



# RACING THIS WEEK

## O'REILLY RECAP



**WINNER: TAYLOR GRAY**

The early bird got the victory on Saturday night. The first of the frontrunners to pit during the final 95-lap green-flag run in the Kansas Lottery 300, Taylor Gray grabbed the lead during the cycle and held off charging Sheldon Creed to score the second O'Reilly Auto Parts Series victory of his career.

Crew chief Jason Ratcliff, who won at Kansas with driver David Green in 2003, called Gray into the pits on Lap 143 of 200. Creed and Brandon Jones, running first and second on Lap 146, emerged from pit road after stops on Lap 147 three seconds behind Gray.

Jones, winner of the first two stages, had to serve a pass-through penalty for a tire violation during his stop and lost the chance to win. But Creed, with Justin Allgaier behind him in third, began a pursuit of Gray that ultimately came up 0.718 seconds short.

"How about Jason Ratcliff?" Gray exclaimed after climbing from his No. 54 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota. "That pit call was awesome. We had a car capable of winning. I thought the 20 (Jones) was a little better than us before the green-flag cycle started, but we just had to stay locked in, and we had to be a little bit freer."

"Jason made a really good adjustment on the car and a really good pit call and got us in clean air. It's been a long start to the year, man—not that we're not bringing speed to the race track. It's just that things haven't really gone our way. So it's nice to finally be able to close one out."

Gray gained three positions to ninth in the series standings.

As it turned out, Creed also had plenty of reasons to celebrate. By finishing first among four eligible drivers, he earned a \$100,000 Dash 4 Cash bonus for the first time in his career. It was Creed's fifth attempt to win the Dash 4 Cash prize money.

Allgaier came home third, followed by defending series champion Jesse Love and Brent Crews. William Byron, Cole Custer, Jones, Sam Mayer and Ryan Sieg completed the top 10 in a race that featured 11 lead changes among eight drivers.

Allgaier finished third in both stages and added one point to his series lead over second-place Creed. The margin is now 131 points.

The race wasn't two laps old when an accident on the backstretch launched the No.1 JR Motorsports Chevrolet of Carson Kvatil into the air and sent it flipping down the backstretch.

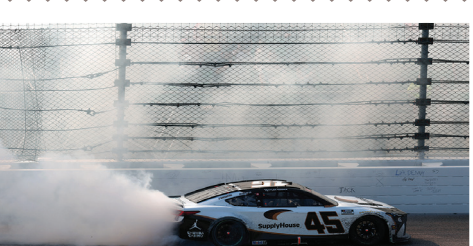
Contact from Byron's Chevy turned Kvatil's car sideways near the front of the field. Parker Retzlaff's pit into Kvatil's car near the outside wall. The impact knocked the rear of Kvatil's Camaro airborne, and the car proceeded to barrel-roll down the backstretch, coming to rest on its roof.

With the use of tethers and a tow truck, workers righted the car, and Kvatil climbed out before a mandatory trip to the infield care center.

Gray, Creed, Allgaier and Love qualified for the third Dash 4 Cash race of the season, Saturday's Ag-Pro 300 at Talladega Superspeedway.

## ADVENT HEALTH 400

Sunday's winner Tyler Reddick is the first driver since Dale Earnhardt in 1987—and fourth all-time—to win five of the first nine races of a season in NASCAR's top division. His series lead increased to 105 points over Denny Hamlin.



Tyler Reddick, driver of the #45 Supply House Toyota, takes the checkered flag to win the Cup Series AdventHealth 400 at Kansas Speedway on Sunday. (Sean Gardner/Getty)

## Reddick handles his way to sweet OT win

**K**ANSAS CITY, Kan.—Tyler Reddick scraped the outside wall in the closing laps. His fuel system stumbled at a critical moment. He collided with fellow Toyota driver Christopher Bell in overtime. He fell behind defending Cup Series champion Kyle Larson on the final restart.

Yet, in a magical season for the driver of the No. 45 23XI Racing Toyota, Reddick won Sunday's AdventHealth 400 at Kansas Speedway in spite of all the adversity.

The catalyst was Cody Ware's spin on Lap 266, the penultimate circuit of the scheduled regulation distance. That incident caused the third caution of the race one lap after Denny Hamlin had retaken the lead from Reddick, who switched to pump 2 after the car sputtered with two laps left.

Ware's spin sent the race to OT, and all 16 cars on the lead lap came to pit road for tires, with Hamlin, Reddick, Larson, Christopher Bell, Bubba Wallace and five cars behind them taking right-side tires only.

Moments after the overtime restart on Lap 273, Larson steered to the inside of Hamlin on the bottom row and charged into the lead. Reddick fell back after his contact with Bell's Toyota forced Bell into the outside wall.

But the outside lane opened up for Reddick, whose handling was superior to Larson's in the overtime. Reddick mustered a huge run in the top lane, then drove to the inside of Larson's Chevrolet, which tightened up on corner entry.

Reddick cleared Larson through the final two corners and crossed the finish line 0.118 seconds ahead of the reigning champion.

"Just really blessed with the late caution," said Reddick, who won for the fifth time this season, the second time at Kansas and the 13th time in his career. "Was that nuts or what? I couldn't believe it."

"I mean, first off, I feel like I have to say obviously just for how I feel. I never like being on the inside of it—really hate that for Christopher Bell. Good, hard racing. The 11 (Hamlin) came up. I mean, I took off tight. Not thrilled I got Christopher there. I hate that for him because he was having a good, solid day."

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NBA Hall of Famer **Michael Jordan**, who co-owns 23XI Racing with Hamlin, was elated with the victory.

"This kid is on fire," said Jordan, who has witnessed all five of Reddick's victories this season in person. "I don't know how I can ever cool him down. He is unbelievable. Unbelievable last couple laps. I'm proud of the whole team."

Larson, who led 78 laps and won the second stage, executed the overtime restart to perfection but couldn't hold the lead.

"I got to the lead, and I thought I could cruise right there to the checkered flag, but my balance on two tires was just super, super tight," said Larson, whose winless streak grew to 33 races. "I didn't get through (Turns) 3 and 4 fast enough, and then the No. 45 (Reddick) had such a big run on me from behind."

"I thought I could go to the top to get some load into my front tires, but it still didn't turn there. That was a bummer, but just overall happy with the day we had."

Chase Briscoe finished third on four new tires, with Hamlin and Wallace running fourth and fifth, respectively. Brad Keselowski, William Byron, Chase Elliott, Ty Gibbs and Chris Buescher completed the top 10.

Bell, who led 47 laps, spun coming to the white flag in overtime and finished 20th.

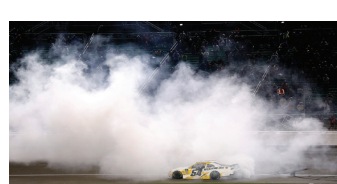
Hamlin led a race-high 131 laps and was positioned for the victory until Ware's spin.

"I mean, obviously it's not winning," Hamlin said of the way the race played out. "It's Cody Ware, six laps down, wrecking. I don't know. It just added up."

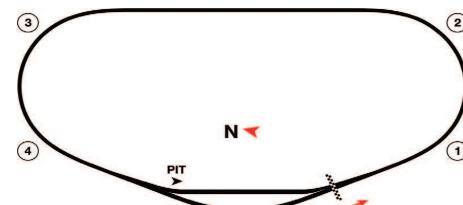
"I fell for the same move that the 5 (Larson) got me a couple years ago when I was on the inside. I got to learn from those mistakes that I make, not executing those last few laps."

## O'REILLY BURNOUT ALERT!

Taylor Gray celebrates after winning Saturday's Kansas Lottery 300 at Kansas Speedway. S. Gardner/Getty



## NEXT: JACK LINK'S 500



## Talladega Superspeedway

3 p.m. ET Sunday, FOX

• **Location:** 3366 Speedway Boulevard Lincoln, Alabama

• **Capacity:** 80,000

• **Owner:** NASCAR (2019–present)

• A car used in the filming of **Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby**, a 2006 movie considered one of the most beloved auto racing films.

• **Course:** Tri-oval

• **Surface:** Asphalt

• **Length:** 2.66 miles

• **Turns:** 4

• **Banking:** Turns: 33°; Tri-oval: 16.5°; Straights: 2°

• **Fastest lap:** 0:46.530; Parker Kligerman, Toyota Camry, 2019



Austin Cindric won last April's race at Talladega with a last-lap pass. GETTY

## 2026 CUP SERIES STANDINGS

*Top 30 as of April 19*

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 Tyler Reddick 23XI	457	16 Daniel Suárez Spire	210
2 Denny Hamlin JGR	352	17 Austin Cindric Penske	197
3 Ryan Blaney Penske	337	18 Sv Gisbergen Track	178
4 Ty Gibbs JGR	319	19 Mike McDowell Spire	174
5 Kyle Larson Hendrick	314	20 Ross Chastain Track	164
6 Chase Elliott Hendrick	305	21 AJ Allmendinger Kaulig	162
7 William Byron Hendrick	275	22 Zane Smith Front Row	149
8 Bubba Wallace 23XI	275	23 T. Gilliland Front Row	147
9 Brad Keselowski RFK	264	24 Erik Jones Legacy	147
10 Christopher Bell JGR	261	25 Austin Dillon RCR	145
11 Chris Buescher RFK	259	26 Josh Berry Wood Bros.	138
12 Carson Hocevar Spire	237	27 Kyle Busch RCR	133
13 Ryan Preece RFK	235	28 Riley Herbst 23XI	132
14 Joey Logano Penske	225	29 J.H. Nemechek Legacy	126
15 Chase Briscoe JGR	214	30 Ricky Stenhouse Hyak	123

## 2026 O'REILLY AUTO PARTS STANDINGS

*Top 20 as of April 18*

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 Justin Allgaier #7	520	11 Parker Retzlaff #99	258
2 Sheldon Creed #00	389	12 Rajah Caruth #32	254
3 Jesse Love #2	371	13 Ryan Sieg #39	229
4 Corey Day #17	344	14 Sam Mayer #41	225
5 Brandon Jones #20	324	15 Brennan Poole #44	199
6 Sammy Smith #8	310	16 Brent Crews #19	190
7 Carson Kvatil #9	301	17 Jeb Burton #27	189
8 Austin Hill #21	296	18 Anthony Alfredo #96	171
9 Taylor Gray #54	294	19 Dean Thompson #26	152
10 William Sawalich #18	271	20 Patrick Staropoli #48	152

**NEXT RACE:** AG-PRO 300, Talladega Superspeedway, 4 p.m. ET Saturday, CW

## 2026 CRAFTSMAN TRUCK STANDINGS

*Top 20 as of April 10*

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 Chandler Smith #38	208	11 Stewart Friesen #52	140
2 Kaden Honeycutt #11	207	12 Tyler Ankrum #18	137
3 Corey Heim #1	204	13 Tanner Gray #15	123
4 Layne Riggs #34	204	14 Brenden Queen #12	120
5 Christian Eckes #91	191	15 Grant Engfer #9	119
6 Giovanni Ruggiero #17	187	16 Daniel Hemric #19	116
7 Ty Majeski #88	182	17 A. Perez De Lara #44	115
8 Ben Rhodes #99	181	18 Cole Butcher #13	104
9 Jake Garcia #98	146	19 Dawson Sutton #26	89
10 Justin Haley #16	144	20 Kris Wright #81	83

**NEXT RACE:** SPEEDYCASH.COM 250, Texas Motor Speedway, 8 p.m. ET Friday, May 1, FS1

## KANSAS WINNER QUOTE

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— Tyler Reddick, who jump the outside lane in overtime to take Sunday's AdventHealth 400



Tyler Reddick and crew party in Victory Lane Sunday at Kansas Speedway. DAVID JENSEN/GETTY

## 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 (A. Cindric)
- MAY 3, 3:30 PM, FS1:** Würth 400 at Texas (J. Logano)
- 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 (C. Bell)
- MAY 24, 6 PM, PRIME:** Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte (R. Chastain)
- MAY 31, 7 PM, PRIME:** Cracker Barrel 400 at Nashville (R. Blaney)
- JUNE 7, 3 PM, PRIME:** FireKeepers Casino 400 at Michigan (D. Hamlin)

- JUNE 14, 3 PM, PRIME:** Cup Race at Pocono (C. Briscoe)
- JUNE 21, 4 PM, PRIME:** Andruir 250 at Naval Base Coronado (New)
- JUNE 28, 3:30 PM, TNT:** Toyota/Save Mart 350 at Sonoma (S. v. Gisbergen)
- JULY 5, 6 PM, TNT:** Cup Race at Chicagoland Speedway (New)
- JULY 12, 7 PM, TNT:** Quaker State 400 at Echopark Atlanta (C. Elliott)
- JULY 19, 7 PM, TNT:** Windward World 400 at North Wilkesboro (New)
- JULY 26, 2 PM, TNT:** Brickyard 400 at Indianapolis (B. Wallace)
- AUG. 9, 3:30 PM, USA:** Iowa Corn 350 at Iowa (W. Byron)
- AUG. 15, 7 PM, USA:** Cook Out 400 at Richmond (A. Dillon)
- AUG. 23, 3 PM, USA:** Cup Race at New Hampshire (R. Blaney-Playoffs)
- AUG. 29, 7:30 PM, NBC:** Coke Zero Sugar 400 at Daytona (R. Blaney)

- PLAYOFFS ROUND OF 16**
- SEPT. 6, 5 PM, USA:** Southern 500 at Darlington (C. Briscoe)
- SEPT. 13, 3 PM, USA:** Enjoy Illinois 300 at World Wide Tech (D. Hamlin)
- SEPT. 19, 7:30 PM, USA:** Bass Pro Shops Night Race at Bristol (C. Bell)
- PLAYOFFS ROUND OF 12**
- SEPT. 27, 3 PM, USA:** Hollywood Casino 400 at Kansas (C. Elliott)
- OCT. 4, 5:30 PM, USA:** South Point 400 at Las Vegas (D. Hamlin)
- OCT. 11, 3 PM, USA:** BoFA ROVAL 400 at Charlotte (S. v. Gisbergen)
- 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

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