one. Kudos to NASCAR and all the teams for putting it all together."

Sunday's race also marked the midway point of the 26-race regular season before the 16-driver playoffs field is set.

