



RACING

THIS WEEK



**TRUCKS
BURNOUT
ALERT!** Kyle
Busch celebrates
after winning
Friday's ECOSAVE
200 at Dover
Motor Speedway.
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O'REILLY RECAP

• **Saturday's** BETRIVERS 200, Dover Motor Speedway



WINNER: COREY DAY

Twenty-year-old Californian Corey Day took the lead from veteran Justin Allgaier with four laps remaining to claim his second career O'Reilly Auto Parts Series victory Saturday in the BetRivers 200 in his first Dover start.

Allgaier, a three-time winner already this season and the current championship leader, looked poised to add yet another trophy at Dover's famed "Monster Mile," but Day was able to run up high against the outside wall — he and Allgaier splitting Blake Lothian's lapped car — with Day pulling ahead of the three cars and driving away from Allgaier down the stretch.

It was enough momentum to propel Day's No. 17 Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet to a 0.461-second victory over Allgaier, who led a race-high 71 of the 200 laps, and it follows Day's career first victory at the series' largest track, Talladega Superspeedway coming only three weeks ago.

Saturday's effort from Allgaier, already a series-best three-race winner this season, boosted his championship points advantage to an amazing 175 points over Haas Factory Team's Sheldon Creed, who finished 18th.

Creed's Haas Factory teammate Sam Mayer finished third. JGR's William Sawalich was fourth and RCR's Austin Hill claimed fifth place — his best finish since a runner-up showing on the COTA road course back in March.

TRUCKS RECAP

• **Friday's** ECOSAVE 200, Dover Motor Speedway



WINNER: KYLE BUSCH

Kyle Busch did what Kyle Busch does best in a truck at Dover Motor Speedway. Win.

Busch claimed his record fifth Truck Series trophy and 13th overall at the famous concrete one-mile, dominating Friday's ECOSAVE 200 leading 147 of the 200 laps in the No. 7 Spire Motorsports Chevrolet and sweeping both stage victories en route to a 3.039-second victory over former series champ, ThorSport's Ty Majeski.

After a well-deserved, deep bow to the crowd at the finish line, a grateful Busch spoke of his fondness for the high-banked track. It marked his series best 69th career win — and second in four starts this season.

The only other driver to truly challenge Busch in the series' return to Dover after a six-year break was Ross Chastain, who led 49 laps but had to pit late in the race for fuel after a side-by-side battle with Busch midway through.

Majeski did his best to keep Busch honest in earning his runner-up finish — which equaled his previous top effort of the season. Front Row's Layne Riggs finished third. Last week's winner, Tricon's Kaden Honeycutt, finished fourth after an impressive rally.

ALL STAR RACE

Denny Hamlin won the Cup Series All-Star Race from pole position — making the pass for victory over his Joe Gibbs Racing teammate Chase Briscoe with 29 laps remaining.



Denny Hamlin, driver of the #11 Progressive Insurance Toyota, takes the checkered flag to win the Cup Series All-Star Race at Dover Motor Speedway on Sunday. (Meg Oliphany/Getty)

Hamlin makes pass, nabs the big check at Dover

DOVER, Del. — For the second time in his celebrated career, Denny Hamlin won the NASCAR Cup Series All-Star Race from pole position — making the pass for victory over his Joe Gibbs Racing teammate Chase Briscoe with 29 laps remaining to claim the winner's \$1 million check.

Hamlin's No. 11 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota went on to win by a .887-second margin over Briscoe's No. 19 JGR Toyota prevailing in the 200-lap final segment of competition in the three-phase non-points race taking place for the first time ever at the Dover Motor Speedway's one-mile concrete track.

Just finishing the third and final phase of this race was an accomplishment for many of the sport's best. A pair of nine-car accidents bookended the first of two 75-lap stages and either eliminated or badly handicapped perennial favorites such as past All-Star winners Chase Elliott, Kyle Larson and Ryan Blaney.

Toyota drivers Bubba Wallace and Tyler Reddick, who drive for the 23XI Racing team Hamlin co-owns with NBA legend Michael Jordan, each won one of the opening two stages. And ultimately it came down to another three Toyotas to settle the popular "main event" in front of a packed house at the venerable Dover "Monster Mile" on a steamy Sunday afternoon.

"Makes it a lot easier when you have a car this fast," said Hamlin, who at 45 years old is the second oldest driver to claim a trophy in the annual All-Star race. "Hats off to this whole [sponsor] Progressive team.

"We strive to be number one and we did it today," he said, adding, "I just knew the game-changer for us was long runs and obviously the ability to pass when behind someone."

Of the \$1 million prize, Hamlin smiled and did not hesitate to say, "I'll probably give it to mama." — an especially moving gesture considering he lost his father in December in a fire that destroyed his parents' home.

Hamlin (103) and Briscoe (61) combined to lead all but 36 laps of the final stage and the runner-up showing for Briscoe was a career best in the All-Star Race.

It was obviously a really fast car and just proud of our group," Briscoe said. "I knocked the wall down in practice and we basically

rebuilt the whole car. So, for them to be able to get the car back to where it's competitive says a lot about the guys. It was a good day.

"Wish it were a points race because we definitely need the points. But it was a hard-fought day," added Briscoe, who said he'd been battling a stomach bug all weekend.

"Had a shot there at the end for a million bucks and you can't ask for anything more."

Erik Jones rallied to a third-place finish in the No. 43 Legacy Motor Club Toyota — his best showing of the season — followed by the Chevrolets of Richard Childress Racing's Austin Dillon and Trackhouse Racing rookie Connor Zilisch, who both also turned in their best finishes of the year.

It was an especially impressive day for the 19-year old fan-favorite Zilisch, who dominated the O'Reilly Series last year winning 10 times, but has endured some expected growing pains in his move up to the premier Cup Series this year.

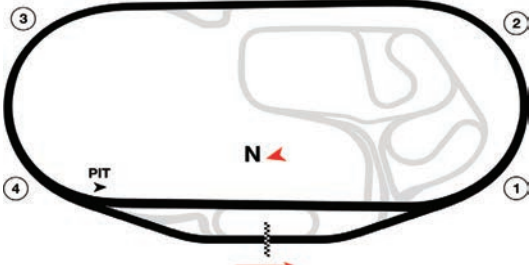
His fifth-place finish proved a remarkable comeback Sunday considering he received a pit road penalty after exiting the pits in second-place near the race's midpoint. He steadily rallied back from the penalty — moving into the top-10 with 20 laps remaining and then into the that fifth-place showing by the checkered flag.

"It would have taken a lot to beat the 11 [Hamlin] and 19 [Briscoe]; they were both really good," Zilisch said. "Regardless, it was a really good day for Trackhouse and this 88 team. We needed a day like this where we had contending speed. It's been a long year and moments of hope like this certainly feel good."

Team Penske's Austin Cindric, Hendrick Motorsports' William Byron, Spire Motorsports Michael McDowell, Hendrick Motorsport's Alex Bowman and Roush Fenway Keselowski Racing's Brad Keselowski rounded out the top-10. It was a notable comeback performance for the former series champion Keselowski, who started alongside Hamlin on the front row, but was collected in a multi-car accident in the second 75-lap segment.

Hamlin's victory was his second in 20 All-Star starts and he becomes the third driver in NASCAR history to win the race at multiple tracks after claiming his first trophy at Charlotte Motor Speedway in 2015.

NEXT: COCA-COLA 600



Charlotte Motor Speedway
6 p.m. ET Sunday, Prime

• **Location:** 5555 Concord Parkway South, Concord, North Carolina

• **Capacity:** 95,000

• **Course:** Quad oval

• **Surface:** Asphalt

• **Overall Length:** 1.5 miles or 7,920 feet

• **Frontstretch length:** 1,980 feet

• **Backstretch length:** 1,500 feet

• **Turns 1 & 2 lengths:** 2,400 feet

• **Turns 3 & 4 lengths:** 2,040

• **Banking in corners:** 24°

• **Banking is straightaways:** 5°

• **In a typical race weekend, fans consume:**

165,000 pounds of ice

37,000 slices of pizza

5,000 gallons of soft drinks

4,000 feet of hot dogs

50,000 chicken tenders

• **First modern superspeedway** to host night racing in 1992

• Set a **Guinness World Record** in 2011 with debut of world's largest HDTV at a sports venue, spanning nearly 16,000 square feet

• **President George Washington** ate lunch and rested in a house that once served as the speedway's offices



Ross Chastain celebrated by smashing a watermelon after winning the Coca-Cola 600 last May. GETTY

2026 CUP SERIES STANDINGS

Top 30 as of May 10

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 Tyler Reddick 23XI	567	16 S v Gisbergen Trkhouse	283
2 Denny Hamlin JGR	438	17 Chase Briscoe JGR	277
3 Chase Elliott Hendrick	422	18 Joey Logano Penske	245
4 Ryan Blaney Penske	405	19 Ross Chastain Trkhouse	236
5 Chris Buescher RFK	375	20 AJ Allmendinger Kaulig	235
6 Ty Gibbs JGR	372	21 Mke McDowell Spire	225
7 Carson Hocevar Spire	342	22 Austin Dillon RCR	220
8 Kyle Larson Hendrick	332	23 Zane Smith Front Row	217
9 Brad Keselowski RFK	318	24 Kyle Busch RCR	217
10 Bubba Wallace 23XI	313	25 Erik Jones Legacy	214
11 Christopher Bell JGR	311	26 Todd Gilliland Fr. Row	206
12 William Byron Hendrick	309	27 Ricky Stenhouse Hyak	193
13 Ryan Preece RFK	296	28 J.H. Nemechek Legacy	189
14 Daniel Suárez Spire	295	29 Riley Herbst 23XI	186
15 Austin Cindric Penske	287	30 Noah Gragson Fr. Row	168

2026 O'REILLY AUTO PARTS STANDINGS

Top 20 as of May 16

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 Justin Allgaier #7	679	11 Parker Retzlaff #99	363
2 Sheldon Creed #00	504	12 William Sawalich #18	344
3 Jesse Love #2	502	13 Brent Crews #19	339
4 Corey Day #17	484	14 Rajah Caruth #88	338
5 Brandon Jones #20	474	15 Ryan Sieg #39	322
6 Sammy Smith #8	427	16 Brennan Poole #44	283
7 Austin Hill #21	424	17 Anthony Alfredo #96	242
8 Carson Kvapil #91	420	18 Dean Thompson #26	236
9 Sam Mayer #41	369	19 Jeremy Clements #51	234
10 Taylor Gray #54	365	20 Jeb Burton #27	224

NEXT RACE: CHARBROIL 300, Charlotte Motor Speedway, 5 p.m. ET Saturday, CW

2026 CRAFTSMAN TRUCK STANDINGS

Top 20 as of May 15

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 Kaden Honeycutt #11	347	11 Corey Heim #1	204
2 Layne Riggs #34	309	12 Daniel Hemric #19	196
3 Chandler Smith #38	308	13 Brenden Queen #12	196
4 Gio Ruggiero #17	286	14 Justin Haley #16	195
5 Ty Majeski #88	277	15 A. Perez De Lara #44	166
6 Christian Eckes #91	271	16 Tanner Gray #15	166
7 Ben Rhodes #99	246	17 Grant Enfinger #9	164
8 Jake Garcia #98	213	18 Dawson Sutton #26	149
9 Stewart Friesen #52	208	19 Mini Tyrrell #14	138
10 Tyler Ankrum #18	206	20 Cole Buthcher #13	120

NEXT RACE: NORTH CAROLINA EDUCATION LOTTERY 200, Charlotte, 7:30 p.m. ET Friday, FS1

ALL-STAR WINNER QUOTE

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Denny Hamlin poses with the \$1 million check after winning Sunday's All-Star Race at Dover Motor Speedway.

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