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Joey Logano celebrates in after winning a NASCAR race at Talladega Superspeedway Sunday.

Joey Logano snaps long losing streak with win at Talladega

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TALLADEGA, Ala. — Joey Logano had a clear race track in his windshield and a pack of fellow Ford drivers on his bumper. That combination helped the Team Penske driver snap a nearly yearlong losing streak.

Logano won Sunday at Talladega Superspeedway to snap a streak that dated to April 30 of last year. That win at Richmond was later disqualified because his car failed inspection, so the benefits from the victory were stripped and it cost him a spot in the playoffs.

Out front at Talladega, which is usually the worst place to be in the closing laps, Logano couldn't be caught. His Ford teammates were committed to getting a Ford the win, and they waited patiently in line until the closing laps to make their attempt at snatching the victory away from Logano.

Only Kurt Busch was bold enough to make an early move, and he wrongly thought defending race winner Ricky Stenhouse Jr. would go with him. Stenhouse didn't get to Busch in time, Kevin Harvick wasn't prepared for Busch to go so early, and Busch couldn't garner enough steam to catch Logano.

Logano sailed to an easy victory at a track where he should have been forced to defend several attempts at a pass on the final lap.

"I really thought (Busch and Harvick) were the cars, no matter where they went, if they got to the outside of me, I was hosed. I knew that. That would have been the end of it for me," Logano said. "I would have gotten passed by pretty much the whole train. I would have lost so much momentum. I knew they were going to work together, as they should. Once they got picked apart, think that was the game changer."

It was Logano's third career win at Talladega.

Busch finished second, his career best finish at Talladega, as Ford drivers went 1-2.

Chase Elliott was third in a Chevrolet for Hendrick Motorsports, while Kevin Harvick was fourth in a Stewart-Haas Racing Ford. Ricky Stenhouse Jr. was fifth, David Ragan sixth and Aric Almirola seventh as Ford drivers took six of the seven spots.

Elliott said the Fords had too strong and steady of a

strategy for him to have any chance at making a move to catch Logano.

"I thought for sure one of them wanted to win more than they showed," Elliott said. "If it was me, I would have wanted to do something or try. They were not interested in advancing. They were not going to help me move forward."

Busch said his intention was to work with Stenhouse to help SHR get a victory from either Busch or Harvick.

"Two Stewart-Haas cars running second and third should have been able to pull this off," Busch said. "I'm happy that a Ford won. It wasn't the right one. Kevin was in good position. I was going to roll with him in any direction that I could. We just got broken up by Stenhouse."

"You wish you could go over and do it again. I feel like I left that one out on the table."

Harvick felt Busch made his move too early.

"The Fords are so fast, we had five or six lined up there, and Kurt went a lap before I was ready," Harvick said.

JOHNSON LOSING STREAK

Seven-time NASCAR champion Jimmie Johnson's losing streak hit 33 races when he finished 12th.

He was part of a 14-car accident late in the race when he slid in front of teammate William Byron to start the melee that knocked out two Team Penske cars — Brad Keselowski and Ryan Blaney — as well as second stage winner Paul Menard.

Johnson thought as he closed in on Byron, the air was taken off his Chevrolet.

"I was in the second lane and he came up near my lane and then packed air underneath us and around it went," Johnson said.

McMURRAY'S LONG WEEKEND

Jamie McMurray was involved in two accidents at Talladega, including a frightening crash during a practice session in which his Chevrolet rolled several times.

He didn't catch any breaks on Sunday and was in an early accident that led to a 28th-place finish.

UP NEXT

Sunday's race at Dover International Speedway in Delaware, where Johnson scored his last Cup victory last year.

Local slate

PREP BASEBALL

Tuesday
Stevenson (WA) at Irrigon (DH), 3 p.m.
Stanfield at Mac-Hi, 4 p.m.
Umatilla at Riverside, 4 p.m.
Heppner at Dufur, 4 p.m.
Pilot Rock at Weston-McEwen 4 p.m.
Pendleton at Hermiston, 4:30 p.m.
Friday
Riverside at Joseph (DH), 1 p.m.
Umatilla at Stanfield (DH), 1 p.m.
Nyssa at Irrigon (DH), 2 p.m.
The Dalles at Pendleton, 4:30 p.m.
Hermiston at Hood River Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday
Dufur at Heppner (DH), 11 a.m.
Weston-McEwen at Pilot Rock (DH), 11 a.m.
Mac-Hi at Ontario (DH), 3 p.m. (MST)

PREP SOFTBALL

Tuesday
Umatilla at Riverside, 4 p.m.
Echo at Irrigon, 4 p.m.
Pendleton at Hermiston, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday
Southridge (WA) at Pendleton (DH), 3:30 p.m.

Friday
Irrigon at Weston-McEwen (DH), 1 p.m.
Echo at Riverside (DH), 1 p.m.
The Dalles at Pendleton, 4:30 p.m.
Hermiston at Hood River Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday
Heppner at Pilot Rock (DH), 11 a.m.
Ontario at Mac-Hi (DH), 2 p.m.

PREP TRACK & FIELD

Tuesday
Echo, Heppner, Hermiston, Pilot Rock, Riverside, Stanfield, Weston-McEwen at Bulldog Invite (Hermiston HS), 4 p.m.
Irrigon at Dayton Small Schools Invite 2.0, 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday
Pendleton at the 4th Annual Bucks Intrastad Last Chance Throw Down, TBD
Thursday
Echo, Helix, Stanfield at Helix Small Schools Invite, 3 p.m.
Friday
Echo, Heppner, Mac-Hi, Pilot Rock, Weston-McEwen at Baker Invitational, 10 a.m.
Hermiston, Pendleton at CRC Novice Championships (Hood River Valley), 2 p.m.
Riverside, Umatilla at Ron Vanderholm (Royal HS), 3:15 p.m.
Saturday
Irrigon at Arlington Invite, 10 a.m.

PREP GOLF

Tuesday
Pendleton (boys) at Emerald Valley, TBD
Wednesday
Pendleton (boys) at Emerald Valley, TBD
Thursday
Pendleton (boys) at Emerald Valley, TBD
Nixyaawii at Mac-Hi Invite, 1 p.m.
Mac-Hi at Vets Memorial, 2 p.m.
Friday
Pendleton (boys) at Emerald Valley, TBD
Heppner at the Buffalo Peak Invite, 11 a.m.
Saturday
Hermiston (girls) at Sun River, TBD
Sunday
Hermiston (girls) at Sun River, TBD
Pendleton (girls) at Meadow Lakes, TBD

PREP TENNIS

Wednesday
Hermiston at Pendleton, 4 p.m.
Friday
Weston-McEwen (girls) at Sub-Districts (Tri Cities Court Club), TBD
Helix, Heppner, Mac-Hi, Weston-McEwen (boys) at Sub-Districts (Tri Cities Court Club), TBD

PREP LACROSSE

Wednesday
Hermiston at Southridge, 7 p.m.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Wednesday
Blue Mountain at Spokane (DH), 1 p.m.
Saturday
Blue Mountain at Columbia Basin (DH), 1 p.m.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Friday
EOU at British Columbia Cascade Conference Tournament (Ashland), 9 a.m.
North Idaho at Blue Mountain (DH), 2 p.m.
Saturday
Spokane at Blue Mountain (DH), 12 p.m.

Prep Standings

Through Apr. 30				
PREP BASEBALL				
5A COLUMBIA RIVER CONFERENCE	LG	Ovr	RS	RA
Pendleton	6-212-8	144	107	7
Hood River	5-311-10	114	107	12
Hermiston	3-57-13	89	140	20
The Dalles	2-65-14	69	150	24
4A GREATER OREGON LEAGUE	LG	Ovr	RS	RA
La Grande	8-014-2	154	45	2
Ontario	4-410-9	144	92	9
Baker	4-4-9-8	102	111	20
Mac-Hi	0-96-11	77	144	33
3A EASTERN OREGON LEAGUE	LG	Ovr	RS	RA
Stanfield	9-115-5	225	137	2
Vale	7-210-7	155	100	10
Joseph	5-312-5	149	82	8
Burns	5-37-10	125	143	14
Irrigon	5-5-9-8	137	135	13
Umatilla	3-6-7-7	107	86	26



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Boston Celtics guard Terry Rozier (12) makes a dribble move against Philadelphia 76ers guard JJ Redick (17) in the second half of Game 1.

Riverside	1-95-13	115	181	29
Nyssa	1-81-20	50	320	32
2A/1A SPECIAL DISTRICT 6	LG	Ovr	RS	RA
Sherman	6-011-2	152	53	11
Culver	6-010-4	113	65	8
Pilot Rock	6-111-2	119	31	5
Elgin	6-4-6-5	55	47	27
Grant Union	4-59-11	123	98	17
W-McEwen	2-54-13	104	156	34
Union	2-53-10	60	135	35
Heppner	0-65-12	150	208	28
Dufur	0-62-12	38	170	29

5A COLUMBIA RIVER CONFERENCE	LG	Ovr	RS	RA
Pendleton	8-018-1	199	42	1
Hood River	4-416-4	168	62	4
Hermiston	4-413-7	159	128	7
The Dalles	0-87-14	1126	190	17
4A GREATER OREGON LEAGUE	LG	Ovr	RS	RA
La Grande	6-013-4	152	52	2
Mac-Hi	6-214-7	172	115	4
Ontario	1-511-7	183	88	20
Baker	1-75-15	136	219	25
3A SPECIAL DISTRICT 1	LG	Ovr	RS	RA
Echo	7-016-2	240	53	9
Irrigon	4-38-11	119	163	14
Riverside	3-3-6-7	82	78	16
W-McEwen	3-44-11	149	181	25
Umatilla	0-70-11	55	217	37
2A/1A SPECIAL DISTRICT 6	LG	Ovr	RS	RA
Pilot Rock	7-115-2	207	37	5
Union	7-115-3	208	95	4
Heppner	2-6-7-9	79	136	13
Culver	0-80-10	64	320	29

Basketball

NBA PLAYOFFS				
CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS				
Saturday, April 28				
Golden State 123, New Orleans 101 (GSW leads 1-0)				
Sunday, April 29				
Houston 110, Utah 96 (HOU leads 1-0)				
Monday, April 30				
Philadelphia at Boston, 5 p.m.				
Tuesday, May 1				
Cleveland at Toronto, 5 p.m.				
New Orleans at Golden State, 7:30 p.m.				
Wednesday, May 2				
Utah at Houston, 5 p.m.				

Hockey

NHL PLAYOFFS				
CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS				
Saturday, April 28				
Boston 6, Tampa Bay 2, (BOS leads 1-0)				
San Jose 4, Vegas 3, 2OT (Series tied 1-1)				
Sunday, April 29				
Washington 4, Pittsburgh 1 (Series tied 1-1)				
Nashville 5, Winnipeg 4, 2OT (Series tied 1-1)				
Monday, April 30				
Boston at Tampa Bay, 4 p.m.				
Vegas at San Jose, 7 p.m.				
Tuesday, May 1				
Washington at Pittsburgh, 4:30 p.m.				
Nashville at Winnipeg, 5 p.m.				
Wednesday, May 2				
Tampa Bay at Boston, 4 p.m.				
Vegas at San Jose, 7 p.m.				

Baseball

MLB				
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	21	7	.750	—
New York	18	10	.643	3
Toronto	16	12	.571	5
Tampa Bay	13	14	.481	7½
Baltimore	8	20	.286	13
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	15	12	.556	—
Detroit	11	16	.407	4
Minnesota	9	15	.375	4½
Chicago	8	18	.308	6½
Kansas City	7	21	.250	8½
West Division				

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
New York City FC	6	1	2	20	19	10
Atlanta United FC	6	1	1	19	21	9
Orlando City	5	2	1	16	16	13
New England	4	2	2	14	13	8
Columbus	4	3	2	14	13	10
New York	4	3	0	12	17	10
Chicago	2	3	2	0	11	12
Philadelphia	2	3	2	8	10	10
Montreal	2	6	0	6	10	21
D.C. United	1	4	2	5	8	13
Toronto FC	1	4	1	4	6	13



WESTERN CONFERENCE						
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Sporting K.C.	5	2	2	17	20	12
Los Angeles FC	5	2	0	15	17	13
Vancouver	4	4	1	13	10	17
FC Dallas	3	1	3	12	10	6
LA Galaxy	3	4	1	10	10	13
Real Salt Lake	3	4	1	10	9	16
Minnesota United	3	5	0	9	11	16
Houston	2	3	2	8	15	11
Colorado	2	3	2	8	10	10
Portland	2	3	2	8	12	14
San Jose	1	4	2	5	12	15
Seattle	1	4	1	4	5	9

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Atlanta United FC 4, Montreal 1
Chicago 2, Toronto FC 2, tied
Philadelphia 3, D.C. United 2
Columbus 2, San Jose 1
New England 1, Sporting Kansas City 0
Minnesota United 2, Houston 1
New York City, LA Galaxy 2
Sunday, April 29
Orlando City 2, Colorado 1
New York City FC 3, FC Dallas 1
Los Angeles FC 1, Seattle 0

Golf

PGA Tour
Zurich Classic of New Orleans
Sunday
At TPC Louisiana
Avondale, La.
Purse: \$7.2 million
Yardage: 7,425; Par 72
Final
Horschel/Piercy (400), \$1,036,80065-73-61-67—266
Dufner/Perez (163), \$417,600
66-72-61-68—267
Oosthuizen/Schwartzel (105), \$273,600
66-72-62-68—268
Garnett/Hadley (83), \$216,90064-73-61-71—269
Fleetwood/Paisley (83/0), \$216,90062-75-63-69—270
Finau/Summerhays (68), \$172,80062-72-63-73—270
Duncan/Schenk (54), \$127,20064-72-64-71—271
Cantlay/Reed (54), \$127,20065-71-66-69—271
Knox/Laird (54), \$127,20064-73-63-71—271
Chalmers/Percy (39), \$73,51266-72-65-69—272
Upcoming schedule
May 3-6 — Wells Fargo Championship, Quail Hollow Club, Charlotte, N.C.

Auto Racing

NASCAR
GEICO 500 Results
Sunday
At Talladega Superspeedway
Talladega, Ala.
Lap length: 2.66 miles
(Start position in parentheses)
1. (9) Joey Logano, Ford, 188 laps.
2. (2) Kurt Busch, Ford, 188.
3. (5) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 188.
4. (1) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 188.
5. (7) Ricky Stenhouse Jr. Ford, 188.
6. (12) David Ragan, Ford, 188.
7. (40) Aric Almirola, Ford, 188.
8. (11) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 188.
9. (18) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 188.
10. (14) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 188.
11. (25) Chris Buescher, Chevrolet, 188.
12. (16) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 188.
13. (19) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 188.
14. (4) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 188.
15. (29) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 188.
16. (15) Darrell Wallace Jr, Chevrolet, 188.
17. (28) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 188.
18. (23) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 188.
19. (33) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, 188.
20. (31) D.J. Kennington, Toyota, 188.
21. (36) Cole Whitt, Chevrolet, 188.
22. (30) Brendan Gaughan, Chevrolet, 188.
23. (32) Timothy Peters, Ford, 187.
24. (37) Gray Gaulding, Toyota, 187.
25. (35) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 186.
26. (3) Martin Truex Jr, Toyota, accident, 184.
27. (34) Joey Gase, Chevrolet, engine, 178.
28. (27) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 174.
29. (17) William Byron, Chevrolet, accident, 165.
30. (13) Paul Menard, Ford, accident, 165.
31. (8) Clint Bowyer, Ford, accident, 165.
32. (20) Michael McDowell, Ford, accident, 165.
33. (10) Brad Keselowski, Ford, accident, 165.
34. (28) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, accident, 165.
35. (24) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, accident, 165.
36. (39) Timmy Hill, Chevrolet, engine, 151.
37. (38) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, suspension, 79.
38. (21) Trevor Bayne, Ford, accident, 71.
39. (6) Erik Jones, Toyota, accident, 17.
40. (22) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, accident, 71.
Upcoming schedule
May 6 — AAA 400 Drive for Autism, Dover, Del.

Schimmel: Set to return, Liberty will go uptempo

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Schimmel looked to be more fit then the last time she played with the Liberty. "I'm definitely ready to compete and am in shape," said Schimmel, who will turn 26 on Friday. "I'm more excited to play than I've been in a while."

She watched the Liberty as much as she could while she was away.

"It was different being on the other side and watching," she said. "They

did pretty well last year, but came up a little short."

New York had the league's third best record, but for the second straight season was knocked out in the second round of the playoffs. Coach Bill Laimbeer left to take over the Las Vegas Aces, and the Liberty promoted Smith to be the head coach.