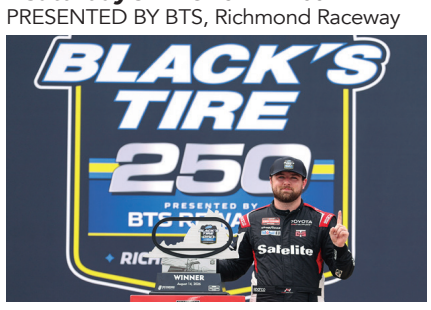
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TRUCKS RECAP

• **Saturday's** BLACK'S TIRE 250 PRESENTED BY BTS, Richmond Raceway



WINNER: KADEN HONEYCUTT

It's been the ultimate celebratory week for TRICON Garage driver Kaden Honeycutt who absolutely dominated the weather-delayed Black's Tire 250 Truck Series race at Richmond (Va.) Raceway Saturday afternoon – the strong winning effort coming only days after the 23-year-old Texan announced he and his wife Jessica were expecting their first child.

Honeycutt led 225 of the 250 laps at the .75-mile track – the most laps he's ever led in a single race – surpassing his 59 laps out front at Darlington, S.C. earlier this year – more laps led than in all his 75 previous series races combined. And for the first time in his career, he swept both stage wins.

Honeycutt's No. 11 TRICON Garage Toyota crossed the line a healthy 1.313-seconds ahead of his teammate, reigning series champion Corey Heim, in the team's No. 5 Toyota Tundra. After a series of late race pit stops, Honeycutt reclaimed the lead with 29 laps remaining and never looked back.

His strong day broke a long-tenured Richmond race pattern where the driver who leads the most laps does not typically win the race. Honeycutt was strong early and often...at one point holding the lead position for a 195-lap stretch.

This marks his second career win and second of the season and trims Saturday's 15th place finisher, Front Row Motorsports driver Layne Riggs' championship lead to 61 points heading into the regular season finale next week at New Hampshire.

The victory is also significant for Honeycutt's veteran crew chief Scott Zippadelli, who now claims 38 career series victories, second all-time to Eric Phillips 44-trophy haul.

McAnally-Hilgemann's Christian Eckes was third in the No. 91 Chevrolet with first-time series pole-winner, Shane van Gisbergen, finishing fourth in the No. 7 Spire Motorsports Chevrolet. Grant Enfinger, who led 22 laps on the day in the No. 9 CR7 Motorsports Chevrolet, rounded out the top-five.

Tyler Ankrum—who came into the race ranked 11th, one position outside the 10-driver championship-eligible field—was dealt a penalty for his team having too many men over the pit wall on the opening pit stop. After collecting stage points with an eighth-place finish in the first stage, he started the next stage as the last truck on the lead lap.

Ankrum was able to overcome the situation, quickly re-passing his primary foe Stewart Friesen (who came into the race 10th in points) before moving to an 11th place finish in Stage 2 and ultimately the race.

Friesen brought out the third and final caution flag crashing by himself with 33 laps remaining. Ankrum's steady work and Friesen's misfortune—he finished last in the 37-car field—moved Ankrum into that all-important 10th position.

He's now 20 points up on Friesen and 21 points over Saturday's sixth place finisher, ThorSport Racing's Jake Garcia as the series heads into the regular season finale next week at the New Hampshire Motor Speedway.

COOK OUT 400
Joey Logano took home his second victory of the 2026 Cup Series season Saturday night at Richmond. The three-time series titleholder held off a hard-charging Chase Briscoe in the closing laps to win by 0.392 seconds.





Joey Logano, driver of the #22 Shell Pennzoil Ford, takes the checkered flag to win the Cup Series Cook Out 400 at Richmond Raceway on Sunday. (Jonathan Bachman/Getty)

Joey serves up title-run reminder at Richmond

RICHMOND, Va. – Joey Logano issued a not-so-subtle reminder Saturday that he is a three-time Cup Series champion and ready to position himself for yet another title run.

Logano claimed his second win of the 2026 season – his second victory in the last four races – driving his No. 22 Team Penske Ford to a dramatic 0.392-second win in the Cook Out 400 under the lights in front of a sellout crowd at Richmond Raceway.

He led 95 of the 400 laps and has improved from 20th place to ninth place in the championship standings in just the last six races after the slowest season start in his 39-time race-winning championship career.

"Don't let the boys get hot, we're pretty strong right now," the 36-year-old Logano said, grinning. "It's awesome to see the speed in the 22 again. Gosh, it was a great car and we've had a great car here in the last five races but weren't able to capitalize on the win. So close, but sweet redemption today."

Logano had to work at it, leading six different times on the night, ultimately taking the point for good during pit stop exchanges with only 25 laps remaining. And even then, he had to hold off what looked like the night's strongest car, the No. 19 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota driven by Chase Briscoe, whose runner-up showing marked not only his first at the famed 0.75-mile Richmond track, but his first career top 10 in the River City. He led a race-best 171 laps but said an issue with the brakes late in the race may have ultimately hampered his ability to get back by Logano.

"As I lost that [brakes] I just kind of lost my advantage and then I just became not mediocre but not quite as strong as I needed to be to maintain there," said Briscoe, who clinched a position into the 16-driver championship field with his effort Saturday. "Definitely frustrating from that standpoint but still a huge improvement from what I've been here, so go on to the next one."

Logano's Penske teammate Austin Cindric finished third in the No. 2 Ford, his work having major championship implications. He was strong all evening and that third-place effort moved him up from 16th to 15th in the standings, with the top-16 drivers advancing to settle the 2026 title when the 10-race Chase begins in three weeks at Darlington Raceway.

Championship points leader and the Virginia hometown favorite Denny Hamlin was fourth Saturday in the No. 11 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota. He now holds a 115-point advantage atop the standings over Richmond polesitter Ryan Blaney, whose No. 12 Team Penske Ford led 88 laps and won Stage 1, but finished 13th.

Chase Elliott finished fifth in the No. 9 Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet, notably his first top-10 showing in the last nine races. A two-time winner this season, he formally clinched his Chase position and sits sixth in the standings with two races remaining to set that 16-driver Chase field.

Following the Richmond race, seven drivers have now earned their title shot – Hamlin, Blaney, JGR's Ty Gibbs, who finished 15th Saturday after an early pit-road penalty, as well as five-race winner, 23XI Racing's Tyler Reddick, who finished 11th Saturday night after a disappointing 36th-place showing last week in Iowa.

Briscoe, Elliott and JGR's Christopher Bell also formally claimed a championship chance, now holding positions fifth through seventh in the standings.

Two-time and reigning series champion Kyle Larson finished sixth Saturday in the No. 5 Hendrick Motorsports Chevy, a position ahead of Bell in the No. 20 JGR Toyota. Wood Brothers Racing's Josh Berry was eighth, followed by Hendrick teammates William Byron and Alex Bowman.

Only two races – at New Hampshire and Daytona International Speedway – now remain to set that 16-driver Chase field. Larson, Logano, RFK Racing's Chris Buescher, Spire Motorsports' Carson Hocevar, Byron, Spire's Daniel Suárez and Reddick's 23XI Racing teammate Bubba Wallace hold positions eight through 14th now in the standings.

Trackhouse Racing's Shane van Gisbergen, claims that pivotal 16th place in the standings. He finished 14th at Richmond and takes a 50-point edge on RFK's Ryan Preece to next week's stop in New Hampshire. Ross Chastain is 63 points off his teammate van Gisbergen's pace.

The run for the title continues as the Cup Series heads to New Hampshire Motor Speedway for Sunday's Dollar Tree 301 (3 p.m. ET, USA Network, HBO Max, PRN Radio, SiriusXM NASCAR Radio). Blaney is the defending race winner.

RICHMOND WINNER QUOTE

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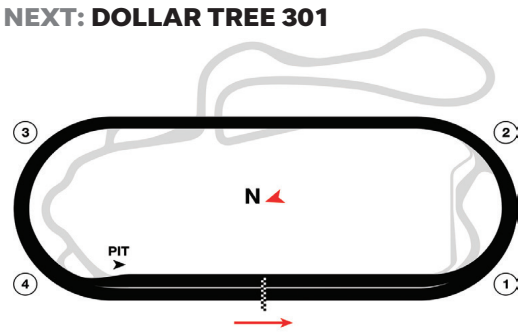
— Joey Logano, who grabbed his second win of the season Saturday at Richmond Raceway



Joey Logano in Victory Lane Saturday at Richmond Raceway.

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NEXT: DOLLAR TREE 301



New Hampshire Motor Speedway
3 p.m. ET Sunday, USA

• **Course:** Oval (1990-present)
• **Location:** 1122 North New Hampshire Route 106, Loudon, New Hampshire
• **Capacity:** 44,000
• **Owner:** Speedway Motorsports (November 2007–present)
• **Opened:** June 17, 1965 (as Bryar Motorsports Park); June 15, 1990; (as New Hampshire Motor Speedway)
• **Surface:** Asphalt
• **Length:** 1.058 miles
• **Banking:** Turns, 2–7°; Straights, 1°
• **Cup lap record:** 0:29.862, Brad Keselowski, Ford Mustang, 2021 Foxwoods Resort Casino 301
• **Of note:** Initially opening as a 0.250 mi (0.402 km) dirt oval in 1961 by Keith Bryar, the motorsports complex was formed four years later after Bryar built a road course to host major motorcycle races. In 1989, Maine businessman Bob Bahre bought out the facility from Bryar, reconfigurating the complex in to host major series.



Ryan Blaney partied with the lobster last year in the Playoffs at New Hampshire. (Getty)



2026 CUP SERIES STANDINGS

Top 30 as of August 15

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 D. Hamlin Toyota	969	16 S. v Gisbergen Chevy	567
2 R. Blaney Ford	854	17 R. Preece Ford	517
3 T. Gibbs Toyota	842	18 R. Chastain Chevrolet	504
4 T. Reddick Toyota	831	19 B. Keselowski Ford	489
5 C. Briscoe Toyota	715	20 E. Jones Toyota	486
6 C. Elliott Chevrolet	695	21 M. McDowell Chevrolet	463
7 C. Bell Toyota	695	22 AJ Allmendinger Chevy	442
8 K. Larson Chevrolet	660	23 T. Gilliland Ford	428
9 J. Logano Ford	659	24 Z. Smith Ford	418
10 C. Buescher Ford	653	25 A. Dillon Chevrolet	400
11 C. Hocevar Chevrolet	645	26 R. Herbst Toyota	399
12 W. Byron Chevrolet	630	27 R. Stenhouse Chevrolet	389
13 D. Suárez Chevrolet	618	28 J. Nemechek Toyota	388
14 D. Wallace Jr. Toyota	587	29 A. Bowman Chevrolet	340
15 A. Cindric Ford	574	30 J. Berry Ford	337

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 August 15

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 Layne Riggs #34	753	11 Stewart Friesen #52	374
2 Kaden Honeycutt #11	692	12 Jake Garcia #98	373
3 Chandler Smith #38	603	13 Brenden Queen #12	347
4 Christian Eckes #91	541	14 Corey Heim #5	346
5 Gio Ruggiero #17	519	15 A. Perez De Lara #44	345
6 Ty Majeski #88	471	16 Tanner Gray #15	335
7 Grant Enfinger #9	439	17 Justin Haley #16	324
8 Ben Rhodes #99	427	18 Dawson Sutton #26	271
9 Daniel Hemric #19	409	19 Cole Butcher #13	248
10 Tyler Ankrum #18	394	20 Mini Tyrrell #14	241

NEXT RACE: TEAM EJP 175, New Hampshire Motor Speedway, 2:30 p.m. ET Saturday, FS1

