

RACING THIS WEEK

TRUCKS FINISH: Corey Heim takes the checkered flag to win Friday's Buckle Up South Carolina 200 at Darlington.



O'REILLY RECAP

• **Saturday's** SPORT CLIPS HAIRCUTS VFW HELP A HERO 200, Darlington



WINNER: JUSTIN ALLGAIER

Justin Allgaier's formula for winning Saturday's Sport Clips Haircuts VFW Help a Hero 200 at Darlington Raceway was simple enough: take advantage of excellent pit stops and muscle his way into the lead on the final two restarts.

The result was Allgaier's fourth O'Reilly victory at the 1.366-mile track, his second of the season and 30th of his career, tying him with Joey Logano for seventh on the series' career win list.

After a slow pit stop under the third and final caution on Lap 127 buried the dominant car of Kyle Larson in fifth place, Allgaier seized the lead from Brandon Jones on the last restart with 15 laps left and beat Jones to finish.

Allgaier is the first repeat winner of the 2026 season, but his victory is the fourth straight for JR Motorsports.

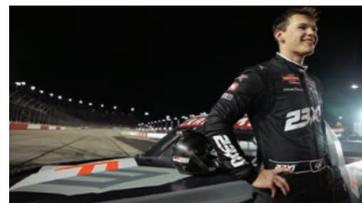
Larson was able to catch and pass Allgaier after a restart on Lap 99, after losing a spot to Jones on pit road and watching Allgaier flash past into the lead on the restart lap.

But the final restart, which followed a five-car wreck involving Dean Thompson, Austin Hill, Kyle Sieg, Alex Labbe and Lavar Scott, was another matter. Larson could gain only one position and finished fourth ahead of Carson Kvatil.

Corey Day finished sixth, posting his fifth-straight top 10 in his rookie season. Sheldon Creed, Parker Retzlaff, Sammy Smith and Sam Mayer completed the top 10.

TRUCKS RECAP

• **Friday's** BUCKLE UP SOUTH CAROLINA 200, Darlington Raceway



WINNER: COREY HEIM

Same guy. Different truck. Same result.

Driving the No. 5 TRICON Garage Toyota on a part-time basis, Corey Heim shocked race leader Ross Chastain with a last-lap pass and collected his second-straight victory at Darlington Raceway in Friday night's Buckle Up South Carolina 200.

Last year, the No.11 TRICON Tundra carried Heim to a record 12 victories and the Truck Series championship.

This year, the No. 5 truck carried him to a two-overtime win in his second series start of the season, as Heim is running a schedule of Trucks, O'Reilly and Cup Series races.

Heim also collected the \$50,000 Triple Truck Challenge bonus for the victory. Should he run again on April 3 at Rockingham, he would be eligible for a \$100,000 prize available to a driver who wins two races in "The Trip."

Kaden Honeycutt chose the top lane for both overtimes but faded to fourth after the final restart.

Connor Mosack finished fifth, followed Christopher Bell, Grant Enfinger, Gio Ruggiero, Daniel Hemric and William Sawalich.

Chandler Smith ran 17th but left Darlington with a 33-point lead.

GOODYEAR 400

Overcoming a succession of issues, Tyler Reddick delivered a convincing victory Sunday at Darlington Raceway, beating runner-up Brad Keselowski to the finish line by 5.847 seconds.



Tyler Reddick, driver of the #45 Xfinity Toyota, takes the checkered flag to win the Cup Series Goodyear 400 at Darlington Raceway on Sunday. (Jonathan Bachman/Getty)

Too tough to tame Tyler grabs win at Darlington

DARLINGTON, S.C.—It's almost impossible to keep a good man down—when you're on the kind roll Tyler Reddick is, that is.

Overcoming a succession of issues inside his No. 45 23XI Racing Toyota, Reddick delivered a convincing victory in Sunday's Goodyear 400 at Darlington Raceway, beating runner-up Brad Keselowski to the finish line by 5.847 seconds.

The win was Reddick's fourth of the season in six Cup Series events, following his record-setting sweep of the first three races of the year. That four-victory total puts Reddick in the company of two pillars of the sport.

Only twice before has a Cup driver won four of the first six races in a season: Dale Earnhardt in 1987 and Bill Elliott in 1992.

Nor did circumstances make it easy on the 30-year-old driver from Corning, California. With a malfunctioning alternator from the outset, Reddick had to conserve power by eliminating unnecessary electrical drains.

That meant no cool suit to keep him refreshed on a warm day in the South Carolina Sandhills. It also meant a change to a more robust battery on pit road, a move that relegated the No. 45 Camry to the back of the field.

Trouble on the right-front tire on the team's first green-flag pit stop compounded the issues, resulting in a 16.3-second pit stop that cost Reddick six positions in the running order.

An untimely final-stage collision with Chris Buescher, who made a late signal to come to pit road on Lap 242 of 293, also cost Reddick valuable time.

Ultimately, though, Reddick overcame all the obstacles thrown at the No. 45 team on Sunday. After pitting for the final time on Lap 246, Reddick charged forward, erasing a seven-second deficit to Keselowski, who led a race-high 142 laps.

On Lap 266, Reddick passed Keselowski for the lead and pulled away to the decisive victory.

"I'm pretty sure it's frustrating for him because he had an unbelievable car," said former NBA superstar Michael Jordan, who co-owns 23XI Racing with Cup driver Denny Hamlin. "You know, you never know what's going to happen, especially at Darlington. I think that the key to him winning was just keeping his head."

"I think (crew chief) Billy (Scott) did a good job of trying to keep him calm. We knew we had a fast car. We knew on a 30-lap run we were real good, on a short-lap run we were real good. We just had to get the car right. And he kept his composure, and he did an unbelievable job."

Reddick, who started from the pole and led 77 laps, thought a trial by fire was appropriate at the Track Too Tough to Tame.

"I know never to give up," Reddick, who won for the 12th time in his career. "I think it's very fitting that when we finally get our first win here at Darlington that the Lady in Black would test us like that. We've been so close so many times. I mean, Lap 1 we had the charging problem where the battery wasn't charging at all."

"All day long, just not running fans. Sweat my tail off inside the race car, and we knew it was going to be physical. Really worn out, but I guess I don't need as much of that cooling stuff as I normally have."

Keselowski was running a paint scheme to honor the late Greg Biffle, a former RFK Racing driver who lost his life in a plane crash last December.

"We didn't have the best car today," Keselowski acknowledged. "Not compared to Tyler. Tyler drove a hell of a race, and he's driving a rocket, and he's making it count right now."

"I think we got the most out of the day we were getting to get, honestly, but we scored a lot of stage points, second place, first place loser, but that's OK. We're doing the things we need to do and making the most of the days we have."

"It's really cool to have the great group of (RFK) cars running up front. I put a nice right-sided stripe on the car. I think that would make Greg proud. If you know Greg, you'll understand that one."

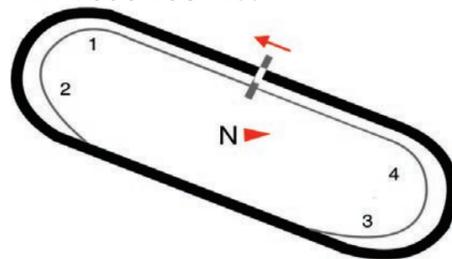
Ryan Blaney finished third, overcoming a penalty for pitting in a teammate's stall to tighten a loose wheel.

Carson Hocevar showed blazing speed in the final stage in finishing fourth after starting from the rear of the field because of an unapproved adjustment to his No. 77 Spire Motorsports Chevrolet—the repair of an upper control arm.

Austin Cindric ran fifth, followed by Ty Gibbs, Daniel Suarez, William Byron, Buescher and Erik Jones.

The Cup Series races next at Martinsville Speedway on Sunday.

NEXT: COOK OUT 400



Martinsville (VA) Speedway
3:30 p.m. ET Sunday, FS1

• **Location:** 4201 Greensboro Road, Ridgeway, Virginia

• **Capacity:** 44,000 max

• **Owner:** NASCAR (2019-present)

• **Founded:** 1947; only course to host a Cup race every year since 1949

• **Course:** Paperclip

• **Surface:** Asphalt

• **Length:** .526 miles

• **Turns:** 4

• **Banking:** 12° in turns

• **Fastest Cup lap:** 0:18.845, Ross Chastain, Chevrolet Camaro ZL1, 2022

• **Claim to fame:** \$2 "Martinsville hot dogs." The hot dogs are often sold with mustard, chili, cole slaw, and onions as toppings. The speedway started selling them sometime during the track's infancy and they became a staple of the track over the course of decades.



Denny Hamlin won last year's Cook Out 400 at Martinsville. GETTY

2026 CUP SERIES STANDINGS

Top 30 as of March 22

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 Tyler Reddick 23XI	325	16 Joey Logano Penske	139
2 Ryan Blaney Penske	230	17 M. McDowell Spire	139
3 Bubba Wallace 23XI	205	18 AJ Allmendinger Kaulig	124
4 Denny Hamlin Gibbs	203	19 Zane Smith Front Row	123
5 Chase Elliott Hendrick	194	20 R. Chastain Track.	115
6 William Byron Hendrick	191	21 Austin Cindric Penske	109
7 Chris Buescher RFK	188	22 Chase Briscoe Gibbs	108
8 Christopher Bell Gibbs	182	23 Kyle Busch Childress	106
9 Brad Keselowski RFK	182	24 Erik Jones Legacy	103
10 Kyle Larson Hendrick	176	25 J.H. Nemechek Legacy	101
11 Ty Gibbs Gibbs	173	26 Austin Dillon Childress	93
12 Ryan Preece RFK	154	27 Riley Herbst 23XI	88
13 Carson Hocevar Spire	151	28 Ty Dillon Kaulig	86
14 Daniel Suarez Spire	150	29 Noah Gragson Fr. Row	84
15 S. V. Gisbergen Track.	140	30 Todd Gilliland Fr. Row	82

2026 O'REILLY AUTO PARTS STANDINGS

Top 20 as of March 21

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 Justin Allgaier #7	306	11 Sam Mayer #41	149
2 Jesse Love #2	254	12 Taylor Gray #54	132
3 Carson Kvatil #1	222	13 William Sawalich #18	119
4 Sheldon Creed #00	218	14 Brennan Poole #44	116
5 Austin Hill #21	210	15 Jeb Burton #27	115
6 Sammy Smith #8	192	16 Anthony Alfredo #96	113
7 Corey Day #17	188	17 Ryan Sieg #39	105
8 Brandon Jones #20	170	18 Patrick Staropoli #48	95
9 Parker Retzlaff #99	169	19 Blaine Perkins #31	88
10 Rajah Caruth #32	151	20 Jeremy Clements #51	83

NEXT RACE: NFPA 250, Martinsville Speedway, 3:30 p.m. ET Saturday, CW

2026 CRAFTSMAN TRUCK STANDINGS

Top 20 as of March 20

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 Chandler Smith #38	172	11 Brenden Queen #12	83
2 Kaden Honeycutt #11	139	12 Tyler Ankrum #18	82
3 Layne Riggs #34	131	13 Stewart Friesen #52	82
4 Giovanni Ruggiero #17	127	14 Daniel Hemric #19	75
5 Ty Majeski #88	121	15 Jake Garcia #98	74
6 Christian Eckes #91	119	16 Tanner Gray #15	74
7 Ben Rhodes #99	119	17 Grant Enfinger #9	71
8 Corey Heim #5	114	18 Connor Mosack #7	65
9 A. Perez De Lara #44	90	19 Daniel Dye #10	64
10 Justin Haley #16	89	20 Cole Butcher #13	61

NEXT RACE: BLACK'S TIRE 200, Rockingham Speedway, 4:30 p.m. ET Friday, April 3, FS1

DARLINGTON WINNER QUOTE

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— Tyler Reddick, who rumbled to his fourth win of the season in Sunday's Goodyear 400



Michael Jordan, NBA legend and co-owner of 23XI Racing, celebrates with a crew member after Tyler Reddick wins Sunday's Goodyear 400 at Darlington.

JONATHAN BACHMAN/GETTY

SEAS THE DAY

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



TUNA SALAD sub

Country Fair