

O'REILLY RECAP

• **Saturday's** PENNZOIL 250 PRES. BY TAKE 5, Indianapolis Motor Speedway



WINNER: CARSON KVAPIL

Carson Kvapil chose the perfect time to claim his first victory in the NASCAR O'Reilly Auto Parts Series.

Kvapil's emotional victory in Saturday's Pennzoil 250 pres. by Take 5 Oil Change at Indianapolis Motor Speedway had the driver shedding tears and team co-owner Dale Earnhardt Jr. temporarily at a loss for words.

It was a day of milestones. With Justin Allgaier, Ross Chastain and Chase Elliott in positions two through four, respectively, JR Motorsports scored the first four-driver sweep of an event in series history.

The victory was the 14th of the season for JRM with six different drivers, the latter number tying the record the organization set last year. For the 79th straight race, JR Motorsports placed at least one driver in the top 10, tying the record set by RFK Racing from 2008-2010.

In an event that featured just one caution for an on-track incident, Kvapil passed Chastain on Lap 79 of 100 and held it the rest of the way. Allgaier powered past Chastain into second place on Lap 94 and closed his deficit to Kvapil to less than a car-length on the white-flag lap.

Kvapil accomplished more than just a win. He moved into second place in the series standings, 265 points behind Allgaier, who already has clinched the already clinched the top Chase seed.

TRUCKS RECAP

• **Friday's** TSPORT 200 PRES. BY WARN IND., Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park



WINNER: LAYNE RIGGS

With a performance just a hair short of perfection, Layne Riggs dominated Friday night's TSPort 200 presented by Warn Industries and moved tantalizingly close to the Trucks regular-season championship.

The driver of the No. 34 Front Row Motorsports Ford led 198 of 200 laps, swept both stages and took the checkered flag 1.148 seconds ahead of persistent runner-up Connor Mosack to claim his second straight victory at Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park.

Riggs' only bobble of the race came the Lap 72 restart after the first stage break. Choosing the top lane for restart, he spun the tires and allowed teammate Front Row teammate Chandler Smith to take the lead for two laps.

On Lap 74, however, Riggs made an emphatic pass of Smith, diving underneath Smith's No. 38 truck entering Turn 1 and sliding up in front of his teammate in Turn 2. From that point on Riggs maintained control, though Mosack was able to stay close.

Ty Majeski, two-time winner at the track, finished third and remained solidly in sixth place in the standings with two races left in the regular season.

BRICKYARD 400

Corey Heim held off Christopher Bell and Joey Logano over the final 34-lap green-flag run on Sunday to win his second Cup Series race in his 15th start. Not bad for a part-timer who won't step into a full-time seat with 23XI Racing until next year.



Corey Heim, driver of the #67 Field & Stream Toyota, takes the checkered flag to win the Cup Series Brickyard 400 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway on Sunday.

(Logan Riely/Getty)

It's Heim's time to shine in first visit to the Brickyard

SPEEDWAY, Ind.—Corey Heim stood on the frontstretch at Indianapolis Motor Speedway drained from the effort it took to win one of the Cup Series' Crown Jewels—the Brickyard 400.

In a race that produced an unexpected winner and an unexpected millionaire, Heim held off Christopher Bell and Joey Logano over the final 34-lap green-flag run on Sunday to win his second Cup Series race in his 15th start.

Not bad for a part-timer who won't step into a full-time seat with 23XI Racing until next year. Heim, who won at Naval Base Coronado in June, was driving the No. 67 Toyota for the eighth time this season in his first visit to the Brickyard.

"Yeah, that was a damn handful," Heim said of the final run. "I was hanging on for dear life once the shade went down and the pace picked up. My car got really loose. And I had never really been in a lot of clean air throughout the day, so that was the hardest I've ever fought in my life to just make sure I focused on exits and kept them (Bell and Logano) in dirty air.

"I'm pretty out of breath. That was a workout. It was a dream come true. Winning at the Brickyard. That's unbelievable. Caught a break early with the pit cycle. And just executed all day. Made no mistakes."

In the finals of the Cup Series In-Season Challenge, 25th-seeded Todd Gilliland took advantage of third-seeded Ryan Blaney's unfortunate wreck on Lap 120 to win the \$1-million winner-take-all prize by two positions, 24th to Blaney's 26th.

Blaney was comfortably ahead in the race for the Challenge bounty when his No. 12 Ford turned off the nose of John Hunter Nemechek's Toyota to ignite an accident that collected nine cars.

"It feels really good," said Gilliland, who survived five rounds to prevail in the Challenge. "We were obviously a bit lucky, but we still stuck out these races. We did the best we could, and luckily it was good enough, just barely every single round. It's a big prize. One million dollars going to the team. That's just massive."

The restart on Lap 127—after the nine-car wreck that ruined Blaney's chances in the In-Season Challenge—made all the difference in the outcome of the race.

Leader Denny Hamlin chose the preferred inside lane, while Heim picked the outside. Hamlin had two of his Joe Gibbs Racing teammates, Bell and Chase Briscoe,

behind him on the bottom row, but they failed to organize a coordinated push.

Heim, on the other hand, got a strong, sustained shove from Logano in the top lane and barely cleared Hamlin before slipping in front of his 23XI Racing team owner and stalling his momentum. Hamlin fell to fifth in the running order behind Heim, Bell, Logano and Briscoe, and that's the way the race ended more than 30 laps later.

In the final green-flag run, Heim slipped only once—entering Turn 1 on Lap 198—and allowed Bell to close within a car-length.

But by keeping Bell's No. 20 Toyota in dirty air, Heim extended his advantage over the final two trips around the 2.5-mile track and crossed the famous Yard of Bricks 0.287 seconds ahead of the JGR driver, who finished second for the sixth time this season without a win.

Bell had nothing but praise for the 24-year-old race winner.

"Honestly, I didn't think I was going to be able to get there at all," Bell said. "Yeah, he did a great job. He showed excellent mental toughness. Put together 35 really good laps. I didn't have an opportunity."

Hamlin rued the restart that cost him the chance to win the only Crown Jewel race that has eluded him.

"Yeah, everyone is trying to fight to win the race," said Hamlin, who extended his series lead to 84 points over 10th-place finisher Tyler Reddick. "When you're clear by an inch, you're going to take that inch. It's really more on us and the 20 (Bell) and the 19 (Briscoe) of just not orchestrating good pushes there. We came detached at the wrong time.

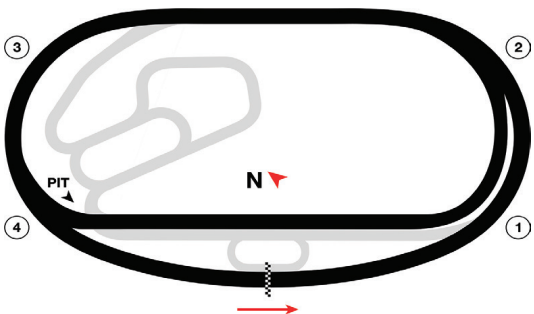
"I maybe was in there just a hair into Turn 2. (Heim) shut the door. I mean, yeah, everyone's fighting for a big Brickyard victory."

Two other factors helped Heim's cause. He was on pit road on Lap 44 when, Kyle Larson's wreck caused the first caution. Gaining spots as the field slowed for the yellow, Heim finished second in Stage 1 after a one-lap dash.

After a debris caution on Lap 114, Heim was first off pit road after running long in Stage 2 and needing a shorter stop for fuel. Though Hamlin regained the lead on the Lap 120 restart, Heim took it back on the restart that proved decisive.

Brad Keselowski finished sixth, followed by Josh Berry, Ryan Preece, pole winner Carson Hocevar and Reddick.

NEXT: IOWA CORN 350



Iowa Speedway

3:30 p.m. ET Sunday, Aug. 9, TNT

• The Iowa Corn 350 (officially known as the Iowa Corn 350 powered by Ethanol) is held at Iowa Speedway in Newton, Iowa.

William Byron is the defending race winner, having won in 2025.

• **First race:** 2024, won by Ryan Blaney

• **Distance:** 306.25 miles

• **Laps:** 350

• **Surface:** Asphalt

• **Length:** 0.875 miles

• **Turns:** 4



Squeezing 144 laps out of his fuel cell last season at Iowa Speedway, William Byron crossed the finish line ahead of pole winner Chase Briscoe, Brad Keselowski and defending race winner Ryan Blaney. Byron's No. 24 Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet ran out of fuel during burnout. **GETTY**

2026 CUP SERIES STANDINGS			
Top 30 as of July 26			
Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 D. Hamlin Toyota	886	16 A. Cindric Ford	518
2 T. Reddick Toyota	802	17 R. Preece Ford	480
3 R. Blaney Ford	766	18 E. Jones Toyota	474
4 T. Gibbs Toyota	751	19 B. Keselowski Ford	468
5 C. Hocevar Chevrolet	638	20 M. McDowell Chevrolet	442
6 C. Elliott Chevrolet	635	21 R. Chastain Chevrolet	436
7 C. Briscoe Toyota	623	22 AJ Allmendinger Chevy	409
8 K. Larson Chevrolet	617	23 T. Gilliland Ford	406
9 C. Buescher Ford	613	24 Z. Smith Ford	393
10 C. Bell Toyota	609	25 R. Herbst Toyota	370
11 D. Suárez Chevrolet	583	26 R. Stenhouse Chevrolet	364
12 W. Byron Chevrolet	568	27 J. Nemechek Toyota	355
13 J. Logano Ford	545	28 A. Dillon Chevrolet	349
14 D. Wallace Jr. Toyota	540	29 A. Bowman Chevrolet	310
15 S. v Gisbergen Chevy	537	30 C. Custer Chevrolet	270

2026 O'REILLY AUTO PARTS STANDINGS			
Top 20 as of July 25			
Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 Justin Allgaier #7	1016	11 Brent Crews #19	573
2 Carson Kvapil #1	751	12 Taylor Gray #54	567
3 Jesse Love #2	747	13 William Sawalich #18	560
4 Sheldon Creed #00	733	14 Rajah Caruth #32	547
5 Corey Day #17	719	15 Ryan Sieg #39	493
6 Brandon Jones #20	692	16 Anthony Alfredo #96	446
7 Austin Hill #21	688	17 Brennan Poole #44	394
8 Sammy Smith #8	658	18 Dean Thompson #26	389
9 Parker Retzlaff #99	619	19 Jeremy Clements #51	373
10 Sam Mayer #41	589	20 Jeb Burton #27	338

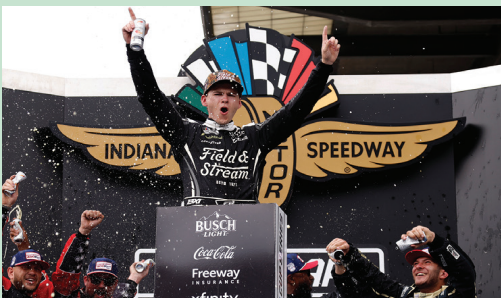
NEXT RACE: SERIES RACE at Iowa Speedway, 5 p.m. ET Saturday, Aug. 8, CW

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 Hemric #19	379	19 Mini Tyrrell #14	233
10 Stewart Friesen #52	373	20 Cole Butcher #13	233

NEXT RACE: SERIES RACE at Richmond Raceway, 7:30 p.m. ET Friday, Aug. 14, FS1

BRICKYARD WINNER QUOTE

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— Corey Heim, who grabbed his second win of the season Sunday at Indianapolis



Corey Heim in Victory Lane Sunday at Indianapolis.

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