



KEVIN HARVICK

It's Going To Be Wild

KANNAPOLIS, North Carolina (Sept. 15, 2020) – Kevin Harvick will be part of a wild 500-lap race Saturday night at Bristol (Tenn.) Motor Speedway.

The driver of the No. 4 Busch Light Ford Mustang for Stewart-Haas Racing (SHR) will be one among 40 competitors on the high-banked .533-mile oval. And with this being the final race in the Round of 16 in the NASCAR playoffs, four drivers will not advance to the next round.

Thankfully for Harvick, he has already guaranteed his spot in the Round of 12 via his Sept. 6 victory in the playoff opener at Darlington (S.C.) Raceway. So while it may be wild around him, he won't be as worried as those still fighting for a spot to advance in the playoffs.

Harvick has two wins, one pole, 12 top-five finishes, 19 top-10s and has led a total of 912 laps in his 39 career NASCAR Cup Series starts at Bristol. His average start there is 16.5, his average finish is 13.8 and he has a lap-completion rate of 96.8 percent – 18,901 of the 19,527 laps available.

He has competed in 29 NASCAR Xfinity Series races at Bristol with five wins, 15 top-fives and 24 top-10 finishes with two pole positions. He has driven in five NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series events at Bristol and has one win and four top-10s.

If Harvick gets to lap 274 at Bristol, he will pass the late Dale Earnhardt in NASCAR Cup Series laps completed. Harvick is 16th all-time in laps completed with 202,615 after Saturday's race at Bristol. He reached 200,000 laps completed on lap 222 of the July 19 race at Texas. Harvick is the leader among active drivers and could pass Earnhardt, who is 15th with 202,888, this week at Bristol.

Harvick is having a stellar year as he has led the points since March 8 after the race at Phoenix International Raceway. He has a series-high eight wins, 18 top-five finishes which are the third-most in his career, behind the 23 he had in 2015 and 2018. Harvick also has 23 top-10s, which continues his streak of more than 20 top-10s since the 2013 season. He has also led 1,190 laps, which is the fifth time in the last seven years he has accomplished that feat.

While Harvick won't be part of the wildness this week, he'd love to get victory number nine – and more points.

KEVIN HARVICK, Driver of the No. 4 Busch Light Ford Mustang for Stewart-Haas Racing:

Is it difficult to communicate inside the racecar at Bristol because everything happens so fast?

“It's definitely loud and hard for the teams to hear. One of the hardest things at Bristol is just to see what's going on. I have crashed at Bristol and gone back to watch it on TV and you're like, ‘What in the hell were you doing? You just ran into four or five cars that have been sitting there for two seconds.’ But, Bristol is a very demanding racetrack. It's very hard because things happen so fast, communication is hard. It's easy to make a mistake or pile into a wreck. It's easy to wreck somebody or to get into a fight. It's easy to do a lot of things because there is just so much happening. It's a tough place to race, to put it all together, and it's mentally and physically exhausting.”

Back in May, did you think we would ever get to this point where we would be all caught up on the schedule starting the playoffs and actually start having fans back at races?

“You know, I think back in May, I probably thought that, but as we went through so many different situations of things happening, and you see all the things in the world that are happening and just the way that so many things were changing so rapidly, as we got those last five or six races announced, you didn't really know if you were actually going to get to go to some of these racetracks. And then you see Watkins Glen pulled, and then we go to Daytona. I think it says a lot about the plan that we actually have – has NASCAR done a great job of navigating everything and having backup plans? I don't think it's over yet, either. I think there are still some things to navigate – it sounds like as we go forward, so it's just, ‘You just kind of roll with the punches.’ And honestly, I just quit paying attention because it'll wear you out. But everybody has done a great job to get us back on schedule and had a great plan, and it's pretty unbelievable to see where we are today.”

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Kevin Harvick Bristol Performance Profile:

Year	Event	Start	Finish	Status/Laps	Laps Led	Earnings
2020	Food City 500	8	11	Running, 500/500	0	N/A
2019	Food City 500	13	13	Running, 500/500	0	N/A
	Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race	4	39	Clutch, 244/500	28	N/A
2018	Food City 500	39	7	Running, 500/500	0	N/A
	Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race	6	10	Running, 500/500	8	N/A
2017	Food City 500	10	3	Running, 500/500	14	N/A
	Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race	29	8	Running, 500/500	0	N/A
2016	Food City 500	7	7	Running, 500/500	13	N/A
	Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race	24	1	Running, 500/500	128	N/A
2015	×Food City 500	4	38	Running, 468/511	184	\$143,112
	Irwin Tools Night Race	7	2	Running, 500/500	0	\$262,605
2014	×Food City 500	27	39	Accident, 450/503	28	\$121,713
	Irwin Tools Night Race	1	11	Running, 500/500	75	\$154,368
2013	Food City 500	18	14	Running, 500/500	0	\$139,446
	Irwin Tools Night Race	15	34	Running, 449/500	7	\$142,451
2012	Food City 500	14	11	Running, 500/500	0	\$139,546
	= Irwin Tools Night Race	13	15	Running, 500/500	0	\$149,741
2011	Jeff Byrd 500	15	6	Running, 500/500	37	\$147,136
	Irwin Tools Night Race	15	22	Running, 499/500	0	\$140,786
2010	Food City 500	33	11	Running, 500/500	0	\$128,501
	Irwin Tools Night Race	28	14	Running, 499/500	0	\$136,476
2009	×Food City 500	30	30	Running, 499/503	0	\$122,703
	Sharpie 500	16	38	Accident, 438/500	0	\$125,448
2008	×†Food City 500	10	2	Running, 506/506	32	\$167,011
	Sharpie 500	6	4	Running, 500/500	0	\$184,511
2007	×Food City 500	40	4	Running, 504/504	9	\$154,911
	Sharpie 500	13	16	Running, 500/500	0	\$140,561
2006	†Food City 500	14	2	Running, 500/500	8	\$160,886
	Sharpie 500	7	11	Running, 500/500	0	\$135,486
2007	×Food City 500	40	4	Running, 504/504	9	\$154,911
	Sharpie 500	13	16	Running, 500/500	0	\$140,561
2006	†Food City 500	14	2	Running, 500/500	8	\$160,886
	Sharpie 500	7	11	Running, 500/500	0	\$135,486
2005	Food City 500	13	1	Running, 500/500	109	\$189,001
	Sharpie 500	19	37	Accident, 352/500	3	\$127,316
2004	Food City 500	14	3	Running, 500/500	0	\$131,978
	Sharpie 500	21	24	Running, 494/500	0	\$110,963
2003	Food City 500	27	7	Running, 499/500	15	\$104,448
	Sharpie 500	23	2	Running, 500/500	39	\$174,223

Kevin Harvick Bristol Performance Profile (continued):

Year	Event	Start	Finish	Status/Laps	Laps Led	Earnings
2002	Food City 500	22	10	Running, 500/500	0	\$103,643
	Sharpie 500	23	4	Running, 500/500	38	\$137,033
2001	Food City 500	3	24	Running, 500/500	137	\$90,192

* Race cut short due to weather. × Race length extended due to green-white-checkered finish. † Qualifying canceled due to weather, starting position set via car owner points.