



Kyle Busch dominates his way to fourth Vegas Truck win



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New manufacturer — same Rowdy.

Kyle Busch overcame early adversity on pit road and led 84 laps to earn his fourth career NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series Victory at Las Vegas Motor Speedway in the Victoria's Voice Foundation 200.

It's Busch's 63rd career win in the Truck Series and first since Kyle Busch Motorsports' switch from Toyota to Chevrolet this offseason.

"Thank you guys, thank all the fans for coming out tonight, Rowdy nation getting loud, it's a lot of fun to just race in the Truck Series, I appreciate that," Busch said to Fox Sports' Josh Sims. "It's an honor to be able to come out here with KBM, my own team and have some fun and just kind of work on our stuff."

Busch had the dominant truck from start to finish, but the opening stage was far from easy. Ten over-the-wall pit crews faced multiple flight delays, a plane change and mechanical issues on the way to Las Vegas, not landing until 5:45 local time,

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according to MRN pit reporter Kim Coon. They were given an escort to the track, not arriving until well into Stage 1, forcing teams to piecemeal crews together at first.

Busch led the field to green and led the first eight laps, until being passed by Rev Racing No. 2 Nick Sanchez. Rev has a technical alliance with KBM.

Sanchez's four laps led were his first in the Truck Series. The 2022 ARCA Menards Series champion was making just his second start at this level.

The field slid around the track throughout the opening stage, running green until the race's first caution was called for Bret Holmes' No. 32 truck on Lap 19, after spinning in Turn 1.

This gave way to one of the stranger pit sequences in recent memory.

Busch came to pit road prior to his regular crew arriving but quickly had to come back down due to a loose wheel. On that second stop, Busch had to navigate around a wrecker that was blocking the way near his pit stall.

Pit crews began to arrive at the track near the end of Stage 1, running from the cars and towards their haulers to put on their fire suits and get to their pit boxes. Once the race returned to green on Lap 25, Front Row Motorsports No. 38 driver Zane Smith was able to quickly move to the lead and win the stage. It was Smith's first stage win of the season and the 20th of his career.

Smith finished the race in second, the same as the March Vegas race last season, which he was disqualified from due to an illegal lug nut issue.

"I was happy with our day, we had a really good Speedco Ford," Smith said to Fox Sports pit reporter Jamie Howe. "Happy with our stage win, got shuffled back there on one of those late race restarts and then just kind of let Kyle get away for one and it's so hard to execute pit road facing him."

Niece Motorsports No. 42 driver Carson Hocevar led the field to green to begin Stage 2. Soon after, Young's Motorsports No. 20 driver Matt Mills spun in Turn 4 on Lap 39 to bring out the race's third caution for cause. Hocevar's 19 laps led were the race's second-most behind Busch.

That caution bred two more in Turn 2 and in quick succession, as Niece Motorsports No. 45 driver Lawless Alan spun on Lap 47 and Young's Motorsports No. 02 driver Kris Wright wrecking on Lap 53.

On the final stretch of a two-lap shootout to end Stage 2, a multi-truck wreck collected TRICON Garage No. 17 driver John Hunter Nemechek, ThorSport Racing No. 13 driver Hailie Deegan and others, as Hocevar won the stage under caution.

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Busch established a substantial cushion in Stage 3 and largely never looked back. Starting on the 68th lap, Busch led the rest of the way, outside of a brief stretch during green-flag pit stops.

Smith battled throughout the final stage with ThorSport Racing No. 99 driver Ben Rhodes, who finished third.

“Our Kubota Ford F-150 was very fast tonight,” Rhodes said to Howe. We ended up getting some good stage points in Stage 2 and then a good finish here tonight. Obviously, the truck’s in one piece, that’s great for my guys.”

The Truck Series takes a week off before heading to Atlanta Motor Speedway for the Fr8 208 March 18. Coverage will be carried on Fox Sports 1, MRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio.

NOTE: Post-race inspection in the Craftsman Truck Series garage is complete. There were no issues; confirming Kyle Busch as the winner.

RACE RESULTS

NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series Race Number 2
Race Results for the Victoria's Voice Foundation 200 presented by Westgate Resorts - Friday, March 3, 2023
Las Vegas Motor Speedway - Las Vegas, NV - 1.5 - Mile Paved
Total Race Length - 134 Laps - 201. Miles



Fin	Str	Trk	Driver	Team	Laps	Stage 1 Pos	Stage 2 Pos	Pts	Status	Tms	Laps	Playoff Pts
1	1	51	Kyle Busch(i)	Zariz Transport Chevrolet	134			0	Running	5	84	
2	7	38	Zane Smith	Speedco Ford	134	1		45	Running	1	8	1
3	9	99	Ben Rhodes	Kubota Ford	134	7	2	47	Running	2	2	
4	15	11	Corey Heim	Safelite Toyota	134			33	Running			
5	4	98	Ty Majeski	Curb Records Ford	134	2	10	42	Running			
6	12	19	Christian Eckes	NAPA AutoCare Chevrolet	134			31	Running			
7	8	42	Carson Hocevar	Worldwide Express Chevrolet	134	8	1	43	Running	4	19	1
8	3	4	Chase Purdy	Bama Buggies Chevrolet	134		4	36	Running			
9	17	23	Grant Enfinger	Champion Power Equipment Chevrolet	134	4	5	41	Running	1	3	
10	14	35	Jake Garcia #	Quanta Chevrolet	134			27	Running			
11	11	88	Matt Crafton	Slim Jim/Menards Ford	134	6	6	36	Running			
12	19	25	Matt DiBenedetto	Rackley Roofing Chevrolet	133	3	3	41	Running			
13	16	15	Tanner Gray	Dead On Tools Toyota	133	10	9	27	Running			
14	22	52	Stewart Friesen	Halmar International Toyota	133			23	Running			
15	18	16	Tyler Ankrum	LiUNA! Toyota	133			22	Running			
16	25	5	Dean Thompson	Thompson Pipe Group Toyota	133			21	Running			
17	10	1	Kaz Grala(i)	Ruedebusch Dev & Construction Toyota	133		8	0	Running	1	5	
18	27	9	Colby Howard	Grant County Mulch Chevrolet	133			19	Running			
19	20	43	Daniel Dye #	Halifax Health Chevrolet	132			18	Running	1	5	
20	21	45	Lawless Alan	AUTOParkit Chevrolet	132			17	Running			
21	30	22	Max Gutierrez	Bolsa DX Ford	131			16	Running			
22	26	56	Timmy Hill	UNITS Storage Toyota	131			15	Running			
23	31	12	Spencer Boyd	Nor-Cal Equipment Rentals Chevrolet	130			14	Running			
24	23	41	Ross Chastain(i)	Worldwide Express Chevrolet	130	9		0	Running			
25	29	04	Kaden Honeycutt	CarQuest Ford	130			12	Running			
26	35	20	Matt Mills	J.F. Electric Chevrolet	129			11	Running			
27	32	33	Mason Massey	Ford	129			10	Running			
28	28	02	Kris Wright	F.N.B. Corporation Chevrolet	126			9	Running			
29	24	24	Rajah Caruth #	Wendell Scott Foundation Chevrolet	122	5	7	18	Running			
30	2	2	Nick Sanchez #	Gainbridge Chevrolet	103			7	Accident	2	8	
31	13	17	John Hunter Nemechek(i)	Berry's Manufacturing Toyota	98			0	Vibration			
32	5	13	Hallie Deegan	Pennzoil Screen To Speed Ford	59			5	Accident			
33	34	46	Brennan Poole(i)	South Point Toyota	20			0	Rear Gear			
34	6	32	Bret Holmes #	Pate Holdings Chevrolet	16			3	Accident			
35	33	34	Josh Reaume	Reaume Brothers Racing Ford	4			2	Transmission			

Time of Race: 1 Hrs. 41 Mins. 57 Secs. **Average Speed:** 118.293 MPH **Margin of Victory:** 4.981 Seconds

Stage 1 Top 10: 38, 98, 25, 23, 24, 88, 99, 42, 41, 15

Stage 2 Top 10: 42, 99, 25, 4, 23, 88, 24, 1, 15, 98

Race Comments: Kyle Busch has won the Victoria's Voice Foundation 200 Presented by Westgate Resorts at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, his 63rd career victory in the NASCAR CRAFTSMAN Truck Series. Prior to the start of the race, the following vehicle(s) dropped to the rear of the field under penalty for the reason(s) indicated: Nos. 41, 46, 20, 15 (unapproved adjustments)

Failed to Qualify: None.

Caution Flags: 6 for 27 laps; Laps: 20-24 (No. 32 Incident Turn 1 [52]); 32-36 (Stage 1 Conclusion [43]); 41-44 (No. 20 Spin Turn 4 [43]); 49-52 (No. 45 Incident Turn 2 [20]); 55-58 (No. 02 Incident Turn 2 [2]); 61-65 (No. 17, 13, 41 Incident Backstretch/Stage 2 Conclusion [2]).

Lead Changes: 16 among 8 drivers: K. Busch(i) 1-7; N. Sanchez # 8-11; K. Busch(i) 12-21; N. Sanchez # 22-25; Z. Smith 26-33; G. Enfinger 34-36; C. Hocevar 37-39; K. Busch(i) 40-44; C. Hocevar 45-51; B. Rhodes 52; C. Hocevar 53-57; B. Rhodes 58; C. Hocevar 59-62; K. Grala(i) 63-67; K. Busch(i) 68-105; D. Dye # 106-110; K. Busch(i) 111-134.

(i) Ineligible for driver points in this series

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Rank	Driver	Car	Starts	GL	Points	Ldr	Nxt	Race Wins	Stage Wins	Playoff Pts
1.	Zane Smith	38	2	3	85	0	0	1	1	6
2.	Ty Majeski	98	2	1	83	-2	2	0	0	0
3.	Christian Eckes	19	2	-2	81	-4	2	0	1	1
4.	Matt Crafton	88	2	-2	81	-4	0	0	0	0
5.	Ben Rhodes	99	2	4	77	-8	4	0	0	0
6.	Grant Enfinger	23	2	1	77	-8	0	0	0	0
7.	Carson Hocevar	42	2	3	73	-12	4	0	1	1
8.	Matt DiBenedetto	25	2	5	66	-19	7	0	0	0
9.	Tanner Gray	15	2	-3	65	-20	1	0	0	0
10.	Chase Purdy	4	2	2	65	-20	0	0	0	0
11.	Corey Heim	11	2	0	62	-23	3	0	0	0
12.	Tyler Ankrum	16	2	-7	62	-23	0	0	1	1
13.	Colby Howard	9	2	-5	52	-33	10	0	0	0
14.	Timmy Hill	56	2	2	36	-49	16	0	0	0
15.	Stewart Friesen	52	2	9	32	-53	4	0	0	0
16.	Nick Sanchez #	2	2	-2	31	-54	1	0	0	0
17.	Jake Garcia #	35	1	31	27	-58	4	0	0	0
18.	Rajah Caruth #	24	2	8	26	-59	1	0	0	0
19.	Daniel Dye #	43	2	8	25	-60	1	0	0	0
20.	Kris Wright	02	2	0	24	-61	1	0	0	0
21.	Mason Massey	33	2	1	23	-62	1	0	0	0
22.	Jason A White		1	-7	22	-63	1	0	0	0
23.	Dean Thompson	5	2	8	22	-63	0	0	0	0
24.	Josh Reaume	34	2	-6	20	-65	2	0	0	0
25.	Derek Kraus		1	-8	19	-66	1	0	0	0
26.	Lawless Alan	45	1	11	17	-68	2	0	0	0
27.	Jason M White		1	-8	16	-69	1	0	0	0
28.	Max Gutierrez	22	1	-28	16	-69	0	0	0	0
29.	Spencer Boyd	12	1	11	14	-71	2	0	0	0
30.	Jack Wood		1	-9	14	-71	0	0	0	0
31.	Hallie Deegan	13	2	-6	14	-71	0	0	0	0
32.	Chris Hacker		1	-9	12	-73	2	0	0	0
33.	Kaden Honeycutt	04	1	8	12	-73	0	0	0	0
34.	Matt Mills	20	1	-34	11	-74	1	0	0	0
35.	Bret Holmes #	32	2	-7	9	-76	2	0	0	0
36.	Codie Rohrbaugh		1	-7	4	-81	5	0	0	0
37.	Clay Greenfield		1	-7	3	-82	1	0	0	0
38.	Kyle Busch(i)	51	1	0	0	-85	3	1	0	0
39.	CHASE Elliott		1	-7	0	-85	0	0	0	0
40.	Travis Pastrana		1	-7	0	-85	0	0	0	0
41.	Sammy Smith		1	-7	0	-85	0	0	0	0
42.	Kaz Grala(i)	1	1	0	0	-85	0	0	0	0
43.	Corey LaJoie		1	-8	0	-85	0	0	0	0
44.	Ross Chastain(i)	41	1	0	0	-85	0	0	0	0
45.	John Hunter Nemechek(i)	17	1	0	0	-85	0	0	0	0
46.	Parker Kligerman		1	-10	0	-85	0	0	0	0
47.	Brennan Poole(i)	46	1	0	0	-85	0	0	0	0
48.	Bryan Dauzat		0	-10	0	-85	0	0	0	0
49.	Todd Peck		0	-10	0	-85	0	0	0	0

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1	Front Row Motorsports	38	85	0	0	1	1	6	2
2	ThorSport Racing	98	83	-2	2	0	0	0	2
3	McAnally Hilgemann Racing	19	81	-4	2	0	1	1	2
4	ThorSport Racing	88	81	-4	0	0	0	0	2
5	ThorSport Racing	99	77	-8	4	0	0	0	2
6	GMS Racing	23	77	-8	0	0	0	0	2
7	Niece Motorsports	42	73	-12	4	0	1	1	2
8	Rackley W.A.R.	25	66	-19	7	0	0	0	2
9	TRICON Garage	15	65	-20	1	0	0	0	2
10	Kyle Busch Motorsports	4	65	-20	0	0	0	0	2
11	TRICON Garage	11	62	-23	3	0	0	0	2
12	Hattori Racing Enterprises	16	62	-23	0	0	1	1	2
13	Kyle Busch Motorsports	51	54	-31	8	1	0	0	2
14	McAnally Hilgemann Racing	35	54	-31	0	0	0	0	2
15	CR7 Motorsports	9	52	-33	2	0	0	0	2
16	TRICON Garage	1	45	-40	7	0	0	0	2
17	Niece Motorsports	41	39	-46	6	0	0	0	2
18	Hill Motorsports	56	36	-49	3	0	0	0	2
19	AM Racing	22	34	-51	2	0	0	0	2
20	Halmar Friesen Racing	52	32	-53	2	0	0	0	2
21	Rev Racing	2	31	-54	1	0	0	0	2
22	Young's Motorsports	20	30	-55	1	0	0	0	2
23	TRICON Garage	17	29	-56	1	0	0	0	2
24	GMS Racing	24	26	-59	3	0	0	0	2
25	GMS Racing	43	25	-60	1	0	0	0	2
26	Young's Motorsports	02	24	-61	1	0	0	0	2
27	Reaume Brothers Racing	33	23	-62	1	0	0	0	2
28	TRICON Garage	5	22	-63	1	0	0	0	2
29	G2G Racing	46	20	-65	2	0	0	0	2
30	Niece Motorsports	45	17	-68	3	0	0	0	2
31	Young's Motorsports	12	14	-71	3	0	0	0	2
32	Spire Motorsports	7	14	-71	0	0	0	0	1
33	ThorSport Racing	13	14	-71	0	0	0	0	2
34	Roper Racing	04	12	-73	2	0	0	0	2
35	On Point Motorsports	30	12	-73	0	0	0	0	1
36	Bret Holmes Racing	32	9	-76	3	0	0	0	2
37	Henderson Motorsports	75	5	-80	4	0	0	0	1
38	CR7 Motorsports	97	4	-81	1	0	0	0	1
39	Cook Racing Technologies	84	3	-82	1	0	0	0	1
40	Reaume Brothers Racing	34	2	-83	1	0	0	0	1
41	FDNY Racing	28	0	-85	2	0	0	0	1
42	Peck Motorsports	96	0	-85	0	0	0	0	1

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