

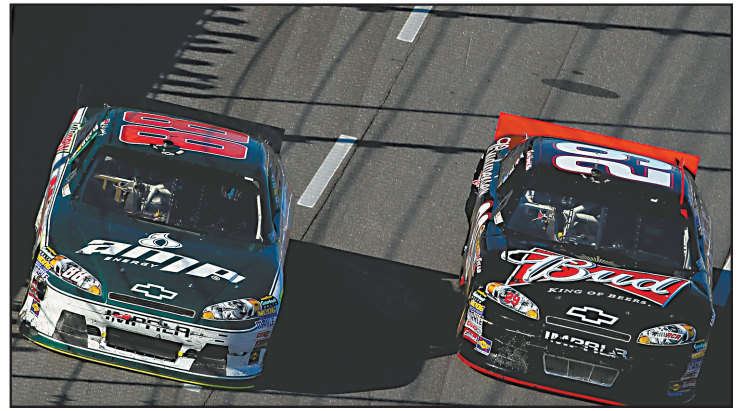
## Harvick spoils Earnhardt's party in Martinsville

MARTINSVILLE, Va. — Kevin Harvick won his second straight race—and in the process may have become the most unpopular man in Virginia.

Harvick passed Dale Earnhardt Jr. for the lead on Lap 497 of 500 and pulled away to win the Goody's Fast Relief 500 Sprint Cup race Sunday at Martinsville Speedway. Earnhardt ran second, extending his winless streak to 99 races.

The victory was Harvick's second of the season and his first at Martinsville. Harvick has 16 victories in the Cup series.

Earnhardt had muscled past third-place finisher Kyle Busch on Lap 480 and held the lead until Harvick made the winning pass in Turn 2.



## Mark Martin To Make 800th Start In The NASCAR Sprint Cup Series

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (March 30, 2011) — Mark Martin will join an exclusive club this Sunday in the Goody's Fast Relief 500 at Martinsville Speedway, becoming the eighth driver to start 800 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series races.

During a career that has spanned parts of four decades, Martin has tallied 40 victories, 264 top fives and 429 top 10s. His 40 wins rank 16th all-time. Coincidentally, Martinsville Speedway was the site of Martin's first top-five finish, a third-place run on Sept. 27, 1981.

"I hate to say this isn't a big deal, because it is. But, to me, the bigger deal is what you accomplished in those starts, not just the starts themselves," Martin said.

"I've had a really good 799 starts. We've had a lot of wins, a lot of success and a lot of fun. I've made friends out here that will be friends forever, and I can't imagine anything else I would have rather been doing than racing all of those days. Beyond the stat itself or the records or whatever, it's the experiences of it all that are the most important to me."

The others who have eclipsed the 800-start barrier: Richard Petty (1,185), Ricky Rudd (906), Dave Marcis (883), Terry Labonte (870), Kyle Petty (829), Bill Elliott (825), and Darrell Waltrip (809).

Martin finished second in the final championship point standings five times, most recently in 2009 — his first season with current team Hendrick Motorsports.

Below is a timeline of Martin's career highlights on his way to 800 starts: 1 — On April 5, 1981, Martin made his first series start at North Wilkesboro Speedway, finishing 27th. Martin made five starts in 1981, scoring two top 10s and two poles.

6 — In his first Daytona 500, on Feb. 14, 1982, he finished 30th.

58 — On Feb. 14, 1988 in the Daytona 500, Martin made his first start with owner Jack Roush. Together, they started 617 races, winning 35 of them.

100 — On June 25, 1989, at Michigan International Speedway, Martin made milestone start No. 100. He finished 12th.

113 — On Oct. 22, 1989, at North Carolina Speedway (Rockingham), Martin led 101 laps en route to his first career win.

200 — On Oct. 25, 1992, at Rockingham, Martin made milestone start No. 200. He finished 30th.

223 — Martin reached double digits in wins with a victory at Bristol Motor Speedway on Aug. 28, 1993. The win was the third of four consecutive victories for Martin, the longest win streak of his career.

300 — On March 31, 1996, at Bristol, Martin made milestone start No. 300. He finished third.

326 — Finished seventh in the Daytona 500 on Feb. 16, 1997, his 16th-consecutive top-10 finish, dating back to the previous season. That is tied for the 16th-longest streak in series history.

383 — In a victory at Dover International Speedway on Sept. 20, 1998, Martin led 379 laps, the most of his career.

400 — On May 2, 1999, at Auto Club Speedway, Martin made milestone start No. 400. He finished 38th.

500 — Reached career milestone start No. 500 on March 24, 2002 at Bristol. He finished 11th.

506 — Won NASCAR's longest race, the Coca-Cola 600 (then named the Coca-Cola Racing Family 600) at Charlotte Motor Speedway on May 26, 2002.

600 — On Nov. 7, 2004, at Phoenix International Raceway, Martin made milestone start No. 600. He finished 15th.

700 — On Feb. 25, 2008, at Auto Club Speedway, Martin made milestone start No. 700. He finished 16th.

723 — On Feb. 15, 2009 at the Daytona 500, made his first start for Hendrick Motorsports, finishing 16th.



730 — At the age of 50 years, three months and nine days, Martin won at Phoenix on April 18, 2009, to join Harry Gant, Morgan Shepherd and Bobby Allison as the fourth over-50 driver to win a NASCAR Sprint Cup race.

733 — Won one of NASCAR's crown jewels: the Southern 500 at Darlington Raceway on May 9, 2009.

Milestones For Biffle, McMurray: Greg Biffle and Jamie McMurray will also celebrate milestone starts this weekend. Both drivers will make start No. 300 in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Sunday at Martinsville.

Over his first 299 starts, Biffle has 16 wins, 66 top fives and 114 top 10s. McMurray has six wins, 39 top fives and 92 top 10s.

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