

NASCAR Race Number 9

Unofficial Race Results for the Aaron's 499 - Sunday, May 1, 2005

Talladega Superspeedway - Talladega, Ala. - 2.66 Mile High-Banked Paved

Total Race Length - 194 Laps - 516.04 Miles

Purse: \$5,814,065



Leader

Fin	Str	Car	Driver	Team	Laps	Pts	Bns	Total Award	Status	Times	Laps
1	2	24	Jeff Gordon	DuPont Chevrolet	194	190	10	\$365,116	Running	12	139
2	11	20	Tony Stewart	The Home Depot Chevrolet	194	175	5	\$243,616	Running	1	2
3	38	15	Michael Waltrip	NAPA Auto Parts Chevrolet	194	170	5	\$197,294	Running	1	2
4	22	19	Jeremy Mayfield	Dodge Dealers/UAW Dodge	194	160		\$165,925	Running		
5	13	42	Jamie McMurray	Texaco/Havoline Dodge	194	155		\$128,840	Running		
6	3	38	Elliott Sadler	M&M's Ford	194	155	5	\$145,896	Running	2	9
7	10	97	Kurt Busch	IRWIN Industrial Tools Ford	194	151	5	\$153,005	Running	1	1
8	42	49	Ken Schrader	Schwan's Home Service Dodge	194	147	5	\$101,630	Running	1	1
9	14	88	Dale Jarrett	UPS Ford	194	138		\$132,488	Running		
10	27	31	Jeff Burton	Cingular Wireless Chevrolet	194	134		\$124,450	Running		
11	23	17	Matt Kenseth	DeWalt Power Tools Ford	194	130		\$136,586	Running		
12	1	29	Kevin Harvick	GM Goodwrench Chevrolet	194	132	5	\$139,706	Running	4	12
13	29	16	Greg Biffle	National Guard/Charter Ford	194	129	5	\$105,690	Running	2	2
14	26	41	Casey Mears	Target Dodge	193	121		\$116,093	Running		
15	36	8	Dale Earnhardt Jr.	Budweiser Chevrolet	193	123	5	\$133,213	Running	1	3
16	43	09	Johnny Sauter	Miccosukee Resort Dodge	192	115		\$93,165	Running		
17	31	33	Kerry Earnhardt	Bass Pro Shops Chevrolet	190	112		\$82,950	Running		
18	9	77 #	Travis Kvapil	Kodak/Jasper Eng. & Trans. Dodge	188	109		\$95,510	Accident		
19	8	07	Dave Blaney	Jack Daniel's Chevrolet	187	106		\$93,820	Running		
20	6	48	Jimmie Johnson	Lowe's Chevrolet	186	108	5	\$131,301	Accident	1	8
21	32	1	Martin Truex Jr.	Bass Pro Shops/Tracker Chevrolet	186	100		\$80,120	Accident		
22	20	2	Rusty Wallace	Miller Lite Dodge	180	97		\$114,133	Running		
23	15	18	Bobby Labonte	Interstate Batteries Chevrolet	174	99	5	\$117,915	Engine	1	1
24	19	9	Kasey Kahne	Dodge Dealers/UAW Dodge	172	91		\$113,760	Running		
25	39	43	Jeff Green	Cheerios/Betty Crocker Dodge	172	88		\$110,316	Running		
26	18	11	Jason Leffler	FedEx Express Chevrolet	171	85		\$77,100	Running		
27	4	10	Scott Riggs	Valvoline Chevrolet	171	87	5	\$104,003	Running	2	4
28	33	4	Mike Wallace	Lucas Oil Chevrolet	171	84	5	\$79,095	Running	1	1
29	30	66	Hermie Sadler	Peak Fitness Ford	170	76		\$78,835	Rear End		
30	7	21	Ricky Rudd	Motorcraft Quality Parts Ford	170	73		\$106,344	Running		
31	24	01	Joe Nemechek	U.S. Army Chevrolet	169	75	5	\$100,133	Running	1	1
32	21	99	Carl Edwards	Scotts/Ortho Ford	166	67		\$93,325	Running		
33	16	6	Mark Martin	Viagra Ford	166	69	5	\$94,150	Running	1	3
34	25	40	Sterling Marlin	Coors Light Dodge	162	61		\$102,968	Running		
35	12	36	Boris Said	CENTRIX Financial Chevrolet	146	58		\$74,930	Accident		
36	28	0	Mike Bliss	Net Zero Best Buy Chevrolet	141	55		\$74,800	Accident		
37	37	25	Brian Vickers	GMAC/ditech.com Chevrolet	139	52		\$82,625	Accident		
38	17	22	Scott Wimmer	Caterpillar Dodge	139	49		\$93,933	Accident		
39	5	12	Ryan Newman	ALLTEL Dodge	135	51	5	\$120,041	Accident	1	5
40	40	32	Bobby Hamilton Jr.	Tide Chevrolet	132	43		\$83,372	Accident		
41	35	5 #	Kyle Busch	Kellogg's Chevrolet	132	40		\$81,630	Accident		
42	34	23	Mike Skinner	Bad Boy Mowers Dodge	132	37		\$73,445	Accident		
43	41	45	Kyle Petty	Georgia-Pacific/Brawny Dodge	106	34		\$73,611	Running		

Race Comments: Before an estimated crowd of 155,000, Jeff Gordon won the Aaron's 499, posting his 72nd NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series victory. Prior to the green flag, the following drivers, under penalty, dropped to the rear of the field for the reasons indicated: #99 Carl Edwards (transmission change).

Failed to Qualify: (4) Robby Gordon, #7; Kevin Lepage, #37; Kenny Wallace, #00; Stanton Barrett #, #92.

Time of Race: 3 hours, 30 minutes, 46 seconds **Average Speed:** 146.904 mph **Margin of Victory:** 0.193 Seconds

Caution Flags: 8 for 30 laps: Laps 21-23 (#45 accident frontstretch); 39-41 (#43 accident backstretch); 103-107 (Debris frontstretch); 117-120 (#45 stalled frontstretch); 134-137 (25-car accident turn 1 [Red Flag-43:21 lap 133]); 167-170 (Debris pit entrance); 173-174 (#45 stalled turn 1); 188-192 (#1,8,16,29,48,77 accident backstretch).

Lead Changes: 33 among 16 drivers: K. Harvick (Pole); J. Gordon 1-20; M. Wallace 21; J. Gordon 22-36; T. Stewart 37-38; G. Biffle 39; J. Gordon 40-68; K. Harvick 69-71; J. Gordon 72-73; S. Riggs 74; K. Harvick 75-78; R. Newman 79-83; J. Gordon 84; K. Harvick 85-88; D. Earnhardt Jr. 89-91; J. Gordon 92-102; J. Nemechek 103; K. Schrader 104; S. Riggs 105-107; K. Harvick 108; J. Gordon 109; E. Sadler 110-116; G. Biffle 117; M. Martin 118-120; J. Gordon 121-123; E. Sadler 124-125; J. Gordon 126-133; K. Busch 134; J. Johnson 135-142; J. Gordon 143-166; B. Labonte 167; J. Gordon 168-182; M. Waltrip 183-184; J. Gordon 185-194.

Top 10 Driver Points: (1) J. Johnson 1,368; (2) K. Busch 1,238; (3) J. Gordon 1,217; (4) G. Biffle 1,181; (5) E. Sadler 1,164; (6) T. Stewart 1,088; (7) D. Jarrett 1,085; (8) K. Harvick 1,083; (9) D. Earnhardt Jr. 1,070; (10) J. McMurray 1,067.

Top 5 Rookie Points: (1) Kyle Busch 107; (2) Travis Kvapil 97; (3) Stanton Barrett 24; (4) Eric McClure 11.

Bud Pole Award: Kevin Harvick (189.804 mph)

Commit to Win Award: Jeff Gordon, #24

MBNA Mid-Race Leader Award: Jeff Gordon, #24

Goodyear Gatorback Fastest Lap Award: Jeff Gordon, #24 (Lap 143, 191.881 mph)

WIX Lap-Leader Award: Jeff Gordon, #24 (139 Laps)

Mobil Oil Command Performance Driver of the Race: Michael Waltrip, #15

Raybestos Rookie of the Race: Travis Kvapil #, #77

EA Sports Move of the Race Award: Jeff Gordon, #24

Sunoco Diamond Performance Award: Jeff Gordon, #24

USG Improving the Finish Award: Johnny Sauter, #09 (27 Places)

Next Race: May 7, 2005 - Darlington Raceway