

O'REILLY RECAP

• **Saturday's** HYVEE PERKS 250, Iowa Speedway



WINNER: CARSON KVAPIL

The “new” Carson Kvapil is now 2-for-2.

In his first O'Reilly Auto Parts Series race since claiming his first career victory July 25 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Kvapil once again found his way to Victory Lane – this time in two overtimes at Iowa Speedway.

Grabbing the lead from Ross Chastain on the first overtime restart in Saturday's Hy-Vee Perks 250 at the 0.875-mile short track, Kvapil held the top spot through the second extra period after an eight-car wreck in Turn 2 on Lap 252 wiped out a handful of potential contenders.

Winless in his first 63 O'Reilly Series starts, Kvapil has now remade himself as a pretender to the series title with just one race remaining in the regular season.

The driver of the No. 1 JR Motorsports Chevrolet heads to the Aug. 28 race at Daytona International Speedway second in the standings with a 28-point advantage over third-place Sheldon Creed, who finished fifth on Saturday.

In a race that went 10 laps beyond its scheduled distance of 250 laps, Kvapil crossed the finished line 0.343 seconds ahead of runner-up Rajah Caruth, who took advantage of the top lane on the final restart on Lap 259 to surge into second place.

William Sawalich ran third, followed by Chastain and Creed. Nick Sanchez, Taylor Gray, Dean Thompson, Harrison Burton and Brennan Poole completed the top 10.

For practical purposes, it was the penultimate restart that decided the issue. Chastain, leading in the top lane, spun his tires on the restart and surrendered the lead to Kvapil. Behind them, the Toyota of rookie Brent Crews washed up the track and sideswiped the No. 39 Chevrolet of pole winner Ryan Sieg, launching Sieg's car into the outside wall.

Crews' Supra then collected the No. 7 Chevrolet of Justin Allgaier, who had charged from 24th to third after pitting for fresh tires on Lap 185. The ensuing caution was the 12th of the afternoon, tying the race record.

With Kvapil in pursuit, Chastain was cruising toward his second victory of the season when Jeb Burton spun in Turn 2 to cause the 11th caution and send the race to overtime.

Three JR Motorsports drivers – Kvapil, Caruth and Chastain-finished in the top four, marking the 80th straight race at least one JRM driver has finished in the top 10, breaking a tie for the series record with RFK Racing (2008-2010).

The race also tightened the battle for the final spots in the Chase. Crews and Sawalich are tied for 11th and 12th in the standings, the last two Chase-eligible positions. Their Joe Gibbs Racing teammate, Taylor Gray, is one point back in 13th.

Caruth in 14th trails Crews and Sawalich by 15 points heading to the O'Reilly Auto Parts Series' regular-season finale, the Winn-Dixie 250 Powered by Coca-Cola scheduled Friday, Aug. 28 at Daytona International Speedway (7:30 p.m. ET, The CW).

IOWA CORN 350

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Ty Gibbs, driver of the #54 SiriusXM Toyota, takes the checkered flag to win the Cup Series Iowa Corn 350 Powered by Ethanol at Iowa Speedway on Sunday.

(Chris Graythen/Getty)

Gibbs rings up win No. 2 with late charge at Iowa

NEWTON, Iowa — A two-tire call. An impeccable green-flag run. And Ty Gibbs had his second victory of the season.

Leapfrogging Joe Gibbs Racing teammate Christopher Bell on pit road — thanks to crew chief Tyler Allen's two-tire call on Lap 290 of 350 — Gibbs kept Bell behind him the rest of the way in front of a packed house at 0.875-mile Iowa Speedway.

When Ross Chastain came to pit road to complete the cycle of green-flag stops, Gibbs had the race lead on Lap 331, with Bell close behind him.

Bell tried everything. Arcing high into the corner. Running the bottom. Crowding up to the bumper of Gibbs' No. 54 Toyota and trying to force a mistake. But with Gibbs repeatedly taking his line, Bell couldn't find a way past his 23-year-old teammate, who claimed his first career victory at Bristol Motor Speedway in April.

Before he could get to a winning position, Gibbs had to rally from a blown pit stop that cost him 25 positions at the first stage break. With a cool head after the miscue, he maneuvered his way back to the front.

“We made a big step from last year, obviously, and I really appreciate it,” said Gibbs, who has finished in the top four at all four short tracks so far this season. “But I really appreciate all my teammates, too.”

“I wouldn't be here without all my teammates as well, week in and week out, just help keep developing the program. And, obviously, we're all up front for a reason. I really appreciate Denny (Hamlin) and Chase (Briscoe) and Christopher for all their help, obviously.”

For the seventh time this season, and for the fourth time in the last five races, Bell had to settle for second. That he climbed from 10th to sixth in the Cup Series standings with the runner-up result was of little consolation.

“This is what you call a bad second-place finish, for sure,” Bell said. “I don't know what else to say. Ty did a really good job. He did a great job managing the race.”

“I could tell that he was slipping and sliding around. Similar to last week or two weeks ago with Corey Heim (at Indianapolis Motor Speedway), he just didn't make a mistake.”

Pole winner Ryan Blaney came home third after leading the first 93 laps and winning the first stage. Josh Berry finished fourth in the No. 21 Wood Brothers Racing



Ford, scoring his first top five of the season.

Overcoming brake problems and a start from the rear, series leader Hamlin ran fifth and extended his advantage in the standings to 103 points over Gibbs, who jumped from fourth to second with the win.

“Just had to white-knuckle every lap,” said Hamlin, who complained of a “long” brake pedal early in the race. “Obviously, not knowing where my car was going to land when I got into the corner, obviously you want to have brakes, and that was a crazy race to have to do it the whole time.”

“But you've got to do what you've got to do. The team did an amazing job. I would take that day 100 out of 100 times.”

Chase Briscoe finished sixth, followed by Chastain, AJ Allmendinger, defending race winner William Byron and Austin Dillon. Rookie Connor Zilisch was 11th, matching his best Cup Series result on an oval track (2025 at EchoPark Speedway).

Shane van Gisbergen ran 30th, three laps down after spinning, but remained 15th in the standings with a 47-point margin over the current outline for the Chase.

The race wasn't five laps old when a slip by Tyler Reddick ignited a wreck that had profound implications for the standings.

With both cars running in the top seven, Reddick's Toyota broke loose in Turn 1 on Lap 4 and collected the Camry of Erik Jones. Both cars slammed outside wall and sustained damage that knocked them out in 35th (Jones) and 36th place (Reddick).

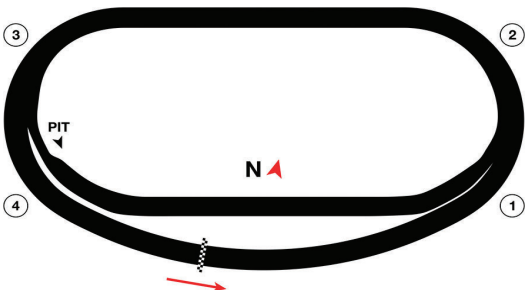
The accident cost Reddick two positions in the standings and dimmed his hopes of overtaking Hamlin for the regular-season title. He's now fourth in points, 120 behind Hamlin with three races left before the Chase field is set.

The early exit was a crushing blow to Jones, who came to Iowa 18th in the standings, 44 points below the Chase cutoff. He leaves the Hawkeye State 20th in points, 50 behind Austin Cindric in 16th, the last Chase-eligible position.

Iowa once again proved a Waterloo for Kyle Larson, who started second and finished third in Stage 1, only to get collected with Hendrick Motorsports teammate Alex Bowman in a Lap 149 accident after John Hunter Nemechek forced Larson's Chevrolet up the track and created an untenable four-wide situation on the frontstretch.

Larson finished 18 laps down in 33rd, two spots below his average finish for the first two Cup Series races at Iowa Speedway.

NEXT: COOK OUT 400



Richmond Raceway
7 p.m. ET Saturday, USA

- **Course:** D-shaped oval (1988–present)
- **Location:** 600 East Laburnum Avenue Richmond, Virginia
- **Capacity:** Exact unknown; less than 50,000
- **Owner:** NASCAR (2019–present); International Speedway Corp. (1999–2019)
- **Opened:** October 1946 (cost-\$10,000)
- **Former names:** Richmond International Raceway (1988–2017); Richmond Fairgrounds Raceway (1969–1988)
- **Surface:** Asphalt
- **Length:** 0.750 miles
- **Turns:** 4
- **Banking:** Turns: 14°; Frontstretch: 8°; Backstretch: 2°
- **Of note:** Initially built in 1946 as part of the Atlantic Rural Exposition (State Fair of Virginia), the track initially held horse and open-wheel racing.



Overhead photo of the Atlantic Rural Exposition in 1952. Raceway is at the top of the image.



Austin Dillon served up a win in last year's Cook Out 400. (Getty)

2026 CUP SERIES STANDINGS

Top 30 as of August 9

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 D. Hamlin Toyota	923	16 A. Cindric Ford	526
2 T. Gibbs Toyota	820	17 R. Preece Ford	497
3 R. Blaney Ford	813	18 R. Chastain Chevrolet	479
4 T. Reddick Toyota	803	19 B. Keselowski Ford	478
5 C. Briscoe Toyota	663	20 E. Jones Toyota	476
6 C. Bell Toyota	659	21 M. McDowell Chevrolet	454
7 C. Elliott Chevrolet	657	22 AJ Allmendinger Chevy	438
8 C. Hocevar Chevrolet	644	23 T. Gilliland Ford	421
9 C. Buescher Ford	637	24 Z. Smith Ford	417
10 K. Larson Chevrolet	629	25 R. Herbst Toyota	386
11 W. Byron Chevrolet	600	26 R. Stenhouse Chevrolet	383
12 D. Suárez Chevrolet	597	27 A. Dillon Chevrolet	382
13 J. Logano Ford	586	28 J. Nemechek Toyota	373
14 D. Wallace Jr. Toyota	565	29 A. Bowman Chevrolet	313
15 S. v Gisbergen Chevy	544	30 J. Berry Ford	297

2026 O'REILLY AUTO PARTS STANDINGS

Top 20 as of August 8

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 Justin Allgaier #7	1048	11 William Sawalich #18	598
2 Carson Kvapil #1	810	12 Brent Crews #19	598
3 Sheldon Creed #00	782	13 Taylor Gray #54	597
4 Jesse Love #2	749	14 Rajah Caruth #88	583
5 Corey Day #17	727	15 Ryan Sieg #39	514
6 Brandon Jones #20	718	16 Anthony Alfredo #96	464
7 Austin Hill #21	716	17 Brennan Poole #44	421
8 Sammy Smith #8	692	18 Dean Thompson #26	418
9 Parker Retzlaff #99	643	19 Jeremy Clements #51	380
10 Sam Mayer #41	616	20 Harrison Burton #24	366

NEXT RACE: WINN-DIXIE 250, Daytona International, 7:30 p.m. ET Friday, Aug. 28, CW

2026 CRAFTSMAN TRUCK STANDINGS

Top 20 as of July 24

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 Layne Riggs #34	715	11 Tyler Ankrum #18	365
2 Kaden Honeycutt #11	616	12 Jake Garcia #98	341
3 Chandler Smith #38	563	13 A. Perez De Lara #44	331
4 Christian Eckes #91	496	14 Brenden Queen #12	330
5 Gio Ruggiero #17	491	15 Justin Haley #16	314
6 Ty Majeski #88	446	16 Tanner Gray #15	311
7 Ben Rhodes #99	408	17 Corey Heim #5	309
8 Grant Enfinger #9	391	18 Dawson Sutton #26	260
9 Daniel Henric #19	379	19 Mini Tyrrrell #14	233
10 Stewart Friesen #52	373	20 Cole Buthcher #13	233

NEXT RACE: BLACK'S TIRE 250 PRES. BY BTS, Richmond, 7:30 p.m. ET Friday, FS1

IOWA WINNER QUOTE

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— Ty Gibbs, who grabbed his second win of the season Sunday at Iowa Speedway



Ty Gibbs takes a bow in tribute to the late Kyle Busch Sunday at Iowa Speedway.

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