

NASCAR Cup Series Race Number 27

Race Results for the 72nd Annual Cook Out Southern 500 - Sunday, September 5, 2021

Darlington Raceway - Darlington, SC - 1.366 - Mile Paved

Total Race Length - 367 Laps - 501.322 Miles



| Fin | Str | Car | Driver | Team | Laps | Stage 1 | | Stage 2 | | Status | Tms | Playoff | |
|-----|-----|-----|----------------------|---|------|---------|-----|---------|----------|--------|-----|---------|--|
| | | | | | | Pos | Pos | Pts | Laps | | | Pts | |
| 1 | 2 | 11 | Denny Hamlin (P) | Offerpad Toyota | 367 | 1 | 4 | 57 | Running | 4 | 146 | 6 | |
| 2 | 6 | 5 | Kyle Larson (P) | HendrickCars.com Chevrolet | 367 | 2 | 1 | 54 | Running | 5 | 156 | 1 | |
| 3 | 23 | 42 | Ross Chastain | McDonald's Chevrolet | 367 | 9 | 3 | 44 | Running | 1 | 1 | | |
| 4 | 10 | 19 | Martin Truex Jr. (P) | Bass Pro Toyota | 367 | 6 | | 38 | Running | 1 | 1 | | |
| 5 | 9 | 4 | Kevin Harvick (P) | Busch Light Fan Design Ford | 367 | 5 | 5 | 44 | Running | 1 | 20 | | |
| 6 | 3 | 1 | Kurt Busch (P) | Monster Energy Chevrolet | 367 | 3 | 6 | 44 | Running | 1 | 13 | | |
| 7 | 16 | 2 | Brad Keselowski (P) | Discount Tire Ford | 367 | | | 30 | Running | | | | |
| 8 | 11 | 22 | Joey Logano (P) | Shell Pennzoil Ford | 367 | 10 | 7 | 34 | Running | | | | |
| 9 | 34 | 17 | Chris Buescher | Roush Performance Ford | 367 | | | 28 | Running | | | | |
| 10 | 21 | 3 | Austin Dillon | Bass Pro Shops/Tracker Off Road Chevrolet | 367 | | | 27 | Running | | | | |
| 11 | 31 | 41 | Cole Custer | HaasTooling.com Demo Day Ford | 367 | | | 26 | Running | | | | |
| 12 | 18 | 37 | * Ryan Preece | Kroger/Hershey's S'mores Chevrolet | 367 | | | 25 | Running | | | | |
| 13 | 26 | 99 | Daniel Suarez | Good Sam Chevrolet | 367 | | | 24 | Running | | | | |
| 14 | 19 | 6 | Ryan Newman | Oscar Mayer Bologna Ford | 367 | | | 23 | Running | | | | |
| 15 | 25 | 7 | Corey LaJoie | Schluter Systems Chevrolet | 367 | | 10 | 23 | Running | | | | |
| 16 | 8 | 10 | Aric Almirola (P) | Smithfield Ford | 366 | 8 | | 24 | Running | | | | |
| 17 | 29 | 47 | Ricky Stenhouse Jr. | Kroger/Little Hug Chevrolet | 366 | | | 20 | Running | | | | |
| 18 | 7 | 8 | Tyler Reddick (P) | Childress Vineyards Chevrolet | 366 | 7 | | 23 | Running | | | | |
| 19 | 24 | 14 | Chase Briscoe # | HighPoint.com/Founders Ford | 366 | | | 18 | Running | | | | |
| 20 | 13 | 20 | Christopher Bell (P) | Sport Clips Haircuts Toyota | 366 | | 2 | 26 | Running | 2 | 10 | | |
| 21 | 17 | 23 | Bubba Wallace | Door Dash Toyota | 366 | | | 16 | Running | | | | |
| 22 | 1 | 12 | Ryan Blaney (P) | Menards/Richmond Ford | 366 | 4 | 9 | 24 | Running | 2 | 17 | | |
| 23 | 30 | 21 | Matt DiBenedetto | Motorcraft/Quick Lane Ford | 365 | | | 14 | Running | | | | |
| 24 | 32 | 38 | Anthony Alfredo # | Chicago Pneumatic Compressors Ford | 364 | | | 13 | Running | | | | |
| 25 | 20 | 77 | Justin Haley(i) | Bon Secours/Swamp Rabbits Chevrolet | 364 | | | 0 | Running | | | | |
| 26 | 5 | 48 | Alex Bowman (P) | Ally Chevrolet | 363 | | | 11 | Running | | | | |
| 27 | 27 | 78 | BJ McLeod(i) | CorvetteParts.net Ford | 359 | | | 0 | Running | | | | |
| 28 | 28 | 52 | Josh Bilicki | Jacob Companies Ford | 359 | | | 9 | Running | | | | |
| 29 | 35 | 15 | Joey Gase(i) | RWR Chevrolet | 357 | | | 0 | Running | 1 | 1 | | |
| 30 | 37 | 00 | Quin Houff | UNITS Chevrolet | 355 | | | 7 | Running | | | | |
| 31 | 4 | 9 | Chase Elliott (P) | NAPA/Children's Chevrolet | 327 | | 8 | 9 | Accident | | | | |
| 32 | 22 | 43 | Erik Jones | Petty's Garage Chevrolet | 264 | | | 5 | Engine | 1 | 2 | | |
| 33 | 33 | 51 | Cody Ware(i) | Nurtec ODT Chevrolet | 209 | | | 0 | Accident | | | | |
| 34 | 14 | 24 | William Byron (P) | Axalta Chevrolet | 199 | | | 3 | Accident | | | | |
| 35 | 12 | 18 | Kyle Busch (P) | M&M's Toyota | 125 | | | 2 | Accident | | | | |
| 36 | 36 | 53 | James Davison | Chevrolet | 50 | | | 1 | Accident | | | | |
| 37 | 15 | 34 | Michael McDowell (P) | Love's Travel Stops Ford | 30 | | | 1 | Accident | | | | |

Time of Race: 4 Hrs, 8 Mins, 1 Secs. **Average Speed:** 121.279 MPH **Margin of Victory:** .212 Seconds

Stage 1 Top 10: 11, 5, 1, 12, 4, 19, 8, 10, 42, 22

Stage 2 Top 10: 5, 20, 42, 11, 4, 1, 22, 9, 12, 7

Race Comments: Denny Hamlin won the 72nd running of the Cook Out Southern "500" at Darlington Raceway, his 45th victory in the NASCAR Cup Series. Prior to the start of the race, the following cars dropped to the rear of the field under penalty for the reasons indicated: No. 3 (multiple inspection failures).

Failed to Qualify: None.

Caution Flags: 11 for 52 laps; Laps: 17-19 (#48 Incident Turn 4 [15]); 27-29 (Competition Caution [00]); 32-35 (#34 Incident backstretch [00]); 48-53 (#51, 53 Incident Turn 2 [None]); 117-122 (Stage 1 Conclusion [99]); 126-129 (#18, #3 Incident Turn 2 [14]); 164-168 (Debris frontstretch [22]); 201-205 (#24 Incident Turn 1 [99]); 232-237 (Stage 2 Conclusion [19]); 320-325 (#12 Spin Turn 4 [4]); 328-331 (#9, 20 Incident Turn 1 [7]).

Lead Changes: 18 among 10 drivers; R. Blaney (P) 1-14; K. Busch (P) 15-27; E. Jones 28-29; K. Harvick (P) 30-49; J. Gase(i) 50; D. Hamlin (P) 51-80; R. Blaney (P) 81-83; D. Hamlin (P) 84-121; K. Larson (P) 122-158; C. Bell (P) 159-165; K. Larson (P) 166-196; C. Bell (P) 197-199; K. Larson (P) 200-232; R. Chastain 233; K. Larson (P) 234-269; D. Hamlin (P) 270-278; M. Truex Jr. (P) 279; K. Larson (P) 280-298; D. Hamlin (P) 299-367.

Busch Pole Award: Ryan Blaney, #12 0 mph

Sunoco Rookie of the Race: Chase Briscoe, #14

(i) Ineligible for driver points in this series

Next Race: September 11, 2021 - Richmond Raceway