

= 2010 Irwin Tools Night Race =

The 2010 Irwin Tools Night Race was a NASCAR Sprint Cup Series stock car race that was held on August 21 , 2010 at Bristol Motor Speedway in Bristol , Tennessee . Contested over 500 laps , it was the twenty @-@ fourth race of the 2010 Sprint Cup Series season . Kyle Busch of Joe Gibbs Racing won the race , while David Reutimann finished second , and Jamie McMurray clinched third .

Pole position driver Jimmie Johnson maintained his lead on the first lap to begin the race , as Carl Edwards , who started in the second position on the grid , remained behind him . Afterward , Kyle Busch became the leader , and would eventually lead to the race high of 282 laps . On lap 163 , early race leader , Johnson had collided with Juan Pablo Montoya ; when he returned to the track he was seventy @-@ seven laps behind the leader . David Reutimann led after the final pit stops , ahead of Kyle Busch and Jamie McMurray . With seventy @-@ one laps remaining , Kyle Busch passed Reutimann . He remained the leader to make history , by winning in all three divisions at a single track .

There were seven cautions and seventeen lead changes among nine different drivers throughout the course of the race . It was Kyle Busch 's third win of the season and the nineteenth of his career . The result moved him up five spots to third in the Drivers ' Championship , 351 points behind of leader Kevin Harvick and fifty @-@ seven ahead of Carl Edwards . Chevrolet maintained its lead in the Manufacturers ' Championship , twenty @-@ seven ahead of Toyota , sixty @-@ three ahead of Ford and seventy @-@ four ahead of Dodge with twelve races remaining in the season . A total of 155 @,@ 000 people attended the race , while 5 @.@ 842 million watched it on television .

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= = = Background = = =

Bristol Motor Speedway is one of five short tracks to hold NASCAR races ; the others are Dover International Speedway , Phoenix International Raceway , Richmond International Raceway , and Martinsville Speedway . The standard track at Bristol Motor Speedway is a four @-@ turn short track oval that is 0 @.@ 533 miles (0 @.@ 858 km) long . The track 's turns are banked from twenty @-@ four to thirty degrees , while the front stretch , the location of the finish line , is banked from six to ten degrees . The back stretch also has banking from six to ten degrees .

Before the race , Kevin Harvick led the Drivers ' Championship with 3 @,@ 400 points , and Jeff Gordon stood in second with 3 @,@ 107 points . Denny Hamlin was third in the Drivers ' Championship with 3 @,@ 047 points ; Tony Stewart was fourth with 3 @,@ 020 while Jimmie Johnson was in fifth with 3 @,@ 014 . In the Manufacturers ' Championship , Chevrolet was leading with 167 points , thirty points ahead of their rival Toyota . Ford , with 106 points , was ten points ahead of Dodge in the battle for third .

= = = Practice and qualifying = = =

Two practice sessions was held before the Saturday race ? both on Friday . The first session lasted 120 minutes , while the second session lasted 45 minutes . During the first practice session , David Gilliland was fastest , ahead of Robby Gordon and Dale Earnhardt , Jr. in second and third respectively . Jeff Gordon was scored fourth , while A. J. Allmendinger was placed fifth , even though the latter had spun sideways twice in the session . In the second and final practice session , Ryan Newman was scored quickest , as Carl Edwards and Gilliland followed in the second and third positions . Jimmie Johnson was scored in the fourth position , while his teammate Jeff Gordon followed in fifth .

50 cars were entered for qualifying , due NASCAR 's qualifying procedure , only 43 could race . Johnson clinched his twenty @-@ fourth career pole position , with a time of 15 @.@ 540 seconds .

He was joined on the front row of the grid by Edwards . Joey Logano qualified third , Tony Stewart took fourth , and David Reutimann started fifth . Six drivers did not qualify because one team , the second car for Tommy Baldwin Racing , withdrew from qualifying . They were Dave Blaney , Joe Nemechek , Kevin Lepage , J. J. Yeley , Brian Keselowski , and Mike Bliss . Also during qualifying , Jeff Gordon spun sideways and flattened his tires , but after changing tires , he qualified twenty @-@ sixth .

= = = Race summary = = =

The race , the twenty @-@ fourth out of a total of thirty @-@ six in the season , began at 7 : 30 p.m. EDT and was televised live in the United States on ABC . The race was preempted in Southeast Michigan due to that year 's Woodward Dream Cruise , broadcast on Scripps @-@ owned WXYZ @-@ TV in Southfield , Michigan . Before the race. conditions were with light rain showers and temperature of 75 ° F (24 ° C) . Ruth Graham daughter of evangelist Billy Graham , began pre @-@ race ceremonies by giving the invocation . Next , children of the drivers and pit crews from Motor Racing Outreach performed the national anthem , and Irwin Tools Ultimate Tradesman Challenge winner Delwyn Thorton gave the command for drivers to start their engines .

Jimmie Johnson held the lead going through the first corner with Carl Edwards behind him . After starting fourth , Tony Stewart passed Edwards for the second position . David Reutimann 's fourth position was filled by Ryan Newman on lap 4 . By lap seventeen , Johnson and Stewart were ahead of Edwards by 1 @. @ 8 seconds . On lap 22 , Paul Menard moved into the tenth position , after passing Matt Kenseth . Juan Pablo Montoya moved into the sixth position by lap 27 . After twenty @-@ nine laps , Robby Gordon and Michael McDowell had driven to the garage as start @-@ and @-@ parks . Two laps later , Menard had moved into the ninth position . On lap 38 , Montoya moved into the fifth position , after passing Reutimann .

After starting twentieth , Kurt Busch had moved up to the twelfth position by lap 51 . Seven laps later , the first caution came out because David Gilliland collided with the wall . After the drivers had finished their pit stops , Johnson led to the green flag . Stewart moved into the first position one lap later , but he couldn 't maintain it for the second consecutive lap . On lap 65 , Kasey Kahne received a drive @-@ through penalty after driving too fast on pit lane . Nine laps later , Kyle Busch moved into the eighth position , as his brother Kurt followed . Afterward , Montoya moved into the sixth position . By lap 81 , Johnson had a 0 @. @ 60 second lead over Stewart . Two laps later , Jamie McMurray passed Kenseth for the tenth position .

On lap 96 , Kyle Busch passed Montoya for sixth , as Stewart was gaining ground on Johnson . Two laps later , Edwards caught Stewart for the second position . After 107 laps , Johnson had a 0 @. @ 65 second lead over Stewart . On lap 127 , David Ragan had spun sideways , which prompted the second caution to come out . During the accident , Tony Raines collided in the back of Stewart 's race car . Following the caution , Johnson led to the green flag on lap 130 . One lap later , the third caution was given because Regan Smith collided with the wall . On lap 140 , Johnson led the drivers to the green flag . After starting twenty @-@ first , Greg Biffle had moved into the eleventh position by lap 142 . On lap 153 , Kevin Harvick said , " We don 't know what we 're doing . Leave the air alone . " , after being frustrated that his crew could not fix the car handling .

On lap 161 , there were twenty @-@ eight cars on the lead lap (not a lap down) . Eleven laps later , Kyle Busch emerged in the first position , after passing Johnson . By lap 187 , Kyle Busch had a 0 @. @ 96 second lead over Johnson . On lap 192 , one of Scott Speed 's tires deflated , prompting the fourth caution . Johnson became the leader after pit stops , and led the drivers back to the green flag . On lap 202 , Busch reclaimed the lead , as Reutimann passed Johnson for second . Eleven laps later , Stewart collided with the wall , but was able to continue racing . On lap 215 , Johnson reclaimed second , after passing Reutimann . Twenty @-@ one laps later , Clint Bowyer passed Kurt Busch for the ninth position . By lap 239 , Kyle Busch had a 2 @. @ 5 second lead over Johnson .

On lap 253 , the fifth caution came out because Bobby Labonte collided with the wall . On lap 161 , Kyle Busch led the drivers to the green flag . One lap later , Johnson spun sideways and collided

with the wall , after making contact with Montoya . Johnson and Denny Hamlin drove to garage during the caution , both with repairs . Kyle Busch , once again , led the drivers to the restart on lap 267 . By lap 279 , Kyle Busch had a 1 @. @ 48 second lead over Reutimann . Ten laps later , Hamlin returned to the track , as Kyle Busch had a 1 @. @ 75 second lead over the second position . On lap 302 , Gordon passed A. J. Allmendinger for the tenth position . Eight laps later , Matt Kenseth passed Dale Earnhardt , Jr. for the seventh position . On lap 339 , McMurray moved into the third position . Four laps later , McMurray passed Reutimann for second . Kyle Busch maintained a 1 @. @ 57 lead over McMurray , as Kenseth , who was running eighth , drove to pit lane because of tire issues .

On lap 350 , Kahne moved into the sixth position . Eight laps later , McMurray had closed on Kyle Busch . By lap 380 , Kyle Busch had claimed the most laps led . Three laps later , Kahne came to pit lane because of a flat tire . On lap 388 , McMurray became the leader , after passing Kyle Busch . On lap 399 , green flag pit stops began , as McMurray and Kyle Busch came to pit lane for fuel and tires . Afterwards , Jeff Gordon became the leader , but one lap later he was passed by Mark Martin . On lap 404 , Reutimann became the leader , as Joey Logano was given a drive @- @ through penalty for speeding on pit lane . Four laps later , the seventh caution came out because of debris on the track . Reutimann led on the restart during lap 414 .

Four laps later , Kahne reclaimed the sixth position , as Kyle Busch caught Reutimann . On lap 429 , Kyle Busch became the leader , after bumping Reutimann . Kahne moved into the fourth position , after passing Bowyer two laps later . By lap 434 , Kyle Busch had a 1 @. @ 5 second lead over Reutimann . Fifteen laps later , Kurt Busch passed Jeff Gordon for the tenth position . After 467 laps , there were only fourteen cars on the same lap as the leader . By lap 490 , Kyle Busch had a 2 @. @ 49 second lead over the rest of the drivers . Kyle Busch crossed the finish line in first to make history by becoming the first to win in all three major NASCAR divisions in the same weekend : the Camping World Truck Series , the Nationwide Series , and the Sprint Cup Series . David Reutimann followed in second , ahead McMurray in third , Bowyer in fourth , and Kahne in fifth . The race had a total of seven cautions and seventeen lead changes among nine different drivers .

== = Post @- @ race == =

Busch appeared in victory lane after his victory lap to start celebrating making history , and his third win of the season , in front of a crowd of 155 @, @ 000 people . Busch also earned \$ 331 @, @ 731 in race winnings . " It 's great . We knew we 'd run well here and were really looking forward to capitalizing and getting jumped in front of the bubble spot (for the Chase) , " said Busch .

Although Reutimann was leading near the end , Busch passed him with seventy @- @ one laps remaining . McMurray , who finished third , said , The balance was too tight at the end . It was a really good night for us . I know most of these fans don 't like Kyle Busch , but it 's remarkable what he 's been able to do this weekend . " In the subsequent press conference , Reutimann stated , " My team did a good job , because I was only in the second half of practice , and they had to work with two different drivers , so the credit all goes to my team . " " At one point , I thought we were going to have the car to beat , but at the end , we just didn 't have the speed we needed , " McMurray added . Johnson , who was involved in an accident on lap 263 , said , " I thought I left [Montoya] enough room on the outside lane there . We 're on the straightaway for a little bit , and then all of the sudden , I got hooked with force . It 's not like we bumped and banged , and I squeezed him . I thought we were on the straightaway and everything was fine , and then around I went . " Following the race , Busch would add , " This [car] was awesome today . What a great race car . It 's the second time I 've run it this year . "

The race result left Harvick leading the Driver 's Championship with 3 @, @ 521 points . Jeff Gordon , who finished eleventh , was second with 3 @, @ 242 points , which assured him a position in the Chase for the Sprint Cup . He was seventy @- @ two points ahead of race winner Kyle Busch and 129 ahead of Edwards . Hamlin was fifth with 3 @, @ 108 points . Chevrolet maintained their lead in the Manufacturers ' Championship with 173 points . Toyota placed second with 146 points , and Ford followed with 110 points , eleven ahead of Dodge in fourth . 5 @. @ 842 million people watched

the race on television . The race took two hours , forty @-@ one minutes and twenty @-@ four seconds to complete , and the margin of victory was 0 @.@ 677 seconds .

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= = Standings after the race = =