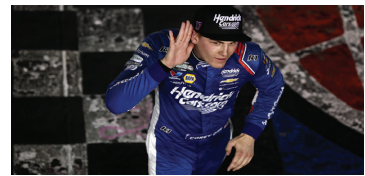




RACING THIS WEEK

O'REILLY RECAP

• **Sunday's** BLUE CROSS NC 300, Charlotte Motor Speedway



WINNER: COREY DAY

It was a gutsy three-wide pass on the backstretch that gave Corey Day his second straight victory in the O'Reilly Series Chase and moved the driver of the No. 17 Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet within striking distance of the series lead.

With 10 laps left in Sunday's rain-postponed Blue Cross NC 300 at Charlotte Motor Speedway, Day steered his car beneath the No. 2 Chevy of defending series champion Jesse Love and the No. 7 Camaro of Justin Allgaier and surged into the lead.

Pursued closely by Love for the remainder of the race, Day crossed the finish line 0.728 seconds ahead of the Richard Childress Racing driver. Series leader Sheldon Creed passed Allgaier on the final lap to secure third place.

With his first victory at Charlotte, his fourth of the season and fourth of his career, Day climbed two positions to third in the Chase standings, seven points behind Creed, who leads second-place Love by a mere two points.

With consecutive wins at Las Vegas and Charlotte, Day has made up 85 points on the series lead in the two outings.

Creed recovered from contact with the wall and a repair under caution to secure the third spot. Behind Allgaier in fourth, non-Chase driver Carson Brown made a late charge into fifth.

Brandon Jones, Austin Hill, Anthony Alfredo, Taylor Gray and Brennan Poole completed the top 10.

TRUCKS RECAP

• **Friday's** ECOSAVE 250, Charlotte Motor Speedway



WINNER: LAYNE RIGGS

In the opening of Friday's Ecosave 200, as he was slicing his way from 13th starting position, Layne Riggs declared on his team radio, "They're in trouble" — they meaning the competition.

Riggs' seventh victory of the season wasn't quite as easy as that assessment might have implied. In fact, the driver of the No. 34 Front Row Motorsports Ford had to pass Chase leader Kaden Honeycutt on Lap 128 of 134 to secure his second Truck Series victory of the season at Charlotte Motor Speedway and the 12th win of his career.

The victory had implications for the championship. Riggs narrowed his Chase deficit to 17 points behind Honeycutt, who finished third after losing the runner-up spot to Christian Eckes one lap after Riggs made the winning pass.

Eckes finished second for the second straight race but remains fourth in the standings, 88 points behind Honeycutt with four Chase races left. Chandler Smith came home fifth behind non-Chase driver Bayley Currey and trails Honeycutt by 77 points.

Daniel Hemric, Landen Lewis, Andrés Pérez, Tyler Ankrum and Justin Haley completed the top 10.

BANK OF AMERICA ROVAL 400

Chase Briscoe won Sunday by just 0.029 seconds over Christopher Bell in the second closest finish in Charlotte Motor Speedway history and the closest in the series this season. With his second straight victory in the Chase, Briscoe vaulted two spots into fourth place in the postseason standings.



Chase Briscoe, driver of the #19 Freebird Spring Water Toyota, takes the checkered flag ahead of Christopher Bell, driver of the #20 DeWalt Toyota, to win the Cup Series Bank of America 400 at Charlotte Motor Speedway on Sunday. (David Jensen/Getty)

Chase is on at Charlotte Roval, grabs another win

CONCORD, N.C.—In a race that had a profound effect on the Cup Series Chase presented by Mobil 1, Chase Briscoe and Joe Gibbs Racing teammate Christopher Bell banged fenders within sight of the finish line.

Briscoe's No. 19 Toyota got there first to win Sunday's Bank of America 400, just 0.029 seconds ahead of Bell in the second closest finish in Charlotte Motor Speedway history and the closest this season.

With his second straight victory in the Chase, Briscoe vaulted two spots into fourth place in the postseason standings, 65 points behind leader Kyle Larson, who finished sixth on Sunday, ending his string of five straight top fives in 2026 Chase races.

"I don't know what it is about these finishes," said Briscoe, who has run second, first and first by close margins in the last three races. "I've got to quit making it so exciting at the end. Just an amazing car. So cool to get (sponsor) Free Bird into Victory Lane..."

"And, yeah, what an amazing run we've been on. Should be three in a row. Amazing job to this team. This pit crew has just been unbelievable. My hero is Tony Stewart. He made a pretty unbelievable run (to the 2011 Cup championship), and hopefully we can do the same thing."

The 0.029-second margin of victory spelled the difference between Bell climbing to second in the standings, within 35 points of Larson, and remaining third with a 51-point deficit to the leader.

"I got a lot closer than I thought I was going to," said Bell. "I'm surprised that he (Briscoe) fell off as bad as he did at the end. It was a great day, but it's a great day that didn't get us much."

Bell took the lead in a dramatic three-wide pass after a restart on Lap 173, but caution for Gray Gaulding's spin slowed the field on Lap 205, and Briscoe's crew got the No. 19 Camry out of the pits first for a restart on Lap 211.

"They've been an absolute key to it," Briscoe said of his pit crew, which has excelled during the Chase. "When you can come down pit road and know you're going to gain spots every time—or if you're in the lead, not lose the lead—it just makes your job so much easier as a race car driver."

Briscoe stayed out front the rest of the way, logging 61 of his 62 laps led on the final run. Bell, however, closed dramatically over the final five laps as Briscoe encountered

lapped traffic and felt he had a tire losing air. After the late contact in the tri-oval, Briscoe prevailed—by the slimmest of margins.

"When I got that final pack of lapped cars with five or six to go, I mean, I just felt like I was going to knock the wall down at any point," Briscoe said. "It just quit turning."

Larson, who won the first stage and finished fourth in the second, increased his advantage over second-place Denny Hamlin from 40 to 49 points. Hamlin finished fifth on Sunday but failed to score points in the first stage after incurring a safety violation on his first pit stop of the race under a competition caution.

"I was not in a position of power," Larson said of the final run, during which he fell from fourth to sixth in the running order. "I was hanging on. Yeah, honestly, I thought I was going to manage that run well. The top two (Briscoe and Bell) pushed really hard, and I could see Denny kind of settled in, so I was settling in just to try to make my tires live."

"Yeah, just got really, really loose on that run. Just not sure if maybe me not pushing enough kind of made the balance shifted rearward, using the rears too much, and I was just hanging on the last 15, 18 laps. Happy to still come in with a sixth and extend the points lead, but there was a couple other guys that kind of closed that gap a little bit."

Ryan Blaney finished third and leaves Charlotte fifth in the Chase standings, 85 points behind Larson. Non-Chase driver Josh Berry trailed Blaney in fourth at the 1.5-mile intermediate speedway.

Larson took the lead from the pole and led five times for 97 laps, including the first 45. Bell led three times for 93 laps and won the second stage handily over Blaney.

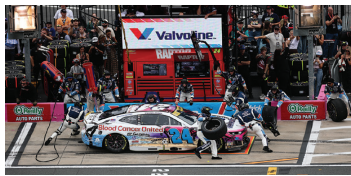
The race was a disaster for two Chase drivers, through no fault of their own. On Lap 77, the No. 48 Chevrolet of non-Chase driver Alex Bowman broke loose underneath the Toyota of Bubba Wallace near the Turn 2 exit, sending both cars hurtling hard into the outside wall.

The No. 24 Chevy of William Byron also sustained terminal damage in the wreck.

Chase driver Ty Gibbs suffered a broken right rear toe link after an accident on Lap 41. Gibbs lost seven laps under repairs on pit road and finished 34th.

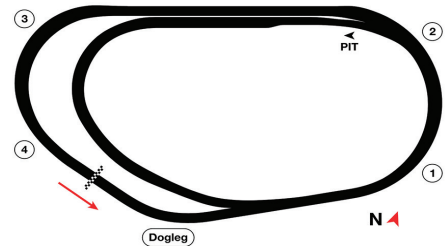
Joey Logano ran ninth but scored no stage points and fell two positions to sixth in the standings, 92 points behind Larson.

CUP PIT STOP: William Byron's crew makes quick work during Sunday's Bank of America 400 at Charlotte Roval.
J. Tilton/Getty



CUP PLAYOFFS: 7TH RACE

FREEWAY INSURANCE 500



Phoenix Raceway
3 p.m. ET Sunday, USA

Phoenix Raceway is a one-mile dogleg oval track in Avondale, Arizona. The track has held a variety of events since its opening in 1964, including NASCAR Championships, IndyCar, and CART races.

Length: 1 mile

Owner: NASCAR

Capacity: 42,000

Turns: 4

Surface: Asphalt

Banking: Frontstretch: 9°; Backstretch: 3°; Turns 1 and 2: 9°; Turns 3 and 4: 11°



Kyle Larson celebrated in Victory Lane after finishing third in the Finals race at Phoenix last year. He was first among the Championship 4 drivers and won the Chase title. GETTY IMAGES

2026 CUP SERIES STANDINGS

Top 30 w/ Playoff 16 as of Oct. 11

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 Kyle Larson #5	2367	16 Ryan Preece #60	2140
2 Denny Hamlin #11	2318	17 Shane Bieber #97	2118
3 Chris Bell #20	2316	18 Brad Keselowski #6	2116
4 Chase Briscoe #19	2302	19 Ross Chastain #1	2116
5 Ryan Blaney #12	2282	20 Michael McDowell #71	2116
6 Joey Logano #22	2275	21 Erik Jones #43	2116
7 Tyler Reddick #45	2253	22 AJ Allmendinger #16	2116
8 Austin Cindric #2	2222	23 Todd Gilliland #34	2116
9 Ty Gibbs #54	2211	24 Josh Berry #21	2116
10 Carson Hocevar #77	2187	25 Austin Dillon #3	2116
11 Chase Elliott #9	2182	26 Alex Bowman #48	2116
12 Bubba Wallace #23	2182	27 Zane Smith #38	2116
13 William Byron #24	2159	28 J. H. Nemechek #42	2116
14 Daniel Suárez #7	2152	29 Ricky Stenhouse Jr. #47	2116
15 Chris Buescher #17	2151	30 Riley Herbst #35	2116

2026 O'REILLY AUTO PARTS STANDINGS

Top 20 w/ Playoff 12 as of Oct. 11

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 S. Creed Chevrolet	2294	11 B. Jones Toyota	2153
2 J. Love Chevrolet	2292	12 R. Caruth Chevrolet	2114
3 C. Day Chevrolet	2287	13 B. Crews Toyota	2114
4 J. Allgaier Chevrolet	2279	14 W. Sawalich Toyota	2114
5 C. Kvapil Chevrolet	2254	15 R. Sieg Chevrolet	2114
6 S. Mayer Chevrolet	2235	16 A. Perez De Lara Chevrolet	2114
7 T. Gray Toyota	2207	17 B. Poole Ford	2114
8 A. Hill Chevrolet	2200	18 D. Thompson Toyota	2114
9 S. Smith Chevrolet	2188	19 J. Clements Chevrolet	2114
10 P. Retzlaff Chevrolet	2168	20 H. Burton Toyota	2114

NEXT RACE: TIMBERLAND PRO 200, Phoenix Raceway, 7:30 p.m. ET Saturday, CW

2026 CRAFTSMAN TRUCK STANDINGS

Top 20 w/ Playoff 10 as of Oct. 9

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 K. Honeycutt #11	2251	11 Jake Garcia #98	509
2 Layne Riggs #34	2234	12 Stewart Friesen #52	467
3 Chandler Smith #38	2174	13 Justin Haley #16	439
4 Christian Eckes #91	2163	14 Tanner Gray #15	428
5 Daniel Hemric #19	2142	15 Brenden Queen #12	427
6 Gio Ruggiero #17	2136	16 A. Perez De Lara #44	417
7 Ty Majeski #88	2135	17 Corey Heim #5	346
8 Ben Rhodes #99	2115	18 Dawson Sutton #27	328
9 Grant Enfinger #9	2111	19 Cole Butcher #13	321
10 Tyler Ankrum #18	2098	20 Mini Tyrell #14	307

NEXT RACE: TRUCK SERIES RACE, Phoenix Raceway, 7:30 p.m. ET Friday, FS1

BONUS TRUCKS PIC



Layne Riggs, driver of the #34 BKB Bare Knuckle Boxing Ford, celebrates with the checkered flag after winning Friday's Ecosave 200 at Charlotte Motor Speedway.
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ROVAL WINNER QUOTE

"Just an amazing car. So cool to get (sponsor) Free Bird into Victory Lane... And, yeah, what an amazing run we've been on. Should be three in a row. Amazing job to this team. This pit crew has just been unbelievable."

— Chase Briscoe, who grabbed his second straight Chase win Sunday at Charlotte Roval



Chase Briscoe in Victory Lane Sunday at Charlotte Motor Speedway.
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2026 CUP SCHEDULE & WINNERS

FEB. 4, 3 PM, FOX: Cook Out Clash at Bowman Gray (R. Preece)

FEB. 12, 7 PM, FS1: America 250 Florida Duel 1 at DAYTONA (J. Logano)

FEB. 12, 8:45 PM, FS1: America 250 Florida Duel 2 at DAYTONA (C. Elliott)

FEB. 15, 2:30 PM, FOX: DAYTONA 500 (T. Reddick)

FEB. 22, 3 PM FOX: AutoTrader 400 at Echopark Atlanta (T. Reddick)

MARCH 1, 3:30 PM, FOX: DuraMax Grand Prix at COTA (TX) (T. Reddick)

MARCH 8, 3:30 PM, FS1: Straight Talk Wireless 500 at PHOENIX (R. Blaney)

MARCH 15, 4 PM, FS1: Pennzoil 400 at LAS VEGAS (D. Hamlin)

MARCH 22, 3 PM, FS1: Goodyear 400 at Darlington (T. Reddick)

MARCH 29, 3:30 PM, FS1: Cook Out 400 at Martinsville (C. Elliott)

APRIL 12, 3 PM, FS1: Food City 500 at Bristol (T. Gibbs)

APRIL 19, 2 PM, FOX: AdventHealth 400 at Kansas (T. Reddick)

APRIL 26, 3 PM, FOX: Jack Link's 500 at Talladega (C. Hocevar)

MAY 3, 3:30 PM, FS1: Würth 400 at Texas (C. Elliott)

MAY 10, 3 PM, FS1: Go Bowling at the Glen at Watkins Glen (S. v. Gisbergen)

MAY 17, 3 PM, FS1: NASCAR All-Star Race at Dover (D. Hamlin)

MAY 24, 6 PM, PRIME: Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte (D. Saurez)

MAY 31, 7 PM, PRIME: Cracker Barrel 400 at Nashville (D. Hamlin)

JUNE 7, 3 PM, PRIME: FireKeepers Casino 400 at Michigan (D. Hamlin)

JUNE 14, 3 PM, PRIME: Great American Getaway 400 at Pocono (D. Hamlin)

JUNE 21, 4 PM, PRIME: Anduril 250 at Naval Base Coronado (C. Heim)

JUNE 28, 3:30 PM, TNT: Toyota/Save Mart 350 at Sonoma (S. v. Gisbergen)

JULY 5, 6 PM, TNT: eero 400 at Chicagoland Speedway (C. Briscoe)

JULY 12, 7 PM, TNT: Quaker State 400 at Echopark Atlanta (R. Blaney)

JULY 19, 7 PM, TNT: Window World 400 at North Wilkesboro (J. Logano)

JULY 26, 2 PM, TNT: Brickyard 400 at Indianapolis (C. Heim)

AUG. 9, 3:30 PM, USA: Iowa Corn 350 at Iowa (T. Gibbs)

AUG. 15, 7 PM, USA: Cook Out 400 at Richmond (J. Logano)

AUG. 23, 3 PM, USA: Dollar Tree 301 at New Hampshire (R. Blaney)

AUG. 29, 7:30 PM, NBC: Coke Zero Sugar 400 at Daytona (R. Preece)

PLAYOFFS ROUND OF 16

SEPT. 6, 5 PM, USA: Southern 500 at Darlington (C. Bell)

SEPT. 13, 3 PM, USA: Enjoy Illinois 300 at World Wide Tech (K. Larson)

SEPT. 19, 7:30 PM, USA: Bass Pro Shops Night Race at Bristol (J. Logano)

PLAYOFFS ROUND OF 12

SEPT. 27, 3 PM, USA: Hollywood Casino 400 at Kansas (K. Larson)

OCT. 4, 5:30 PM, USA: South Point 400 at Las Vegas (C. Briscoe)

OCT. 11, 3 PM, USA: BofA ROVAL 400 at Charlotte (C. Briscoe)

PLAYOFFS ROUND OF 8

OCT. 18, 3 PM, USA: Freeway Insurance 500 at Phoenix (New)

OCT. 25, 2 PM, NBC: YellaWood 500 at Talladega (C. Briscoe)

NOV. 1, 2 PM, NBC: Xfinity 500 at Martinsville (W. Byron)

PLAYOFFS CHAMPIONSHIP 4

NOV. 8, 3 PM, NBC: Championship at Miami (K. Larson title; R. Blaney race)

2025 winners in parenthesis; 2026 winners in bold as the schedule unfolds; times ET