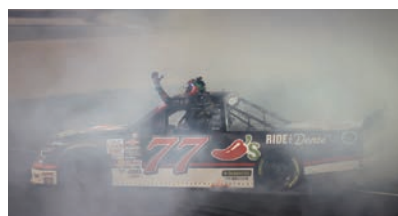


# RACING THIS WEEK

**TRUCKS BURNOUT ALERT!**  
Carson Hocevar celebrates after winning Friday's SpeedyCash.com 250 at Texas Motor Speedway.  
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## O'REILLY RECAP

• **Saturday's** ANDY'S FROZEN CUSTARD 340, Texas Motor Speedway



### WINNER: KYLE LARSON

Kyle Larson powered his way to the second O'Reilly Series win of the season Saturday in the Andy's Frozen Custard 340, holding off veteran teammate Justin Allgaier's charge at Texas Motor Speedway.

Larson drove the No. 88 JR Motorsports Chevrolet to a 0.293-second margin of victory. It was his third win in the series at the 1.5-mile Fort Worth track and the 19th of his O'Reilly Auto Parts Series career.

Allgaier came home as the runner-up in the JRM No. 7 Chevy, trying a high-line move but ending up a few car-lengths short at the checkered flag. Sam Mayer placed third with Brent Crews fourth and Parker Retzlaff completing the top five.

Crews pocketed a \$100,000 payday in the last of four races this season for the Dash 4 Cash bonus initiative, outdistancing the other three prize-eligible drivers: sixth-place Sheldon Creed, 13th-finishing Sammy Smith and early retiree Corey Day.

Day was out of the running shortly after the green flag flew, crashing into the outside retaining wall at the Turn 2 exit as multiple cars wrecked on the opening lap. Day finished 37th in the 38-car field, one week after securing his first O'Reilly Series victory at Talladega Superspeedway.

## TRUCKS RECAP

• **Friday's** SPEEDYCASH.COM 250, Texas Motor Speedway



### WINNER: CARSON HOCEVAR

The glass slipper still firmly on his foot from his Cup Series win at Talladega, Carson Hocevar mashed the gas in overtime on Friday night and ran away to victory in the SpeedyCash.com 250 at Texas Motor Speedway.

Beating runner-up and Spire Motorsports teammate Kyle Busch to the finish line by 0.730 seconds in overtime, Hocevar notched his sixth career Truck Series victory at the 1.5-mile track that gave him his first in the series in 2023.

The triumph reversed a 1-2 finish from earlier this season at EchoPark Speedway near Atlanta, where Busch beat Hocevar to the stripe by 0.114 seconds.

Gio Ruggiero led the field to the overtime restart on Lap 171, but he lost impetus in the middle of a three-wide situation on the white-flag lap, as Hocevar charged into the lead and opened a gap of 10 car-lengths.

Kaden Honeycutt finished third, right behind Busch's Silverado, with Brandon Jones and pole winner Ben Rhodes in fourth and fifth, respectively, as Ruggiero fell to 17th. Layne Riggs, Christian Eckes, Daniel Hemric, Ty Majeski and Chandler Smith completed the top 10.

## WÜRTH 400

Chase Elliott claimed his second win at Texas Sunday, his second of the season and the 23rd of his career. He joins fourth-place finisher Tyler Reddick (five victories) as a multiple winner this season.



Chase Elliott, driver of the #9 Amazon Prime Chevrolet, takes the checkered flag to win the Cup Series Würth 400 presented by LIQUI MOLY at Texas Motor Speedway on Sunday. (Logan Riely/Getty)

# Speedy pit crew leads way for Elliott at Texas

**F**ORT WORTH, Texas — In an event that spelled disaster for a handful of the Cup Series' established stars, Chase Elliott ran an impeccable race—and was rewarded with victory in Sunday's Würth 400 Presented by LIQUI MOLY at Texas Motor Speedway.

Elliott didn't lead until Lap 152 of 267, when Corey Heim brought his Toyota to pit road for fuel on an off-cycle strategy. From that point on, the driver of the No. 9 Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet controlled the race with an iron fist, thanks in part to a pit crew that performed its three fastest pit stops of the season on Sunday.

After Heim spun in Turn 4 to cause the seventh and final caution of the race, however, Elliott had to survive a restart with four laps left. But with a push from teammate and third-place finisher Alex Bowman, he cleared Denny Hamlin off Turn 2 and pulled away to win by 0.407 seconds.

The victory was Elliott's second at Texas, his second of the season and the 23rd of his career. He joins fourth-place finisher Tyler Reddick (five victories) as a multiple winner this season. Elliott also is the first repeat winner in the last 10 races at Texas.

"I wasn't really sure whether to go top or bottom," Elliott said of the final restart. "You know, the bottom had been winning out on a lot of the restarts. I felt like, man, if I didn't get clear off of (Turn 2), I was going to be in a lot of trouble."

"Fortunately, Alex gave me a great push. Was able to execute Turns 1 and 2, get clear, and then just kind of manage the last few laps... Yeah, man, just crazy. You know, to say as much as we struggled out here to have won two races here now in the last few years is pretty wild."

Elliott led a race-high 87 laps to 69 for Heim, who finished 31st.

Hamlin rued the caution that interrupted his pursuit of Elliott with 11 laps left, but he got a strong launch on the final restart.

"Yeah, I thought I got a good restart there at the end side-by-side," said Hamlin, who finished second to Elliott for the second time this season (the first at Martinsville). "But then, you know, just the way the side-draft works there into Turn 1, with him getting the push from the 48 (Bowman), it just allowed his momentum to pick up a little bit quicker than mine."

Reddick pitted for two tires before the final restart and charged from ninth to fourth at the finish.

"All in all, it was a solid day," said Reddick, who leads the series by 109 points over second-place Hamlin and 117 over third-place Elliott.

Chris Buescher finished fifth in the fastest Ford. Daniel Suarez, pole winner Carson Hocevar, William Byron, Bubba Wallace and Ryan Blaney completed the top 10.

Rookie Connor Zilisch recorded his best qualifying effort of the season (12th) and his best Cup finish on an oval track (16th).

Throughout the race, attrition eliminated potential contenders.

Christopher Bell's star-crossed season continued without abatement at Texas Motor Speedway. Bell had just fought off Joe Gibbs Racing teammate Hamlin to retain the lead when Todd Gilliland spun in front of Bell's Toyota off Turn 4 on Lap 68.

Bell took evasive action toward the bottom of the track but clipped Gilliland's Ford just enough to send Bell's Camry rocketing into the outside wall, severely damaging the right-side suspension components.

The diagnosis of Bell's car was terminal, and he exited the race in last (38th) place.

Defending race winner Joey Logano fared no better. During pit stops under caution on Lap 94, Cole Custer slowed to allow Ty Gibbs to exit his stall. Logano slammed into Custer's car, peeling back the left front fender of Logano's Mustang like a can opener.

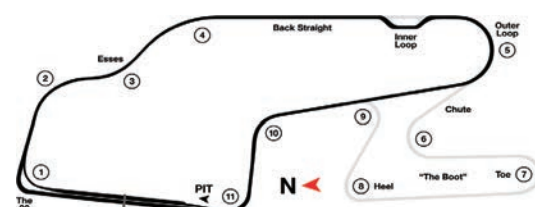
With the right front tire of his car skewed out of proper orientation, the three-time champion retired from the race.

Seven laps after Logano's demise, Bristol winner Ty Gibbs slammed into the Turn 3 wall off the bumper of Ryan Preece's Ford and fell out of the race in 35th.

Reigning series champion Kyle Larson spun in Turn 2 and clobbered the wall with the driver's side of his No. 5 Chevrolet.

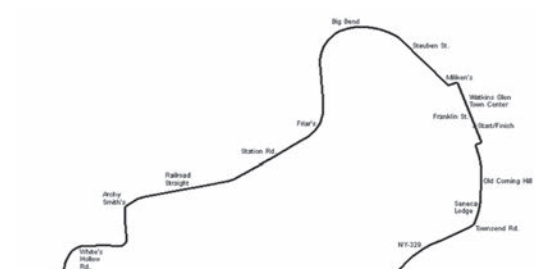
Kyle Busch ran consistently in the top five. He was set for a top-10 finish until he tangled with the Toyota of John Hunter Nemechek after the final restart. Busch took out his frustrations on the white-flag lap, knocking Nemechek's car sideways. Busch faded to 20th on a day that started with promise and ended in disappointment.

## NEXT: GO BOWLING AT THE GLEN



**Watkins Glen International**  
3 p.m. ET Sunday, FS1

- **Location:** 2790 County Route 16, Watkins Glen, New York
- **Capacity:** 38,900
- **Owner:** NASCAR (2019–present)
- **Course:** Road course
- **Surface:** Asphalt
- **Length:** 2.45-mile (3.94 km)
- **Turns:** 7
- **Length of frontstretch:** 2,150 feet
- **Length of backstretch:** 2,400 feet
- **Track width:** Varies, from 36 feet to 48 feet wide, averaging 38 feet wide.
- **Opened:** 1956 (as a permanent circuit); **road racing started in 1948**, organized by Cameron Argetsinger, whose family had a summer home in the area. The first Watkins Glen Grand Prix took place on a 6.600-mile course over **local public roads**.



Road guru Shane van Gisbergen weaved his way to a win last year at The Glen. GETTY

## 2026 CUP SERIES STANDINGS

Top 30 as of May 3

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 Tyler Reddick 23XI	526	16 Chase Briscoe JGR	242
2 Denny Hamlin JGR	417	17 Joey Logano Penske	235
3 Chase Elliott Hendrick	409	18 Ross Chastain Trkhouse	216
4 Ryan Blaney Penske	371	19 S v Gisbergen Trkhouse	215
5 Chris Buescher RFK	345	20 AJ Allmendinger Kaulig	199
6 Carson Hocevar Spire	333	21 Zane Smith Front Row	198
7 Ty Gibbs JGR	330	22 Erik Jones Legacy	196
8 Kyle Larson Hendrick	318	23 Mike McDowell Spire	189
9 Brad Keselowski RFK	311	24 Ricky Stenhouse Hyak	187
10 William Byron Hendrick	308	25 Todd Gilliland Fr. Row	186
11 Bubba Wallace 23XI	304	26 Kyle Busch RCR	182
12 Ryan Preece RFK	298	27 Austin Dillon RCR	182
13 Christopher Bell JGR	291	28 Riley Herbst 23XI	173
14 Daniel Suárez Spire	271	29 J.H. Nemechek Legacy	157
15 Austin Cindric Penske	248	30 Josh Berry Wood Bros.	155

## 2026 O'REILLY AUTO PARTS STANDINGS

Top 20 as of May 2

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 Justin Allgaier #7	598	11 William Sawalich #18	303
2 Sheldon Creed #00	477	12 Sam Mayer #41	285
3 Jesse Love #2	431	13 Ryan Sieg #39	277
4 Corey Day #17	400	14 Brent Crews #19	273
5 Brandon Jones #20	394	15 Rajah Caruth #32	271
6 Sammy Smith #8	376	16 Brennan Poole #44	238
7 Austin Hill #21	357	17 Dean Thompson #26	217
8 Carson Kvapil #9	357	18 Jeb Burton #27	211
9 Parker Retzlaff #99	329	19 Jeremy Clements #51	208
10 Taylor Gray #54	306	20 Anthony Alfredo #96	202

**NEXT RACE:** MISSION 200 AT THE GLEN, Watkins Glen International, 4 p.m. ET Saturday, CW

## 2026 CRAFTSMAN TRUCK STANDINGS

Top 20 as of May 1

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 Kaden Honeycutt #11	257	11 Jake Garcia #98	155
2 Chandler Smith #38	243	12 Justin Haley #16	154
3 Layne Riggs #34	238	13 Daniel Hemric #19	146
4 Giovanni Ruggiero #17226	14	14 Brenden Queen #12	144
5 Ben Rhodes #99	223	15 Tanner Gray #15	135
6 Christian Eckes #91	220	16 Grant Enfinger #9	132
7 Ty Majeski #88	212	17 A. Perez De Lara #44	123
8 Corey Heim #1	204	18 Dawson Sutton #26	117
9 Tyler Ankrum #18	165	19 Cole Butcher #13	106
10 Stewart Friesen #52	163	20 Mini Tyrell #14	99

**NEXT RACE:** BULLY HILL VINEYARDS 176 AT THE GLEN, Watkins Glen, 4:30 p.m. ET Friday, FS1

## WÜRTH 400 WINNER QUOTE

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— Chase Elliott, who held off Denny Hamlin to win Sunday at Texas Motor Speedway



Chase Elliott in Victory Lane Sunday at Texas.

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