

# Towns County Sports

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Lineup	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
C Rogers	4	1	1	0	0	0
S Roach	1	0	0	0	0	1
K Mintz	5	2	2	1	0	1
J Welch	3	2	1	2	1	2
C Martin	4	1	2	1	0	0
M Martin	1	0	0	0	0	0
L Davis	3	1	0	1	1	0
T Maloch	1	0	1	0	0	0
C Bridges	4	0	0	0	0	1
H Hutto	3	1	0	0	0	1
W Slater	0	0	0	0	1	0
G Holbrook	4	1	1	0	0	1
TJ Trudrak	3	1	2	1	0	0
W Slater	1	0	0	0	0	0
N Ray	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Totals</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>

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Lineup	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
Brett Denton	4	0	0	0	0	1
Andrew Griffin	4	0	2	0	0	0
Aiden Berrong	4	0	1	0	0	1
Seth Fullerton	4	1	1	0	0	1
Colin Crowder	2	1	0	0	1	0
Trent Bradshaw	2	1	0	0	1	1
Devyn Burrell	3	0	0	0	0	2
Lane Denton	3	0	2	2	0	1
Brack Burrell	2	0	1	1	0	1
Jacob Kinsey	1	0	1	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>

Batting  
**TB:** Aiden Berrong, Brack Burrell, Lane Denton 2, Seth Fullerton, Andrew Griffin 2, Jacob Kinsey  
**RBI:** Brack Burrell, Lane Denton 2  
**FC:** Aiden Berrong, Seth Fullerton  
**SB:** Trent Bradshaw 2, Colin Crowder, Seth Fullerton 2

Totals  
**Team QAB:** 14 (45.16%)  
 Aiden Berrong, Trent Bradshaw 2, Devyn Burrell, Brack Burrell, Colin Crowder 3, Lane Denton, Brett Denton, Seth Fullerton, Andrew Griffin 2, Jacob Kinsey

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Pitching	IP	#P	S%	H	R	ER	SO	BB	HR
N Ray	5.0	77	.740	5	1	1	5	1	0
L Davis	2.0	40	.625	3	2	2	3	1	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>.701</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

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Pitching	IP	#P	S%	H	R	ER	SO	BB	HR
Seth Fullerton	4.2	86	.640	5	7	1	4	1	0
Devyn Burrell	2.1	50	.600	5	3	3	3	2	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>.625</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>

Commerce vs Towns County box score - Wednesday, April 10

## S.A.F.E. Kids Fishing Derby



Kage and Kaden getting ready for the Fishing Derby at Nottely Marina

### Fun, Food, Fishing & Prizes!

## Saturday May 4, 2019

### 11am - 3pm

**Admission:**  
 Adults \$1  
 Adult must accompany child.  
 Children (under 18) FREE

**Boat rides scheduled every 30 minutes!**  
 Donation per person requested.

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**Fundraising event supporting S.A.F.E. (Support in Abusive Family Emergencies.) All proceeds benefit S.A.F.E.**

**Location: Nottely Marina**  
 86 Doucette Circle Blairsville Ga 30512  
 706.745.3638

## TOWNS COUNTY RECREATION DEPARTMENT BASKETBALL CAMP

**REGISTRATION: APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup>-JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup>**  
**CAMP DATES: JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup>, 12<sup>TH</sup>, 13<sup>TH</sup>**  
**SESSION I: 9:00AM- 12:00PM GRADES 1-5**  
**SESSION II: 1:00PM-4:00PM GRADES 6-12**  
**FEES: \$75 FOR 3 DAYS. \$5 DISCOUNT FOR MULTIPLE CHILD REGISTRATION.**

THE TOWNS COUNTY RECREATION DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR ANNUAL BASKETBALL CAMP! CAMP IS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS, GRADES 1- 12. CAMP WILL BE FOCUSED ON DEVELOPING BASKETBALL SKILLS, LEARNING DEVELOPMENTAL DRILLS, AND LEARNING FUNDAMENTALS FROM COLLEGIATE COACHES AND ATHLETES.

COLLEGE ASSISTANT MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH, DAVID FEINSTEIN WILL BE THE HEAD COACH OF THIS CAMP. COACH FEINSTEIN WILL BE ASSISTED BY PAST & PRESENT COLLEGIATE PLAYERS.

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IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT DAVID FEINSTEIN (603) 401-5731 OR TYLER GARRETT AT (706) 851-9919.

## TOWNS COUNTY RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOOTBALL, CHEERLEADING & FLAG FOOTBALL

**FOOTBALL**  
**REGISTRATION: APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup> - JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup> - \$90**  
**LATE REGISTRATION: JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup> - JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup> - \$105**

**CO-ED FLAG FOOTBALL**  
**REGISTRATION: APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup> - JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup> - \$60**  
**LATE REGISTRATION: JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup> - JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup> - \$75**

**CHEERLEADING**  
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THE TOWNS COUNTY RECREATION DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR INAUGURAL FOOTBALL SEASON WITH THE MOUNTAIN FOOTBALL LEAGUE, AND ALSO OUR VERY FIRST SEASON OF FLAG FOOTBALL. PRACTICE WILL BEGIN THE SECOND WEEK OF JULY. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN COACHING, PLEASE FILL OUT A COACHING APPLICATION AT THE TOWNS COUNTY RECREATION DEPARTMENT & COMPLETE A MANDATORY BACKGROUND CHECK.

**DIVISIONS:**  
**8U: AGES 7-8 MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2010 THROUGH APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2012.**  
**10U: AGES 9- 10 MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2008 THROUGH APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2010.**  
**12U: AGES 11- 12 MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2006 THROUGH APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2008.**

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## NASCAR 2019

By Gerald Hodges/the Racing Reporter

### Truex Gets First Win Of Season

RICHMOND, VA - Martin Truex Jr. had just enough to win Saturday night's 400-lap Cup Series race. He led four times for 186 laps, but had the race been a single lap longer, it might have been a different story. Joey Logano closed a nearly three-second gap between the two drivers in the final 15 laps as Truex battled heavy traffic while lapping drivers on the 0.75-mile track. His margin of victory was 0.178-seconds.

"Well, it feels awesome," said Truex. "Honestly, to finally get that first win not only on a short track but here at Richmond, at a track where we've been so strong the last couple seasons and led so many laps and had some real, real heartbreakers, some that were really tough, some really tough losses. Sometimes those things are-- they're hard to get through, but they make you stronger and make you appreciate the good days."



Martin Truex Jr.

"Being so close to winning a couple times this year already, any time you can win, it's special. These things are so difficult. I can't even -- I know everybody knows it's hard, but I just don't know if people understand the level of difficulty in this series and what it takes to win."

"Today we didn't have the best car, and it worked out the way we needed it to thanks to a great team and a pit crew."

Runner-up Joey Logano led 52 laps and won Stage Two of the race.

"Tonight we didn't have the best car, but we've lost here with the best car a bunch of times, so we just fought, we battled," said Logano. "Yeah, I mean, I was struggling the last 40 laps. I had no front turn, I just was real, real tight that last run. Just had to hold him off. Being out front was important tonight."

for 122 laps to take the win in Saturday's 250 lap Xfinity Series race. It was his second win of the season, and fourth of his career.

Austin Cindric was second, followed by Justin Allgaier, Tyler Reddick, Ryan Sieg, Zane Smith, John Nemechek, Chase Briscoe, Riley Herbst, and Justin Haley.

Top-10 leaders after 8 of 33: 1. Reddick-362, 2. Bell-338, 3. Custer-333, 4. Cindric-299, 5. Allgaier-275, 6. Nemechek-263, 7. Annett-22, 8. Briscoe-255, 9. Sieg-253, 10. Gragson-246.

**HAMLIN RUNNING STRONG**  
 This might be Danny Hamlin's year to shine.

tations."

That Hamlin has accomplished this start not just with a new rules package, but also a new crew chief, is that much more impressive. Chris Gabehart replaced Hamlin's longtime crew chief Mike Wheeler this offseason, but the early returns on this new arrangement are undeniable.

"When you go into the year, you have certain expectations," Hamlin continued. "Play-off points you hope to acquire, laps you want to lead, races that you want to win... and then when you win early, I think you can shift those expectations a little bit to a higher bar."

It looked like Clint Bowyer might have something for Truex near the end, but he faded in the last 10 laps and had to settle for third.

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After 9 races into the 36 race Cup Series season, Hamlin is third in points.

While he has always been a contender, in past year's he didn't have quite as strong of a team as he needed in order to be a real championship contender.

But this year, that has changed. In 2010, he won a career-high eight races. He won five in 2012, but hasn't won more than three races in any season since 2012, eventually bottoming out with his first winless year in 2018. But after winning the season opener at Daytona and again at Texas, Hamlin is racing as well as he ever has.

"That's kind of where we're at. We feel like we have the speed, and any given week we could win."

**Racing Joke:** Brad went to a doctor to talk about his wife.

"Doctor, I think my wife is deaf because she never hears me the first time and always asks me to repeat things," said Brad.

"Well," the doctor replied, "Go home and tonight stand about 15 feet from her and say something to her. If she doesn't reply move about 5 feet closer and say it again. Keep doing this so that we'll get an idea about the severity of her deafness."

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Polesitter Kevin Harvick was fourth, while Denny Hamlin, Austin Dillon, Brad Keselowski, Kyle Busch, Ryan Newman, and Paul Menard were the remaining top-10 finishers.

NASCAR's new pre-race inspection process is causing problems for some teams. Two weeks ago, Kevin Harvick's car failed inspection three times. This past week at Richmond, four cars did not pass.

Safe to say, 2019 has been a welcome change for him, because of the new NASCAR rules package introduced during the off season, which was designed to slow the cars down and stimulate closer pack racing. Some drivers have grown acquainted with the new rules quicker than others, but perhaps none are already using them to their advantage like Hamlin is.

"Your gap to the leader is shorter than it would be normally," Hamlin said of the new package. "That doesn't mean that passing is easier -- just means the distance to the front is less."

"With how far apart cars near the front of the pack could get, it was nearly impossible to track them down after retreating to the rear."

Sure enough, Brad goes home and does exactly as instructed. He starts off about 15 feet from his wife in the kitchen as she is chopping some vegetables.

"Honey, what's for dinner," he asks, but gets no response. He moves about 5 feet closer and asks again. No reply. He moves 5 feet closer. Still no reply. He gets fed up and moves right behind her, about an inch away, and asks again, "Honey, what's for dinner?"

She replies, "For the fourth time, vegetable stew."

There is no racing this weekend. NASCAR has a long standing policy of not racing on Easter Sunday weekend.

Chase Elliott, Erik Jones, Daniel Suarez and Jimmie Johnson, who all initially qualified in the top 10, had to start from the rear after their respective cars failed pre-race inspection Saturday.

Top-10 series leaders after 9 of 36: 1. Kyle Busch-400, 2. Logano-380, 3. Hamlin-366, 4. Harvick-349, 5. Keselowski-313, 6. Truex-311, 7. Kurt Busch-287, 8. Bowyer-280, 9. Blaney-277, 10. Elliott-267.

**RICHMOND XFINITY RACE GOES TO CUSTER**  
 Cole Custer led three times

Instead, Hamlin did just that at Texas, validating his season-opening Daytona 500 win and solidifying himself as this season's early surprise. And yes, that includes surprising himself.

"Did I think (we'd be this good)? I hoped," Hamlin said. "Really in the first 14 years of my career, we've never had a start this good. It certainly is exceeding expectations. Not hopes, but expectations."

Which Cup team did Kevin Harvick drive for before switching to Stewart-Haas Racing?

**Last Week's Question:** How many Cup teams is Richard Childress running this season. Answer: Two. Austin Dillon (No. 3) and Daniel Hemric (No. 8).

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