



# Harvick Rallies to Finish 11<sup>th</sup> at Bristol

***Hunt Brothers Pizza Ford Mustang Driver Remains First in NASCAR Cup Points***

**Date:** May 31, 2020  
**Event:** Food City presents the Supermarket Heroes 500 (Round 9 of 36)  
**Series:** NASCAR Cup Series  
**Location:** Bristol (Tenn.) Motor Speedway (.533-mile oval)  
**Format:** 500 laps, broken into three stages (125 laps/125 laps/250 laps)  
**Start/Finish:** 8<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> (Running, completed 500 of 500 laps)  
**Point Standing:** 1<sup>st</sup> (370 points, 24 ahead of Joey Logano)

**Race Winner:** Brad Keselowski of Team Penske (Ford)  
**Stage 1 Winner:** Chase Elliott of Hendrick Motorsports (Chevrolet)  
**Stage 2 Winner:** Chase Elliott of Hendrick Motorsports (Chevrolet)

## **Stage 1 Recap (Laps 1-125):**

- Kevin Harvick started eighth and finished sixth, earning five bonus points.
- The No. 4 Hunt Brothers Pizza Ford Mustang was fine early on. Harvick said he was “just saving my tires.”
- Harvick pitted on lap 62 for four tires, fuel and a tires pressure and track bar adjustment. Came in 10<sup>th</sup>, and left seventh.

## **Stage 2 Recap (Laps 126-250):**

- Kevin Harvick started sixth and finished third, earning eight bonus points.
- The No. 4 Hunt Brothers Pizza Ford Mustang pitted on lap 129 for four tires, fuel and a track bar adjustment. Entered the pits in sixth place.
- On lap 204, Harvick pitted for four tires, fuel and a tires pressure adjustment. Harvick exited in fourth-place.

## **Stage 3 Recap (Laps 251-500):**

- Kevin Harvick started 14<sup>th</sup> and finished 11<sup>th</sup>.
- The No. 4 Hunt Brothers Pizza Ford Mustang pitted on lap 253 for four tires, fuel and a tire pressure adjustment. Said car was still too tight.
- On lap 330, Harvick pitted for four tires and fuel. Said the cars balance was good.
- With 67 laps left, Harvick’s car got into the car driven by Erik Jones and then got into the wall while in fifth place. He pitted twice for repairs and restarted 21<sup>st</sup> with 61 laps remaining.
- On lap 459, Harvick pitted for four tires, fuel and a track bar adjustment. Crew also made more repairs and Harvick restarted 19<sup>th</sup>.
- After restarting 19<sup>th</sup>, Harvick managed to work his way up to 11<sup>th</sup> place.

## **Notes:**

- Brad Keselowski won the Food City presents the Supermarket Heroes 500 to score his 32<sup>nd</sup> career NASCAR Cup Series victory, his second of the season and his third at Bristol. His margin of victory over second-place Clint Bowyer was .471 of a second.
- This was Ford’s series-best fifth win of the season and its 691<sup>st</sup> all-time NASCAR Cup Series victory.
- This was Ford’s 38<sup>th</sup> NASCAR Cup Series victory at Bristol. The last Ford driver to win at Bristol was Kurt Busch in August 2018 while a member of SHR.
- There were 17 caution periods for a total of 102 laps.
- Only 22 of the 40 drivers in the race finished on the lead lap.
- Harvick remains the championship leader after Bristol with a 24-point advantage over second-place Joey Logano.
- Harvick finished sixth in Stage 1 to earn five bonus points and third in Stage 2 to earn eight more bonus points.

## **Next Up:**

The next event on the NASCAR Cup Series schedule is the Folds of Honor 500 on Sunday, June 7 at Atlanta Motor Speedway. The race starts at 3 p.m. EDT with live coverage provided by FOX and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio.