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Empire Racing Delivers Top-Five Outing at Daytona, Vows for Improvement



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(DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - January 19, 2011) - Without question, anytime you can post a top-five speed at the "World Center of Racing" otherwise known as Daytona (Fla.) International Speedway, you should be tickled. However for Sean Corr and his Empire Racing team, the lap time was no reason to celebrate. Instead it put a simple period to a big question.

While the No. 82 Empire Racing Ford Fusion showed how strong it was in the drafting session on Wednesday afternoon, the team was baffled with the performance of their Ford Fusion during single-car runs which left the team literally scratching their heads.

Rest assured though when the Empire Racing team returns to the Sunshine State in less than a month, crew chief Richard Johns and team manager John Bellesfield will have a new game plan in effect and will execute their method in order to give their driver Sean Corr a chance to taste victory in the Lucas Oil Slick Mist 200 at Daytona.

"We can't say we're completely satisfied with the Daytona test," said Corr who intends to run the full 2011 ARCA Racing Series schedule. "It just seems like no matter what we did, we could not get the

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car to respond in single-car runs. The frustration was obvious in the garage area, but that is just because these guys want to win. We know we have a team capable of doing so, we just need to go back and regroup.”

Bellesfield, who turned the crew chief wrenches to Johns in January, is extremely optimistic about the first of 19 races on the 2011 ARCA Racing Series calendar.

“The good thing is that we have a list a mile-long that we think that will help us a ton for the race,” he explained. “Sean did a good job communicating with the team and we appreciate his patience and support as we worked through what could only be described as a couple of discouraging days. We’re not going to let this test get us down though. We’re tough as nails and we will come back and be stronger than ever in a couple of weeks. Even though we had some bumps along the way, the track time was precious and we still learned a lot.”

Grant Enfinger, whose posted the second-fastest time overall during the three-day open ARCA Racing Series test at the 2.5-mile superspeedway opted to hop in the No. 82 automobile during the week to give his own opinion on the overall performance of the team’s blue oval. After a few laps, Enfinger noted the exact feelings that Corr was experiencing.

“I appreciate Grant (Enfinger) stepping away from his roles here at Daytona to help us out,” added Corr, who intends to make his second career start at the “World Center of Racing” next month. “His feedback was nearly identical to mine, so that made me feel good. It’s a test session and we were there to learn, so we’ll just go back to the shop and continue to work hard and I’m sure we’ll be fine.”

When asked about the new pavement surface at the Daytona Beach, Florida-historic race track, Corr wasn’t shy to explain his feelings. “You can literally eat a sandwich on the backstretch if you wanted too. It’s that smooth. In my eyes, it’s going to be a very intense race, but I am looking forward to every second of it.”

The team still enters the 58th year of ARCA competition without the foundation of a primary marketing partner. However, the team feels they are close to making some announcements in-time for the first of 19 ARCA races this season.

For more on Sean Corr, Empire Racing and marketing opportunities for the 2011 racing season, please visit empireracingllc.com.

CGH Motorsports, Chad Hackenbracht Thankful For Daytona Test



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(DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - January 19, 2011) - CGH Motorsports heads into the 2011 ARCA Racing Series presented by Menards season locked and loaded hoping to make an impression that will allow the family-owned team to compete in the full schedule. And thanks to an overall top-10 outing in the official Daytona (Fla.) International Speedway open test last week, the team is confident they are heading in the right

direction.

Driven by 19-year old Chad Hackenbracht, Hackenbracht unofficially posted the seventh fastest time of the three-day test on Wednesday afternoon after whipping his No. 58 Taste Apple Chevrolet

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Impala SS around the 2.5-mile superspeedway in 48.522 seconds at 185.483 miles per hour, after being swept into a heavy draft while attempting to make a single-car run at DIS.

Still with the favorable result, the CGH Motorsports team will make a decision this week and decide which of the two Impala SS superspeedway bowtie's available will put their Concord, North Carolina-based team in the limelight for the Lucas Oil Slick Mist 200 at Daytona, set for Saturday, January 12th, 2011 live on SPEED.

"We made some serious changes to our No. 58 Tastee Apple Chevrolet Impala SS to put up that lap," said Hackenbracht, who intends to make his second appearance at the "World Center of Racing" next month. "While the car was strong, it's not a set-up that we would feel comfortable with for the race, so we're going to go back to the drawing board and put a setup together that should work to our advantage for both qualifying and the race."

The former Legend Car Series (LCS) pilot added, "restrictor plate racing is a lot of fun but it can drive you nuts. You want to go out there and be strong by yourself and in the draft. I have a feeling that we're going to be strong in qualifying; we just need to make sure our Tastee Apple Chevrolet will be able to maneuver from the back to the front and vice-versa. The team has already put a "to-do" list together to better prepare ourselves for what we like to think as the "Super Bowl" of our racing season. It's going to be a busy couple of weeks but hopefully all the work will pay off with a good finish in the race."

Daytona (Fla.) International Speedway recently went through a major renovation which included a complete re-pavement of the 2.5-mile monster facility. Hackenbracht described the new track's asphalt as soothing. "They did a great job re-paving the track," sounded Hackenbracht, who intends to juggle a full-time college schedule while also hoping to become the next ARCA Racing Series champion. "It's a lot like Talladega but still has that Daytona vibe. The race will not only be electrifying on the track but in the stands too."

CGH Motorsports is actively seeking additional marketing partners for the full 2011 ARCA Racing Series schedule. Single, multi and full-season placements are available on the team's No. 58 entries. Interested parties are urged to contact Jordan Dahl at 570.234.5449 or jordandahl@cghmotorsports.com.

About CGH Motorsports:



CGH Motorsports (CGHMotorsports.com), established in 2007 by Ohio entrepreneur Greg Hackenbracht is located in a 10,000 sq. foot facility located in Concord, North Carolina. CGH Motorsports is home of rising sensation Chad Hackenbracht, who competed in nine ARCA Racing Series races in 2010 after an aggressive ARCA testing schedule in 2009. Chad Hackenbracht is the 2008

National Asphalt Legends champion, winning 33 percent of his races and finishing in the top-10, 85 percent of the events he competed in. The team will step up their commitment from a partial schedule and prepare for a hopeful full-season ARCA championship assault beginning in February 2011.

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Brian Rose Motorsports Blossoms in Daytona Open Test

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(DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - January 19, 2011) - They may be one of the newest teams in the ARCA Racing Series presented by Menards garage, but Brian Rose Motorsports (BRM) left Daytona (Fla.) International Speedway looking like pros as the newly organized team left the grounds with solid results leaving the group itching to return to the "World Center of Racing."

Stalled by a monstrous winter storm that nearly crippled much of the mid-west and eastern states, Brian Rose Motorsports' tango with Daytona (Fla.) International Speedway would be stalled until Wednesday, allowing just two days for the Danny Rollins-led team to strut their stuff.

By the conclusion of day number two and using the words of some of their competition, "they are on their game."

Unloading the No. 4 Harris Trucking / Team ASE Toyota Camry, Brian Rose, a Louisville, Kentucky native tackled the newly re-paved Daytona (Fla.) International Speedway for the first time on Wednesday afternoon. The team maneuvered the 17th fastest lap during the four-hour session by bolting his Japanese nameplate around the 2.5-mile superspeedway in 48.965 seconds or 183.805 miles per hour in a single-car run.

For Rose, the opportunity to return to Daytona is like a second chance. In 2002, the avid racecar driver piloted a Bobby Hamilton Racing (BHR) Dodge Ram to an impressive third place finish after qualifying fourth. In less than a month, Rose and his posse will return to the Daytona Beach racetrack eyeing the biggest win of his racing career thus far.

"We're pretty happy," said Rose on Wednesday afternoon. "We're not finished yet though. We were just shaking our No. 4 Harris Trucking / Team ASE Toyota Camry down, making sure we didn't have any major issues. Danny (Rollins) and I will talk and I think we can deliver bigger and better things on Thursday."

Delivering is exactly what the BRM team did the following day.

In the morning non-drafting session, Rose and his team made a mock-qualification run and blistered the track in 49.290 seconds transferring to a speed of 182.593 miles per hour, raising the team to fifth on the overall morning rundown.

Looking for a little more feedback on their Toyota, the team collectively agreed to participate in the final drafting session of the three-day test on Thursday afternoon. The primary objective for the No. 4 team was to clarify whether their automobile would draft competitively. And clearly based on the results of the drafting session, mission accomplished.

Rose's Toyota posted the second-fastest time during the final drafting session on Thursday afternoon by whipping his No. 4 Harris Trucking / Team ASE Toyota Camry around the historic track in 48.664 seconds or 184.942 miles per hour.

The lap was strong enough to send the team packing and head back home with just a little over an hour and a half remaining in the ARCA open-test.

"I don't think we could of asked for anything more during the test," sounded Rose. "I was hoping that missing a day would not hurt our Brian Rose Motorsports team. We knew that we had to bust our tails to make sure we accomplished what we wanted to do and I believe we did that and more."

He continued, "I cannot thank Danny (Rollins) and the entire team for their efforts this week. It's without a doubt had it's trying moments with the weather and whatnot but we stuck it out and we're happy with what we produced."

Rose also mentioned what it meant to him to be rekindled with Rollins, who called the shots in his rookie year for BHR. "Man, I can't say enough about Danny," Rose admitted. "It's like our chemistry never disappeared. He taught me a few things about these ARCA cars and once I was able to find

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our comfort zone, our speed increased and the rest was literally history. Hopefully we can come back here in a couple weeks and pick up right where we left off from here.”

Rollins, well respected in the NASCAR community will return as the crew chief for Brian Rose Motorsports. Rollins was the man responsible for guiding the young-gun to his first career NASCAR top-five finish at Daytona (Fla.) Speedway nearly nine years ago.

Harris Trucking and Team ASE have leaped aboard as marketing partners in the No. 4 Toyota Camry for the first of 19 events on the 2011 ARS calendar, but the freshman team is planning to announce more supporters in the next couple of weeks leading up to ARCA’s biggest race of the season.

About Brian Rose Motorsports (BRM):

From 2001-2010, Brian Rose competed in 41 NASCAR Camping World Truck Series (NCWTS) events. Driving for successful car owners such as the late Bobby Hamilton Sr., Billy Ballew and Rick Ware, he has scored five top-10 finishes including a third place effort in his restrictor plate debut at Daytona (Fla.) International Speedway after qualifying fourth in 2002. Rose has controlled the NCWTS field for 35 laps in four events.

A new decade means a new beginning. In 2011, Rose, a native of Louisville, Kentucky will re-brand himself in the racing world by launching his own team, Brian Rose Motorsports (BRM) near Louisville, Kentucky. With the intent to run a full platter of events in the ARCA Racing Series presented by Menards, NASCAR Camping World Truck Series (NCWTS), NASCAR Nationwide Series and Late Model events across the country, Rose is expected to blossom back to the top on and off the race track.

Stay tuned for a new Brian Rose Motorsports website parked at BrianRoseMotorsports.com.

Enfinger Flexes Muscle At Daytona; Fastest On New Pavement



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(DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - January 19, 2011) - Alabama’s Grant Enfinger had every reason to be smiling as his hauler left the grounds of Daytona (Fla.) International Speedway late last week. The part-time ARCA Racing Series presented by Menards team wowed the ARCA crowd by thrusting its No. 09 Ford Fusion to the top of the overall leader board in a three-day open test session on the newly re-paved 2.5-mile superspeedway.

Enfinger wasn’t the man behind the wheel. For the test, Enfinger, considered one of ARCA’s finest drivers handed the wheel off to USARacing Pro Cup Series and NASCAR Nationwide Series driver Benny Gordon who maneuvered the No. 09 Grant Enfinger Racing

(GER) Ford Fusion for the three day test.

While it was tough for Enfinger to sit back and watch someone steer his familiar bold and brilliant No. 09 entry, Enfinger had other responsibilities after and being called just days before the test to drive the No. 36 Justin Allgaier Motorsports Dodge Charger for the 2008 ARCA championship team.

Under the guidance of crew chief Howard Bixman, the No. 09 posted its fastest lap during drafting practice on Wednesday afternoon. Gordon, who plans to make his first ARCA start of the 2011 season at Daytona in less than a month drafted his blue oval around the historic track in 48.414 seconds or 185.897 miles per hour. The fastest time could not be beaten during a full-day of testing on Thursday.

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"I'm real proud of the GER team," said Enfinger, who intends to compete in the 2011 ARCA season-opener next month. "We showed last year that we have a solid restrictor plate program and from what I can tell, we haven't lost any steam since then. I want to thank Benny (Gordon), Howard (Bixman) and the entire Grant Enfinger Racing team for their hard work during the test. Our goal is to come back and be as competitive when that green flag drops."

For Bixman, a well-known fixture in the ARCA community, he echoed similar sentiments of his car owner.

"Benny (Gordon) did a superb job for his first go-around in an ARCA super speedway car," Bixman said. "We came here with a plan and to get Benny some laps. But to leave here atop the board it just shows how dedicated and focused this team and talented Benny really is. I want to thank ROUSHYATES Engines and Ford Racing. Hopefully we'll be able to secure some sponsorship so Grant and this team can be a permanent fixture in the ARCA Racing Series and not just on a part-time basis "

For Enfinger, who nearly pulled off his first ARCA victory last April at Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway, he maneuvered the second-fastest time overall in the No. 36 Dodge Charger. His fastest lap of 48.418 seconds or 185.881 miles per hour was just four-one thousands of a second slower than Gordon's.

GER will join the remainder of the ARCA Racing Series presented by Menards teams for the first of 19 races on the 2011 ARCA Racing Series schedule, the Lucas Oil Slick Mist 200 at Daytona set for Saturday, February 12, 2011. The event will be televised live on SPEED and is the preamble for the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series (NSCS) Budweiser Shootout which will commence shortly after the conclusion of the 80-lap / 200-mile contest.

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Tony Marks Racing Shows Strength at Daytona Test



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(DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - January 19, 2011) - Tony Marks Racing (TMR), the newest multi-car operation in the ARCA Racing Series presented by Menards wasn't shy about holding back in the recent three-day test session at the newly re-paved Daytona (Fla.) International Speedway. In fact, the Ohio-based ARCA team quickly raised the eyebrows of their fellow competitors after TMR immediately showed strength and stabilization in their first tango with the 2.5-mile

superspeedway.

Armed with the legendary Larry Moore as crew chief, TMR brought three drivers to the "World Center of Racing" as an opportunity to prepare the newest female sensation Maryeve Dufault to become acquainted with the breathtaking racetrack while also utilizing the experience of NASCAR driver Chase Austin to critique the team's performance.

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For 16-year old rising star Jared Marks, the dream of competing at Daytona inched one step closer as the Champion Racing Association (CRA) competitor also climbed into the cockpit for several laps around DIS to give him a taste of what is yet to come.

Even though three drivers were on-hand with for the first official open-test of the new season, much concentration was surrounded on the team's full-time pilot of Maryeve Dufault, who will make her first ARCA Racing Series start next month.

After spending 2010 competing in the NASCAR Canadian Tire Series presented by Mobil 1, Dufault, a native of Los Angeles will leap into the most diverse racing series in the United States hoping to gain experience, respect and support as she vows to become the first female driver to win an ARCA Racing Series event in the history of the 58-year old sanctioning body.

To say that the Tony Marks Racing team wasn't busy during the three days is a huge understatement. From single-car runs to drafting and everything else in between, Dufault, Marks and Austin all delivered solid results which sensors off good vibes for the freshman team heading into the season-opener in less than a month.

Overall, Dufault led the TMR charge by placing her No. 12b Tony Marks Racing Dodge Charger into 28th out of 58 competitors after posting her fastest lap at 49.203 seconds at 182.916 miles per hour. Dufault edged out several familiar ARCA competitors including nine-time ARCA champion Frank Kimmel and the 2010 ARCA Racing Series champion Patrick Sheltra. She was also the second fastest of the six other females on-track during the open-test only trailing Milka Duno.

Marks and Austin, both in single-car rounds posted times that were 41st and 42nd respectively overall. The team leaned on comfort not speed for Jared Marks, son of car owner Tony Marks hopped in the seat of the No. 12a Charger and wheeled his automobile around the track in 49.830 seconds or a tick over 180.550 miles per hour. It was a solid lap time for the teenage racer, who under ARCA Racing Series sanctioning age restrictions is allowed to test but not race at the historic facility.

"Overall, we're completely satisfied with the way the test came out," said Tony Marks, owner of Tony Marks Racing. "Chase, Jared and Maryeve all did an exceptional job shaking the car down and producing great feedback. I appreciate Chase being here with the team as a driver coach to the future of our great program. Maryeve did exactly what she needed to do and we believe she gained a lot of respect from her competitors."

He went onto say, "Jared will run some ARCA races later this year and we wanted to make sure he was comfortable in the car not to mention gather priceless seat time. We'll be back next month and hope we can continue to gain the trust and respect of our competitors while also deliver solid results for our team partners."

Dufault expressed her overview of the test by stating, "I'm really happy with the progression we had at the test. I felt really comfortable in the car and I achieved what I wanted to do," she said. "I cannot say enough about the Tony Marks Racing team. They did an amazing job. They've worked really hard despite having very little time to put the car together. We showed we had a very competitive piece. I really have a positive feeling for us for the race."

Tony Marks Racing plans to sport two cars in the 2011 season-opener with Dufault and possibly Austin as a teammate. The schedule will turn later in the year and allow Marks behind the second-car for up to 11 races, including much of the series' short track contests.

Before tackling the breathtaking Daytona (Fla.) International Speedway this week, the freshman organization spent Monday testing at New Smyrna (Fla.) Speedway allowing the team to shake down their short-track program with all three TMR protégés being allowed priceless seat time behind the

wheel. Dufault will make her ARCA Racing Series short track debut at Salem (Ind.) Speedway on May 1, 2011.

Nestled back at their shop in Napoleon, Ohio, the TMR team is preparing for the first of 19 ARCA Racing Series events on the 2011 schedule which launches with the Lucas Oil Slick Mist 200 at Daytona on Saturday, February 12, 2011 live on SPEED.

Dreams Do Come True for Brett Hudson

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(DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - January 19, 2011) - Chuck Norris once said, "Dreams do come true, if you want them bad enough. For Owensboro, Kentucky native Brett Hudson that statement could not have been more farther than the truth.

Last week, Brett Hudson and his Brett Hudson Motorsports (BHM) team participated in a three-day open test at Daytona (Fla.) International

Speedway. After two and a half-days of testing, the team loaded up their hauler to make the trek back to Bluegrass State satisfied after Hudson impressed in his first superspeedway test session.

Under the leadership of former ARCA driver turned crew chief John Hayden, BHM unloaded Tuesday morning looking to get a good feeling on their No. 36b Dodge Charger. Utilizing some assistance from the 2008 ARCA Racing Series champion team of Allgaier Motorsports, it wasn't hard to figure out that Hudson will be a sleeper heading into the season opener next month at Daytona.

Tuesday morning, the avid racecar driver posted the 12th fastest time. In the afternoon session, the team landed 21st out of 40 competitors who took to the daring restrictor plate track. Solid results in day one had the family-owned operation looking forward to day two.

Wednesday morning continued of single-car runs with Hudson in his Chrysler nameplate 19th on the sheets after 42 cars took their tango with the legendary race track. In the afternoon, ARCA Racing Series official opted to open the track to drafting with BHM taking a soft approach and keeping their focus on single-car runs but not ruling out dabbling a little in the drafting department.

Racing inches apart is nothing new to Hudson, but racing inches apart, three, four and sometimes five-wide at nearly 200 miles per hour is a whole new ball game for the 23-year old. Wrestling very little in the draft, Hudson was able to thrust his Dodge Charger into the 13th position after nailing a time of 48.834 seconds amounting to a speed of 184.298 miles per hour.

"Drafting was pretty cool," explained Hudson, who plans to make his ARCA Racing Series debut from Daytona (Fla.) International Speedway next month. "We have to concentrate on qualifying runs, because more than likely we'll have to qualify on time. However, we knew we could not leave the track without doing some type of drafting. We wanted to make sure the car would "suck up" to the other cars. It's a good piece, that's for sure."

Before loading up and heading home, the team elected to spend Thursday morning doing a couple more single-car runs. During the three-hour session, Hudson maneuvered his No. 36 Brett Hudson Motorsports Dodge Charger around the track in 49.804 seconds at 180.708 miles per hour, landing just outside the top-10 in 11th, his highest position on the sheets.

Pleased with their results, the team opted out of the Thursday afternoon session and began their 13 hour ride home to Kentucky planning to piece together a game plan that would ensure Hudson the opportunity to cross off an item on his bucket list, racing at the "World Center of Racing."

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“Overall, we’re very satisfied with the way the test went,” said Hudson, who has 21 ARCA Racing Series starts to his credits. “We came to Daytona with really no big expectations in mind except to get a good feeling for the car and keep making improvements. We did that and more.”

He added, “I have to thank John (Hayden, crew chief), Jared (Bartlett, car chief) and the entire BHM team for helping out at the test. John (Hayden) loves this restrictor plate racing and always has a great setup. I’m looking forward to coming back in less than a month and giving everyone else something to talk about.”

The Lucas Oil Slick Mist 200 at Daytona is the first of 19 races on the 2011 ARCA Racing Series presented by Menards schedule. The first of two restrictor plate races this season is set for Saturday, February 12, 2011 slated for 4:00 p.m. live on SPEED.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available for the 2011 racing season. Interested parties are encouraged to contact Lisa Hudson of Brett Hudson Motorsports at 270.929.2160 or HUDSON00@ADELPHIA.NET.

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Crum, Youster Pair with Hixson; Happy with Daytona Test



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(DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. – January 19, 2011) - Wayne Hixson returned to his race shop in Soddy Daisy, Tennessee following two days of testing last week at Daytona International Speedway with a grin on his face that was hard to conceal. The numbers may not look very impressive to the casual observer, but Hixson is not the casual observer. Looking down the speed chart, you do not come across Hixson’s familiar #23 until the 48th

position out of 58 cars that took laps. Next to that, the speed of 179.594 mph may be equally unimpressive, but to Hixson, it speaks volumes.

“This car will be ready to run with ‘em next month,” Hixson said as his crew went over the car back at the shop. “We have a few little things to do, gotta get the race engine in it, get it painted, and stuff, but overall I am happy with it.”

No car gets itself around the track, though, and the young man that posted that lap was a fellow Tennessean. Nineteen year old Jake Crum, from Newport, made his first laps around Daytona Int’l Speedway and impressed the car owner and crew. Crum participated in the test so that he would be eligible to race next month, and came away feeling very comfortable in the car.

“I can’t wait to get back in February,” Crum said. “The car was comfortable, and I really enjoyed working with Wayne (Hixson) and his guys. That lap was during single car runs on the first day, and we didn’t participate in drafting, so we thought it was a pretty good lap. I’m ready to go.”

Crum is hoping to build on a racing resume that dates back some 14 years to when he was 5 years old. Crum started out in Go-Karts, and advanced to Bandaleros, Legends, and Allison Legacy cars. From there, it was on to late models, where Crum won the 2008 UARA Championship, the youngest

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driver to accomplish that feat. He is also a winner of the Bailey's 300 late model race held at Martinsville Speedway. Last year, Crum competed part time in the K&N Pro Series East, and also made one start in the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series at Bristol, starting 12th and running as high as 8th before mechanical problems sidelined him. Crum has one previous start in the ARCA Racing Series presented by Menards, at Mansfield Motorsports Park in 2009, where he started 4th and finished 6th.

"Right now we are planning to run Daytona and a few other races," Crum added. "We are looking for some help to hopefully put together a full season, so hopefully a good run at Daytona will get us off on the right foot."

After Crum tested on Day 1, Day 2 saw another young man climb through the window of the #23. Eighteen year old Levi Youster, from Toledo, Ohio, also took his first laps around the World's Center of Racing. Youster, who competed in a limited short track schedule in ARCA the past two seasons, was looking to earn approval to compete on the superspeedways. Youster's lap of 176.982 mph accomplished that.

"That was different," Youster commented about Daytona's high banks. "The car felt good, but they told me I was binding it up too much in the turns. It was definitely a lot different from the tracks I am used to, but I learned a lot. Right now we don't have the funding in place for me to run Daytona, but getting to test and getting eligible to run was a big step."

Now, Hixson and crew, including Youster who works full time at the race shop, will make the final preparations for next month's race. The 2011 ARCA Racing Series presented by Menards season will be Hixson's 23rd year on the tour, which ironically matches the number 23 that his cars carry. It will also be Hixson's 13th consecutive year of fielding a full time entry in the series. And when the teams roll into Daytona next month, look for that #23 to be right in the middle of the pack.

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Scott Stenzel's New Year "Redemption" at Daytona

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(DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - January 19, 2011) - Redemption was the name of the game for Scott Stenzel driver of the No. 42 Yellow Stripes Making the Driver Ford Fusion. After the last single car session, on Tuesday, Stenzel posted a sixth place time of 49.457 and was the highest placing Ford. One year ago Stenzel was setup to attempt his first ARCA Racing Series start powered by Roush Yates Engines and fielded by Spraker Racing Enterprises. During qualifying for the 2010 Lucas Oil Slick Mist 200, Stenzel made light contact with the turn three wall which ruined his chances of making his first start.

Following the disappointing Daytona heartbreak, the team gathered themselves back together and was able to successfully capitalize on a seventh place finish at Talladega (Ala) Superspeedway after participating in the open test and qualifying in the 28th position for the race.

The Yellow Stripes team was optimistic coming back to Daytona International Speedway after the teams' success at Talladega. "With this new track surface we figured we'd be at least as fast as we



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were at Talladega,” said Scott Stenzel. “But had no idea after that first session on Tuesday that we’d be posting a time of eighth quick.”

During the afternoon session Spraker Racing continued to shine as the team fielded the No. 42 car for two rookie drivers to gain some valuable seat time. Joey Gase (42b) posted 23rd with a lap time of 50.048 and Ryan Lynch (42c) posted 27th with a lap time of 50.080. “It was great to give these guys some experience at high speeds. For never turning a lap at Daytona they both showed they can be competitive,” added Stenzel.

Wrapping up day one with only a few qualifying runs didn’t give the team all the data they needed to be confident for their return in February. Jeff Spraker made the call to stay for Wednesday morning practice and it sure paid off. Spraker Racing made some significant adjustments to help get the car through the air better at these speeds, sent Stenzel back out on the track, and posted a top-three position immediately. After making further adjustments the No. 42 Ford Fusion settled in at a comfortable sixth place position at a time of 49.457 with a speed of 181.976 miles per hour.

“We fulfilled our test agenda and we are pleased with the results. In addition to helping Joey Gase and Ryan Lynch a chance to gain some valuable track time, we discovered some more speed in the car and really helped enhance Scott’s confidence and prove that we have a very competitive effort here,” said crew chief and team owner Jeff Spraker. “Between the great support from Roush Yates and Spraker Racing we are into Daytona with a great package.”

“Now that we were able to prove we have a good piece it’s time to get out there and keep this momentum going by seeking sponsor partnerships. We have a lot of irons in the fire but any bit can help as we don’t have enough sponsorship to keep going,” Stenzel reluctantly added. “Clearly we can’t stop now as we’ve left a big mark at the test.”

Stenzel co-owns Digi Craft Agency www.digicraftagency.com and has been using every tool and resource to help bring a more realistic return on investment for sponsorship partners. “Sponsors today are most concerned about receiving a return on investment and that’s what the Digi Craft Agency specializes in,” said John Baxter, Director of Marketing and Advertising at Digi Craft. “We build performance based campaigns that work for our clients, they can track and see their return and in-turn they earn trust and faith in what we do.” The team hopes to extend these services to sponsorship partners throughout the 2011 season.

Licata Shows Well in Testing at Daytona

Tuesday, January 18, 2011, 1:46:10 PM | ARCA Racing Series



(LAKE BALBOA, Calif. - January 17, 2011) - Back-to-back ASA Truck Series champion Joey Licata Jr. finished sixth overall out of 58 competitors that participated in the ARCA Racing Series testing last week at Daytona International Speedway.

Licata, 19, is a member of the Ron Sutton’s Winner’s Circle driver development program based in Sacramento, CA. Penske development team, Cunningham Motorsports, ran Licata in their famed #77 Dodge at the three day Daytona test, in preparation for the 2011 ARCA season.

Despite this being Licata’s third ever time in an ARCA car and his first time on the newly repaved Daytona,

Licata was up to speed quickly.

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"I was very impressed with how fast Joey adapted to the speed of the famed 2.5 mile Daytona International Speedway," Crew Chief Paul Andrews said. "With the new pavement and no more large bumps we are seeing faster speeds than last year. It's very challenging for a veteran let alone a rookie who has never been on a track larger than a 1 mile."

Licata's banner day came on Wednesday afternoon during the drafting sessions, when he was fifth fastest at 185.670 miles per hour. His lap time of 48.473 was just .059 seconds off of the leader.

"We made single car runs for the first day and a half, and then it was time to draft with several other cars," Andrews said. "(It was) another impressive outing, learning how the draft works figuring out where to be or not to be in the draft is very important. He listened to our input...we had a great test and are look forward to going back with Joey."

Licata's laps on Wednesday placed him sixth overall during the three day testing session.

With the successful test, Licata backed up his strong speeds in practice at Rockingham last fall and in testing at Caraway Speedway. Licata looks to be well-prepared to tackle the "Lucas Oil Slick Mist 200" which will be live on SPEED on February 12.

"To actually do laps at Daytona was one of the greatest experiences of my life," Licata said. "Running with a team of the caliber of Cunningham Motorsports was like nothing I have experienced before. My goals for this first race are to stay out of trouble, be smooth in the pits, and get a good solid finish."

Licata's opportunity to race for Cunningham Motorsports in the ARCA Racing Series is a big moment for the Ron Sutton's Winner's Circle program. It encompasses 27 drivers from all over the world with a NASCAR-oriented development platform.

Licata has rapidly ascended through the program, showing exceptional race craft and talent along the way. His 2010 season was highlighted by five poles and four wins including a victory in his first career NASCAR Modified start.

"Joey's performance at Daytona has made us all very proud. He has a ton of talent and heart," Driver Coach Ron Sutton said. "This is sure to be just the first of many big accomplishments for this young man as he makes his way in big league motorsports!"

Joey Licata, Jr. Racing and Ron Sutton's Winner's Circle thank partners: K&N Filters, Scribner Plastics, Allstar Performance, Sunoco Race Fuels, and Star Racing Supply. Licata would also like to thank supporters Jordan Kidushim and Luke Forstmann.

Joey Licata, Jr. Racing is online at www.joeylicata.com

For more information on Ron Sutton's Winner's Circle, log on to www.winners-circle-racing.com

Brevak Tests at Daytona



Monday, January 17, 2011, 4:27:40 PM | ARCA Racing Series

(DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. – January 15, 2011) - Second generation driver Brent Brevak and the No. 3 Ford returned to the track this week testing at Daytona International Speedway for the upcoming Lucas Oil Slick Mist 200. Brevak will attempt to start his first superspeedway event when the ARCA Racing Series returns to Daytona in February. The team participated in the recent three day test at the 2.5-mile tri-oval making improvements each run. Brevak finished the

second day of testing in the 16th position with a best time of 183.816.

"I'm very excited to be here," commented Brevak. "To grow up watching my dad run laps around this place and now be here to run myself is pretty cool. I've been at Salem, Michigan, Rockingham and Kentucky with ARCA and tested at Talladega, but nothing compares to Daytona. Although we'll need to find a little more speed running alone, the car feels great and is very stable in the draft."

Ashland Wisconsin's Brent Brevak ended the 3 day ARCA test session on a positive note putting his #3 Ford in the top ten with a time of 48.960 seconds/speed 183.824 mph. "I feel fortunate to have been a part of the first group that got to test on the new surface here at Daytona," commented Brevak. "Although I have nothing to compare to as far as not having raced here before, it was by far the smoothest surface I have ever been on. I'm definitely looking forward to coming back in February. Hopefully we'll get the support we need to be here. With the improvements we made over the course of the three days, I am confident we have a car that can be competitive."

Brent Brevak, 22, from Ashland, WI, is currently a senior at the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire with a major in broadcast journalism. Brevak is the son of 1990 ARCA champion Bob Brevak.

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Brian Vickers back behind the wheel after medical scare

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After eight months away from racing, Brian Vickers was unsure what to expect when he got behind the wheel again.

NASCAR president Helton speaks about changes to points system

Friday, January 21, 2011, 3:01:41 PM

NASCAR President Mike Helton strongly indicated the points system used since 1975 will be scrapped for a simpler scoring method.

Tony Stewart ashamed of 'altercation' with track owner

Thursday, January 20, 2011, 1:01:29 PM

Tony Stewart said he's "very embarrassed" about his confrontation with a track owner in Australia that led to questioning at a police station.

With 50,000 tons of asphalt, resurfaced Daytona awaits

Wednesday, January 19, 2011, 10:01:39 PM

New pavement. New parts. New plate. New points system? The garage gates swing open Thursday on NASCAR's first preseason test session in three years at Daytona International Speedway, and there will be plenty of unknowns to discuss, debate and dissect (including the possibility of a new championship structure for the 2011 season that should draw plenty of driver feedback).

Tony Stewart returns after being questioned in Australia

Sunday, January 16, 2011, 1:01:58 PM

NASCAR star Tony Stewart has been questioned but not charged by police after an altercation at a Sydney track.

Jimmie Johnson holds edge in tightest Sprint Cup Chase ever

Monday, October 25, 2010, 10:10:11 PM

Denny Hamlin and Kevin Harvick turned the Chase for the Sprint Cup into a three-way battle with top-three finishes Sunday at Martinsville Speedway. History still says Jimmie Johnson even with a six-point lead that's the smallest with four races left in Chase history might have the edge.

Child deaths ignite beach driving debate in Florida

Thursday, September 23, 2010, 4:09:52 AM

Residents are torn between outlawing cars on the beach and preserving a ritual that helped form the Daytona 500 race.

Bud-Harvick pairing signals shift in NASCAR marketing

Tuesday, August 17, 2010, 9:08:24 PM

In joining Richard Childress Racing next season, Budweiser will become the latest primary sponsor in the Sprint Cup to reduce its schedule. Parent company Anheuser-Busch, though, says it isn't scaling back on NASCAR.

Kevin Harvick passes Hamlin, pads lead with Michigan win

Sunday, August 15, 2010, 3:08:40 PM

There was an Earnhardt vibe to Kevin Harvick's Carfax 400 win Sunday. The winning pass (a power move off Turn 4 past Denny Hamlin with 11 laps remaining) was inspired by Harvick studying videotape of Dale Earnhardt Jr. running the track's high line.

Lessons continue for Danica Patrick in NASCAR return

Friday, August 13, 2010, 4:08:33 PM

Danica Patrick is in the midst of the most hectic racing season of her career, and a trip to Michigan International Speedway offers little respite this weekend. A full day of practice Thursday, followed by more Friday and then a 250-mile Nationwide Series race Saturday.

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NASCAR looking at simpler" points system; start times may be changing & more from Competition Update

Friday, January 21, 2011, 2:03:32 PM

NASCAR held a "Competition Update" session with the media Friday and several things were talked about -- but no final decision on what the points will be like this season or how many will get into the Chase or any other changes to the Chase (expect those decisions to be announced next week during the media tour). OK, so let's get to what was said:

Vickers glad to be back; Wood Brothers add youth and more ...

Friday, January 21, 2011, 9:06:47 AM

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This Daytona test marks the official return of Brian Vickers back to NASCAR (although he did do a private test with his Red Bull team earlier this month) since missing most of last season because of blood clots and issues related to them.

Stewart ashamed" of Australian altercation; Dale Jr. Sick" of how he's run & more ...

Thursday, January 20, 2011, 2:16:22 PM

Daytona testing started Thursday and it also presented a chance for the media to talk to drivers about various issues. Here's what some of them said: (Testing speeds from Thursday have been updated after the driver quotes) XXX
TONY STEWART

Here's who is scheduled to test at Daytona this week

Wednesday, January 19, 2011, 4:57:37 PM

Here's the list of Cup competitors scheduled to test at Daytona from Thursday-Saturday. (listed in order of car number) NOTE: Additional teams not on this list could show up for the test 00 -- David Reutiman Michael Waltrip Racing 1 -- Jamie McMurrayEarnhardt Ganassi Racing 2 -- Brad Keselowski Penske

Might Brian France be flip-flopping and is that really a bad thing?

Wednesday, January 19, 2011, 12:24:06 PM

As the days countdown to Jan. 26 when NASCAR Chairman Brian France is expected to announce what changes are coming for the upcoming season (new points system? changes to the Chase? Other?), let's take a moment to review how France's mindset could be changing on a key issue.

Report: NASCAR may scrap points system

Monday, January 17, 2011, 5:57:41 PM

The Associated Press, citing an unnamed source, says that NASCAR is considering changing its points system in a radical way.

Track owner says NASCAR fans are aging out"

Monday, January 17, 2011, 2:24:13 PM

Clay Campbell, track president of Martinsville Speedway, said Monday that many of NASCAR's fans are "aging out" and that the sport has to "target younger demographics." Campbell made his comments while on "The Morning Drive" on Sirius Satellite Radio.



Stewart reportedly involved in altercation in Australia

Sunday, January 16, 2011, 11:40:52 AM

The Sydney Morning Herald in Australia is reporting that Tony Stewart was involved in an altercation with a track owner Saturday night and the paper reports that Stewart, according to witnesses, was left "nursing a black eye." Here's a link to the story.

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Report: Punch-out landed Stewart in cell

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New, violent details about Stewart's rumble Down Under

Daytona high speeds don't faze NASCAR

January 22, 2011, 2:11:45 PM



Despite cars tipping the tachometer at 203 mph down the backstretch and Joey Logano topping the speed chart at 197.516 mph in the draft with teammate Denny Hamlin, don't expect NASCAR to change the restrictor plate size before Speedweeks at Daytona International Speedway in February.

Pastrana to begin NASCAR career in Indy

January 22, 2011,

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Travis Pastrana, a supercross and motocross superstar, announced Friday in Los Angeles that he will drive in seven Nationwide Series races this season, including a mid-summer debut in Indianapolis.



Vickers back on track after health scare

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Brian Vickers won't let medical issues derail his NASCAR dreams.

NASCAR president Helton discusses points system

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NASCAR president Mike Helton has confirmed that drivers only will be allowed to race for one championship this season. NASCAR president Mike Helton has confirmed that drivers only will be allowed to race for one championship this season.



Everyone getting feel for new Daytona

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What will happen when drivers test the draft?

Earnhardt ready to rally this season

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Earnhardt Jr. 'sick' of past performances, confident of rally.



Trevor Bayne ready for season

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Trevor Bayne officially joins Wood Brothers Racing, expects to run 17 Cup races.

Kahne back in car after knee surgery

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Kasey Kahne spent the offseason recuperating from knee surgery.



NASCAR drivers in favor of simpler points system

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Jimmie Johnson says he doesn't care if NASCAR restructures its points system.



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A special-edition Chevrolet Camaro Convertible will serve as the Official Pace Car for the 2011 Indianapolis 500.

Spencer's Diary: Transitioning to a new car

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Andretti Autosport driver Spencer Pigot gives a behind-the-scenes look at his debut event with Andretti Autosport in his first indycar.com driver diary.

Goodwill tour: Racing the jets at Incirlik

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Mario Andretti gives 39th Air Base Wing "unsung heroes" rides in 2-seater while Indy 500 Centennial Tour in Turkey.

Power's family touched by Australian flooding

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The devastating floods in Queensland, Australia have affected the family of Will Power.

Goodwill tour: It's a striking Predator

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The mission has evolved at Joint Base Balad in Iraq, but the dedication to their work is No. 1 for military.

Hunter-Reay fishes for a good cause

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IZOD IndyCar Series driver Ryan Hunter-Reay will use his love of deep sea sport fishing to help support cause near to him.

Goodwill tour: Everything is ship shape

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Indy 500 Centennial Tour participants cause quite a stir during a visit to the aircraft carrier Abraham Lincoln.

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Despite high speeds, no change in restrictor plate anticipated

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Despite speeds topping 198 mph in two-car drafts Saturday in the final day of Daytona testing, NASCAR doesn't plan to change the size of the restrictor plate when teams return in February.....

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Change in Sprint Cup qualifying?

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NASCAR may go to a new system, changing the order of qualifying with the qualifying order being at least in part determined by speed in the practice prior to qualifying.....

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Elliott to run in the #09 Chevy

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Bill Elliott will drive the #09 Phoenix Racing entry for a limited NASCAR Sprint Cup Series schedule beginning with the Daytona 500.....

Blaney in the #36 for 2011

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Tommy Baldwin Racing announced that the team will run the #36 Chevy in its third year of competition in the Sprint Cup Series (NSCS). Dave Blaney will pilot the #36 in all 36 events.....

Leavine Fenton Racing to debut in Cup & Trucks

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Tyler, Texas natives Bob Leavine and Lance Fenton have partnered up to form Leavine Fenton Racing. The team will compete in the Sprint Cup Series as well as the Camping World Truck Series.....

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2011 AMA Supercross Los Angeles Results

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Dodger Stadium hosted its first-ever Monster Energy AMA Supercross for Round 3 of the series where race fans were treated to heart-stopping action in both championship divisions.

Road 2 Recovery Ultimate Supercross Package

January 23, 2011 | Press Release

The Road 2 Recovery Foundation will be giving away an ultimate Supercross fan package to the first round of the East Coast Supercross Lites race in Houston. Read on to see what the package has to offer.

2011 Arenacross Stars Ready for Title Victory

January 23, 2011 | Press Release

Tyler Bowers and Jeff Gibson are back from recent injuries and ready to take the 2011 AMA Arenacross title.

Maria Costello to Race in '11 South African TT

January 23, 2011 | Press Release

Northampton's Maria Costello will compete in the 2011 South African TT series aboard a Trident Engineering Suzuki XR69.

Utopia Optics Invade LA Supercross

January 23, 2011 | Press Release

Utopia Optics promotes its riders and products at Los Angeles AMA Supercross.

Ducati Reveals 2012 Monster 1100EVO in U.S.

January 23, 2011 | Press Release

Ducati recently unveiled the 2012 Monster 1100EVO to the U.S. market at the Progressive International Motorcycle Show in New York.

Indian Manufacturer Enters Grand Prix

January 23, 2011 | Bart Madson

Mahindra becomes the first Indian manufacturer to enter Grand Prix, with the automotive firm campaigning the 125 series with British rider Danny Webb.

2011 WSS Test for Kawasaki Support Teams

January 23, 2011 | Press Release

A variety of Kawasaki support teams have conducted tests at Almeria and Sepang in preparation for the 2011 World Supersport Championship.

Slow Test for Castrol Honda 2011 WSBK Team

January 23, 2011 | Press Release

The Castrol Honda World Superbike Team could only squeeze in a handful of laps at the Aragon circuit where rain and freezing weather interrupted the team's two-day pre-season test.

MotoGP Presence Grows at '11 Thundersprint

January 23, 2011 | Press Release

BBC TV's Steve Parrish and Matt Roberts will be just a few of MotoGP's famous faces on hand at the 2011 Thundersprint contest set to kick off May 7th.

Three Yamaha YZ's Up for Grabs

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Yamaha will be giving away a 2011 fully equipped YZ450F and two trips to the final round in Las Vegas to fans who purchase Supercross tickets from participating Yamaha dealers.

2011 Yamaha YZ250F Long Term Test 1

January 22, 2011, 5:01:30 AM | Adam Waheed

Read our long-term assessment of the 2011 Yamaha YZ250F dirt bike in this first installment of our project bike motorcycle review.

2011 Fantasy Supercross Season Update

January 22, 2011, 5:01:30 AM | Matt Davidson

MCUSA delivers a breakdown of riders who are already making the cut or warming the bench in the 2011 Fantasy Supercross Season Update.

Maria Costello to Compete in '11 South African TT

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Northampton's Maria Costello will compete in the 2011 South African TT series aboard a Trident Engineering Suzuki XR69.

Harley-Davidson Blackline First Look

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Harley-Davidson adds a new addition to its Dark Custom line with the Softail model Harley-Davidson Blackline.

2011 Suzuki GSX-R750 Walkaround Video

Friday, January 21, 2011, 8:37:57 AM | Press Release

Suzuki invites readers to go behind the scenes with its redesigned Gixer 750 in this 2011 Suzuki GSX-R750 Walkaround Video.

2012 Victory High-Ball First Look

Friday, January 21, 2011, 8:37:57 AM | Bryan Harley

Victory draws inspiration from garage builders for the design of its latest bike, the 2012 High-Ball, a cruiser with two-way adjustable handlebars, a chopped front fender and chunky tires with spoke wheels and whitewalls.

Ducati USA Touts Strong End to 2010

Friday, January 21, 2011, 8:37:57 AM | Press Release

Following the release of MIC stats that reveal a 15% decline in the US motorcycle market, Ducati USA touts strong positive sales to close out 2010.

Shift Racing Women's 2011 Street Collection

Friday, January 21, 2011, 8:37:57 AM | Adam Waheed

Shift Racing shows off some new female-specific products in its women's street and sportbike motorcycle apparel line-up for the 2011 motorcycling season.

FIM & Infront Strengthen WSBK Partnership

Friday, January 21, 2011, 8:37:57 AM | Press Release

On the occasion of a top-level meeting this week, the FIM and Infront Sports & Media expressed once again their joint commitment to further strengthen the FIM WSBK and its position as one of the leading international motor sports series.

Du Quoin AMA Flat Track Race Rescheduled

Friday, January 21, 2011, 8:37:57 AM | Press Release

After working closely with both the promoter as well as the paddock, AMA Pro Racing is pleased to announce that the Du Quoin, Ill. event originally scheduled for April 9, 2011, will be moved to April 16, 2011.

Motorcycle Sales Down 15.8% in 2010

Friday, January 21, 2011, 8:37:57 AM | Bart Madson

The Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) reports a 15.8% drop in motorcycle sales for 2010.

Spring Training Cactus League Tour

Friday, January 21, 2011, 6:45:09 AM | Bart Madson

Winter doldrums got you down? Check out our Spring Training Cactus League tour for a destination ride this upcoming riding season.

Shift Racing Men's 2011 Street Collection

Friday, January 21, 2011, 6:45:09 AM | Adam Waheed

Shift Racing shows off some new products in its street and sportbike motorcycle apparel line-up for the 2011 motorcycling season.

2011 AMA Supercross Los Angeles Preview

Friday, January 21, 2011, 5:29:40 AM | Matt Davidson

Round 3 of the 2011 AMA Supercross Championship is taking up new digs at Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles as the field gets ready for another action-packed weekend.

Kids Just Want to Ride Act to be Introduced

Friday, January 21, 2011, 5:29:40 AM | Press Release

The Kids Just Want to Ride Act is set to be introduced next week by Representative Denny Rehberg in the U.S. House of Representatives. The AMA is urging everyone to call their Representative to become an original cosponsor.

2011 Ducati MotoGP Jerez Test Ends

Thursday, January 20, 2011, 8:38:00 AM | Press Release

The Ducati Test Team's third and final day of testing at Jerez (Spain) finished today. The Italian bike's next outing will be at the hands of the Ducati Marlboro Team riders February 1-3 at Sepang, in Malaysia.

Hopkins Signs with Suzuki BSB Squad

Thursday, January 20, 2011, 8:38:00 AM | Press Release

Former MotoGP rider John Hopkins has signed with Crescent Suzuki to campaign the 2011 season in British Superbike.

Supercross: Grant Undergoes Knee Surgery

Thursday, January 20, 2011, 8:38:00 AM | Press Release

Honda announced that American Honda Racing rider Josh Grant will undergo arthroscopic surgery on his right knee tomorrow as a result of an injury sustained while racing at the Phoenix round of the 2011 AMA Supercross.

BMW Motorrad Posts 2010 Sales Growth

Thursday, January 20, 2011, 8:38:00 AM | Bart Madson

With the rest of the market still suffering double-digit losses, BMW Motorrad claims a near 4% growth in 2010 sales fueled by its best-selling S1000RR.

Jeff Gibson AMA Arenacross Interview

Thursday, January 20, 2011, 8:38:00 AM | Press Release

AMA Arenacross Series Interview of the Week is current Arenacross points leader TUF Honda's Jeff Gibson.

2011 Sacramento Easyriders Show Review

Thursday, January 20, 2011, 4:48:43 AM | Bryan Harley

With a guest appearance by Jax from the Sons of Anarchy and new features like the Limpnickie Lot and a Michael Lichter exhibit, it was a packed house Saturday at the 2011 Sacramento Easyriders Bike Show.

Spoken Wheel: Racing Solutions

Thursday, January 20, 2011, 2:55:10 AM | Gavin Trippe

Race track for sale, 4,255 acres – a sign of the times, call HONDA!! Contingency, the hidden Loot! \$12 Million and where to find it? Need a sponsor – how to find one at the stroke of a key! Old school, New school!

Jacobsen Leads DSB at Daytona Dunlop Test

Thursday, January 20, 2011, 2:55:10 AM | Bart Madson

Prepping for the famed Daytona 200, PJ Jacobsen topped the timesheets in Daytona SportBike testing at Daytona.

2011 Dunlop Tire Test at Daytona Results

Wednesday, January 19, 2011, 6:17:17 PM | Adam Waheed

Results from the 2011 Dunlop motorcycle racing Tire Test at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Florida.

Hayes Tops Daytona Dunlop Tire Test

Wednesday, January 19, 2011, 12:00:16 PM | Bart Madson

Josh Hayes set the pace as the AMA Pro Racing season kicked off with the Dunlop Tire Test at Daytona International Speedway.

2011 AMA Supercross Phoenix in Photos

Wednesday, January 19, 2011, 9:59:01 AM | Adam Waheed

MotoUSA brings you into the world of Supercross motorcycle racing in this photo essay from Phoenix.

Factory Beta Riders Return to World Enduro

Wednesday, January 19, 2011, 5:25:49 AM | Press Release

Beta factory rider Cody Webb returns to Europe for Indoor Enduro World Championships and is joined by teammate Kyle Redmond challenging the Hell's Gate Extreme Enduro.

2011 Dakar Rally Recap

Wednesday, January 19, 2011, 5:25:49 AM | Bart Madson

Marc Coma beat Cyril Despres in a memorable 2011 Dakar Rally. Check out the highpoints in our Dakar Rally recap.

Henry Wiles AMA Flat Track Interview

Wednesday, January 19, 2011, 5:25:49 AM | Adam Waheed

We speak with AMA Grand National Singles flat track champion Henry Wiles. Find out what he had to say in this interview.

Josh Waters to Race in Opening WSBK Round

Wednesday, January 19, 2011, 5:25:49 AM | Press Release

Suzuki's Josh Waters has been chosen to race for the Yoshimura Racing Team during the opening round of the 2011 World Superbike Championship at Phillip Island.

Beta Factory Rider Chris Bach Tackles GNCC

Tuesday, January 18, 2011, 5:37:24 PM | Press Release

Chris Bach will contend the 2011 Grand National Cross Country series on board a factory Beta 450 RR.

2011 AMA Arenacross Dayton Preview

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Honda's Jeff Gibson leads the 2011 AMA Arenacross series into Round 3 at the Nutter Center in Dayton, Ohio.

2010 WSBK Reaches Almost 500 Million Viewers

Tuesday, January 18, 2011, 3:46:30 PM | Press Release

Increased television coverage and a larger online presence has allowed the 2010 World Superbike Championship to reach nearly 500 million people throughout the season.

2011 Ducati MotoGP Test Underway at Jerez

Tuesday, January 18, 2011, 3:46:30 PM | Press Release

The Ducati Marlboro team is currently conducting a three-day test at the Jerez circuit where its making progress with the help of riders Vittoriano Guareschi and Franco Battaini.

Scorpion and Peak Honda Racing Prepare For 2011

Tuesday, January 18, 2011, 2:46:31 PM | Press Release

Peak Honda Racing celebrates a banner sport bike racing season in 2010 and now prepare for 2011 continuing their partnership with Scorpion Sports.

Shop Class as Soulcraft Book Review

Tuesday, January 18, 2011, 12:28:39 PM | Bart Madson

The philosopher mechanic speaks in Shop Class as Soulcraft, a thoughtful examination of the value of work and the manual trades in our modern world.

Harley-Davidson Road Glide Ultra Review

Tuesday, January 18, 2011, 12:28:39 PM | Adam Waheed

Read our long-term assessment of the 2011 Harley-Davidson Road Glide Ultra in this motorcycle review.

MotoVentures Hosts 41st El Trial de Espana

Tuesday, January 18, 2011, 11:48:49 AM | Press Release

MotoVentures will host the 41st edition of the El Trial de Espana event which will be the final round of the Tec-Cycles Championship Series on March 27th.

Rea & Xaus for Castrol Honda Ten Kate

Tuesday, January 18, 2011, 11:48:49 AM | Press Release

The Castrol Honda team of Jonathan Rea and Ruben Xaus recently debuted alongside Ten Kate Racing in preparation for the 2011 World Superbike Championship.

Daytona Tire Test Day 1 Rained Out

Tuesday, January 18, 2011, 10:51:08 AM | MotorcycleUSA Staff

Rain spoiled the opening day of AMA Pro Racing testing at the resurfaced Daytona International Speedway.

WERA Fontana Speedway Race - Fan Report

Tuesday, January 18, 2011, 10:51:08 AM | Fan Report

For this week's fan report, our contributor takes in the first WERA races of the season at Fontana and reports on his sponsored rider's fortunes.

Snocross Returns to McCall Winter Carnival

Tuesday, January 18, 2011, 10:51:08 AM | Press Release

After the success of the last snowbike race in 2009, the series will return on January 29th at the 2011 McCall Winter Carnival.

Federal Defendant Rule Tossed in OHV Case

Tuesday, January 18, 2011, 9:48:48 AM | Press Release

In a move sure to have far-reaching effects on the way federal lands are used in the future, the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals overturned a long-standing rule that prevented non-federal interests from intervening in environmental disputes.

BMW Takes Presale Orders for K1600GT & GTL

Tuesday, January 18, 2011, 9:48:48 AM | MotorcycleUSA Staff

BMW Motorrad USA announces it's now taking presale orders for the BMW K1600GT and K1600GTL.

Bonham's to Auction Two Carl Fogarty Ducatis

Tuesday, January 18, 2011, 8:07:10 AM | Press Release

Bonham's is delighted to offer for sale two Ducatis associated with four-time World Superbike Champion, Carl Fogarty.

Cardion AB MotoGP Squad Debuts in Prague

Tuesday, January 18, 2011, 8:07:10 AM | Bart Madson

A new MotoGP squad makes its official debut, with the rider Karel Abraham pulling the wraps off his Cardion AB Ducati in Prague.

Yamaha Wins GNCC Manufacturers' Award

Tuesday, January 18, 2011, 4:17:13 AM | Press Release

Yamaha recently won the 2010 Manufacturers' Championship Cup for GNCC M/C and ATV, and also ranked first for the National Amateur MX Youth Series.

2011 Nuclear Cowboyz Freestyle Tour Underway

Monday, January 17, 2011, 5:10:37 PM | Press Release

The 2011 Nuclear Cowboyz Freestyle Tour officially opened to a sold-out crowd at Baltimore's 1st Mariner Arena and now heads to Dallas.

Honda Heads to Sundance

Monday, January 17, 2011, 5:10:37 PM | Press Release

For the first time Honda will participate in the Sundance Film Festival where it will showcase an interactive venue highlighting its innovation and environmental leadership.

2011 Arenacross Kansas City Results

Monday, January 17, 2011, 5:10:37 PM | Press Release

Honda's Jeff Gibson made it two in a row by winning the second round of the 2011 AMA Arenacross series in Kansas City.

Motorcycle vs. Scooter Comparison

Monday, January 17, 2011, 5:10:37 PM | Gabe Ets-Hokin

Weighing the pros and cons of scooter versus motorcycle ownership? MCUSA helps you make the decision by comparing the Kawasaki Ninja 250R and Honda SH150i.

2011 AMA Supercross Phoenix Insider

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Find out what happened at the Monster Energy Supercross dirt bike races that took place at Chase Field in Phoenix, Arizona.

Kato Rides Harley Muscle in Green Hornet

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The Harley-Davidson Muscle makes it on the big screen in the new Green Hornet movie, ridden in several scenes by the Green Hornet's sidekick Kato.

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Nadeau hired as rookie Earnhardt's driver coach

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Former Cup Series driver Jerry Nadeau has been hired as the driving coach for Jeffrey Earnhardt's rookie season in the Camping World Truck Series.

Red Horse hopes changes lead to big things in '11

Tuesday, January 18, 2011, 8:30:58 PM

Red Horse Racing has had some success since owners Tom DeLoach and Jeff Hammond entered the Camping World Truck Series in 2005, but with a pair of almost fully sponsored Toyotas in a completely reorganized stable for 2011, the best might be right around the corner.

Bodine to run three races at Daytona for first time

Wednesday, January 12, 2011, 8:36:01 PM

For the first time in his 24-year national series racing career, two-time and defending Camping World Truck Series champion Todd Bodine will compete in all three NASCAR divisions in next month's Speedweeks at Daytona International Speedway.

Marks returns to the Truck Series with Turn One

Tuesday, January 11, 2011, 8:23:21 PM

Turn One Racing announced Tuesday that Justin Marks will drive the No. 66 Chevrolet full-time in the Camping World Truck Series, starting with the season-opener at Daytona International Speedway on Feb. 18. The team has also signed a new major primary sponsor with the details to be announced at a later date.

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Driver points revealed for '11 Nationwide season

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According to NASCAR officials, the only drivers who will receive points in Nationwide Series races will be those eligible for the series championship. Full-time Sprint Cup drivers running for that title are ineligible.

Pastrana's Nationwide debut slated for Indianapolis

January 22, 2011, 6:42:34 PM

Travis Pastrana will drive the No. 99 Boost Mobile Toyota for Pastrana-Waltrip Racing in seven Nationwide Series races this season, including a mid-summer debut in Indianapolis designed to bridge NASCAR with the X Games. Pastrana plans to compete in at least 20 races in 2012.

Hornish to run limited Nationwide program in '11

Monday, January 17, 2011, 9:46:48 PM

Penske Racing's Sam Hornish Jr., whose 2011 Sprint Cup Series program ended due to lack of sponsorship, will open at least a 10-race program in the Nationwide Series at Daytona International Speedway.

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McDowell to drive both Iowa races for JGR

Monday, January 17, 2011, 5:59:21 PM

Joe Gibbs Racing announced Monday that Michael McDowell will join their team of drivers for the 2011 Nationwide Series season.

Martin joins Turner for Nationwide, Truck races

Wednesday, January 12, 2011, 6:22:23 PM

Turner Motorsports announced Wednesday the addition of racing legend Mark Martin to its 2011 driver lineup. Martin will pilot the No. 32 in Nationwide Series events at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Auto Club Speedway, Michigan International Speedway and Kentucky Speedway with crew chief

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Trent Owens calling the shots. He will also drive the No. 32 in Camping World Truck Series races at Michigan International Speedway and Pocono Raceway.

Shepherd, Rowe to attempt two-car team in 2011

Tuesday, January 11, 2011, 3:41:03 PM

Faith Motorsports announced Monday that Morgan Shepherd and Brett Rowe will fill the driver's seats in a two-car Faith Motorsports effort in the Nationwide Series in 2011. The duo will kick off the 2011 season in the Drive4COPD 300 at Daytona International Speedway in early February with the team attempting to field both entries through at least the first five events of the season.

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Fill 'er up: Teams off and running with E15 fuel

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DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. -- The Sprint Cup Series' introduction to E15 Ethanol-blended Sunoco race fuel began in earnest during the past three days of Preseason Thunder at Daytona International Speedway.

Notes: Darby has no problem pulling double duty for now

January 22, 2011, 8:03:19 PM

At Friday's NASCAR competition update John Darby appeared in the double role he's held for the past year: managing director of competition and Sprint Cup Series director.

Goodyear relied on Talladega for Daytona tire

January 22, 2011, 12:25:27 AM

Long before a tire test in December and the current full-field test at Daytona International Speedway, Goodyear began developing the tires Sprint Cup Series drivers will use in the Daytona 500.

NASCAR defers fuel injection to 2012 season

Friday, January 21, 2011, 9:33:53 PM

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. -- NASCAR's competition update held Friday at Daytona International Speedway as part of Preseason Thunder testing touched on a lot of topics but produced only one hard news item -- no fuel injection in a 2011 Sprint Cup points race.

Harvick not willing to risk car for drafting sessions

Friday, January 21, 2011, 5:42:48 PM

Kevin Harvick, who has won numerous restrictor-plate races including the 2007 Daytona 500, won't practice drafting at Preseason Thunder.

Today in History: January 21

Friday, January 21, 2011, 3:10:08 PM

2010: It was one year ago today that NASCAR vice president of competition Robin Pemberton delivered his now famous line, "Boys, have at it." Declaring that NASCAR wanted drivers to have

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more freedom to be aggressive on the track without the fear of being penalized, Pemberton said, "We will put it back in the hands of the drivers, and we will say, 'Boys, have at it, and have a good time.' "

Racing on new pavement demands trust, respect

Friday, January 21, 2011, 12:50:25 AM

Having any kind of clue about what kind of racing might occur in the 53rd Daytona 500 will have to wait for a day -- pending the weather -- because Thursday afternoon's Preseason Thunder testing at Daytona International Speedway lacked large packs of cars drafting.

Stewart 'embarrassed' by quarrel, glad to be home

Thursday, January 20, 2011, 10:51:09 PM

On Thursday morning at Daytona International Speedway driver/owner Tony Stewart practiced his Stewart-Haas Racing Chevrolet, then met with his friends in the media and signed some autographs.

Bayne to run at least 17 races in No. 21

Thursday, January 20, 2011, 8:30:55 PM

Wood Brothers Racing announced Thursday that 19-year-old rookie driver Trevor Bayne will pilot the No. 21 Ford for select races during the 2011 season.

McMurray signs multi-year deal with EGR

Thursday, January 20, 2011, 12:05:52 AM

Jamie McMurray has signed a multi-year contract with Earnhardt Ganassi Racing, McMurray's agent, Rod Moskowitz confirmed Wednesday.

McDowell to drive for re-named HP Racing

Wednesday, January 19, 2011, 6:49:19 PM

HP Racing, LLC, a renamed entity formed by owners Randy Humphrey and Phil Parsons, announced Wednesday the formation of HP Racing, a Sprint Cup Series team set to debut in 2011 at Daytona International Speedway. HP Racing will field the No. 66 Toyota with driver Michael McDowell.

Close to 40 teams are expected at Daytona testing

Wednesday, January 19, 2011, 6:07:15 PM

NASCAR expects about 40 teams to appear Thursday at Preseason Thunder Sprint Cup testing in advance of Speedweeks and the 53rd annual Daytona 500 at Daytona International Speedway.

Steve Wallace to make Cup debut in Daytona 500

Wednesday, January 19, 2011, 5:02:28 PM

Third-generation racer Steve Wallace will make his Sprint Cup Series debut -- and some Daytona International Speedway history -- as a guaranteed starter in the 2011 Daytona 500, driving a No. 77 Toyota fielded by Rusty Wallace Racing.

Three with NASCAR ties headed to Int'l Hall

Wednesday, January 19, 2011, 12:53:48 AM

Rex White, who won the 1960 Cup championship and 28 races during a nine-year career, famed engine builder Maurice Petty and legendary team co-owner John Holman are three of this year's five-

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person class scheduled for induction in April into the International Motorsports Hall of Fame in Talladega, Ala.

Elliott plans limited schedule with Phoenix Racing

Wednesday, January 19, 2011, 12:40:59 AM

Bill Elliott will drive in at least 18 Sprint Cup races for Phoenix Racing, starting with the Daytona 500, a team spokesman confirmed Monday.

Chevrolet working hard on its car of the future

Tuesday, January 18, 2011, 5:26:21 PM

The 2011 Daytona 500 is less than five weeks away, but 2013 is very much on the minds of designers and managers at Chevrolet. Work already is under way on a complete bodywork and chassis redesign that should be ready two years from now.

Pocono pushes Cup qualifying back a day

Monday, January 17, 2011, 10:31:19 PM

Pocono Raceway has moved qualifying for both of its Sprint Cup dates this season to Saturday.

Blaney to drive for Tommy Baldwin Racing in '11

Monday, January 17, 2011, 7:53:56 PM

Tommy Baldwin Racing announced Monday that the team will run the No. 36 Chevrolet in its third year of competition in the Sprint Cup Series. Dave Blaney will drive the No. 36 in all 36 events and will kick off the season with the 53rd annual Daytona 500 on Feb. 20.

Stewart questioned following altercation at track in Australia

Sunday, January 16, 2011, 5:01:47 PM

In what was supposed to be a nice diversion to his owner/driver duties with Stewart-Haas Racing, two-time Cup Series champion Tony Stewart instead apparently was involved in a fight at Sydney Speedway and was subsequently questioned by Australian police.

Elliott firesuit, helmet being auctioned for JDRF

Friday, January 14, 2011, 11:52:32 PM

DEARBORN, Mich. -- Ford Customer Service Division (FCSD) brands Motorcraft and Quick Lane -- along with Wood Brothers Racing and Bill Elliott -- are auctioning the "Fired Up for a Cure" firesuit and helmet from the 2010 NASCAR Design Contest to benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF).

Martinsville pushes qualifying back a day for spring weekend

Thursday, January 13, 2011, 11:29:27 PM

Sprint Cup Series teams will qualify a day later than in previous years at Martinsville Speedway, according to track officials.

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Marlin leads group hoping to save fairgrounds track in Nashville

Thursday, January 13, 2011, 8:33:51 PM

NASHVILLE, Tenn. -- Sterling Marlin thinks his group has an offer Music City can't refuse to save the historic short track where he started racing and where legends like Richard Petty, Fireball Roberts and Dale Earnhardt once competed furiously.

NASCAR drops restrictor plate size for Daytona test

Thursday, January 13, 2011, 5:48:55 PM

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. -- NASCAR's quest to find the perfect technical combination to provide the best possible racing show at Speedweeks 2011 at Daytona International Speedway continued Thursday.

Notebook: Wood Brothers hope to start season with Bayne

Thursday, January 13, 2011, 12:37:43 AM

Wood Brothers Racing will compete in 17 races in 2011 -- four more than it did in 2010 -- and hopes to start the year with Trevor Bayne behind the wheel.

Smith's pit crew to be employed, trained by SHR

Tuesday, January 11, 2011, 10:41:23 PM

Regan Smith's No. 78 over-the-wall pit crew for Furniture Row Racing will be employed and trained by Stewart-Haas Racing during the 2011 Sprint Cup season.

Auto Club Speedway shortens lone Cup race to 400 miles

Tuesday, January 11, 2011, 6:11:49 PM

Auto Club Speedway announced Tuesday it will shorten its Sprint Cup Series race from 500 miles to 400 for the 2011 season.

NASCAR drivers must elect championships in '11

Tuesday, January 11, 2011, 12:49:48 AM

Drivers in NASCAR's three national series will have to elect a single championship to chase in 2011, eliminating the ability of drivers such as Brad Keselowski, Carl Edwards and Paul Menard -- who were full-time double-dippers in 2010 -- to chase two championships at once.

France to meet with teams in the coming weeks

Tuesday, January 11, 2011, 12:24:02 AM

NASCAR executives, including chairman Brian France, will meet with team owners, drivers and key team officials the next several weeks to talk about significant issues facing the sport.

Vickers back in Cup Series car, testing at Orlando

Monday, January 10, 2011, 6:13:00 PM

Brian Vickers, who was forced to take a medical leave of absence from the Sprint Cup Series last spring, made his first laps in one of his Red Bull Racing Team stock cars in eight months Monday at Walt Disney World Speedway in Orlando, Fla.

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Remember Dale

January 23, 2011

It's been 10 years since Dale Earnhardt's death. The News-Journal is commemorating his life and achievements with a special section that will be published Feb. 18. We're asking fans to share their favorite stories about Earnhardt or tell us how they've kept his memory alive.

NASCAR wants lane stripes at DIS

January 23, 2011

NASCAR will ask Daytona International Speedway to add broken, white lane stripes between Turns 1 and 2 and Turns 3 and 4 before returning in February.

Takes 2 to tango

January 23, 2011

It looks like the Daytona 500 will become a two-car tango competition following an intense day of testing at Daytona International Speedway.

Speedway's happy campers

January 22, 2011, 12:05:00 AM

The loud roar that woke up Patrick Handy and his friend Julie White on Friday morning wasn't what they expected.

Steve Wallace in Daytona 500

January 22, 2011, 12:05:00 AM

Steve Wallace, son of former NASCAR champion Rusty Wallace, will make his Sprint Cup debut in the season-opening Daytona 500.

Harvick ready to go

January 22, 2011, 12:05:00 AM

For Kevin Harvick, Daytona International Speedway isn't 2.5 miles of asphalt contained by concrete walls. For veteran Sprint Cup Series drivers, Daytona falls somewhere between a grand shrine and an old friend, depending how you look at the iconic facility.

Hamlin leaves '10 in rearview

January 22, 2011, 12:05:00 AM

During a 36-race season there are a lot of places a driver can pick up 39 points. That's a little more than a point per race, or the difference between finishing first and seventh in just one race. It's also

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exactly how many points Denny Hamlin finished behind five-time NASCAR Sprint Cup Series champion Jimmie Johnson in last year's Chase for the Sprint Cup standings.

Thunder After Rain

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Testing was slow to start Friday because of morning showers, but once Daytona International Speedway opened for business, drivers posted some incredible numbers.

Stewart says he's 'ashamed' of blunder Down Under

Friday, January 21, 2011, 12:15:00 AM

Two-time Sprint Cup champion Tony Stewart had a relaxing time for more than a month in Australia.

NASCAR's finest turn first laps on new Speedway surface

Friday, January 21, 2011, 12:05:00 AM

Sprint Cup Series stock cars stormed Daytona International Speedway's 2.5-mile tri-oval Thursday as NASCAR opened a three-day test as a prep for Speed Weeks and Daytona 500.

Testing notes: No word on new format

Friday, January 21, 2011, 12:05:00 AM

NASCAR has scheduled a "competition update" for noon today with president Mike Helton and competition director Robin Pemberton.

Fans, drivers get close and personal

Friday, January 21, 2011, 12:05:00 AM

Music, drowned out by roaring engines, blared over loudspeakers. Lights brightened as daylight faded. And anticipation heightened in the long autograph line awaiting the imminent arrival of Dale Earnhardt Jr. at Daytona International Speedway's FanZone.

\$65M in ISC notes placed

Thursday, January 20, 2011, 12:05:00 AM

International Speedway Corp. on Wednesday announced completion of a private placement sale of \$65 million in 4.63 percent unsecured senior notes due 2021 to unidentified institutional investors.

DIS' preseason Fan Fest kicks into gear today

Thursday, January 20, 2011, 12:05:00 AM

Daytona International Speedway's \$20 million repaving will get a full workout this week as dozens of NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race teams turn test laps over the 2.5-mile tri-oval today through Saturday.

Defending 500 champ anticipates smoother ride

Thursday, January 20, 2011, 12:05:00 AM

The track surface at Daytona International Speedway was so rough and bumpy that some drivers chewed gum to keep their teeth from chattering during a race or practice.

NASCAR teams test new track this week

Wednesday, January 19, 2011, 12:05:00 AM

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Something special

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All the pieces are finally coming together for Jeffrey Earnhardt, the 21-year-old grandson of seven-time NASCAR champion Dale Earnhardt.

NASCAR proposes points overhaul

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Driver's sponsor: Herself, donors

Sunday, January 16, 2011, 12:05:00 AM

The phone call came in late November and completely blindsided South Daytona's Alli Owens. On the other end of the line was a representative of her racing sponsor, who explained there were no funds to support her racing efforts in 2011.

NASCAR cuts speeds at DIS

Friday, January 14, 2011, 12:05:00 AM

After Sprint Cup Series stock cars topped out at 197 mph during tire testing in December at Daytona International Speedway, NASCAR decided to zap some of that brute horsepower for Speed Weeks.

Hillenburg out of cars, but still has hand in racing

Friday, January 14, 2011, 12:05:00 AM

When parents start looking for someone to mentor their racing kids, many land on Andy Hillenburg's doorstep.

19-year-old fits racing into studies

Thursday, January 13, 2011, 12:05:00 AM

Chad Hackenbracht is the fastest freshman at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro.

Venturinis have racing empire

Wednesday, January 12, 2011, 12:05:00 AM

Chances are that if you stood in a certain section of the Daytona International Speedway ARCA garage and tossed a lug nut at a group of people, you would hit somebody with the last name Venturini.

ARCA testing roaring at DIS

Tuesday, January 11, 2011, 12:05:00 AM

Another round of testing is slated to begin today at Daytona International Speedway, with ARCA cars taking to the track.

Grand Am testing notes

Monday, January 10, 2011, 12:05:00 AM

Ryan Dalziel emerged from three days of Grand-Am Rolex Series testing with the unofficial Daytona Prototype track record for a one-lap, speed run.

'Mad Max' living dream

Monday, January 10, 2011, 12:05:00 AM

It happens every time Max Papis gets to the gates at Daytona International Speedway.

France scion glad to be back on track

Saturday, January 08, 2011, 12:05:00 AM

The Grand-Am Road Racing community welcomed J.C. France back with open arms on the first day of testing for the upcoming Rolex 24 at Daytona.

Run the Numbers

Saturday, January 08, 2011, 12:05:00 AM

A little less than a year ago, an independent race team shocked the motorsports world by staging an upset in the Rolex 24 At Daytona. About an hour after the twice-around-the-clock motor marathon, the media was informed that the owner of the No. 9 Action Express Porsche Riley lived here.

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1,200cc engines for 2013 KTM Adventure, Super Duke

Wednesday, January 19, 2011, 1:59:26 PM | Florian Neuhauser

During a recent visit of the Dutch nieuwsmotor.nl to the KTM factory in Austria, Head of Development of street bikes, Robert Prielinger, announced the coming of new Super Duke and Adventure models for 2013. The new twins took longer to develop, according to Prielinger, because the company developed new electronics. Porsche is collaborating with KTM [...]

KTM CELEBRATES FANTASTIC TENTH CONSECUTIVE DAKAR RALLY VICTORY!

Tuesday, January 18, 2011, 1:40:01 PM | Florian Neuhauser

KTM on Saturday wrote another chapter in its history when the sports motorcycle market leaders celebrated taking its tenth consecutive Dakar Rally title. The race was won in heroic style by Marc Coma closely followed by Cyril Despres, who between them have taken the past six Dakar titles for the Austrian brand. The victory also [...]

ALASKA MOTORCYCLE NIGHT IN CHIANG MAI, THAILAND

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TOURING TIP: Coping With Severe Weather, Part 1 – Lightning

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Riders traveling by motorcycle are much more vulnerable to severe weather conditions than passengers in an automobile. Some riders are under the mistaken impression that a motorcycle's rubber tires will protect them in the event of a lightning strike. A car, with its steel frame, usually conducts a lightning charge around the passengers, insulating them [...]

Fuel Storage: Ride More, Worry Less!

Wednesday, January 12, 2011, 9:04:16 AM | RoadRUNNER

Unless you ride a R 1200 Adventure having enough fuel when traveling in the back country is always a concern. Even long trips in remote areas like Wyoming, Idaho, rural parts of Washington, Oregon and, of course, Canada can result in spending a lot of time concerned over fuel availability. There are a number of [...]

Jimmy Button to ride bicycle across the US to support spinal cord research

Wednesday, January 12, 2011, 6:28:26 AM | Florian Neuhauser

Jimmy Button, former motocross champion, will cycle 2,428 miles from San Diego, California to Daytona Beach, Florida beginning February 20, 2011 benefiting Miles for Miracles. Miles for Miracles' goal is to raise money and awareness for the very important research that is going on that could end the suffering a person goes through after having injured their spinal [...]

New Lehman Trikes Accessories

Tuesday, January 11, 2011, 1:31:26 PM | Florian Neuhauser

Lehman Trikes introduces Hawg EFX Running Boards for 2009-2010 Harley-Davidson Tri Glide and Street Glide trikes! The new Hawg EFX are made of a durable composite that fasten securely to the fenders and are supported by a steel subframe providing a sturdy and reliable weight-bearing step. The ultimate in weather protection and style, the new [...]

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Fan Fest a good way to get NASCAR fix

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Finally. We're getting closer and closer to the start of the 2011 season. Thursday begins the Preseason Thunder Fan Fest at Daytona International Speedway. There will be testing of the new asphalt, driver question-and-answer sessions, displays, and, essentially, three days for fans just to get our much-needed NASCAR fix.

Nationwide Series finally exciting again

Monday, January 17, 2011, 2:38:38 PM | Jeff Owens

For the first time in years, I'm actually excited about watching the Nationwide Series this year. Why? Because I have no idea who might win the championship.

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Was Daytona testing only an exception to NASCAR's ban?

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There's a buzz at Daytona International Speedway, and it's more than the cars humming around the track.

Pastrana fires up fans, firms up NASCAR plans

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Travis Pastrana's NASCAR Nationwide Series debut is scheduled for July 30 in Indiana, the X Gaming/motorcycling/rallying standout announced Friday.

Winning isn't everything, but ...

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Scott Fowler: Will NASCAR's new way of keeping score put enough emphasis on winning?

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Motorsports writer Tom Higgins and engine builder Waddell Wilson have been close for a long time.

Drivers favor simpler format

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Jimmie Johnson understands that speculation over a new points system is often viewed as NASCAR's attempt to end his five-year championship reign.

Did Regis open door for Gordon?

Friday, January 21, 2011, 8:50:00 PM

Jeff Gordon insists he's still waiting for a call from producers of "Live With Regis & Kelly."

Daytona predictions all over the track

Friday, January 21, 2011, 6:06:00 PM

This much is clear: The 53rd Daytona 500 will absolutely be different.

NASCAR execs still coy on points, say no to fuel injection

Friday, January 21, 2011, 3:32:00 PM

NASCAR President Mike Helton strongly indicated the points system used since 1975 will be scrapped for a simpler scoring method.

What they're saying

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Some of NASCAR's most recognizable names field questions at Daytona.

A Q&A session with Brian Vickers

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A Q&A session with driver Brian Vickers on Thursday at Daytona International Speedway:

NASCAR exec offers hints, but no final word on points format

Friday, January 21, 2011, 2:19:00 PM

NASCAR president Mike Helton has confirmed that drivers will be allowed to race for only one championship this season.

Williams F1 team ponders IPO

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Steve Wallace eyes Cup debut at Daytona

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Hail to the chief – and The King!

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Chevrolet lineup looks familiar, still strong for 2011 season

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Chevrolet appears to once again be in solid shape to compete for NASCAR's biggest prize this season.

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Timing and scoring: The early numbers

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Edwards sets full Nationwide slate

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A Daytona Q&A with Truex, Edwards

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A Daytona Q&A with Jimmie Johnson

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A Q&A with five-time Sprint Cup champion Jimmie Johnson during NASCAR testing at Daytona International Speedway on Thursday: THE MODERATOR: We've got our five-time NASCAR Sprint Cup Series champion Jimmie Johnson, driver of the No. 48 Lowe's Chevrolet. Jimmie, obvious question is you're five-time champion, and what's it going to take to win the sixth? JIMMIE JOHNSON: Well, it's obviously a new year and new set of challenges. It's awfully early to even understand what the challenges are going to be. We hope that we're smarter through all the hard work that we've been going through in the off-season, but we just won't know until we get -- actually really leave Daytona and get to Phoenix and on and on from there. We're working hard on all fronts to be a better race team. I think that last year we learned a lot more about ourselves and kind of validated our core beliefs and stuck to what the 48 team is known for and what we believe in and was still able to overcome a lot of adversity and win a championship. I feel like we'll be stronger and better, but we just don't know until we get into the meat of the season and the first goal is obviously to make the Chase and from there figure out how to win again. Q. The buzz at the beginning of this week was points, change in the points. You're the five-time champion. The last time we had the buzz about points there was a guy that won the race and it wasn't that exciting of a season. Do you think maybe this could be pointed at you somehow? JIMMIE JOHNSON: No, I mean, I guess if we don't have an idea what it's really going to look like, there's a lot of speculation at this point, but in theory if it is 43 points for the winner on down to 1 for the last-place car, in concept, in theory, it's still very similar to what we have now. So I think the premise, the concept is still very similar. Take a while to get used to it. I think it's more of an attempt to make our points system easier to understand. I don't think that it would be a huge change from the thought that I've put into it so far. I

don't see it being a big thing. I know people expect me to react and think, oh, they've got to leave it alone, don't change it. I don't care what races are in the Chase, the format to win the championship; I could care less because I feel confident that my team will be able to win championships under any set of circumstances. We'll wait until the announcement when and if it comes and kind of take it from there. I don't believe it's a huge strategy to engage the fans more from an attendance standpoint for a viewership standpoint. I mean, you always hope for that. I think in my opinion there are other areas to focus on for that. This would give us something to talk about and hopefully simplify the system and make it easier to follow. Q. Jimmie, Denny Hamlin talked about the track being so smooth that there was almost nothing that you can do to the cars to really make a difference and that they're likely to be bigger packs, drafting packs and so on because it will bring everybody together. If there's not that much you can work on and not much you can change, what will you guys be doing here for three days? JIMMIE JOHNSON: Yeah, I mean, we kind of speak to that point, we didn't participate in the Goodyear tire test for that reason alone. We felt like three days here would be enough time on track to sort out what we had. The rules are such where there are very few areas to work in. We have a lot of freedom at the front of the car to work on it, but with the bumps gone there's very little driver comfort issues or drivability issues and you're basically trying to get the car as low as you can to the track and don't let the splitter drag. After a handful of runs of doing that, you're kind of out of moves. We can't mess with the back of the car. We don't have body changes that we can make to the templates and the way they are with the cars. So it really shortens up the list of things to try. Our teammates are doing great. We were on the bottom of the board for a while so I'm not sure we've got everything sorted out on the 48 car just yet. To have our teammates as fast as they are, we'll just go home and get all the adjusting things around and get it right. I think it kind of comes down to drive line, some different angles and drive shafts and rolling resistance and issues like that where the speed is, so we'll just have to do a bit of work there. Q. Denny Hamlin was in here and said he didn't think about racing during the whole off season and he promised us that, and Carl Edwards and Martin Truex, Jr., talked about how crazy the racing is going to be here. Can you sort of talk to both of those entities? Did you think about racing during the off-season, and how crazy will racing be here? JIMMIE JOHNSON: Yeah, it was in my mind at times. There was no doubt that once things slowed down for me, which was around Christmastime, from I'd say Christmas to maybe January 3rd or 4th, I did a very good job of not being connected and got away and spent time with the family. But we had a lot of changes going on with pit crew stuff, the changes with the crew chiefs and drivers moving around. There's been plenty going on. January has been extremely busy. I've missed being in the car. I think all drivers would say wanting to go to the track and drive the car and compete, you can do that year-round. It's the other stuff that makes it a long year. I'm excited to be in the car here, although it's not all that challenging, but I was here for the Rolex test and had a great time in that car and will be back next weekend for that race, and really excited for that race. Enjoy running that event. And then the 500 I believe is going to be everything everyone would hope for. The track will have plenty of grip, multiple lanes. In my opinion, yeah, I believe some guys will probably ride and try to play it smart. But for the Daytona 500, at least in my mind, and I think most drivers look at it the same way; you're willing to make a lot of risky moves and willing to wreck your car. Points don't seem to be a premium yet. We're going to see a very, very action-packed Daytona 500. Q. Just want to know how the first stages of your relationship with having Dale Jr. in your shop has worked? Have you got him running ten miles a day with you, your karma rub off or anything? JIMMIE JOHNSON: Fortunately all the teammates, all the drivers and crew chiefs, over the years the way Rick has had a vision for Hendrick Motorsports and the way we all communicate. I can't say it's been much different from that standpoint. I mean, we still -- when we weren't in the same shot there's just a lot of communication taking place. In the shop I guess the biggest thing we've been working on is just the driver's compartment trying to make sure with both cars being built in that same shop that we can use the same dash, seats,

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things like that, and with us, we both seem to like a similar seat angle and placement, which will then allow us to have the dashboards in the same spot, and it's going to simplify the shop, and we're just kind of working through the final stages of that now. With Jeff being shorter and the seat angle he had, our cars were pretty different, and right now we're trying to make it kind of a common cockpit through the shop and working through that. Q. You said that the 1 through 43 thing would maybe be a way to make the system simpler, but does the system need simplification? Carl was in here earlier and said he doesn't know how many points he has when he's running 12th but aren't you all cognizant of the fact that when you make a pass it's going to be worth three points, four points or five points, depending on where you are? JIMMIE JOHNSON: Yeah, I can't say I knew where that cutoff was in the past, especially from four to three. I knew first to second and that kind of thing. But in the car I don't spend a lot of time thinking about the points values, you just know that there's more points in front of you type thing. Maybe other guys think a lot more in depth about the exact numbers, but you just go forward and pass those guys and be ahead of them. I know that we were trying to -- potentially -- this is my opinion. I haven't had anyone at NASCAR tell me this, but it seems like we're trying to make this just a little bit easier to understand. At the same time we have a complicated system. We don't have two teams on the track. There's 43 obviously. So there's a point there where now we've got to reeducate our fan base and any new fans coming in. Are we going to confuse everyone even more and shoot ourselves in the foot a little bit? I don't know. Time will tell. But one thing that's obvious to me is that NASCAR is continuing to try to make it better, and they're looking anywhere and everywhere they can, and I think we have a very refined product in the garage area from a competition standpoint, and last year's championship battle spoke to that. Some more tweaks here and there, I'm willing to try it, but I think there are some other issues that would help with attendance and viewership that kind of leave the garage area and what happens on the track. You look at length of races, frequency of races. In my opinion I think a lot of our fans are just overexposed from race lengths and then so many events. Q. This 500 will mark the 10th year of Dale Earnhardt's passing. As a five-time champion yourself, can you talk about that legacy, what he's left, and what it means to you as a champion and him being a seven-time champion? JIMMIE JOHNSON: From my standpoint, I never was able to race against him. My standpoint is watching him on television and being a fan of the sport. My brother picked Senior as his driver when we were young as kids, and I certainly couldn't align with my brother in his thoughts. It was my job to beat him up and often as possible. So I had my driver, my brother had Senior, and I remember a lot of times, my guy was getting waxed by Senior year after year. I didn't know him as a competitor. I met him a few times in passing. That's one thing that I really wish I could have experienced was the intimidation factor that he had on and off the track and being around him and watching him work through the garage area and to help advance the series and to work with NASCAR, his interaction with the fans, and you just hear some stories -- I hear so many stories today about him but I never had a chance to see him firsthand. I have a great deal of respect for who and what he was and what he did for our sport, and I regret that I didn't have a chance to know him. THE MODERATOR: Jimmie, thank you so much, and good luck in your quest to win the 53rd running of the Daytona 500.

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A Q&A with former champion Tony Stewart during NASCAR Sprint Cup testing at Daytona International Speedway:

Bill Elliott in Finch's Chevy

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Bill Elliott is doing something different this season, something he's never done: The popular former champion will drive a Chevrolet.

Thirty-six NASCAR teams get rolling

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The return of official NASCAR preseason testing and a resurfaced track have lured 36 Sprint Cup teams to Daytona International Speedway.

Woman charged with stabbing engine builder

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Engine builder and former NASCAR driver Joey Arrington was recovering from stab wounds that police said were inflicted by an ex-girlfriend, FoxSports.com reported.

NASCAR opens important test at repaved Daytona track

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Just two months after Jimmie Johnson won his fifth straight NASCAR title, it's time to start those engines at Daytona International Speedway.

Wood team looking to Bayne?

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Former champion Bill Elliott's deal with Phoenix Racing could extend Trevor Bayne's run in Wood Brothers Racing's No. 21 Fords.

Entry list: Bud Shootout at Daytona

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The Budweiser Shootout entry list at Daytona International Speedway:

Council votes to keep Nashville track

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The Nashville Metro Council voted not to destroy a century-old historic track at the Tennessee State Fairgrounds after hours of debate at a public meeting.

N.C. Sports Hall to welcome Jarrett, Proehl among others

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Former NASCAR champion Dale Jarrett of Conover and retired Carolina Panthers receiver Ricky Proehl of Greensboro will be among the 2011 N.C. Sports Hall of Fame honorees.

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U.S. makes draw crowds at Detroit show

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Pizazz, power and elegance helped pull in crowds Saturday at the North American International Auto Show.

Al-Attiyah and Coma outrun, outlast the rest

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BARADERO, Argentina – Nasser Al-Attiyah of Qatar claimed his first Dakar Rally title and Marc Coma of Spain won the motorbike event for the third time on Saturday.

Pair pad already comfortable Dakar leads

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Nasser Al-Attiyah and Marc Coma had no major trouble in Friday's next-to-last stage of the Dakar Rally, setting themselves up for victory on Saturday.

Roush and Ford supporting 7 Cup teams in 2011

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Roush Fenway Racing is well-positioned to provide several Sprint Cup championship contenders in 2011.

Bill Elliott breaks through as Bobby Allison seizes 1983 title

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Tom Higgins: Bobby Allison finally won a championship and Bill Elliott at last triumphed in a race after finishing second eight times.

Marlin makes Nashville track pitch

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Sterling Marlin thinks his group has an offer Music City can't refuse to save a historic short track.

Al-Attiyah nears Dakar victory

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Nasser Al-Attiyah won the 11th stage and closed in on his first Dakar Rally title on Thursday.

Man dies in collision with Dakar Rally competitor

Thursday, January 13, 2011, 6:18:00 PM

A man died at the Dakar Rally on Thursday when the small truck he was driving collided with a car in the race.

NASCAR serves up smaller plate

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Perhaps the cars were going a bit fast at the December Goodyear tire test after all.

Crawford wins a wild Chili Bowl prelim

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It may have been the wildest finish in Chili Bowl history, tulsaworld.com reports.

Q&A with a contender: Carl Edwards

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Carl Edwards, driver of the No. 99 Roush Fenway Fords, answers a couple of quick questions from the Observer's Jim Utter:

Contract outlines \$6.2 million NASCAR deal

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How much is that NASCAR logo worth to a company? Bob Pockrass of scenedaily.com says lawsuit suggests it's a lot.

Curb, Marlin, DW tout Nashville track plan

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Record exec Mike Curb and former NASCAR drivers Sterling Marlin and Darrell Waltrip are part of group pitching a plan for the Nashville Fairgrounds track.

F1 cars too complicated, Ferrari's drivers lament

Thursday, January 13, 2011, 12:16:00 PM

Ferrari drivers Fernando Alonso and Felipe Massa are worried they'll have too many buttons to press on their steering wheels following the latest Formula One rule changes.

Live coverage set from Rolex 24

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Speed plans 14 hours of live coverage from the Rolex 24 at Daytona later this month.

Collision with rally competitor kills man

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Argentine media reports a man died when the small truck he was driving collided with a car participating in the Dakar Rally.

Cuts help NASCAR hall trim loss

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The NASCAR Hall of Fame narrowed its loss for November, with a deficit of \$100,801 for the month thanks to aggressive cost-cutting.

Indy's marquee names team up for military

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Mario Andretti never anticipated dressing in the same tailor-made clothes as a Foyt and an Unser.

Grand prix should wait, IOC tells Russia's F1 promoters

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The IOC could force Russian organizers to postpone a Formula One race in Sochi until 2015 to avoid any clash with the 2014 Winter Olympics.

NASCAR tells drivers: Pick a series for your title runs

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Drivers wishing to compete in NASCAR's three national series - Sprint Cup, Nationwide and Trucks - can only collect points toward a driver's championship in one of them beginning with the 2011 season.

Coma, Al-Attiyah pull away

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Marc Coma and Nasser Al-Attiyah stretched their leads in the Dakar Rally as the race returned to Argentina.

NASCAR hall, month-by-month

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Attendance figures for the NASCAR Hall of Fame in Charlotte since it opened in May 2010:

Ferrari puts focus on strong start

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MADONNA DI CAMPIGLIO, Italy – Ferrari is working to avoid finishing the way it did in 2010.

Mosley: No warning about 'Nazi orgy' video

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Former motor racing boss Max Mosley argued Tuesday that a tabloid that splashed lurid stories about his sexual exploits on the Internet had a responsibility to warn him.

UAW renews effort in South's plants

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The United Auto Workers union is casting itself as a partner rather than adversary in new "Southern strategy."

NCMA to honor Johnson, Economaki

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Members of the N.C. Motorsports Association will honor stock car racing legend Junior Johnson, among others, on Friday.

Brian Vickers tests at Florida track

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Driver Brian Vickers drove some test laps in Orlando, Fla., this week, Fox Sports reports, his first since medical issues surfaced in 2010.

Sainz cuts into Al-Attiyah's lead in Dakar Rally

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Defending champion Carlos Sainz won the ninth stage of the Dakar Rally, chopping almost two minutes off the overall lead of Volkswagen teammate Nasser Al-Attiyah on Tuesday.

IndyCar steals from NASCAR: Double-file restarts planned

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Randy Bernard is giving the IndyCar Series a distinctly NASCAR flavor.

Martin to run in 3 NASCAR series

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In addition to the full Sprint Cup schedule, Mark Martin has added Nationwide and Truck races for 2011.

New exhibit ready to roll Jan. 22

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Stock car racing legend Junior Johnson will waive the green flag on a new exhibit at the Mount Airy Museum of Regional History on Jan. 22.

Ferrari to detail overhaul at winter retreat

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Ferrari team director Stefano Domenicali considered stepping down after the Italian team's disastrous final race of 2010.

Al-Attiyah grabs lead in Dakar Rally

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Nasser Al-Attiyah overtook Volkswagen teammate Carlos Sainz for the overall lead in the cars category of the Dakar Rally by winning the eighth leg Monday.

Edwards and Cena provide assists

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Driver Carl Edwards teams up with wrestler/entertainer John Cena for a worthy cause.

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NASCAR president Helton speaks about changes to points system

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NASCAR President Mike Helton strongly indicated the points system used since 1975 will be scrapped for a simpler scoring method.

Brian Vickers back behind the wheel after medical scare

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After eight months away from racing, Brian Vickers was unsure what to expect when he got behind the wheel again.

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Kevin Harvick eager to hit track with new look after strong 2010

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James Stewart raced to his first Monster Energy Supercross victory of the season at Chase Field.

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NASCAR president defends potential changes by saying they have the backing of the Cup garage.

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Steve Wallace to make Sprint Cup debut at Daytona (PA SportsTicker)

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Top 20 Countdown: No. 16 Dale Earnhardt Jr. (Yahoo! Sports)

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Another year, another preseason spent wondering if Dale Earnhardt Jr. can turn his career around.

Williams considers going public to ensure future (PA SportsTicker)

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Rally of France to stay in Alsace (AP)

Friday, January 21, 2011, 7:25:20 AM

The French motorsport federation has confirmed that the Rally of France will be held in the northeastern region of Alsace for a second consecutive year. Following three months of discussions with local partners, the federation said Friday the world championship race will take place from Sept. 29 to Oct.

Rome mayor gives up plans for F1 race (PA SportsTicker)

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Mayor Gianni Alemanno says Rome has given up on hosting a Formula One race.

Edwards plans to race full Nationwide schedule (AP)

Thursday, January 20, 2011, 1:09:23 PM

Carl Edwards plans to run every race in NASCAR's second-tier Nationwide Series despite not being able to contend for the championship.

Stewart ashamed of 'altercation' with track owner (AP)

Thursday, January 20, 2011, 1:05:28 PM

Tony Stewart said he's "very embarrassed" about his confrontation with a track owner in Australia that led to questioning at a police station.

Top 20 Countdown: No. 17 Ryan Newman (Yahoo! Sports)

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After an unimpressive 2010 season, Ryan Newman has a lot of room for improvement.

NASCAR set for important test at repaved Daytona (PA SportsTicker)

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[Potential new points system doesn't add up \(Yahoo! Sports\)](#)

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Current system definitely needs tinkering, but employing a 1-to-43 format rewards winning less.

[Top 20 Countdown: No. 18 Mark Martin \(Yahoo! Sports\)](#)

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The championship window for Mark Martin has likely closed heading into his final year with Hendrick Motorsports.

[Car Care: Careers in auto service remain in demand \(NASCAR.com\)](#)

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[Top 20 Countdown: No. 19 Kasey Kahne \(Yahoo! Sports\)](#)

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Expectations aren't very high for Kasey Kahne in his limbo year with Red Bull Racing.

[Pocono Raceway shifts to Saturday qualifying \(AP\)](#)

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Pocono Raceway has moved qualifying for both of its Sprint Cup dates this season to Saturday.

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[Top 20 Countdown: No. 20 David Reutimann \(Yahoo! Sports\)](#)

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The Yahoo! Sports Top 20 Countdown kicks off with David Reutimann, who failed to move to the next level in 2010.

Tony Stewart questioned in Australia (PA SportsTicker)

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2-time NASCAR champion questioned in Australia (AP)

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Two-time NASCAR series champion Tony Stewart has been questioned but not charged by police after an altercation at a Sydney race track. New South Wales state police spokesperson Joanne Elliott said Sunday that the 39-year-old American, who is in Australia competing in sprint-car races, was released after being interviewed at the Rosehill police station in western Sydney.

Tony Stewart questioned in Australia (AP)

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NASCAR star Tony Stewart has been questioned but not charged by police after an altercation at a Sydney track.

Under new Nationwide rule, will anything change? (NASCAR.com)

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Former drivers trying to save historic short track (AP)

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Sterling Marlin thinks his group has an offer Music City can't refuse to save the historic short track where he started racing and where legends like Richard Petty, Fireball Roberts and Dale Earnhardt once competed furiously. Marlin helped detail a proposal Thursday by Save My Fairgrounds to renovate Nashville's fairgrounds and site of one of the nation's oldest race tracks.

Man dies in collision with Dakar Rally competitor (AP)

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Argentine police said a man died when the small truck he was driving collided with a car participating in the Dakar Rally on Thursday. Police said the accident took place at 6 a.m., about 6 miles from the northern Argentine town of Tinogasta. Argentine media widely carried coverage of the fatality and showed photographs of the damaged vehicles.

Vickers: 'I never gave up hope' (Yahoo! Sports)

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Eight months after blood clots forced him to the sidelines, Brian Vickers is ready to race again.

Alonso hints at exhibition duel with Rossi (AP)

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Ferrari driver Fernando Alonso has hinted at a possible exhibition competition with seven-time motorcycling world champion Valentino Rossi. Speaking at Ferrari's annual winter retreat in the Italian Dolomites, which also features Rossi's Ducati squad, Alonso said something is in the works for December, adding that the duel will likely be held in both "two- and four-wheel"...

Caraviello: Once again, Evernham able to work on his own terms (NASCAR.com)

Wednesday, January 12, 2011, 4:59:27 PM

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NASCAR drivers can race for only 1 championship (AP)

Tuesday, January 11, 2011, 4:49:19 PM

NASCAR's competition applications for 2011 require drivers to select which series they will race for a championship in this season.

Menzer: Debut of Hall's multi-faceted exhibit tons of fun (NASCAR.com)

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