

Byron races to 2nd straight Daytona 500 victory

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — William Byron raced to his second straight Daytona 500 win, dodging a string of late-race wrecks that knocked out a chunk of contenders and sent the Hendrick Motorsports driver into victory lane Sunday night at Daytona International Speedway.

Ninth in the No. 24 Chevrolet with one lap left, Byron was in the right place by racing near the outside wall in overtime to become the first back-to-back winner since Denny Hamlin in 2019-20.

Byron took advantage of another wreck on the final lap — NASCAR did not drop the caution and let the field race to the finish — and took another, familiar burnout in Daytona International Speedway.

“It’s obviously really special,” Byron said. “It’s an amazing race, and obviously a lot of crazy racing out there tonight and just a lot of pushing and shoving.”

The 27-year-old Byron held on to win after two weather delays totaling more than 3 1/2 hours, and with President Donald Trump set to watch the rest of the race in Florida, after he earlier led drivers on two laps around the track in his heavily armored presidential limousine known in Washington as “The Beast.”

Hendrick Motorsports won its 10th Daytona 500 to break a tie with Petty Enterprises for the record.

“Just obviously fortunate it worked out in our favor,” Byron said. “Crazy? Yeah. I can’t honestly believe that but we’re here.”

Austin Cindric held the lead headed to the white flag when he was wiped out in crash that took out a slew of drivers that included Chase Briscoe, Denny Hamlin and Alex Bowman. It was sixth time in the last eight Daytona 500s the race spilled



William Byron leaps into his pit crew after winning the NASCAR Daytona 500 on Sunday.

into overtime, setting up Byron to become the fifth driver to win it in consecutive years.

Byron won for the 14th time in his Cup career, and already set his sights on the championship race in Phoenix after finishing third in the standings in each of the last two years.

“We plan on trying to win a lot of races this year, so we’re not going to stop here,” Byron said. “We’re going to continue to push forward and try to get to Phoenix.”

It wouldn’t be Daytona without the ferocious late wrecks down the stretch that inevitably send the race into overtime.

With four laps left, Ryan Preece turned upside-down and essentially did a wheelie in his No. 60 Ford. His

car flipped onto its roof and turned back onto its tires before hitting the outside wall. Preece dropped his safety net to signal to crews he was OK.

Bubba Wallace, Kyle Larson, Daniel Suarez and Brad Keselowski all had their shots at victory lane spoiled, and the race was red-flagged, just 11 laps after another big one shuffled the field and knocked four former Cup Series champions out of contention.

Reigning NASCAR champion Joey Logano and Ricky Stenhouse started the multi-car melee when Logano moved to the middle and Stenhouse moved to block him. It stacked up Logano, and the accordio effect sent several cars — includ-

ing ones belonging to former Cup champs Kyle Busch, Ryan Blaney and Chase Elliott — sliding in every direction.

Busch’s car ended up on a wrecker, extending his skid to 0 for 20 in “The Great American Race.”

Tyler Reddick was second and two-time Daytona 500 champion Jimmie Johnson was third. Chase Briscoe was fourth and John Hunter Nemechek fifth.

Leave a legacy

Johnson and Nemechek gave Legacy Motor Club two top-five finishes. A Hall of Fame driver and seven-time NASCAR champion, Johnson is now the majority owner under an off-season restructuring.

It was his highest finish in the race since he won it in 2013.

“I have emotions that I didn’t expect to have. I’ve never been in this position as an owner, and it’s really opened up a different set of emotions,” Johnson said after his highest finish in the race since winning in 2013.

Early exit

Four-time Indianapolis 500 winner Helio Castroneves and 2017 NASCAR champion Martin Truex Jr. were among the drivers whose race ended after they were collected in a wreck before the halfway point.

Castroneves made the Daytona 500 under a new rule that allows for a “world-class driver” to receive a provisional spot. He landed a NASCAR ride as part of Trackhouse’s “Project 91,” designed to give renowned racers from outside of the series a shot in a stock car.

“Disappointed, of course, because I was learning so much,” Castroneves said. “It’s incredible when you have more laps into it, you understand the airflow, the guys, saving fuel.”

Truex, who retired from full-time racing at the end of last season, failed to win the Daytona 500 in 21 tries.

“It’s always disappointing when you don’t finish no matter the situation,” Truex said. “It’s probably our only shot this year. It was fun while it lasted, but it was unfortunately wrong place, wrong time there.”

Truex finished 38th and Castroneves 39th.

Up next

The series shifts to Atlanta Motor Speedway, where Daniel Suarez is the defending race winner.

THE DAILY SCOREBOARD

NHL STANDINGS

NHL Conference Glance EASTERN CONFERENCE											
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA					
m-Washington	55	36	11	8	80	196	140				
a-Florida	57	34	20	3	71	192	165				
m-Carolina	56	33	19	4	70	184	154				
a-Toronto	55	33	20	2	68	169	156				
m-New Jersey	57	31	20	6	68	175	142				
a-Tampa Bay	55	31	20	4	66	197	153				
Ottawa	56	29	23	4	62	158	156				
Detroit	55	28	22	5	61	160	171				
Columbus	56	26	22	8	60	184	186				
Boston	57	27	24	6	60	157	182				
N.Y. Rangers	55	27	24	4	58	165	168				
N.Y. Islanders	55	25	23	7	57	152	162				
Montreal	56	25	26	5	55	163	194				
Pittsburgh	57	23	25	9	55	164	201				
Philadelphia	57	24	26	7	55	162	192				
Buffalo	54	22	27	5	49	171	185				

WESTERN CONFERENCE											
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA					
c-Winnipeg	56	39	14	3	81	202	134				
c-Dallas	55	35	18	2	72	182	139				
p-Edmonton	55	34	17	4	72	182	152				
p-Vegas	56	33	17	6	72	185	155				
c-Minnesota	56	33	19	4	70	163	159				
Colorado	56	32	22	2	68	186	174				
p-Los Angeles	53	29	17	7	65	151	136				
Vancouver	55	26	18	11	63	155	166				
Calgary	55	26	21	8	60	148	165				
Utah	56	24	23	9	57	158	170				
St. Louis	56	25	26	5	55	154	171				
Anaheim	54	24	24	6	54	137	165				
Seattle	57	24	29	4	52	169	183				
Nashville	54	19	28	7	45	144	179				
Chicago	55	17	31	7	41	149	191				
San Jose	57	15	35	7	37	148	216				

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs. (a, c, m, p)-top three in their division

Saturday's Games
Finland 4, Sweden 3, OT
USA 3, Canada 1

Sunday's Games
No games scheduled

Monday's Games
Canada vs. Finland at TD Garden, 1 p.m.
Sweden vs. USA at TD Garden, 8 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
No games scheduled.

Wednesday's Games
No games scheduled.

NBA STANDINGS

NBA Glance EASTERN CONFERENCE										
Team	W	L	Pct	GB						
Atlantic										
Boston	39	16	.709	—						
New York	36	18	.667	2½						
Phila.	20	34	.370	18½						
Brooklyn	20	34	.370	18½						
Toronto	17	38	.309	22						
Southeast										
Orlando	27	29	.482	—						
Atlanta	26	29	.473	½						
Miami	25	28	.472	½						
Charlotte	13	29	.250	12						
Washington	9	45	.167	17						
Central										
Cleveland	44	10	.815	—						
Indiana	30	23	.566	13½						
Milwaukee	29	24	.547	14½						
Detroit	29	26	.527	15½						
Chicago	22	33	.400	22½						

WESTERN CONFERENCE										
Team	W	L	Pct	GB						
Southwest										
Memphis	36	18	.667	—						
Houston	34	21	.618	2½						
Dallas	30	26	.536	7						
San Antonio	29	29	.442	12						
New Orleans	13	42	.236	23½						
Northwest										
Oklahoma City	44	10	.815	—						
Denver	36	19	.655	8½						
Minnesota	31	25	.554	14						
Portland	32	41	.438	21½						
Utah	13	41	.241	31						
Pacific										
L.A. Lakers	32	20	.615	—						
L.A. Clippers	31	23	.574	2						
Sacramento	28	27	.509	5½						
Golden State	28	27	.509	5½						
Phoenix	26	28	.481	7						

Saturday's Games
No games scheduled.

Sunday's Games
2025 All-Star Game Semifinal 1
Global Stars 41, Young Stars 32

2025 All-Star Game Semifinal 2
OGs 42, Rising Stars 35

2025 All-Star Game
Global Stars vs Team TBD, 10 p.m., San Francisco

Monday's Games
No games scheduled.

Tuesday's Games
No games scheduled.

Wednesday's Games
Charlotte at L.A. Lakers, 10 p.m.

PRO GOLF

The Genesis Invitational Par Scores Sunday										
At Torrey Pines — South La Jolla, Calif.										
Purse: \$20 million										
Yardage: 7,765; Par: 72										
Final Round										
Ludvig Aberg (700)	74-66-70-66	276	-12							
Maverick McNealy (400)	75-70-68-64	277	-11							
Patrick Rodgers (338)	69-71-68-71	279	-9							
Scottie Scheffler (338)	69-71-68-71	279	-9							
Patrick Cantlay (250)	74-70-68-68	280	-8							
Tony Finau (250)	76-69-67-68	280	-8							
Tommy Fleetwood (250)	75-68-69-68	280	-8							
Denny McCarthy (250)	68-70-71-71	280	-8							
Akshay Bhatia (152)	75-67-73-67	282	-6							
Nick Taylor (152)	74-71-69-68	282	-6							
Nick Thomas (152)	73-71-69-69	282	-6							
Daniel Berger (120)	75-71-70-67	283	-5							
Michael Kim (95)	71-72-71-70	284	-4							
Hideki Matsuyama (95)	74-72-68-70	284	-4							
Andrew Novak (95)	71-71-74-68	284	-4							
Davis Thompson (95)	70-66-76-72	284	-4							
Nick Dunlap (56)	71-70-74-70	285	-3							
Brian Harman (56)	76-71-70-68	285	-3							
Ben Griffin (56)	71-71-74-69	285	-3							
Rory McIlroy (56)	72-67-74-72	285	-3							
Collin Morikawa (56)	73-72-73-67	285	-3							
Sahithi Theegala (56)	72-76-69-68	285	-3							
Kevin Yu (56)	74-70-73-68	285	-3							
Sam Burns (38)	71-74-72-69	286	-2							
Corey Conners (38)	72-74-73-67	286	-2							
Harris English (38)	75-71-69-71	286	-2							
Max Greyserman (38)	77-68-73-68	286	-2							
Si Woo Kim (38)	74-70-72-70	286	-2							
Seamus Power (38)	69-73-74-70	286	-2							
Will Zalatoris (38)	74-73-71-68	286	-2							
Wyndham Clark (30)	70-72-74-71	287	-1							
Lucas Glover (30)	74-74-72-67	287	-1							
Sam Stevens (30)	72-71-72-72	287	-1							
Keegan Bradley (25)	74-72-72-70	288	E							
Nicolas Echavarria (25)	71-74-68-75	288	E							
J.J. Spaun (25)	76-69-73-70	288	E							
Aaron Rai (25)	72-70-75-72	289	+1							
Adam Scott (23)	74-70-75-70	289	+1							
Chris Bezuidenhout (20)	76-71-69-74	290	+2							
Rickie Fowler (20)	77-69-70-74	290	+2							
Russell Henley (20)	72-71-75-72	290	+2							
Shane Lowry (20)	73-73-74-70	290	+2							
J.T. Poston (20)	75-71-72-72	290	+2							
Ben Griffin (16)	74-73-74-71	287	+3							
Stephan Jaeger (16)	75-70-74-72	291	+3							
Tom Kim (16)	73-72-73-73	291	+3							
Matthew Pavon (16)	79-69-75-68	291	+3							
Min Woo Lee (14)	71-77-74-70	292	+4							
Matt Fitzpatrick (14)	74-70-74-75	293	+5							
Jason Day (13)	76-72-74-72	294	+6							
Taylor Pendtrich (13)	74-74-75-71	294	+6							
Mackenzie Hughes (12)	74-73-74-75	296	+8							
Thomas Detry (11)	76-71-75-75	297	+9							
Tom Hoge (11)	77-71-73-79	300	+12							

SCHOLASTIC BASKETBALL

KMAC TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES at PennWest Clarion

BOYS
REDBANK VALLEY (54)
Minich 5 9-10 9, Fricko 1 0-0 2, Huffman 1 1-2 3, Fricko 4 1-2 10, Clario 1 0-0 2, Rupp 3 2-2 10. Totals: 16 19-25 54.

GIRLS
CLARION (44)
De, Small 5 0-0 10, Frederick 3 5-5 11, Burford 3 0-0 7, Watson 1 0-0 2, Dy, Small 6 2-4 14, O'Neill 0 0-0 0, Miller 0 0-0 0. Totals: 18 7-9 44.

Score by Quarters
Redbank Valley 8 19 10 17 — 54
Clarion 8 10 14 12 — 44
3-point goals — Redbank Valley (Rupp 2, Fricko), Clarion (Burford).

GIRLS KARNIS CITY (41)
Venesky 2 4-4 8, Frick 1 0-0 2, Dailey 1 2-2 4, Prescott 8 0-2 16, Taylor 3 3-6 10, Summerville 0 1-2 1, Pistorius 0 0-0 0. Totals: 15-16-41.

REDBANK VALLEY (54)
Bonanno 1 1-2 3, Bond 7 3-4 18, Carrico 1 0-0 3, Harmon 5 3-4 14, Q. White 5 2-2 16, K. White 0 0-0 0, Hagan 0 0-0 0, Neiswonger 0 0-0 0. Totals: 19-9-12 54.

Score by Quarters