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Statistical Advance: Analyzing the STP 500

DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA (March 19, 2019) – Below is a look at some of the top statistical performers at Martinsville Speedway in Martinsville, Virginia, going into the STP 500 on Sunday, March 24, at 2 p.m. ET on FS1, MRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio (Channel 90).



2019 Driver Standings - Top 30

Rank	Drivers	Points	Starts	Wins	Stage Wins	Playoff Pts	Top 5s	Top 10s	DNFs	Poles	G/L
1	Kyle Busch	237	5	2	4	14	4	5	0	0	0
2	Joey Logano	222	5	1	1	6	3	4	0	0	0
3	Kevin Harvick	213	5	0	2	2	3	4	1	1	0
4	Denny Hamlin	205	5	1	0	5	2	4	0	0	0
5	Brad Keselowski	176	5	1	0	5	3	3	0	0	3
6	Aric Almirola	174	5	0	0	0	1	4	1	1	1
7	Martin Truex Jr	169	5	0	0	0	2	4	1	0	-2
8	Kyle Larson	163	5	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	-2
9	Kurt Busch	160	5	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	0
10	Ryan Blaney	155	5	0	2	2	2	2	1	1	2
11	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	146	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	-1
12	Chase Elliott	135	5	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
13	Erik Jones	133	5	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	1
14	Jimmie Johnson	121	5	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1
15	Clint Bowyer	119	5	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	-4
16	Alex Bowman	110	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
17	Ryan Newman	107	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	Daniel Suarez	105	5	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
19	William Byron	104	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	-1
20	Austin Dillon	103	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
21	Paul Menard	98	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	-2
22	Chris Buescher	94	5	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
23	Ty Dillon	84	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	-1
24	Matt DiBenedetto	76	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
25	Ryan Preece	61	5	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	3
26	David Ragan	61	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
27	Daniel Hemric	58	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	-2
28	Michael McDowell	54	5	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	2
29	Corey LaJoie	54	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2
30	Bubba Wallace	49	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	-1

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MARTINSVILLE-SPECIFIC LOOP DATA STATISTICS

(Driver stats in the below section are from 2005-Present)

Ryan Blaney (No. 12 Team Penske Ford Mustang)

- One top five, two top 10s
- Average finish of 15.667, ninth-best
- Average Running Position of 12.533, sixth-best
- Driver Rating of 87.1, eighth-best
- 48 Fastest Laps Run, fifth-best
- 1,713 Laps in the Top 15 (57), ninth-most
- 120 Quality Passes, 13th-most

Clint Bowyer (No. 14 Stewart-Haas Racing Ford Mustang)

- One win, six top fives, 15 top 10s
- Average finish of 13.769, sixth-best
- Average Running Position of 13.584, eighth-best
- Driver Rating of 91.5, seventh-best
- 461 Fastest Laps Run, eighth-best
- 8,862 Laps in the Top 15 (68), sixth-most
- 815 Quality Passes, fifth-most

Kurt Busch (No. 1 Chip Ganassi Racing Chevrolet Camaro ZL1)

- Two wins, three top fives, six top 10s; one pole
- Average finish of 20.643, 13th-best
- Average Running Position of 16.409, 12th-best
- Driver Rating of 80.6, 11th-best
- 225 Fastest Laps Run, series-best
- 7,680 Laps in the Top 15 (54.7), 11th-most
- 665 Quality Passes, seventh-most

Kyle Busch (No. 18 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota Camry)

- Two wins, 15 top fives, 16 top 10s; two poles
- Average finish of 12.333, fourth-best
- Average Running Position of 10.65, third-best
- Driver Rating of 104.2, third-best
- 813 Fastest Laps Run, 10th-best
- 10,538 Laps in the Top 15 (77.8), third-most
- 857 Quality Passes, third-most

Martinsville Speedway Data

Season Race #: 06 of 36 (03-24-19)

Track Size: 0.526-mile

Banking/Turn 1 & 2: 12 degrees

Banking/Turn 3 & 4: 12 degrees

Banking/Frontstretch: 0 degrees

Banking/Backstretch: 0 degrees

Frontstretch Length: 800 feet

Backstretch Length: 800 feet

Race Length: 500 laps / 263 miles

Stage 1 & 2 Length: 130 laps (each)

Final Stage Length: 240 laps

Top 10 Driver Ratings at Martinsville

Jimmie Johnson	113.3
Denny Hamlin.....	107.0
Kyle Busch	104.2
Brad Keselowski.....	96.8
Joey Logano.....	94.9
Kevin Harvick	94.0
Clint Bowyer	91.5
Ryan Blaney.....	87.1
Ryan Newman.....	85.7
Chase Elliott.....	84.1

Note: Driver Ratings compiled from 2005-2018 races (28 total) among active drivers at Martinsville Speedway.

Qualifying/Race Data

2018 pole winner:

Joey Logano, Ford
96.504 mph, 19.622 secs. 10-28-17

Track qualifying record:

Joey Logano, Ford
100.201 mph, 18.898 secs. 03-28-14

2018 race winner:

Clint Bowyer, Ford
81.663 mph, (03:13:14), 03-26-18

Track race record:

Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet
82.223 mph, (3:11:55), 09-22-96

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Chase Elliott (No. 9 Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet Camaro ZL1)

- One top five, three top 10s
- Average finish of 16.571, 10th-best
- Average Running Position of 15.072, 10th-best
- Driver Rating of 84.8, 10th-best
- 132 Fastest Laps Run, fourth-best
- 2,082 Laps in the Top 15 (59.4), eighth-most
- 168 Quality Passes, 12th-most

Denny Hamlin (No. 11 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota Camry)

- Five wins, 13 top fives, 19 top 10s; three poles
- Average finish of 9.769, second-best
- Average Running Position of 9.418, second-best
- Driver Rating of 107.0, second-best
- 890 Fastest Laps Run, 12th-best
- 10,649 Laps in the Top 15 (81.7), second-most
- 933 Quality Passes, series-most

Kevin Harvick (No. 4 Stewart-Haas Racing Ford Mustang)

- One win, five top fives, 17 top 10s
- Average finish of 14.286, eighth-best
- Average Running Position of 12.952, seventh-best
- Driver Rating of 94.0, sixth-best
- 510 Fastest Laps Run, sixth-best
- 9,702 Laps in the Top 15 (69.1), fifth-most
- 844 Quality Passes, fourth-most

Jimmie Johnson (No. 48 Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet Camaro ZL1)

- Nine wins, 19 top fives, 24 top 10s; three poles
- Average finish of 7.714, series-best
- Average Running Position of 8.618, series-best
- Driver Rating of 113.3, series-best
- 1134 Fastest Laps Run, 13th-best
- 11,802 Laps in the Top 15 (84.1), series-most
- 932 Quality Passes, second-most

Martinsville Speedway

Race Winners

<u>Race Winners</u>	<u>Wins</u>
Richard Petty	15
Darrell Waltrip	11
Jeff Gordon	9
Jimmie Johnson	9
Rusty Wallace	7
Cale Yarborough	6
Dale Earnhardt	6
Fred Lorenzen	6
Denny Hamlin	5
Geoff Bodine	4
Harry Gant	3
Jim Paschal	3
Lee Petty	3
Ricky Rudd	3
Tony Stewart	3
Bob Welborn	2
Bobby Isaac	2
Buck Baker	2
Curtis Turner	2
Herb Thomas	2
Junior Johnson	2
Kurt Busch	2
Kyle Busch	2
Mark Martin	2
Rex White	2
Bobby Hamilton	1
Bobby Labonte	1
Brad Keselowski	1
Buddy Baker	1
Clint Bowyer	1
Dale Earnhardt Jr	1
Dale Jarrett	1
Dave Marcis	1
David Pearson	1
Dick Rathmann	1
Earl Ross	1
Ernie Irvan	1
Fireball Roberts	1
Frank Mundy	1
Jack Smith	1
Jeff Burton	1
Joe Weatherly	1
Joey Logano	1
John Andretti	1
Kevin Harvick	1
Morgan Shepherd	1
Nelson Stacy	1
Red Byron	1
Ricky Craven	1
Ryan Newman	1
Speedy Thompson	1
Tim Flock	1

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Brad Keselowski (No. 2 Team Penske Ford Mustang)

- One win, seven top fives, 12 top 10s
- Average finish of 11.833, third-best
- Average Running Position of 11.996, fourth-best
- Driver Rating of 96.8, fourth-best
- 511 Fastest Laps Run, 11th-best
- 6,356 Laps in the Top 15 (70.4), fourth-most
- 646 Quality Passes, ninth-most

Joey Logano (No. 22 Team Penske Ford Mustang)

- One win, six top fives, nine top 10s; four poles
- Average finish of 13.15, fifth-best
- Average Running Position of 12.013, fifth-best
- Driver Rating of 94.9, fifth-best
- 371 Fastest Laps Run, ninth-best
- 6,767 Laps in the Top 15 (67.5), seventh-most
- 604 Quality Passes, 10th-most

Ryan Newman (No. 6 Roush Fenway Racing Ford Mustang)

- One win, eight top fives, 16 top 10s; three poles
- Average finish of 14.036, seventh-best
- Average Running Position of 14.981, ninth-best
- Driver Rating of 85.7, ninth-best
- 192 Fastest Laps Run, seventh-best
- 7,950 Laps in the Top 15 (56.6), 10th-most
- 753 Quality Passes, sixth-most

Martin Truex Jr (No. 19 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota Camry)

- Five top fives, ten top 10s; one pole
- Average finish of 18.385, 12th-best
- Average Running Position of 17.8, 13th-best
- Driver Rating of 78.9, 12th-best
- 273 Fastest Laps Run, second-best
- 6,791 Laps in the Top 15 (52.1), 13th-most
- 567 Quality Passes, 11th-most

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Pole Winners

<u>Pole Winners</u>	<u>Poles</u>
Darrell Waltrip	8
Geoff Bodine	7
Jeff Gordon	7
Buck Baker	5
Cale Yarborough	5
Bobby Allison	4
Fred Lorenzen	4
Glen Wood	4
Joey Logano	4
Ricky Rudd	4
David Pearson	3
Denny Hamlin	3
Jimmie Johnson	3
Junior Johnson	3
Mark Martin	3
Rex White	3
Rusty Wallace	3
Ryan Newman	3
Tony Stewart	3
Bobby Hamilton	2
Ernie Irvan	2
Fonty Flock	2
Jamie McMurray	2
Jim Paschal	2
Kyle Busch	2
Lennie Pond	2
Neil Bonnett	2
Richard Petty	2
Benny Parsons	1
Bobby Isaac	1
Bobby Johns	1
Bobby Labonte	1
Buddy Baker	1
Curtis Turner	1
Dale Earnhardt	1
Darel Dieringer	1
Dave Marcis	1
Donnie Allison	1
Eddie Pagan	1
Fireball Roberts	1
Herb Thomas	1
Joe Nemechek	1
Joe Ruttman	1
Kasey Kahne	1
Kenny Wallace	1
Kurt Busch	1
Kyle Petty	1
Lee Petty	1
LeeRoy Yarbrough	1
Martin Truex Jr	1
Morgan Shepherd	1
Paul Goldsmith	1
Perk Brown	1
Ricky Craven	1
Scott Riggs	1
Ted Musgrave	1
Terry Labonte	1
Tim Flock	1
Tim Richmond	1
Todd Bodine	1
Ward Burton	1

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Rank	Driver	Races	Poles	Wins	Top Fives	Top 10s	DNFs	Average Finish	Driver Rating
1	Kyle Busch	27	2	2	15	16	1	12.3	104.2
2	Joey Logano	20	4	1	6	9	0	13.2	94.9
3	Kevin Harvick	35	0	1	5	17	1	15.3	94.0
4	Denny Hamlin	26	3	5	13	19	2	9.8	107.0
5	Brad Keselowski	18	0	1	7	12	0	11.8	96.8
6	Aric Almirola	20	0	0	1	3	4	21.4	68.3
7	Martin Truex Jr	26	1	0	5	10	2	18.4	78.9
8	Kyle Larson	10	0	0	1	1	4	24.2	72.5
9	Kurt Busch	37	1	2	3	6	3	21.0	80.6
10	Ryan Blaney	6	0	0	1	2	0	15.7	87.1
11	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	12	0	0	0	2	1	28.2	48.8
12	Chase Elliott	7	0	0	1	3	0	16.6	84.8
13	Erik Jones	4	0	0	0	0	0	20.2	68.5
14	Jimmie Johnson	34	3	9	19	24	1	8.0	113.3
15	Clint Bowyer	26	0	1	6	15	2	13.8	91.5
16	Alex Bowman	6	0	0	0	1	0	24.7	55.7

* – Based on last 28 races at Martinsville Speedway (2005 – 2018).

The Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Top Five Loop Data Leaders:**Martinsville Speedway**

Driver Rating		Average Running Position		Laps in The Top 15	
Drivers	Driver Rating	Drivers	Avg. Running Pos.	Drivers	Laps in Top 15
Jimmie Johnson	113.3	Jimmie Johnson	6.871	Jimmie Johnson	11,802 (84.1%)
Denny Hamlin	107.0	Denny Hamlin	7.073	Denny Hamlin	10,649 (81.4%)
Kyle Busch	104.2	Kyle Busch	8.423	Kyle Busch	10,538 (77.8%)
Brad Keselowski	96.8	Brad Keselowski	9.346	Kevin Harvick	9,702 (69.1%)
Joey Logano	94.9	Joey Logano	12.854	Clint Bowyer	8,862 (68.0%)

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Martinsville Speedway:

History

- Opened in September of 1947 by **H. Clay Earles**, Martinsville Speedway, originally a dirt track, is one of the oldest continuously-operating race tracks in the United States.
- The first NASCAR-sanctioned race at Martinsville was on July 4, 1948.
- The first Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series race was Sept. 25, 1949.
- The track was paved in 1955.
- The first 500-lap event at Martinsville was in 1956.
- Concrete corners were added atop asphalt in 1976.
- There have been 140 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series races at Martinsville Speedway, one in the inaugural year and two races per year since 1950.

Starts

- A total of 626 different drivers have competed in at least one Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series race at Martinsville Speedway; 402 have competed in more than one.
- NASCAR Hall of Famer **Richard Petty** leads the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series in starts at Martinsville Speedway with 67; followed by **Dave Marcis** and **Ricky Rudd** with 55 each.
- **Kurt Busch** leads the series in starts among active drivers at Martinsville Speedway with 37; followed by **Kevin Harvick** (35) and **Jimmie Johnson** (34).
- In total, 62 drivers have made their first career Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series start at Martinsville Speedway.
- **Gray Gaulding** (10/30/2016), **Chase Elliott** (03/29/2015) and **Michael McDowell** (3/30/2008) are the active drivers who have made their first Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series career start at Martinsville Speedway.
- **Fonty Flock** (nine starts) leads the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series in average starting position at Martinsville Speedway with a 3.125.
- **Ryan Blaney** (six starts) leads all active drivers in the series in average starting position at Martinsville Speedway with a 7.833.

Top Five in Average Starting Position at Martinsville Speedway (All-Time & Active)

Rank	All-Time Drivers	Average Starting Position	Starts	Rank	All-Time Drivers	Average Starting Position	Starts
1	Fonty Flock	3.125	9	1	Ryan Blaney	7.833	6
2	Fred Lorenzen	4.294	17	2	Joey Logano	8.450	20
3	Frankie Schneider	5.000	3	3	Denny Hamlin	9.192	26
4	Tim Flock	5.889	11	4	Ryan Newman	9.912	34
5	Cale Yarborough	5.935	31	5	Kyle Busch	10.889	27

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Poles

- In total 61 different drivers have won poles at Martinsville Speedway; seven of the 61 pole winners are active this weekend.
- 28 of the 61 Monster Energy Series Martinsville pole winners have won multiple poles.
- NASCAR Hall of Famer **Darrell Waltrip** leads the Monster Energy Series in poles at Martinsville Speedway with eight Busch Pole Awards (1979, 1976, 1980, 1981, 1983, 1985, 1992).
- **Curtis Turner** won the inaugural Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Busch Pole Award at Martinsville Speedway in 1949.
- **Joey Logano** leads the series among active drivers with the most poles at Martinsville with four – 2015 sweep, spring 2016 and fall 2017.
- A total of 13 different drivers have won two or more consecutive poles at Martinsville Speedway; the most recent was **Joey Logano** who won three consecutive poles at Martinsville from 2015-2016.
- Five drivers have won three or more consecutive poles at Martinsville Speedway in the Monster Energy Series:
 - **Glen Wood** (fall of 1959 and 1960 sweep
 - **Darrell Waltrip** (1979 sweep and spring 1980)
 - **Mark Martin** (fall of 1990 and 1991 sweep)
 - **Jeff Gordon** (2003 sweep and spring 2004)
 - **Joey Logano** (2015 sweep, 2016 spring)
- Youngest series Martinsville pole winner: **Ricky Rudd** (April 26, 1981 – 24 years, 7 months, 14 days).
- Oldest series Martinsville pole winner: **Morgan Shepherd** (April 26, 1987 – 45 years, 6 months, 14 days).
- A total of 12 different drivers have posted their first career Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series pole at Martinsville Speedway: *(Chart to the right is in chronological order)*
- A total of 11 different manufacturers have won at least one Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Busch Pole Award at Martinsville Speedway.
- **Chevrolet** leads the series in poles at Martinsville with 53; followed by **Ford** with 34 and **Toyota** with five.

**Martinsville Speedway
Active Pole Winners**

<u>Pole Winners</u>	<u>Poles</u>
Joey Logano	4
Denny Hamlin	3
Jimmie Johnson	3
Ryan Newman	3
Kyle Busch	2
Kurt Busch	1
Martin Truex Jr	1

<u>First-Time Pole Winners</u>	<u>Date</u>
Curtis Turner	9/25/1949
Buck Baker	5/21/1950
Fonty Flock	10/15/1950
Perk Brown	10/19/1952
Glen Wood	10/12/1958
Bobby Johns	5/3/1959
Lennie Pond	4/23/1978
Ricky Rudd	4/26/1981
Ricky Craven	4/21/1996
Kenny Wallace	4/20/1997
Tony Stewart	4/18/1999
Scott Riggs	4/10/2005

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Wins

- A total of 52 different Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series drivers have won at Martinsville Speedway. Nine of the 52 different winners are active this weekend.
- 25 of the 52 different Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series winners at Martinsville Speedway have won multiple times.
- NASCAR Hall of Famer **Richard Petty** leads the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series in wins at Martinsville Speedway with 15 victories (1960, 1962, 1963, 1967 sweep, 1968, 1969 sweep, 1970, 1971, 1972 sweep, 1973, 1975, 1979).
- **Jimmie Johnson** leads the series among active drivers at Martinsville Speedway with nine victories (2004, 2006, 2007 sweep, 2008, 2009, 2012, 2013, 2016)
- A total of nine active drivers have won at Martinsville Speedway.
- A total of 12 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series drivers have posted consecutive wins at Martinsville Speedway.
 - **Fred Lorenzen** won four MENCS races straight (the most) from the fall of 1963 through the spring of 1965.
 - **Jimmie Johnson** is the most recent driver to win consecutive races (2012 Playoff race / spring of 2013) at Martinsville.
- A total of 12 different drivers have posted their first career Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series win at Martinsville Speedway; the most recent was **Ricky Craven** (10/15/2001).
- In total 39 different car owners have won at Martinsville Speedway.
- **Hendrick Motorsports** leads the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series in wins at Martinsville Speedway with 24 wins – **Jeff Gordon** (nine), **Jimmie Johnson** (nine), **Darrell Waltrip** (four), **Geoffrey Bodine** (one) and **Dale Earnhardt Jr.** (one).

Martinsville Speedway Active Race Winners	
Race Winners	Wins
Jimmie Johnson	9
Denny Hamlin	5
Kurt Busch	2
Kyle Busch	2
Brad Keselowski	1
Clint Bowyer	1
Joey Logano	1
Kevin Harvick	1
Ryan Newman	1

First-Time Race Winners	Date
Herb Thomas	10/15/1950
Dick Rathmann	4/6/1952
Jim Paschal	10/18/1953
Jack Smith	10/28/1956
Bob Welborn	10/6/1957
Fred Lorenzen	4/9/1961
Earl Ross	9/29/1974
Dave Marcis	9/28/1975
Morgan Shepherd	4/26/1981
Harry Gant	4/25/1982
Geoff Bodine	4/29/1984
Ricky Craven	10/15/2001

Top Five in Organization Wins at Martinsville Speedway (All-Time)

Organizations	Wins
Hendrick Motorsports	24
Petty Enterprises	19
Junior Johnson & Assoc.	12
Joe Gibbs Racing	9
Team Penske	8

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Wins

- 20 of the 140 Monster Energy Series races (14.3%) at Martinsville Speedway have been won from the Busch pole. Three of those 20 wins came from active drivers:
 - **Jimmie Johnson** (2012 and Spring of 2013)
 - **Denny Hamlin** (2010)

Note: Johnson won from the first starting position in 2008, but qualifying was not held due to weather. A total of 21 wins have come from the first starting position.

- The first starting position is the most proficient starting spot in the field at Martinsville, producing more wins (21 victories - a winning percentage of 15.44%) than any other starting position.
- 36 of the 140 (25.8%) Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series races at Martinsville Speedway have been won from the front row: 21 from the first starting position and 15 from the second starting position.

MENCS Wins by Starting Positions at Martinsville Speedway

Note: In four of the early races at Martinsville Speedway (1950, Spring 1953, Fall 1953 and Spring 1954), the starting positions were not provided on the official race reports; therefore, the below chart is based off the provided starting positions of the winners of the remaining 136 races.

Starting Position	Wins	Winning %	Starting Position	Wins	Winning %
1	21	15.44%	14	6	4.41%
2	15	11.03%	15	4	2.94%
3	15	11.03%	16	1	0.74%
4	14	10.29%	17	4	2.94%
5	7	5.15%	18	1	0.74%
6	8	5.88%	19	2	1.47%
7	8	5.88%	20	3	2.21%
8	2	1.47%	21	2	1.47%
9	6	4.41%	22	1	0.74%
10	5	3.68%	23	2	1.47%
11	2	1.47%	24	1	0.74%
12	3	2.21%	36	1	0.74%
13	2	1.47%			

Stats	Winning %	Wins
Winning from the First Starting Position:	15.44%	21
Winning from the Front Row:	26.47%	36
Winning from a Top-Five Starting Position:	52.94%	72
Winning from a Top-10 Starting Position:	74.26%	101
Winning After Starting Outside the Top 10:	29.41%	40
Winning After Starting Outside the Top 20:	5.15%	7

- The deepest in the field that a race winner has started is 36th, by **Kurt Busch** in the fall of 2002.

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Wins

- Youngest series Martinsville winner: **Richard Petty** (April 10, 1960 – 22 years, 9 months, 8 days).
- Oldest series Martinsville winner: **Harry Gant** (September 22, 1991 – 51 years, 8 months, 12 days).
- **Clint Bowyer** competed at Martinsville Speedway 24 times before winning earlier this season; the longest span of any the nine active Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series winners.
- Five active winners have made 10 or more attempts before their first win at Martinsville Speedway: **Clint Bowyer** (24), **Kyle Busch** (21) **Ryan Newman** (20), **Kevin Harvick** (19), **Brad Keselowski** (14).
- **Jimmie Johnson** can become the third driver in series history to record 10 or more wins at more than one track with a win this weekend; joining NASCAR Hall of Famers **Richard Petty** and **Darrell Waltrip**. Johnson currently has nine series wins at Martinsville.

Driver	Tracks With 10 Or More Wins
Richard Petty	Martinsville (15), North Wilkesboro (15), Richmond (13), Rockingham (11), Daytona (10)
Darrell Waltrip	Bristol (12), Martinsville (10), North Wilkesboro (10)
Jimmie Johnson	Dover (11)
David Pearson	Darlington (10)
Dale Earnhardt	Talladega (10)

- A total of 11 manufacturers have won in the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series at Martinsville Speedway; led by **Chevrolet** with 56 victories, followed by **Ford** (29), Plymouth (12), Dodge (10), Oldsmobile (8), Pontiac (8), **Toyota** (7), Buick (3), Chrysler (3), Hudson (2) and Mercury (2).

Additional Finishing Positions

- A total of 66 series drivers have finished runner-up in the Monster Energy Series at Martinsville Speedway.
- NASCAR Hall of Famer **Dale Earnhardt** leads all drivers with seven runner-up finishes.
- **Jimmie Johnson** leads all active drivers with four runner-up finishes at Martinsville; followed by **Kyle Busch** with three.

Top Five in Runner-Up Finishes at Martinsville Speedway (All-Time & Active)

Rank	All-Time Drivers	Runner-Ups	Rank	Active Drivers	Runner-Ups
1	Dale Earnhardt	7	1	Jimmie Johnson	4
2	Bobby Allison	6	2	Denny Hamlin	3
3	Lee Petty	6	3	Kyle Busch	3
4	Cale Yarborough	5	4	Brad Keselowski	2
	Jeff Gordon	5	5	Clint Bowyer	1
	Richard Petty	5		Joey Logano	1
				Martin Truex Jr	1
				Ryan Newman	1

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Additional Finishing Positions

- A total of 152 different Monster Energy Series drivers have finished in the top five at Martinsville Speedway.
- NASCAR Hall of Famer **Richard Petty** leads the Monster Energy Series in top-five finishes at Martinsville Speedway with 30; followed by **Jeff Gordon** with 29.
- **Jimmie Johnson** leads all active drivers with 19 top fives at Martinsville, followed by **Kyle Busch** with 15 top-five finishes.

Top Five in Top-Five Finishes at Martinsville Speedway (All-Time & Active)

Rank	All-Time Drivers	Top Fives	Rank	Active Drivers	Top Fives
1	Richard Petty	30	1	Jimmie Johnson	19
2	Jeff Gordon	29	2	Kyle Busch	15
3	Darrell Waltrip	27	3	Denny Hamlin	13
4	Jimmie Johnson	19	4	Ryan Newman	8
5	Dale Earnhardt	18	5	Brad Keselowski	7

- A total of 260 different monster Energy Series drivers have finished in the top 10 at Martinsville Speedway.
- NASCAR Hall of Famer **Jeff Gordon** leads the Monster Energy Series in top-10 finishes at Martinsville Speedway with 38 top 10s; followed by **Richard Petty** with 37.
- **Jimmie Johnson** leads all active drivers in top 10s at Martinsville with 24; followed by **Denny Hamlin** with 19.

Top Five in Top-10 Finishes at Martinsville Speedway (All-Time & Active)

Rank	All-Time Drivers	Top 10s	Rank	Active Drivers	Top 10s
1	Jeff Gordon	38	1	Jimmie Johnson	24
2	Richard Petty	37	2	Denny Hamlin	19
3	Darrell Waltrip	31	3	Kevin Harvick	17
4	Bobby Allison	28	4	Kyle Busch	16
5	Terry Labonte	27	5	Ryan Newman	16

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Additional Finishing Positions

- **Dick Hutcherson** (five starts) leads the series in average finishing position at Martinsville Speedway with a 3.8 average finish.
- **Jimmie Johnson** (34 starts) leads the series among active drivers in average finishing positions at Martinsville Speedway with a 8.0; followed by **Denny Hamlin** with a 9.8 (26 starts).

Top 10 in Average Finishing Position at Martinsville Speedway (All-Time & Active)

Rank	All-Time Drivers	Avg. Finish	Starts	Rank	Active Drivers	Avg. Finish	Starts
1	Dick Hutcherson	3.8	5	1	Jimmie Johnson	8.0	34
2	Frank Mundy	4.0	3	2	Denny Hamlin	9.8	26
3	Bill Amick	4.5	2	3	Brad Keselowski	11.8	18
4	Bill Snowden	5.0	2	4	Kyle Busch	12.3	27
5	Bud Moore	5.0	2	5	Joey Logano	13.2	20
6	Lee Petty	5.5	24	6	Clint Bowyer	13.8	26
7	Swede Savage	6.5	2	7	Ryan Newman	14.7	34
8	Jeff Gordon	6.7	47	8	Kevin Harvick	15.3	35
9	Dick Rathmann	7.0	5	9	Ryan Blaney	15.7	6
10	Jimmie Johnson	8.0	34	10	Chase Elliott	16.6	7

Track Event Specific Stats

- Qualifying has been cancelled due to weather conditions 10 times in the Monster Energy NASCAR Series at Martinsville Speedway:

	Date of Race	Drivers That Started First Due To Qualifying Cancelled
1	Sunday, May 17, 1953	Joe Eubanks
2	Sunday, May 16, 1954	Ralph Liguori
3	Sunday, October 16, 1955	Gwyn Staley
4	Sunday, September 24, 1995	Jeff Gordon
5	Sunday, October 19, 2008	Jimmie Johnson
6	Sunday, March 29, 2009	Jeff Gordon
7	Monday, March 29, 2010	Kevin Harvick
8	Sunday, October 30, 2011	Carl Edwards
9	Sunday, April 2, 2017	Kyle Larson
10	Monday, March 26, 2018	Martin Truex Jr

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Track Event Specific Stats

- Eight Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series races at Martinsville Speedway have been shortened due to weather:

Date	Scheduled No. of Laps	Actual No. of Laps	No. of Fewer Laps	Race Winner	Runner-up
4/23/1995	500	356	144	Rusty Wallace	Ted Musgrave
4/24/1977	500	384	116	Cale Yarborough	Benny Parsons
9/26/1976	500	340	160	Cale Yarborough	Darrell Waltrip
9/30/1973	500	480	20	Richard Petty	Cale Yarborough
5/31/1970	500	377	123	Bobby Isaac	Bobby Allison
4/9/1961	500	149	351	Fred Lorenzen	Rex White
10/12/1958	500	350	150	Fireball Roberts	Speedy Thompson
10/17/1954	200	165	35	Lee Petty	Hershel McGriff

- There have been six Monster Energy Series races that have ended in NASCAR Overtime at Martinsville Speedway:

Date	Scheduled No. of Laps	Actual No. of Laps	NASCAR Overtime	Race Winner	Runner-up
10/29/2017	500	505	5	Kyle Busch	Martin Truex Jr.
4/1/2012	500	515	15	Ryan Newman	AJ Allmendinger
3/29/2010	500	508	8	Denny Hamlin	Joey Logano
10/25/2009	500	501	1	Denny Hamlin	Jimmie Johnson
10/19/2008	500	504	4	Jimmie Johnson	Dale Earnhardt Jr
10/21/2007	500	506	6	Jimmie Johnson	Ryan Newman

- Since the advent of electronic scoring in 1993, the closest margin of victory in the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series at Martinsville Speedway is the April 1, 2007 race won by **Jimmie Johnson** with a MOV of 0.065 second over second-place **Jeff Gordon**.

Top Five Closest Monster Energy Series Margins of Victory at Martinsville Speedway

Margin of Victory	Date	Race Winner	Runner-Up
0.065	4/1/2007	Jimmie Johnson	Jeff Gordon
0.107	10/28/2018	Joey Logano	Denny Hamlin
0.141	10/29/2017	Kyle Busch	Martin Truex Jr
0.141	10/15/2001	Ricky Craven	Dale Jarrett
0.170	10/30/2011	Tony Stewart	Jimmie Johnson

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Track Event Specific Stats

- A total of 152 different drivers in the Monster Energy Series have led at least one lap at Martinsville.
- NASCAR Hall of Famer **Cale Yarborough** leads the series in laps led at Martinsville Speedway with 3,851 laps led.

Rank	All-Time Lap Leaders	Laps Led	Laps Completed	% Laps Led
1	Cale Yarborough	3,851	13,392	28.8%
2	Jeff Gordon	3,779	23,269	16.2%
3	Rusty Wallace	3,632	19,829	18.3%
4	Darrell Waltrip	3,617	23,727	15.2%
5	Richard Petty	2,964	27,891	10.6%
6	Jimmie Johnson	2,862	16,911	16.9%
7	Fred Lorenzen	2,731	6,638	41.1%
8	Bobby Allison	1,986	18,271	10.9%
9	Dale Earnhardt	1,947	18,907	10.3%
10	Ricky Rudd	1,570	24,887	6.3%

- **Jimmie Johnson** leads all active drivers in Monster Energy Series in laps led at Martinsville with 2,862 laps led.

Rank	Active Lap Leaders	Laps Led	Laps Completed	% Laps Led
1	Jimmie Johnson	2,862	16,911	16.9%
2	Denny Hamlin	1,536	12,526	12.3%
3	Kyle Busch	1,424	13,189	10.8%
4	Joey Logano	825	9,976	8.3%
5	Kevin Harvick	628	17,196	3.7%
6	Clint Bowyer	572	12,570	4.6%
7	Kurt Busch	464	17,883	2.6%
8	Brad Keselowski	437	8,957	4.9%
9	Martin Truex Jr	262	12,493	2.1%
10	Ryan Newman	196	16,594	1.2%

- **Jimmie Johnson** needs to lead 138 laps or more at Martinsville Speedway to become just the fifth driver in series history to lead 3,000 or more laps at multiple tracks; joining NASCAR Hall of Famers **Cale Yarborough** (five tracks with 3,000 or more laps led), **Richard Petty** (four tracks), **Rusty Wallace** (three tracks) and **Darrell Waltrip** (two tracks). Below are the seven drivers in series history to lead 3,000 or more laps at a single track:

Driver	Tracks With 3,000 Or More Laps Led
Cale Yarborough	Bristol (4,305), Martinsville (3,851), Rockingham (3,732), Nashville Fgds (3,632), Atlanta (3,283)
Richard Petty	North Wilkesboro (5,308), Richmond (5,136), Nashville Fgds (3,957), Rockingham (3,130)
Rusty Wallace	Bristol (3,743), Martinsville (3,632), Richmond (3,024)
Darrell Waltrip	Martinsville (3,617), Bristol (3,436)
Jeff Gordon	Martinsville (3,779)
Dale Earnhardt	Bristol (3,751)
Jimmie Johnson	Dover (3,105)

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Female Competitor Stats

- **Danica Patrick** is the only female driver to compete at Martinsville Speedway in the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series. Below are Patrick's stats at Martinsville.

Driver	Starting Position	Finishing Position	Date	Driver Rating
Danica Patrick	23	17	10/29/2017	61.7
Danica Patrick	29	23	4/2/2017	54.2
Danica Patrick	24	24	10/30/2016	53.2
Danica Patrick	28	16	4/3/2016	69.2
Danica Patrick	16	40	11/1/2015	49.8
Danica Patrick	16	7	3/29/2015	86.9
Danica Patrick	30	34	10/26/2014	61.3
Danica Patrick	10	32	3/30/2014	52.4
Danica Patrick	41	17	10/27/2013	64.7
Danica Patrick	32	12	4/7/2013	72.6
Averages	24.9	22.2		62.6

NASCAR In Virginia

- There have been 513 NASCAR national series races among 10 tracks in the state of Virginia.
- Martinsville Speedway hosted the very first NASCAR national series race in the state of Virginia on Sept. 25, 1949 – the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series event was won by **Red Byron** (Oldsmobile).

Tracks in Virginia

Track Name	City	Monster Energy	Xfinity	Gander Outdoors	Total Races	First Year
Martinsville Speedway	Martinsville	140	34	40	214	1949
Richmond Raceway	Richmond	125	70	11	206	1953
South Boston Speedway	South Boston	10	35	3	48	1960
Langley Field Speedway	Hampton	9	14	0	23	1964
Old Dominion Speedway	Manassas	7	0	0	7	1958
New River Valley Speedway	Dublin	0	4	0	4	1989
Southside Speedway	Richmond	4	0	0	4	1961
Starkey Speedway	Roanoke	4	0	0	4	1958
Norfolk Speedway	Norfolk	2	0	0	2	1956
Princess Anne Speedway	Norfolk	1	0	0	1	1953
Totals		302	157	54	513	

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Virginia in NASCAR

- A total of 180 different drivers that have made at least one start in a NASCAR national series race have their home state recorded as Virginia.
- 19 drivers from Virginia have won at least one race in NASCAR's three national series. 11 of the 19 Virginia native NASCAR winners have won in the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series.

Drivers from Virginia

Driver	Monster Energy	Xfinity	Gander Outdoors	National Series Combined
1 Denny Hamlin	32	17	2	51
2 Joe Weatherly	25	0	0	25
3 Ricky Rudd	23	1	0	24
4 Jeff Burton	21	27	0	48
5 Curtis Turner	17	0	0	17
6 Ward Burton	5	4	0	9
7 Glen Wood	4	0	0	4
8 Elliott Sadler	3	13	1	17
9 Emanuel Zervakis	2	0	0	2
10 Lennie Pond	1	0	0	1
11 Wendell Scott	1	0	0	1
12 Tommy Ellis	0	22	0	22
13 Jimmy Hensley	0	9	2	11
14 Rick Mast	0	9	0	9
15 Hermie Sadler	0	2	0	2
16 Elton Sawyer	0	2	0	2
17 Stacy Compton	0	0	2	2
18 Jon Wood	0	0	2	2
19 Jeb Burton	0	0	1	1
Totals	134	106	10	250

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Monster Energy Series - Achievable Milestones

Starts

Clint Bowyer	Has:	474	Needs:	1
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To become the 49th driver all-time in the Monster Energy Series to make 475 starts or more.

Austin Dillon	Has:	198	Needs:	2
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To become the 133rd driver all-time in the Monster Energy Series to make 200 starts or more.

Wins

Jimmie Johnson	Has:	83	Needs:	1
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To tie Bobby Allison and Darrell Waltrip for fourth on the all-time series wins list.

Kyle Busch	Has:	53	Needs:	1
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To tie Lee Petty for 10th on the all-time series wins list.

Kevin Harvick	Has:	45	Needs:	1
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To tie Buck Baker for 16th on the all-time series wins list.

Denny Hamlin	Has:	32	Needs:	1
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To tie Fireball Roberts for 23rd on the all-time Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series wins list.

Kurt Busch	Has:	30	Needs:	1
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To tie Denny Hamlin for 25th on the all-time Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series wins list.

Brad Keselowski	Has:	28	Needs:	2
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To tie Kurt Busch for 26th on the all-time Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series wins list.

Joey Logano	Has:	22	Needs:	1
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To tie Ricky Rudd for 34th on the all-time Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series wins list.

Busch Poles

Ryan Newman	Has:	51	Needs:	3
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Tie Bill Elliott for eighth on the all-time Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series poles list.

Jimmie Johnson	Has:	35	Needs:	1
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To tie Rusty Wallace and Rex White for 18th on the all-time series poles list.

Kyle Busch	Has:	31	Needs:	1
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To tie Fonty Flock for 23rd on the all-time Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series poles list.

Denny Hamlin	Has:	30	Needs:	1
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To tie Kyle Busch for 24th on the all-time Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series poles list.

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Monster Energy Series - Achievable Milestones

Laps Led

Jimmie Johnson	Has:	18,707	Needs:	293
To become the ninth driver in the series to lead 19,000 laps.				
Kyle Busch	Has:	16,210	Needs:	790
To become the 10th driver in the series to lead 17,000 laps.				
Kevin Harvick	Has:	13,214	Needs:	786
To become the 11th driver in the MENCS all-time to lead 14,000 laps.				
Kurt Busch	Has:	9,545	Needs:	455
To become the 18th driver in the MENCS all-time to lead 10,000 laps.				
Denny Hamlin	Has:	9,268	Needs:	732
To become the 18th driver in the MENCS all-time to lead 10,000 laps.				
Martin Truex Jr.	Has:	7,539	Needs:	461
To become the 26th driver in the MENCS all-time to lead 8,000 laps.				
Brad Keselowski	Has:	6,407	Needs:	593
To become the 30th driver in the MENCS all-time to lead 7,000 laps.				
Joey Logano	Has:	5,219	Needs:	781
To become the 36th driver in the MENCS all-time to lead 6,000 laps.				