

Cross Country

The team scoring can be a bit confusing, so I'll try to explain using the different makes which competed at the 2007 Brickyard 400 NASCAR race (see page 2). I'll show how a cross country meet would be scored using a Chevy team, a Dodge team, a Ford team and a Toyota team.

First off, you have to have at least five finishers to factor into the team scoring. Even though Dave Blaney ran well, Toyota only had four. So, you throw those four out when computing the team scores.

For the three full teams, you figure out the number of points for each of their top seven finishers. A first place gives you 1 point, runner-up gets 2 and so on. Remember that the Toyota drivers have been thrown out so Kenseth bumps up to a 9 instead of a 10. Also all of a team's drivers after the top seven get thrown out of the equation.

Chevy: $1+3+4+6+7+8+11$

Dodge: $2+5+10+16+19+20+21$

Ford: $9+12+13+14+15+17+18$

Now you add up each team's top five performers to find the team score.

Chevy: $1+3+4+6+7=21$

Dodge: $2+5+10+16+19=52$

Ford: $9+12+13+14+15=63$

It works like golf—the lower the score, the better. So, Chevy won going away. If there is a tie, you go to whoever's sixth performer finished first. So, if Dodge and Ford had tied, Ford would win, because Bill Elliott beat Ken Schrader.

Why score seven drivers when you're going to only add up the top five at the end? It puts a premium on depth. Chevy had Jeff Burton and Martin Truex Jr. finish before its competitors had completed their top five. So, those people helped add extra points to Dodge and Ford.

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FIN	ST	CAR	DRIVER	MAKE	SPONSOR	PTS/BNS	LAPS	STATUS	WINNINGS
1	14	20	Tony Stewart	Chevrolet	The Home Depot	195/10	160	Running	488,111
2	2	42	Juan Montoya *	Dodge	Texaco / Havoline	170/0	160	Running	360,850
3	21	24	Jeff Gordon	Chevrolet	DuPont	165/0	160	Running	324,411
4	18	5	Kyle Busch	Chevrolet	CARQUEST / Kellogg's	165/5	160	Running	271,075
5	1	41	Reed Sorenson	Dodge	Target	160/5	160	Running	282,408
6	13	01	Mark Martin	Chevrolet	U.S. Army	150/0	160	Running	223,075
7	20	29	Kevin Harvick	Chevrolet	Reese's Racing	151/5	160	Running	244,411
8	7	31	Jeff Burton	Chevrolet	AT&T Mobility	142/0	160	Running	221,391
9	27	22	Dave Blaney	Toyota	Caterpillar	138/0	160	Running	204,958
10	31	17	Matt Kenseth	Ford	DEWALT	134/0	160	Running	226,241
11	6	2	Kurt Busch	Dodge	Miller Lite	130/0	160	Running	205,358
12	33	1	Martin Truex Jr.	Chevrolet	Bass Pro Shops / Tracker	127/0	160	Running	191,670
13	26	07	Clint Bowyer	Chevrolet	Jack Daniel's	124/0	160	Running	169,175
14	40	4	Ward Burton	Chevrolet	Lucas Oil / State Water Heaters	121/0	160	Running	161,125
15	8	16	Greg Biffle	Ford	DISH Network	123/5	160	Running	178,425
16	30	6	David Ragan *	Ford	AAA Insurance	115/0	160	Running	193,450
17	38	38	David Gilliland	Ford	M&M's	112/0	160	Running	183,114
18	35	99	Carl Edwards	Ford	Office Depot	109/0	160	Running	163,150
19	29	43	Bobby Labonte	Dodge	Totino's Pizza Rolls	106/0	160	Running	190,636
20	28	15	Paul Menard *	Chevrolet	Johns Manville / Menards	103/0	160	Running	153,650
21	25	83	Brian Vickers	Toyota	Red Bull	100/0	160	Running	151,475
22	10	11	Denny Hamlin	Chevrolet	FedEx Kinko's	97/0	159	Running	167,875
23	32	21	Bill Elliott	Ford	Little Debbie	94/0	159	Running	169,789
24	37	88	Ricky Rudd	Ford	Snickers	91/0	159	Running	179,258
25	36	49	Ken Schrader	Dodge	Paralyzed Veterans of America	88/0	159	Running	158,683
26	12	40	David Stremme	Dodge	Target	85/0	158	Running	146,075
27	42	7	Robby Gordon	Ford	Johns Manville / Menards	82/0	157	Running	144,975
28	17	19	Elliott Sadler	Dodge	Dodge Dealers / UAW	79/0	155	Running	162,320
29	16	10	Scott Riggs	Dodge	Stanley Tools / Valvoline	76/0	154	Running	150,975
30	43	55	Terry Labonte	Toyota	NAPA Auto Parts	73/0	150	Engine	152,108
31	22	33	Scott Wimmer	Chevrolet	Holiday Inn	70/0	145	Running	139,450
32	41	45	Kyle Petty	Dodge	Marathon American Spirit Motor Oil	67/0	141	Running	148,497
33	15	26	Jamie McMurray	Ford	Crown Royal	64/0	139	Running	147,650
34	4	8	Dale Earnhardt Jr.	Chevrolet	Budweiser	66/5	136	Engine	203,658
35	9	25	Casey Mears	Chevrolet	National Guard / GMAC	58/0	132	Running	156,150
36	23	18	J.J. Yeley	Chevrolet	Interstate Batteries	55/0	120	Accident	165,958
37	39	70	Johnny Sauter	Chevrolet	Radioactive Energy Drink	52/0	100	Running	137,975
38	34	00	David Reutimann *	Toyota	Burger King / The Simpsons Movie	49/0	92	Engine	137,850
39	19	48	Jimmie Johnson	Chevrolet	Lowe's	46/0	59	Accident	191,686
40	5	9	Kasey Kahne	Dodge	Dodge Dealers / UAW	43/0	39	Accident	186,016
41	11	96	Tony Raines	Chevrolet	DLP HDTV	40/0	39	Accident	145,550
42	3	12	Ryan Newman	Dodge	Alltel	37/0	20	Accident	172,025