

NASCAR Cup Series Race Number 31

Race Results for the 53rd Annual YellaWood 500 - Sunday, October 3, 2021

Talladega Superspeedway - Talladega, AL - 2.66 - Mile Paved

Total Race Length - 117 Laps - 311.22 Miles



Fin	Str	Car	Driver	Team	Laps	Stage 1 Stage 2		Pts	Status	Tms	Playoff	
						Pos	Pos				Laps	Pts
1	19	23	Bubba Wallace	McDonald's Toyota	117		1	50	Running	1	5	6
2	7	2	Brad Keselowski (P)	Discount Tire Ford	117	3	2	52	Running	2	13	
3	8	22	Joey Logano (P)	Shell Pennzoil Ford	117	2	3	51	Running	3	9	
4	14	1	Kurt Busch	Monster Energy Chevrolet	117	9	4	42	Running	2	9	
5	12	20	Christopher Bell (P)	Rheem Toyota	117		5	38	Running	4	12	
6	24	17	Chris Buescher	Violet Defense Ford	117	1	6	46	Running	1	7	1
7	1	11	Denny Hamlin (P)	FedEx Express Toyota	117		7	34	Running	3	6	
8	9	4	Kevin Harvick (P)	Busch Light #Hunt4Busch Ford	117	4	8	39	Running	5	16	
9	26	43	Erik Jones	US Air Force: Special Warfare Chevrolet	117		9	30	Running			
10	30	38	Anthony Alfredo #	Georgia Peanuts Ford	117		10	28	Running	1	1	
11	16	3	Austin Dillon	BREZTRI Chevrolet	117			26	Running			
12	6	19	Martin Truex Jr. (P)	Bass Pro Shops Toyota	117			25	Running	1	2	
13	28	41	Cole Custer	Autodesk/HaasTooling.com Ford	117			24	Running	1	7	
14	17	14	Chase Briscoe #	Rush Truck Centers/Mobil 1Delvac Ford	117			23	Running			
15	4	12	Ryan Blaney (P)	Menards/Maytag Ford	117	6		27	Running			
16	21	47	Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	SunnyD Chevrolet	117			21	Running	3	10	
17	22	34	Michael McDowell	Love's Travel Stops Ford	117			20	Running			
18	3	9	Chase Elliott (P)	Adrenaline Shoc Chevrolet	117	7		23	Running			
19	35	00	Quin Houff	8 Ball Chocolate Whiskey Chevrolet	117			18	Running			
20	38	16	* Justin Haley(i)	LeafFilter Gutter Protection Chevrolet	117			0	Running	1	4	
21	25	6	Ryan Newman	Kohler Generators Ford	117			16	Running			
22	29	7	Corey LaJoie	Schluter Systems Chevrolet	117			15	Running			
23	18	99	Daniel Suarez	Good Sam Chevrolet	117			14	Running			
24	40	96	* Landon Cassill(i)	Carnomaly Toyota	117			0	Running			
25	36	53	Joey Gase(i)	Sparks Ford	117			0	Running			
26	20	10	Aric Almirola	Smithfield Ford	117			11	Running			
27	2	18	Kyle Busch (P)	M&M's Toyota	117			10	Running	2	4	
28	31	51	Cody Ware(i)	Nurtec ODT Chevrolet	117			0	Running	1	4	
29	37	15	Garrett Smithley(i)	Boom Mobile Chevrolet	117			0	Running			
30	32	78	BJ McLeod(i)	NASCAR 21 Ignition Ford	117			0	Running			
31	34	52	Josh Bilicki	Junction Fuels Ford	117			6	Running			
32	27	37	* Ryan Preece	Kroger/Velveeta Chevrolet	116			5	Accident			
33	23	42	Ross Chastain	Clover Chevrolet	116	8		7	Running			
34	39	66	* James Davison	Rich Mar Racing Ford	116			3	Running			
35	15	21	Matt DiBenedetto	Quick Lane Tire & Auto Center Ford	115			2	Accident	1	2	
36	10	24	William Byron (P)	Axalta Chevrolet	115			1	Accident			
37	5	5	Kyle Larson (P)	Cincinnati Chevrolet	113			1	Running	1	3	
38	11	48	Alex Bowman (P)	Ally Chevrolet	97	10		2	Accident	1	1	
39	13	8	Tyler Reddick	Realtree Chevrolet	97	5		7	Accident	1	2	
40	33	77	Justin Allgaier(i)	BRANDT Chevrolet	55			0	Accident			

Time of Race: 2 Hrs, 23 Mins, 24 Secs. **Average Speed:** 130.218 MPH **Margin of Victory:** Under Caution

Stage 1 Top 10: 17, 22, 2, 4, 8, 12, 9, 42, 1, 48

Stage 2 Top 10: 23, 2, 22, 1, 20, 17, 11, 4, 43, 38

Race Comments: Bubba Wallace won the YellaWood 500 at Talladega Superspeedway, his first career NASCAR Cup Series victory. Prior to the start of the race, the following cars dropped to the rear of the field for the reasons indicated: #00 and 53 (Multiple Inspection Failures) and 66 (Driver Change).

Failed to Qualify: None.

Caution Flags: 5 for 27 laps; Laps: 27-29 (Competition Caution [53]); 57-64 (#5, 14, 24 and 77 Incident on the Frontstretch [34]); 68-77 (Debris in Turn 2 from #5 [Red Flag: 18:20] [14]); 99-103 (8, 9, 18, 19, 37, 42, 47, 48 and 78 Incident on the Backstretch [14]); 117-117 (#21, 24, 37 and 47 Incident on the Backstretch [None]).

Lead Changes: 35 among 19 drivers; D. Hamlin (P) 0; K. Busch (P) 1; J. Logano (P) 2; K. Busch (P) 3-5; K. Harvick (P) 6-11; M. DiBenedetto 12-13; K. Harvick (P) 14; M. Truex Jr. (P) 15-16; K. Larson (P) 17-19; C. Custer 20-26; A. Alfredo # 27; K. Harvick (P) 28-29; K. Busch 30-33; K. Harvick (P) 34-37; D. Hamlin (P) 38; B. Keselowski (P) 39-40; D. Hamlin (P) 41-42; B. Keselowski (P) 43-53; C. Buescher 54-60; R. Stenhouse Jr. 61; J. Logano (P) 62-64; T. Reddick 65-66; J. Logano (P) 67-71; C. Ware(i) 72-75; * J. Haley(i) 76-79; C. Bell (P) 80-83; D. Hamlin (P) 84-86; C. Bell (P) 87-88; K. Harvick (P) 89-91; C. Bell (P) 92-96; A. Bowman (P) 97; R. Stenhouse Jr. 98-105; C. Bell (P) 106; R. Stenhouse Jr. 107; K. Busch 108-112; B. Wallace 113-117.

Busch Pole Award: Denny Hamlin, #11 0 mph

Sunoco Rookie of the Race: Anthony Alfredo, #38

(i) Ineligible for driver points in this series

Next Race: October 10, 2021 - Charlotte Motor Speedway Road Course