

RACING THIS WEEK

XFINITY FINISH:
Justin Allgaier takes the checkered flag to win The LiUNA! at Las Vegas Motor Speedway on Saturday.
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XFINITY RECAP

• **Saturday's** THE LIUNA!, Las Vegas Motor Speedway



WINNER: JUSTIN ALLGAIER

LAS VEGAS—On Friday night, Justin Allgaier saw the Eagles in concert. On Saturday, he was flying.

Holding off Aric Almirola over a 102-lap green-flag run, Allgaier finally claimed victory at Las Vegas Motor Speedway after finishing second four times at the 1.5-mile track.

Allgaier's victory in The LiUNA! was his first of the season, the 26th of his career and the 90th for JR Motorsports in the Xfinity Series. The reigning series champion crossed the finish line 1.067 seconds ahead of Almirola, who lost ground trying to run the outside lane with just over three laps left.

The decisive moment in the race, however, may have come much earlier. Allgaier lost the lead to Almirola during an exchange of pit stops midway through the final stage, but he regained it in traffic on Lap 152 and remained out front the rest of the way.

With the victory, Allgaier qualified for the first \$100,000 Xfinity Dash4Cash Saturday at Miami.

After Allgaier took the lead on Lap 152, he opened an advantage of more than two seconds over Almirola, who spent the next 40 laps whittling the margin down to a car-length. But Almirola couldn't find a way past Allgaier in the closing laps.

Allgaier led 102 of the 200 laps, followed by Almirola (51) and Zilisch (28). Brandon Jones, Ryan Seig, Harrison Burton, Zilisch and Sheldon Creed completed the top 10.

TRUCKS RECAP

• **Friday's** VICTORIA'S VOICE FOUNDATION 200, Las Vegas



WINNER: COREY HEIM

LAS VEGAS—Corey Heim made a mistake on pit road, but his crew picked up the slack. A lightning-fast stop under caution on Lap 86 put Heim in the lead, and that was the impetus the driver of the No. 11 TRICON Garage Toyota needed to win Friday night's Ecosave 200 at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

The stellar work of the pit crew allowed Heim to overcome a pit road speeding penalty he incurred at the end of the first stage on Lap 31.

In a race stopped twice for sudden rain showers, Heim took the lead for good on Lap 101, passing Layne Riggs after the final restart following the fourth and final caution for Jack Wood's accident in Turn 4 on Lap 93.

Heim led a race-high 42 of 134 laps to 39 for Stage 2 winner Tyler Ankrum and beat runner-up Grant Enfinger to the finish line by 0.825 seconds.

Enfinger passed Tanner Gray for the second spot on Lap 126 but couldn't catch Heim over the final eight laps. Enfinger felt the battle with Gray might have cost him a chance to win.

Gray held third place at the finish, followed by reigning series champion and Stage 1 winner Ty Majeski and Riggs. Stewart Friesen, Rajah Caruth, Chandler Smith, Matt Crafton and Ankrum completed the top 10.

PENNZOIL 400

Josh Berry's win in Sunday's race at Vegas was his first in the Cup Series at a track where he won twice in a Xfinity Series car.



Josh Berry, driver of the #21 Motorcraft/Quick Lane Ford, takes the checkered flag to win the Cup Series Pennzoil 400 at Las Vegas Motor Speedway on Sunday.
(Chris Graythen/Getty Images)

Berry battles way to first Cup win at Vegas

LAS VEGAS—Winning an intense battle against Daniel Suárez after a restart with 19 laps left, Josh Berry pulled away to a convincing victory in Sunday's Pennzoil 400 presented by Jiffy Lube at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

The win was Berry's first in the Cup Series at a track where he won twice in a Xfinity Series car. Berry is the fourth straight Wood Brothers Racing driver to pick up his first Cup win in the No. 21 Ford.

"Oh, man, I don't even know what to think," Berry said after climbing from his car on the frontstretch. "Just awesome. I love this track. Las Vegas has been so good to me. So many great moments here.

"Just struggled in the Next Gen car here. But (crew chief) Miles (Stanley) and this whole 21 team, everybody at Wood Brothers Racing, they gave me a great car today. Just battled and battled and battled. Man, it was our day. I just can't believe it.

"Such a battle with Daniel there at the end, beating and banging on a mile-and-a-half—crazy! Whoever was going to get out front was probably going to win. We were able to get in front."

Berry and Suárez restarted side-by-side on Lap 249 of 267. Suárez didn't surrender the lead until Lap 252, when Berry nosed ahead at the start/finish line. Lap 253 was nearly a dead heat with Berry ahead by inches, but the No. 21 Mustang cleared Suárez's No. 99 Trackhouse Racing Chevrolet through the tri-oval on Lap 254.

"We did everything right, you know?" Suárez said "The team did an amazing job on the strategy, pit stops. We did everything right. Our car was fast. We just struggled a little bit in the short run."

After clearing Suárez, Berry widened the gap in clean air and crossed the finish line 1.358 seconds ahead of the runner-up, earning a victory that also ended Christopher Bell's three-race Cup winning streak.

Berry got his chance when a Lap 195 caution for a seven-car wreck on the backstretch interrupted a cycle of green-flag pit stops and wrested control of the race from Stage 2 winner Kyle Larson, who had led 61 laps before pitting on Lap 197.

With the field flipped, Larson restarted 18th and could only work his way back to ninth before the race ended.

Berry, on the other hand, restarted seventh on Lap 201, worked the top of the track masterfully and snatched the lead from Suárez for the first time on Lap 234, before surrendering it to Cup champion Joey Logano two laps later.

Noah Gragson's contact with Turn 2 wall on Lap 243 caused the ninth and final caution of the race and took fuel consumption out of the equation. Suárez regained the lead with a blistering four-tire stop, with Berry second off pit road, as Logano lost 19 positions during a fraught pit stop.

But it didn't take Berry long to set sail toward the 101st victory for the Wood Brothers, who got No. 100 last year at the hands of Harrison Burton.

Ryan Preece ran third on Sunday, followed by series leader William Byron, who paced a group of four Hendrick Motorsports drivers in the top 10. Tire strategy helped Ross Chastain secure fifth place.

Austin Cindric, Alex Bowman, AJ Allmendinger, Larson and Chase Elliott completed the top 10 on a day when pit road resembled a comedy of errors. Both Chase Briscoe and Kyle Busch jettisoned loose wheels onto the track; Briscoe rebounded from four laps down to finish 17th.

In a race that featured 32 lead changes among 13 drivers, Austin Cindric was second to Larson in laps led with 47, followed by Logano with 40, Tyler Reddick with 34, Bubba Wallace with 20 and Berry with 18.

For practical purposes, Christopher Bell's bid for a fourth straight Cup Series victory came to an end during pit stops under caution for Shane van Gisbergen's spin off Turn 2 on Lap 107.

By then, Bell, who started from the rear because of an unapproved throttle body change, had advanced to second in the running order, but his front tire changer failed to secure the left-front wheel before Bell left his stall, located near the entrance to pit road.

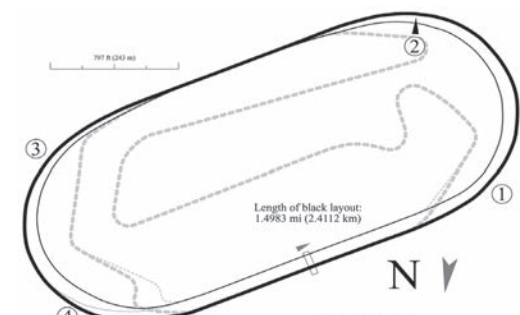
After frantic radio communication, Bell pulled into the pit of teammate Chase Briscoe, where the front tire changer on the No. 19 team tightened the loose lug.

Bell dropped to the rear of the field under penalty for receiving service outside his pit box and could make no progress in dirty air after two subsequent restarts. His No. 20 Toyota was running 29th when the No. 34 Ford of Todd Gilliland bounced off the Turn 4 wall on Lap 147 to cause the fifth caution of the afternoon.

Complaining of a loss of rear grip, Bell finished Stage 2 in 27th place, his chances for a four-race winning streak all but gone.

Bell subsequently ran as high as sixth after a two-tire stop on Lap 189 to gain track position, but he lost spots when the field flipped for the Lap 201 restart and could only recover to 12th at the finish.

STRAIGHT TALK WIRELESS 400



Homestead-Miami Speedway
3 p.m. ET Sunday, FS1

Course: 1.5 mile oval, 2.21 mile road course
Surface: Asphalt
Banking in turns: 18-20 degree variable banking
Banking in straights: 3 degrees
Length of front straight: 1,760 feet
Length of back straight: 1,760 feet
Width of track: 55 feet
Pit road: 1,900 feet long; 50 feet wide
Garage area: 30 stalls (spaces for 120 cars)
Garage suites: 30 suites available for viewing above garages
Inaugural Cup race: Pennzoil 400, Nov. 14, 1999; Tony Stewart winner
Current capacity: 55,000 grandstand seats
Property Size: 600 acres
Tower building: 5 levels; equivalent in height to a 12-story building
TV monitors: 750 (15,140 inches of monitors)
Fencing: The oval fencing/cable barrier system includes more than 33 miles of high-strength steel cable, and more than 9000 clamps are used to hold this cable in place; the cable is long enough to stretch from Miami to Ft. Lauderdale
Palm trees: 1,005 palm trees; 15 varieties
Water: The facility's water tower has a capacity of 1 million gallons, enough water to fill 20,000 bathtubs
Lakes: Four lakes were created; the largest of the lakes is 18 acres and stocked with Peacock Bass
Champions Club Tower: This luxury facility, located outside Turn One, includes 16 skyboxes offers amenities including outdoor chair-back seating, a private elevator, pre-race track-pass access and a spectacular view



Tyler Reddick was the last to win at Miami, in last year's Playoffs Round of 8. Here, he celebrates with Michael Jordan, NBA HoFer and co-owner of 23XI Racing. (Getty)

2025 CUP SERIES STANDINGS

Top 30 as of March 16

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 William Byron #24	207	16 Ricky Stenhouse #47	116
2 Christopher Bell #20	178	17 Kyle Busch #8	114
3 Tyler Reddick #45	159	18 Ryan Preece #60	102
4 Chase Elliott #9	159	19 Daniel Suárez #99	94
5 Alex Bowman #48	156	20 Chase Briscoe #19	94
6 Kyle Larson #5	152	21 Austin Cindric #2	92
7 Ryan Blaney #12	143	22 Carson Hocevar #77	92
8 Joey Logano #22	136	23 AJ Allmendinger #16	92
9 Chris Buescher #17	133	24 Todd Gilliland #34	91
10 Ross Chastain #1	128	25 Erik Jones #43	85
11 Bubba Wallace #23	125	26 Ty Dillon #10	85
12 Denny Hamlin #11	122	27 Riley Herbst #35	79
13 Josh Berry #21	119	28 Justin Haley #7	78
14 Michael McDowell #71	117	29 Zane Smith #38	77
15 J. H. Nemechek #42	116	30 Brad Keselowski #6	73

2025 XFINITY SERIES STANDINGS

Top 20 as of March 15

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 Justin Allgaier #7	200	11 Christian Eckes #16	127
2 Jesse Love #2	181	12 Jeb Burton #27	121
3 Sam Mayer #41	170	13 Harrison Burton #25	119
4 Austin Hill #21	160	14 Carson Kvapil #1	114
5 Sammy Smith #8	156	15 Brandon Jones #20	110
6 Aric Almirola #19	151	16 Nicholas Sanchez #48	103
7 Sheldon Creed #00	144	17 Daniel Dye #10	103
8 Tyler Gray #54	137	18 Josh Williams #11	97
9 Connor Zilisch #88	133	19 William Sawalich #18	93
10 Ryan Sieg #39	133	20 Jeremy Clements #51	93

NEXT RACE: HARD ROCK BET 300, Homestead-Miami Speedway, 4 p.m. ET Saturday, CW

2025 TRUCK SERIES STANDINGS

Top 20 as of March 14

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 Ty Majeski #98	128	11 Layne Riggs #34	74
2 Corey Heim #11	123	12 Jake Garcia #13	73
3 Grant Enfinger #9	120	13 Bayley Currey #44	68
4 Chandler Smith #38	120	14 Kaden Honeycutt #45	66
5 Stewart Friesen #52	107	15 Matt Crafton #88	63
6 Ben Rhodes #99	95	16 Jack Wood #91	57
7 Tyler Ankrum #18	87	17 A. Perez De Lara #77	55
8 Giovanni Ruggiero #17	86	18 Rajah Caruth #71	53
9 Daniel Hemric #19	86	19 Matt Mills #42	53
10 Tanner Gray #15	77	20 Frankie Muniz #33	51

NEXT RACE: BAPTIST HEALTH 200, Homestead-Miami Speedway, 8 p.m. ET Friday, FOX

VEGAS WINNER QUOTE

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Josh Berry and crew in Victory Lane Sunday at Vegas.

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SEAS THE DAY

Reel in your hunger with this fresh catch! Creamy tuna salad with chopped celery piled high on a fresh-baked roll.



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