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DAYTONA INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY





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## OVERVIEW

There will have been 98 days between the checkered flag at Homestead-Miami Speedway and the green that will wave over Daytona International Speedway. There has been more time to study and prepare for this race than any on the calendar.

The Daytona 500 is NASCAR's

They don't mean a thing for fantasy players. Restrictor-plate, superspeedway races are the most unpredictable during the year; nothing is predictive. While that is true, there are certain indicators that will allow fantasy players to make educated guesses. Drivers at the top and bottom of the order often have patterns that help in their handicaps.

Ryan Newman has been crash prone in recent seasons, which suggests his aggression had a tendency to put him in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Young Guns don't tend to run well on this track type, but almost 25 percent of the field will be made up of drivers with four or fewer years' experience. They will be difficult to avoid; and their impact on



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biggest race of the year. Teams spend hundreds-of-thousands of dollars on finding speed for this single event. They have more practice time at their disposal than for another event.

Those two facts are important to the rank-and-file fan.

## TRENDS

Austin Dillon managed to sweep the top 10 on plate tracks last year. Kyle Busch would have joined him if he had not decided to ride in the back of the pack at Talladega Superspeedway.

the running order will be even greater if theirs' is the mistake that triggers a "Big One" crash.

In Sunday's Advance Auto Parts Clash it was not the rookie Daniel Suarez or sophomore Chase Elliott that triggered the last lap accident that allowed Joey Logano

to win, however: It was the veteran Denny Hamlin who made an ill-advised block on Brad Keselowski. The first incident of that race was caused when Jimmie Johnson got loose and drove into the side of Kurt Busch. Martin Truex Jr. tried to get into a hole that was not there and wrecked his Toyota, while fourth-year Kyle Larson was essentially an innocent bystander.

That is why NASCAR runs the races. The unknowns are what contribute to the excitement of this sport.

About the only logic that can be applied to plate races is this: Simple mathematics dictates that the closer one is to the front, the fewer cars there are to run into. That is offset somewhat by the fact that the front of the pack is generally a little more frenetic and is often made more so by the fact that this is NASCAR's marquee event.

Last year's Daytona 500 winner, Hamlin has spent more time among the top 10 in the past three years than any other driver. With a record of nearly 75 percent of the time, he has statistically been the one with the fewest drivers ahead of him. That did not keep him from getting dinged up in the 2014 Coke Zero 400, but he survived that incident and finished sixth.

Driver	Wins
Dale Earnhardt Jr	4
Jimmie Johnson	3
Michael Waltrip	3
Kevin Harvick	2
Matt Kenseth	2
Jamie McMurray	2
Aric Almirola	1
Trevor Bayne	1
Kyle Busch	1
Denny Hamlin	1
Brad Keselowski	1
Joey Logano	1
Ryan Newman	1
David Ragan	1

Dale Earnhardt Jr. has lost some of his mystique, but he is still considered the Pied Piper of the plate tracks and has the second-most laps in the top 10, but he is a rather distant second. He has circled among the top 10 only 60 percent of the time and is in a virtual tie with Logano. Johnson is fourth on the list.

The fifth-place driver is one who might surprise most players. Kasey Kahne has struggled for much of the past three years, but he had a spate of strong runs in 2014/2015 that put him among the five best twice and in the top 10 in this category one other time. Last summer, he recorded only about 45 laps in the top 10 which was his worst performance since 2013.

Still, there are no guarantees on the plate tracks.

## SPREAD THE WEALTH

The fact that little is predictive about plate tracks does not mean that strategy does

Driver	Top-5s
Dale Earnhardt Jr	13
Kurt Busch	12
Jimmie Johnson	11
Kevin Harvick	9
Kyle Busch	7
Michael Waltrip	7
Denny Hamlin	6
Matt Kenseth	6
Joey Logano	4
Ryan Newman	4
Elliott Sadler	4
Clint Bowyer	3
Brad Keselowski	3
Jamie McMurray	3
David Ragan	3
Trevor Bayne	2
Kasey Kahne	2
AJ Allmendinger	1
Aric Almirola	1
Austin Dillon	1
Reed Sorenson	1
Ricky Stenhouse Jr	1
Martin Truex Jr	1

not exist when the series rolls into Daytona Beach or Talladega. The strategy is just a little less common than that employed on unrestricted, intermediate speedways and short tracks.

Spread the wealth around in salary cap games. The most expensive drivers in the game are just as likely to crash as the cheapest. The big-named drivers are often the ones who win, but teams with fewer resources score a lot of top-15s. Over a decade and a half, this writer has settled on a strategy of setting plate rosters from the middle out. Find one or two solid drivers below the average cap. Next, settle on one bargain driver, then one marquee driver. Repeat the pattern as often as necessary until your final pick comes due. Then take the best available choice.

Do not exhaust an allocation on marquee drivers in Yahoo!'s contest because those

Driver	Top-10s
Dale Earnhardt Jr	19
Kurt Busch	16
Michael Waltrip	15
Kevin Harvick	14
Jimmie Johnson	14
Matt Kenseth	14
Clint Bowyer	11
Elliott Sadler	9
Kyle Busch	8
Kasey Kahne	8
Denny Hamlin	7
Ryan Newman	7
Joey Logano	6
Austin Dillon	5
Jamie McMurray	5
Brad Keselowski	4
David Ragan	4
Trevor Bayne	3
Michael McDowell	3
Paul Menard	3
Reed Sorenson	3
Martin Truex Jr	3
AJ Allmendinger	2
Kyle Larson	2
Danica Patrick	2
Ricky Stenhouse Jr	2
Aric Almirola	1

drivers will be more predictable later in the season. In effect, turn the plate tracks' weakness into a strength because one can take surprising long shots that can differentiate one's lineup. There are still a few teams that can potentially be discounted, but increasingly they can be counted on one hand.

## Top-12 Drivers

### 1. Denny Hamlin

Yahoo! Group: A  
NASCAR.com Cap: \$26.00  
Wins at Track/Attempts: 1/22  
Top-fives: 6 (.272)  
Top-10s: 7 (.318)  
Last 3 Years  
Current Track: 5.50  
Yahoo! Points: 91.00  
NASCAR.com Points: 67.10  
Avg. Last 6 races ^  
Cup results: 7.67  
Draft Kings Points: 44.00

Hamlin's victory in last year's Daytona 500 was not surprising—beyond the fact that everything that happens at Daytona is unpredictable. Hamlin entered the race with four

consecutive results of sixth or better, including a second-place finish in the 2014 Great American Race. Three of these four races ended in top-fives. Hamlin had not won on this track previously, but that did not lessen his aggression in the closing laps. He tapped teammate Matt Kenseth out of his way and side-drafted Martin Truex Jr. until he had the closest edge in NASCAR's history.

Hamlin was just as strong in this year's Clash. He and the Joe Gibbs Racing juggernaut led the pack late, but a surge by three Fords caught the Toyotas. Hamlin tried to block Brad Keselowski and was knocked out of the way, but he should have learned something through that experience.

Rank	Driver	Best	Avg.
1	Kyle Busch	133.1	95.9
2	Dale Earnhardt Jr.	146.4	94.1
3	Denny Hamlin	139.1	91.0
4	Kurt Busch	125.7	89.9
5	Matt Kenseth	133.0	88.5
6	Jimmie Johnson	140.7	88.2
7	Joey Logano	125.3	87.4
8	Kasey Kahne	104.5	82.1
9	Kevin Harvick	125.0	81.8
10	Jamie McMurray	114.1	80.2
11	Austin Dillon	91.3	80.2
12	Brad Keselowski	132.4	79.1
13	Clint Bowyer	119.4	79.0
14	Martin Truex Jr.	114.4	78.5
15	Elliott Sadler	107.4	77.8
16	Ryan Blaney	95.2	76.8
17	Ryan Newman	114.2	75.3
18	Paul Menard	103.7	71.7
19	Aric Almirola	111.4	71.0
20	Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	84.5	67.9
21	David Ragan	108.0	65.9
22	Kyle Larson	100.0	65.3
23	Danica Patrick	113.4	65.0
24	Ty Dillon	72.0	64.7
25	AJ Allmendinger	102.2	61.0
26	Reed Sorenson	88.4	61.0
27	Trevor Bayne	108.2	60.0
28	Landon Cassill	88.5	58.8
29	Michael Waltrip	100.8	57.8
30	Cole Whitt	62.5	56.4
31	Chase Elliott	76.6	56.3
32	Alex Bowman	60.2	53.2
33	Michael McDowell	77.0	51.9
34	Matt DiBenedetto	60.4	50.7
35	Chris Buescher	67.0	49.5
36	Brendan Gaughan	45.5	45.5

### 2. Joey Logano

Yahoo! Group: A  
NASCAR.com Cap: \$27.75  
Wins at Track/Attempts: 1/16  
Top-fives: 4 (.250)  
Top-10s: 6 (.375)  
Last 3 Years  
Current Track: 10.17  
Yahoo! Points: 76.67  
NASCAR.com Points: 50.10  
Avg. Last 6 races ^  
Cup results: 3.33  
Draft Kings Points: 67.42

Logano won the 2015 Daytona 500 and secured his spot in the playoffs early during that year's regular season. Last Sunday in the Clash, he showed situational awareness when his teammate Keselowski got a run on Hamlin. He remembered the block Carl Edwards placed on him 91 days earlier at the end of the Ford 400 and knew Hamlin was going to be just as moti-

vated to maintain first-place. So, Logano kept back and made an early move to the high side. If he had been drafting closely to the No. 2, his momentum would also have been stalled and he would have been drawn into a four-way battle for the lead.

### 3. Kyle Busch

Yahoo! Group: A  
NASCAR.com Cap: \$27.25  
Wins at Track/Attempts: 1/24  
Top-fives: 7 (.292)  
Top-10s: 8 (.333)  
Last 3 Years  
Current Track: 13.80  
Yahoo! Points: 71.00  
NASCAR.com Points: 45.13  
Avg. Last 6 races ^  
Cup results: 8.83  
Draft Kings Points: 46.00

Busch finished second in the Clash and then confronted Alex Bowman on pit road



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about his unwillingness to work together to catch the No. 22. This was an exhibition race without points on the line and while there was a lot of money to be earned, Busch has plenty of that. No, what Busch really wanted was the win and that is something he runs flat out for every time he pulls his helmet on. That fiercely competitive spirit is a huge part of why he is such a great weekly value. At Daytona, that aggression can just as often get a driver in trouble, however, and from 2010 through 2014 he once crashed

second in the Daytona 500 behind Logano and was fourth in the Coke Zero 400 that year. He backed that up with another fourth in last year's 500, but his luck ran out in the summer when an accident just past the halfway point sent him home 39th.

Stewart-Haas Racing has made the move to Ford this year and in a show of remarkable adaptability, Harvick buried the hatchet with Penske Racing. In the closing laps of the Clash, he drafted with Logano and Keselowski to try

qualification does not matter whatsoever. Two non-chartered drivers know they will race next Sunday regardless of their finishing position in Thursday's qualification races and the front row knows they will lead the field to green. Hendrick Motorsports swept the top two spots and that is particularly important for Earnhardt. No one expected him to struggle in his return, but there is always a nagging doubt when a driver sits out for as long as he did.

Junior did not need to build his confidence, but winning the outside pole certainly did not hurt matters any, especially with teammate Chase Elliott on his inside.

He knows the speed is there; now the organization needs to get their handling tightened up so the same thing does not happen to Earnhardt, Elliott, and Kahne as what Johnson experienced in the Clash—or for that matter, to Junior in the 2016 Dayto-



in nine consecutive races. Last year, he swept the top-three.

#### 4. Kevin Harvick

Yahoo! Group: A  
NASCAR.com Cap: \$28.00  
Wins at Track/Attempts: 2/31  
Top-fives: 9 (.290)  
Top-10s: 14 (.452)  
Last 3 Years  
Current Track: 16.83  
Yahoo! Points: 60.00  
NASCAR.com Points: 42.60  
Avg. Last 6 races ^  
Cup results: 6.83  
Draft Kings Points: 55.54

Harvick swept the top five at Daytona in 2015. He finished

and get around the Toyotas and was rewarded with a solid top-five as a result.

#### 5. Dale Earnhardt Jr.

Yahoo! Group: A  
NASCAR.com Cap: \$25.00  
Wins at Track/Attempts: 4/34  
Top-fives: 13 (.382)  
Top-10s: 19 (.558)  
Last 3 Years  
Current Track: 12.67  
Yahoo! Points: 76.67  
NASCAR.com Points: 46.70  
Avg. Last 6 races ^  
Cup results: NA  
Draft Kings Points: NA

For 95 percent of the field,

na 500.

#### 6. Austin Dillon

Yahoo! Group: B  
NASCAR.com Cap: \$21.50  
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/7  
Top-fives: 1 (.143)  
Top-10s: 5 (.714)  
Last 3 Years  
Current Track: 8.50  
Yahoo! Points: 80.00  
NASCAR.com Points: 39.40  
Avg. Last 6 races ^  
Cup results: 20.00  
Draft Kings Points: 20.46

Dillon was the only driver to sweep the top 10 on restrictor-plate, superspeedways last year.

In 2014, he swept the top 15 on this course time and in 2015, he had three such finishes in four races. That means that he has failed to earned a top-15 on a plate track as a fulltime driver only once in 12 starts. If one takes out his only anomalous result of 35th, he has an average finish of 9.5 on these courses. His single poor result came at Talladega, so Dillon has been perfect in regard to top-15s at Daytona since his rookie season. With a top-10 percentage of .714, he is hard to overlook and easily the best Group B value in Yahoo!'s fantasy game.

## 7. Kurt Busch

Yahoo! Group: B  
NASCAR.com Cap: \$22.50  
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/32  
Top-fives: 12 (.375)  
Top-10s: 16 (.500)  
Last 3 Years  
Current Track: 12.40  
Yahoo! Points: 73.20  
NASCAR.com Points: 30.13  
Avg. Last 6 races ^  
Cup results: 12.83  
Draft Kings Points: 33.54

Busch missed the 2015 Daytona 500 while he was under suspension for alleged domestic abuse. He was coming off back-to-back top-10s in the Coke Zero 400 the previous summer and the Geico 500 at Talladega that fall. He finished 12th in his next plate race, then strung together four more top-10s that included a 10th in last year Daytona 500. Busch finished 23rd the next time he rolled into Daytona, but that was not at all indicative of how he ran. He was running fourth exiting turn four when he was spun by Logano. He rebounded to finish fourth in the next Daytona race last summer, which means he would have a current nine-race,

top-10 streak going if not for that slight contact.

## 8. Martin Truex Jr.

Yahoo! Group: A  
NASCAR.com Cap: \$27.25  
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/23  
Top-fives: 1 (.043)  
Top-10s: 3 (.130)  
Last 3 Years  
Current Track: 22.5  
Yahoo! Points: 52.00  
NASCAR.com Points: 16.20  
Avg. Last 6 races ^  
Cup results: 22.83  
Draft Kings Points: 26.21

Going strictly by his Daytona career numbers, Truex wouldn't come within a mile of being included in the top 10. NASCAR is not only about history, however; it is also about current momentum. Truex has only one top-five and three top-10s to his credit on this track. All three of these came in the Daytona 500—including last year's second-place finish

by the closest margin in the history of the sport.

Two years ago he finished eighth. Accidents in the last two Coke Zero 400s sent him home outside the top 25. If Truex is able to stay out of trouble on Sunday, he will easily score another solid finish, so the real decision will come down to how he fits on individual rosters.

## 9. Brad Keselowski

Yahoo! Group: A  
NASCAR.com Cap: \$26.50  
Wins at Track/Attempts: 1/16  
Top-fives: 3 (.188)  
Top-10s: 4 (.250)  
Last 3 Years  
Current Track: 18.67  
Yahoo! Points: 61.33  
NASCAR.com Points: 46.80  
Avg. Last 6 races ^  
Cup results: 23.50  
Draft Kings Points: 12.96

Soon after joining Penske Rac-

Top-fives and Top-10s					
By Car Owner, Last Three Years					
Owner	Attempts	Top-5s		Top-10s	
Roger Penske	12	4	33%	5	42%
Joe Gibbs	22	7	32%	9	41%
Rick Hendrick	24	7	29%	9	38%
Tony Stewart	24	5	21%	7	29%
Germain Bros	6	1	17%	3	50%
Barney Visser	6	1	17%	2	33%
Jack Roush	18	2	11%	7	39%
Michael Waltrip	11	1	9%	4	36%
Petty Enterprises	12	1	8%	2	17%
Richard Childress	20	1	5%	6	30%
Bob Leavine	6			2	33%
Chip Ganassi	12			2	17%
Tommy Baldwin	8			1	13%
Harry Scott	10			1	10%
BK Racing	17				
Front Row Motorsports	17				
Frank Stoddard	6				
Jay Robinson	6				
Tad Geschickter	6				
Michael Hillman	5				
Wood Bros	5				
Curtis Key	3				
Mike Curb	3				
Joe Falk	2				
Robby Benton	2				
Swan Racing	2				
Joe Nemechek	1				
Johnathan Cohen	1				
MSRP Motorsports	1				
Randy Humphrey	1				
Wayne Press	1				

ing, Keselowski rattled off three top-10s in four races from 2012 through 2014. He had already established himself as a master of Talladega with an early victory, but this track is narrower and that got Kez into trouble too often. He sustained crash damage in his first six Daytona starts. In fact, he was banged about a bit the first two times he scored top-10s, but he learned to minimize the damage. Last year, he avoided trouble in both races but was shuffled back in the 500. He won the Coke Zero 400 and now that he has tasted the champagne in Victory Lane, he is likely to want more.

### 10. Clint Bowyer

Yahoo! Group: B  
NASCAR.com Cap: \$15.00  
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/22  
Top-fives: 3 (.273)  
Top-10s: 11 (.500)  
Last 3 Years  
Current Track: 18.33  
Yahoo! Points: 60.33  
NASCAR.com Points: 23.50  
Avg. Last 6 races ^  
Cup results: 24.00  
Draft Kings Points: 39.92

Bowyer has long been one of the best choices on plate tracks. In strong equipment, he is capable of winning, which he has done twice at Talladega in a Richard Childress Racing car. In mid-range equipment, he was still able to hang with the leaders and he scored three results of 11th or better in 2013 and then three top-10s each in the next two seasons. In modest equipment, he nabbed two top-10s last year. That suggests the driver is the one making the difference. In 2017, Bowyer has looked confident and fast in Tony Stew-

art's old ride and he should easily be able to score a top-10.

### 11. Kyle Larson

Yahoo! Group: B  
NASCAR.com Cap: \$25.75  
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/6  
Top-fives: 0 (.000)  
Top-10s: 2 (.333)  
Last 3 Years  
Current Track: 26.67  
Yahoo! Points: 38.67  
NASCAR.com Points: 13.10  
Avg. Last 6 races ^  
Cup results: 11.67  
Draft Kings Points: 49.17

In his first two years of competition, Larson earned only one top-15 in eight restrictor-plate, superspeedway starts. He ran well enough, but something often happened. In five of those eight races, he was slowed by crash damage. He managed to stay out of trouble

for most of last year and finally got the results he deserved with three top-10s; two of these came at Daytona—and one of them was earned despite suffering some damage. Larson got banged up in last week's Clash and that could either indicate that his luck has turned bad again. Alternatively, it could mean that he already suffered all the ill-fortune he is going to.

### 12. Chase Elliott

Yahoo! Group: B  
NASCAR.com Cap: \$26.25  
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/2  
Top-fives: 0 (.000)  
Top-10s: 0 (.000)  
Last 3 Years  
Current Track: 34.50  
Yahoo! Points: 28.00  
NASCAR.com Points: -12.25  
Avg. Last 6 races ^  
Cup results: 13.17  
Draft Kings Points: 30.75

Elliott finished seventh in the Advance Auto Parts Clash last Sunday, but at least he made it to the finish line without damage. And, lest reader think this is a snarky comment it should be noted that was Elliott's observation on pit road afterward. Elliott's average points earned in the NASCAR.com Fantasy Live game might best illustrate his challenges on this course with a negative 12.25 in two races. Much of that came as the result of a 36-point place-differential loss last year in the Daytona 500 after he led the field to green.

This year, he won the pole for the second consecutive year and that might not be good news for owners in

3 Year Avg. Finish on Plate Tracks			
Rank	Driver	Avg.	Attempts
1	Denny Hamlin	11.00	12
2	Austin Dillon	11.67	12
3	Kurt Busch	12.36	12
4	Kevin Harvick	13.50	12
5	Joey Logano	13.67	12
6	Clint Bowyer	14.92	12
7	Dale Earnhardt Jr	16.00	11
8	Kyle Busch	16.40	11
9	Ryan Newman	17.08	12
10	Brad Keselowski	18.00	12
11	Jimmie Johnson	18.08	12
12	Paul Menard	19.42	12
13	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	19.42	12
14	Aric Almirola	19.50	12
15	Ryan Blaney	20.13	8
16	Martin Truex Jr	20.33	12
17	AJ Allmendinger	20.75	12
18	Chase Elliott	21.50	4
19	Matt Kenseth	22.25	12
20	Landon Cassill	22.75	12
21	Jamie McMurray	22.83	12
22	Cole Whitt	23.00	11
23	Kyle Larson	23.92	12
24	Kasey Kahne	24.08	12
25	Michael Waltrip	24.22	9
26	Danica Patrick	24.92	12
27	Trevor Bayne	25.25	12
28	Ty Dillon	26.50	3
29	Michael McDowell	26.73	11
30	David Ragan	26.75	12
31	Reed Sorenson	28.88	8
32	Matt DiBenedetto	31.43	7
33	Chris Buescher	32.40	5
34	Brendan Gaughan	34.00	2

games that have this mechanism as a scoring option.

Richard Childress Racing's alliance with Germain Racing is going to make this team a

better value than they would otherwise be. In the past they have massively improved the

## SLEEPERS

### 13. Daniel Suarez

Yahoo! Group: C  
NASCAR.com Cap: \$18.00  
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/0  
Top-fives: 0 (.000)  
Top-10s: 0 (.000)  
Last 3 Years  
Current Track: NA  
Yahoo! Points: NA  
NASCAR.com Points: NA  
Avg. Last 6 races ^  
Cup results: NA  
Draft Kings Points: NA

Everyone was surprised when Carl Edwards decided to step away from NASCAR. Undoubtedly, that included Suarez who suddenly found himself in the role of assuming one of the best cars in the field. He has no excuses for bad finishes and there will be no way to hide from the limelight.

The situation is similar to what Logano faced when Stewart made the decision to leave Joe Gibbs Racing with a year remaining on his contract. Suarez is going to have a few bumps along the way, but he is liable to win Rookie of the Year honors. So far in 2017 Speedweeks, he seems to be doing just fine and has not made any mistakes worth noting.

### 17. Ty Dillon

Yahoo! Group: C  
NASCAR.com Cap: 0/2  
Wins at Track/Attempts: \$12.00  
Top-fives: 0 (.000)  
Top-10s: 0 (.000)  
Last 3 Years  
Current Track: 26.50  
Yahoo! Points: 39.00  
NASCAR.com Points: 12.50  
Avg. Last 6 races ^  
Cup results: 33.00  
Draft Kings Points: 12.00

### Track Sweeps (Drivers Sweeping Top-5, -10, and -15s in a season)

Track	top-5s	10s	15s
2016 Michigan	4	7	10
2016 Texas	3	7	11
2016 Road Courses	3	5	9
2016 Phoenix	2	6	7
2016 Kansas	2	5	10
2016 Richmond	1	7	10
2016 Dover	2	5	8
2016 Martinsville	2	4	9
2016 New Hampshire	2	3	8
2016 Charlotte	1	5	7
2016 Pocono	1	4	9
2016 Daytona	1	4	6
2016 Bristol	0	3	6
2016 Talladega	0	2	6

### Previous Seasons

2015 Road Courses	4	7	11
2015 Texas	3	8	9
2012 New Hampshire	3	7	13
2015 Daytona	4	5	7
2014 Dover	3	6	11
2013 Martinsville	3	6	10
2014 Michigan	2	8	10
2011 Pocono	3	6	9
2012 Charlotte	3	5	10
2011 Texas	3	5	10
2013 Pocono	2	7	10
2014 Phoenix	3	5	9
2010 Pocono	3	5	8
2010 Phoenix	2	6	11
2012 Phoenix	2	6	9
2011 Richmond	2	6	9
2013 Dover	2	6	8
2012 Talladega	2	6	7
2011 Kansas	2	5	11
2011 Dover	1	7	11
2015 Dover	2	5	10
2015 Michigan	2	5	9
2012 Texas	2	5	9
2015 Kansas	2	5	8
2014 Charlotte	2	5	8
2013 Road Courses	2	5	8
2010 Richmond	1	6	13
2011 Road Courses	1	6	12
2013 New Hampshire	1	6	11
2012 Kansas	2	4	10
2013 Michigan	1	6	10
2014 Richmond	2	4	9
2014 Martinsville	2	4	9
2012 Michigan	2	4	9
2012 Daytona	2	4	7
2013 Daytona	1	3	6
2010 Daytona	1	3	6
2011 Daytona	0	3	7
2014 Daytona	0	3	5



results of Joe Falk and the Leavine Family teams when they wanted to put one of their developmental drivers behind the wheel. They seemed to essentially take over and completely run the show on those weekends. That will not be possible for all 36 races this year with the satellite team, but since Dillon is Childress' grandson it is not hard to imagine that the support is going to be significant. Ty has not yet broken into the top 20 in two Daytona starts, but he finished seventh in relief of Stewart last year at Talladega.

## 21. Michael Waltrip

Yahoo! Group: C  
NASCAR.com Cap: \$12.50  
Wins at Track/Attempts: 3/56  
Top-fives: 7 (.125)  
Top-10s: 15 (.268)  
Last 3 Years  
Current Track: 29.00  
Yahoo! Points: 39.00  
NASCAR.com Points: 22.00  
Avg. Last 6 races ^  
Cup results: NA  
Draft Kings Points: NA

Experience counts in the draft and no one has more than Waltrip. He will make his final Cup start this week and his 56th start at Daytona. He failed to advance out of his qualification race in 2012, but rebounded to finish ninth that July. He was fifth in the next year's 500. He has three wins on this track; the most recent of these came more than a decade ago in 2003, but

some plate track skills are muscle memory. Waltrip should know how to stay out of trouble, but he also knows how to be aggressive at the appropriate time. So long as he does not get those two confused, he should be a decent value this week. Best yet, fantasy players don't have to worry one bit about utilizing an allocation because he has no plans to return to the track.

## 22. Michael McDowell

Yahoo! Group: C  
NASCAR.com Cap: \$9.50  
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/14  
Top-fives: 0 (.000) / Top-10s: 3 (.214)  
Last 3 Years  
Current Track: 21.60  
Yahoo! Points: 60.50  
NASCAR.com Points: 40.83  
Avg. Last 6 races ^  
Cup results: 20.50  
Draft Kings Points: 32.75

With one Daytona race off so that a rent-a-driver could run the No. 95, McDowell has been with this team since the beginning of 2014. He failed to advance out of his heat race that year, but came back to finish seventh in the Coke Zero 400. His only start the next year was the Daytona 500 and he did not finish well. Last year he swept the top 15 in both races on this track. Notably, he started 39th before finishing 15th in the 500 and moved up 27 spots to 10th in the 400. For a modest price tag in all games, he might be the best value available this week. Unfortunately, there is a downside to that. He is a good differentiator and if he gets swept into a crash and

someone else's dark horse survives, McDowell could cost you the win.

## 28. Danica Patrick

Yahoo! Group: B  
NASCAR.com Cap: \$13.00  
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/9  
Top-fives: 0 (.000)  
Top-10s: 2 (.222)  
Last 3 Years  
Current Track: 27.67  
Yahoo! Points: 38.33  
NASCAR.com Points: 3.10  
Avg. Last 6 races ^  
Cup results: 22.33  
Draft Kings Points: 24.58

Patrick's earliest success came at Daytona. She won the pole for the 500 as a rookie and unlike Elliott from last year, she stayed out of trouble for the entire night. In the late stages of the race, she had a shot at a top-five, but got shuffled slightly and finished eighth on the final lap of the 2013 Daytona

Laps in Top-10 at Daytona (L 3Yrs)				
Rank	Driver	Laps	%	Possible Laps
1	Denny Hamlin	753	72.6%	1,037
2	Dale Earnhardt Jr	621	59.9%	1,037
3	Joey Logano	611	58.9%	1,037
4	Kyle Busch	480	57.6%	834
5	Jimmie Johnson	549	52.9%	1,037
6	Kurt Busch	440	52.8%	834
7	Kasey Kahne	483	46.6%	1,037
8	Brad Keselowski	436	42.0%	1,037
9	Martin Truex Jr	423	40.8%	1,037
10	Kevin Harvick	368	35.5%	1,037
11	Austin Dillon	338	32.6%	1,037
12	Matt Kenseth	326	31.4%	1,037
13	Ryan Blaney	171	30.3%	564
14	Jamie McMurray	311	30.0%	1,037
15	Paul Menard	289	27.9%	1,037
16	Kyle Larson	239	23.0%	1,037
17	Clint Bowyer	212	20.4%	1,037
18	Ty Dillon	74	18.4%	403
19	Aric Almirola	183	17.6%	1,037
20	Trevor Bayne	149	14.4%	1,037
21	David Ragan	136	13.1%	1,037
22	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	133	12.8%	1,037
23	Reed Sorenson	71	10.5%	676
24	Chris Buescher	37	10.2%	361
25	Chase Elliott	36	10.0%	361
26	Landon Cassill	101	9.7%	1,037
27	Danica Patrick	75	7.2%	1,037
28	Michael McDowell	37	5.5%	676
29	Ryan Newman	23	2.7%	837
30	Cole Whitt	21	2.5%	837
31	AJ Allmendinger	23	2.2%	1,037
32	Michael Waltrip	12	1.7%	715
33	Matt DiBenedetto	4	0.8%	522
34	Brendan Gaughan	-	0.0%	161
35	Jeb Burton	-	0.0%	267
36	Matt DiBenedetto	-	0.0%	267



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500. She has not come as close to hitting that mark since, but did get another eighth in the rain-shortened Coke Zero 400 in 2014. Patrick has looked good so far in this year's Speedweeks. She was side-by-side with Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s No. 88 (with Bowman behind the wheel) and Busch's No 18 in The Clash for a top-five finish. Granted, the field started with only 17 cars and several were eliminated by accidents, but she stayed out of trouble and that is all that could be asked.

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### 16. Jimmie Johnson

Yahoo! Group: A  
NASCAR.com Cap: \$27.50  
Wins at Track/Attempts: 3/30

Top-fives: 11 (.367)  
Top-10s: 14 (.467)  
Last 3 Years  
Current Track: 17.50  
Yahoo! Points: 63.67  
NASCAR.com Points: 45.40  
Avg. Last 6 races ^  
Cup results: 13.00  
Draft Kings Points: 46.92

Last year the Hendrick Motorsports cars battled a loose condition that caused Elliott and Earnhardt to spin by themselves. When Johnson lurched sideways in The Clash on Sunday—not once, but twice—it looked exactly like what his teammates faced in 2016. There is something in their setup that is putting them in jeopardy. And while Elliott had the pole this week to recommend him and Earnhardt is—well, Earnhardt—Johnson is too big a risk in a race that

is often little more than a lottery. Save him for a track on which he will be more predictable.

### 20. Erik Jones

Yahoo! Group: C  
NASCAR.com Cap: \$19.00  
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/0  
Top-fives: 0 (.000)  
Top-10s: 0 (.000)  
Last 3 Years  
Current Track: NA  
Yahoo! Points: NA  
NASCAR.com Points: NA  
Avg. Last 6 races ^  
Cup results: NA  
Draft Kings Points: NA

Jones and Suarez are the two most likely contenders for Rookie of the Year honors. Fantasy players and fans can expect the same kind of back and forth battle that Elliott and Ryan Blaney had last year. They might not earn as many top-10s as the No. 24, but the competition will be fierce. It will pay to remember that there are 32 races in the season on tracks other than the restrictor-plate, superspeedways. With the possible

exception of the road courses, those other tracks are all going to be much more predictable and Jones is going to increase in value as the season progresses.

### 23. Matt Kenseth

Yahoo! Group: A  
NASCAR.com Cap: \$26.75  
Wins at Track/Attempts: 2/34  
Top-fives: 6 (.176)  
Top-10s: 14 (.412)  
Last 3 Years  
Current Track: 21.00  
Yahoo! Points: 55.00  
NASCAR.com Points: 19.10  
Avg. Last 6 races ^  
Cup results: 12.67  
Draft Kings Points: 50.17

Kenseth has two Daytona 500 wins; the most recent of these came in 2012 while he was still racing for Jack Roush. Since joining Gibbs five years ago, he has not been nearly as

strong with only two more top-15s and no top-10s to his credit in eight races. Despite finishing sixth once and 14th once, his average in the past four years is a disappointing 25th.

The good news is that he was on his way to a solid result in last year's edition of this race; the bad news is that he was bumped and almost wrecked on the final lap by his teammate Hamlin. With friends like that...

## 25. Jamie McMurray

Yahoo! Group: B  
NASCAR.com Cap: \$21.00  
Wins at Track/Attempts: 2/28  
Top-fives: 3 (.107) / Top-10s: 5 (.179)  
Last 3 Years  
Current Track: 22.83  
Yahoo! Points: 48.00  
NASCAR.com Points: 18.40  
Avg. Last 6 races ^  
Cup results: 16.50  
Draft Kings Points: 28.33

McMurray will forever be known as a Daytona 500 winner. In his first race back with Chip Ganassi after a four-year stint at Roush Racing, he won his first career 500 and second Daytona race. While the notoriety remains, he has not been able to follow up on that in his last 13 starts. Since that most recent victory, he has earned only one more top-10 and just a handful of top-15s. McMurray can blame his poor performance on accidents; in those 13 races, he has sustained crash damage 11 times including a DNF last summer 91 laps in.

## 30. Ryan Newman

Yahoo! Group: B

NASCAR.com Cap: \$18.00  
Wins at Track/Attempts: 1/30  
Top-fives: 4 (.133) / Top-10s: 7 (.233)  
Last 3 Years  
Current Track: 20.17  
Yahoo! Points: 55.00  
NASCAR.com Points: 30.50  
Avg. Last 6 races ^  
Cup results: 14.83  
Draft Kings Points: 28.58

Like McMurray, Newman has been a part of his share of Daytona crash highlight reels. His bad luck has lasted much longer, however, and dates back to the first race after his only win. Newman scored the 2008 Daytona 500 victory and then lost 13 laps to crash damage that summer. Since then, he has sustained some damage in 11 of 16 races, including last year's Coke Zero 400. He held on to finish 18th that night, but that is a lot like playing Russian Roulette at 200 mile per hour.

Avg. Start at Daytona			
Rank	Driver	Avg. Start	Attempts
1	Dale Earnhardt Jr	6.50	6
2	Ryan Blaney	10.33	3
3	Matt Kenseth	12.00	6
4	Kasey Kahne	12.17	6
5	Chase Elliott	12.50	2
6	Austin Dillon	13.83	6
7	Jimmie Johnson	14.17	6
8	Martin Truex Jr	15.67	6
9	Kyle Busch	16.67	6
10	Trevor Bayne	19.50	6
11	Jamie McMurray	19.50	6
12	Joey Logano	19.50	6
13	Kurt Busch	19.67	6
14	Landon Cassill	19.67	6
15	Paul Menard	20.00	6
16	Kyle Larson	20.67	6
17	Chris Buescher	21.00	2
18	Kevin Harvick	21.00	6
19	Clint Bowyer	21.33	6
20	Ty Dillon	21.50	2
21	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	22.50	6
22	Denny Hamlin	23.00	6
23	Ryan Newman	23.17	6
24	Danica Patrick	23.50	6
25	Reed Sorenson	23.50	5
26	AJ Allmendinger	23.67	6
27	Aric Almirola	24.17	6
28	Cole Whitt	24.60	6
29	David Ragan	25.67	6
30	Brad Keselowski	26.67	6
31	Michael McDowell	31.50	5
32	Matt DiBenedetto	32.33	3
33	Michael Waltrip	38.25	4

## Other Drivers

### 14. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.

Yahoo! Group: B  
NASCAR.com Cap: \$14.00  
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/9  
Top-fives: 1 (.111)  
Top-10s: 2 (.222)  
Last 3 Years  
Current Track: 20.50  
Yahoo! Points: 51.17  
NASCAR.com Points: 36.40  
Avg. Last 6 races ^  
Cup results: 22.17  
Draft Kings Points: 21.08

### 15. Ryan Blaney

Yahoo! Group: B  
NASCAR.com Cap: \$20.00  
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/3  
Top-fives: 0 (.000)  
Top-10s: 0 (.000)  
Last 3 Years  
Current Track: 24.00  
Yahoo! Points: 44.00  
NASCAR.com Points: 6.50  
Avg. Last 6 races ^  
Cup results: 15.00  
Draft Kings Points: 27.21

### 18. Trevor Bayne

Yahoo! Group: B  
NASCAR.com Cap: \$17.00  
Wins at Track/Attempts: 1/12  
Top-fives: 2 (.167)  
Top-10s: 3 (.250)  
Last 3 Years  
Current Track: 23.50  
Yahoo! Points: 46.67  
NASCAR.com Points: 21.90  
Avg. Last 6 races ^  
Cup results: 22.50  
Draft Kings Points: 22.58

### 19. Aric Almirola

Yahoo! Group: B  
NASCAR.com Cap: \$12.50  
Wins at Track/Attempts: 1/12  
Top-fives: 1 (.083)  
Top-10s: 1 (.083)  
Last 3 Years  
Current Track: 19.33  
Yahoo! Points: 56.67  
NASCAR.com Points: 24.90  
Avg. Last 6 races ^  
Cup results: 24.50  
Draft Kings Points: 20.50

### 24. AJ Allmendinger

Yahoo! Group: B  
NASCAR.com Cap: \$16.00  
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/18  
Top-fives: 1 (.056) / Top-10s: 2 (.111)  
Last 3 Years  
Current Track: 24.00  
Yahoo! Points: 47.33  
NASCAR.com Points: 29.30  
Avg. Last 6 races ^  
Cup results: 11.67  
Draft Kings Points: 37.13



Season to Date Grid										
Driver	Starts	Wins	Top-5s	Top-10s	Avg Fin	Start	Laps	Poles	DNFs	DNQs
Kevin Harvick	36	4	17	27	9.92	11.75	10,215	1	3	
Joey Logano	36	3	16	26	10.53	8.08	10,160	3	3	
Kyle Busch	36	4	17	25	11.47	9.56	9,925	2	5	
Brad Keselowski	36	4	16	22	11.47	9.58	10,337	1	3	
Denny Hamlin	36	3	12	22	11.75	6.25	10,158	1	4	
Kurt Busch	36	1	9	21	12.03	12.08	10,348	2	2	
Matt Kenseth	36	2	8	19	13.75	9.56	10,197	1	4	
Carl Edwards	36	3	9	18	13.86	7.17	10,303	6	6	
Jeff Gordon	8			2	13.88	16.38	2,571			
Martin Truex Jr	36	4	8	17	13.89	9.11	10,199	4	4	
Jimmie Johnson	36	5	11	16	13.97	12.06	10,231	1	4	
Chase Elliott	36		10	17	14.58	11.33	10,243	2	2	
Kyle Larson	36	1	10	15	14.72	15.53	10,271		2	
Dale Earnhardt Jr	18		5	6	15.56	16.33	4,861		4	
Kasey Kahne	36		3	13	15.64	16.69	10,355		2	
Ryan Newman	36		2	10	15.67	14.06	10,215		3	
Jamie McMurray	36		2	12	15.81	16.56	10,198		2	
Austin Dillon	36		4	13	15.89	14.03	10,276	2	3	
AJ Allmendinger	36		2	9	17.81	17.17	9,947		4	
David Gilliland	2				18.00	33.50	349			2
Tony Stewart	28	1	5	8	18.32	14.75	7,314		4	
Ryan Blaney	36		3	9	18.50	14.89	10,018		2	
Ricky Stenhouse Jr	36		4	6	19.58	17.36	9,574		5	
Alex Bowman	10			3	19.70	12.30	2,470	1	1	
Trevor Bayne	36		2	5	19.89	20.44	10,260		2	
Michael Waltrip	2				21.00	34.50	388			
Greg Biffle	36		1	3	21.56	20.19	10,046	1	7	
Paul Menard	36			3	22.03	19.53	9,769		6	
Danica Patrick	36				22.03	25.14	10,326		3	
Aric Almirola	36			1	23.31	23.89	9,747		6	
Clint Bowyer	36			3	23.61	30.69	10,252		2	
Brian Vickers	5			1	23.80	15.40	1,452		1	
Ty Dillon	11				24.00	27.09	3,212		2	
Boris Said	1				24.00	37.00	90			
Michael McDowell	31			2	24.55	28.81	8,965		2	
Casey Mears	36				25.61	24.28	9,964		3	
Ryan Reed	1				26.00	18.00	192			
Chris Buescher	36	1	2	2	26.08	26.25	9,993		4	
Bobby Labonte	4				26.25	32.25	740			
Landon Cassill	36				26.31	31.61	10,286		1	
Brian Scott	36		1	1	27.69	28.31	9,865		5	
Regan Smith	35		1	2	28.26	31.09	9,598		6	
David Ragan	36				28.56	30.67	9,922		5	
Matt DiBenedetto	35			1	30.00	30.43	8,993		10	
Cole Whitt	26				30.46	35.31	6,431		6	2
Michael Annett	35				31.69	36.97	9,451		5	
Jeb Burton	2				32.50	38.00	275			
Dylan Lupton	4				32.50	38.25	1,256			
Jeffrey Earnhardt	22				33.82	38.05	6,927		2	
Reed Sorenson	28				33.93	37.46	7,694		4	1
Timmy Hill	1				34.00	36.00	386			
DJ Kennington	1				35.00	39.00	316			
Josh Wise	28				35.00	38.21	6,970		8	3
Patrick Carpentier	2				35.50	37.00	272			
Joey Gase	6				35.50	38.17	1,846			
Ryan Ellis	4				36.00	37.00	1,112			
Alex Kennedy	1				36.00	36.00	76		1	
Gray Gaulding	2				38.00	36.50	656		2	1

## 26. Paul Menard

Yahoo! Group: B

NASCAR.com Cap: \$15.00

Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/21

Top-fives: 0 (.000) / Top-10s: 3 (.143)

Last 3 Years

Current Track: 23.83

Yahoo! Points: 46.00

NASCAR.com Points: 15.60

Avg. Last 6 races ^

Cup results: 18.33

Draft Kings Points: 24.92

## 27. Kasey Kahne

Yahoo! Group: B

NASCAR.com Cap: \$22.00  
 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/26  
 Top-fives: 2 (.077)  
 Top-10s: 8 (.308)  
 Last 3 Years  
 Current Track: 23.67  
 Yahoo! Points: 48.00  
 NASCAR.com Points: 9.80  
 Avg. Last 6 races ^  
 Cup results: 19.00  
 Draft Kings Points: 33.25

### 29. David Ragan

Yahoo! Group: C  
 NASCAR.com Cap: \$6.00  
 Wins at Track/Attempts: 1/20  
 Top-fives: 3 (.150)  
 Top-10s: 4 (.200)  
 Last 3 Years  
 Current Track: 21.67  
 Yahoo! Points: 53.67  
 NASCAR.com Points: 30.20  
 Avg. Last 6 races ^  
 Cup results: 31.67  
 Draft Kings Points: 13.54

### 31. Cole Whitt

Yahoo! Group: C  
 NASCAR.com Cap: \$5.00  
 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/6  
 Top-fives: 0 (.000) / Top-10s: 0 (.000)  
 Last 3 Years  
 Current Track: 27.33  
 Yahoo! Points: 44.00  
 NASCAR.com Points: 27.25  
 Avg. Last 6 races ^  
 Cup results: 33.00  
 Draft Kings Points: 14.00

### 32. Chris Buescher

Yahoo! Group: B  
 NASCAR.com Cap: \$9.00  
 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/2  
 Top-fives: 0 (.000)  
 Top-10s: 0 (.000)  
 Last 3 Years  
 Current Track: 39.50  
 Yahoo! Points: 13.00  
 NASCAR.com Points: -15.50  
 Avg. Last 6 races ^  
 Cup results: 24.50  
 Draft Kings Points: 25.33

### 33. Landon Cassill

Yahoo! Group: C  
 NASCAR.com Cap: \$7.50  
 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/10  
 Top-fives: 0 (.000)  
 Top-10s: 0 (.000)  
 Last 3 Years  
 Current Track: 25.50  
 Yahoo! Points: 43.17  
 NASCAR.com Points: 18.60  
 Avg. Last 6 races ^  
 Cup results: 24.50  
 Draft Kings Points: 30.50

### 34. Brendan Gaughan

Yahoo! Group: C  
 NASCAR.com Cap: \$5.50

Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/3  
 Top-fives: 0 (.000)  
 Top-10s: 0 (.000)  
 Last 3 Years  
 Current Track: NA  
 Yahoo! Points: NA  
 NASCAR.com Points: NA  
 Avg. Last 6 races ^  
 Cup results: NA  
 Draft Kings Points: NA

### 35. Elliott Sadler

Yahoo! Group: C  
 NASCAR.com Cap: \$5.00  
 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/25  
 Top-fives: 4 (.160) / Top-10s: 9 (.360)  
 Last 3 Years  
 Current Track: NA  
 Yahoo! Points: NA  
 NASCAR.com Points: NA  
 Avg. Last 6 races ^  
 Cup results: NA  
 Draft Kings Points: NA

### 36. Joey Gase

Yahoo! Group: C  
 NASCAR.com Cap: \$5.00  
 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/0  
 Top-fives: 0 (.000)  
 Top-10s: 0 (.000)  
 Last 3 Years  
 Current Track: NA  
 Yahoo! Points: NA  
 NASCAR.com Points: NA  
 Avg. Last 6 races ^  
 Cup results: NA  
 Draft Kings Points: NA

### 37. Jeffrey Earnhardt

Yahoo! Group: C  
 NASCAR.com Cap: \$5.00

Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/0  
 Top-fives: 0 (.000)  
 Top-10s: 0 (.000)  
 Last 3 Years  
 Current Track: NA  
 Yahoo! Points: NA  
 NASCAR.com Points: NA  
 Avg. Last 6 races ^  
 Cup results: NA  
 Draft Kings Points: NA

### 38. Matt DiBenedetto

Yahoo! Group: C  
 NASCAR.com Cap: \$7.00  
 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/3  
 Top-fives: 0 (.000)  
 Top-10s: 0 (.000)  
 Last 3 Years  
 Current Track: 33.00  
 Yahoo! Points: 29.33  
 NASCAR.com Points: 8.67  
 Avg. Last 6 races ^  
 Cup results: 27.00  
 Draft Kings Points: 22.40

### 39. Reed Sorenson

Yahoo! Group: C  
 NASCAR.com Cap: \$5.00  
 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/15  
 Top-fives: 1 (.067) / Top-10s: 3 (.200)  
 Last 3 Years  
 Current Track: 29.20  
 Yahoo! Points: 44.33  
 NASCAR.com Points: 28.50  
 Avg. Last 6 races ^  
 Cup results: 38.33  
 Draft Kings Points: NA

### 40. Corey Lajoie

Yahoo! Group: C  
 NASCAR.com Cap: \$5.50



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Last Six Races (Sorted by Avg. Finish)								
Driver	Starts	Wins	Top-5s	Top-10s	DNFs	Avg. Fin	Avg. Start	Top 10 laps
Joey Logano	6	2	5	6		3.33	7.17	1,724
Jeff Gordon	1			1		6.00	10.00	364
Kevin Harvick	6	1	3	5		6.83	10.67	1,311
Denny Hamlin	6		2	5		7.67	8.17	1,235
Kyle Busch	6		4	5		8.83	12.83	1,346
Kyle Larson	6		2	3		11.67	15.00	838
AJ Allmendinger	6			4		11.67	15.00	780
Matt Kenseth	6		1	4		12.67	7.50	1,674
Kurt Busch	6		2	2		12.83	13.83	325
Jimmie Johnson	6	2	3	3		13.00	15.17	1,385
Chase Elliott	6		1	2		13.17	6.83	1,248
Ryan Newman	6			1	1	14.83	13.00	499
Ryan Blaney	6			1		15.00	11.83	343
Alex Bowman	5			2		15.60	12.00	576
Jamie McMurray	6		1	2		16.50	16.50	611
Greg Biffle	6					17.33	20.33	104
Paul Menard	6			1		18.33	16.33	32
Kasey Kahne	6			2	1	19.00	23.67	527
Austin Dillon	6			2	1	20.00	13.00	759
Carl Edwards	6	1	2	2	1	20.17	8.83	1,235
Michael McDowell	6			1		20.50	29.50	19
Ricky Stenhouse Jr	6		1	1	2	22.17	20.33	5
Danica Patrick	6					22.33	23.50	36
Trevor Bayne	6					22.50	22.67	14
Brian Scott	6		1	1		22.67	29.33	5
Martin Truex Jr	6		1	2	3	22.83	10.67	1,233
Brad Keselowski	6		1	1	3	23.50	8.17	1,221
Tony Stewart	6					23.67	16.67	221
Clint Bowyer	6					24.00	31.50	62
Aric Almirola	6			1	1	24.50	25.00	6
Chris Buescher	6					24.50	29.83	55
Landon Cassill	6					24.50	32.00	10
Ryan Reed	1					26.00	18.00	
Casey Mears	6				2	26.33	23.50	17
Matt DiBenedetto	5					27.00	30.40	8
Regan Smith	6				1	29.17	28.67	19
Michael Annett	6					31.00	37.83	5
Bobby Labonte	1					31.00	38.00	
David Ragan	6					31.67	30.50	4
Ty Dillon	1				1	33.00	34.00	9
Jeffrey Earnhardt	5					33.00	36.60	2
Cole Whitt	1					33.00	36.00	-
DJ Kennington	1					35.00	39.00	-
Dylan Lupton	2					35.00	38.00	-
Reed Sorenson	6					35.33	33.00	-
Joey Gase	2					35.50	38.50	-
Ryan Ellis	1					38.00	35.00	-
Gray Gaulding	3				2	38.67	36.50	-
Josh Wise	2				2	39.50	40.00	-
David Gilliland	1					41.00		

NASCAR.com Cap: \$5.00  
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/0  
Top-fives: 0 (.000)  
Top-10s: 0 (.000)  
Last 3 Years  
Current Track: NA  
Yahoo! Points: NA  
NASCAR.com Points: NA  
Avg. Last 6 races ^  
Cup results: NA  
Draft Kings Points: NA

^ The last six races average is from the last six races of this season; the driver may not have run in all of those events. This statistic and the average finish for the last three years include failures to qualify (DNQ) as if they were actually finishes; i.e. the first non-qualifier is credited with a 44th-place finish. This is true for the statistics at all levels of the game, but is more like to skew the numbers in Group C where DNQs are a more frequent way of life.

### Number of Top-10s Backed up With Another (2016)

This is the number of times in 2016 that a driver backed up one top-

10 with another finish of 10th or better:

Kevin Harvick: 18 (27)  
Kyle Busch: 17 (26)  
Joey Logano: 17 (26)  
Brad Keselowski: 15 (22)  
Denny Hamlin: 14 (22)  
Kurt Busch: 12 (20)  
Matt Kenseth: 10 (19)  
Carl Edwards: 9 (18)

Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/0  
Top-fives: 0 (.000) / Top-10s: 0 (.000)  
Last 3 Years  
Current Track: NA  
Yahoo! Points: NA  
NASCAR.com Points: NA  
Avg. Last 6 races ^  
Cup results: NA  
Draft Kings Points: NA

### 41. DJ Kennington

Yahoo! Group: C  
NASCAR.com Cap: \$5.00

Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/0  
Top-fives: 0 (.000)  
Top-10s: 0 (.000)  
Last 3 Years  
Current Track: NA  
Yahoo! Points: NA  
NASCAR.com Points: NA  
Avg. Last 6 races ^  
Cup results: 35.00  
Draft Kings Points: NA

### 42. Timmy Hill

Yahoo! Group: C





Track Type: Superspeedway  
Track Size: 2.5 Miles  
Banking/Corners: 31 degrees  
Banking/Straights: 3 degrees  
Banking/Tri-Oval: 18 degrees  
Race Length: 200 laps/500 miles  
Stage 1 Length: 150 miles (60 laps)  
Stage 2 Length: 150 miles (60 laps)  
Final Stage Length: 200 miles (80 laps)

## 3 Things to Know

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Most laps led in the Daytona 500  
(Denny Hamlin, 2016)

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Drivers who posted their  
career-first Cup Series victory  
with a win in the Daytona 500

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Manufacturers that have won  
the Daytona 500

- Carol D'Agostino, Skirtsandscuffs.com

Chase Elliott: 9 (17)  
Martin Truex Jr.: 7 (17)  
Jimmie Johnson: 7 (16)  
Kasey Kahne: 4 (13)  
Kyle Larson: 4 (15)  
Austin Dillon: 3 (13)  
Jamie McMurray: 3 (12)  
Ryan Blaney: 3 (9)  
Tony Stewart\*: 3 (8)  
AJ Allmendinger: 3 (9)  
Dale Earnhardt Jr.: 3 (6)  
Greg Biffle: 2 (3)  
Ryan Newman: 1 (10)  
Jeff Gordon: 1 (2)  
Ricky Stenhouse Jr.: 0 (6)  
Trevor Bayne: 0 (5)  
Alex Bowman: 0 (3)  
Clint Bowyer: 0 (3)  
Paul Menard: 0 (3)  
Chris Buescher: 0 (2)  
Regan Smith: 0 (2)  
Michael McDowell: 0 (2)  
Brian Scott: 0 (1)  
Matt DiBenedetto: 0 (1)  
Ty Dillon\*: 0 (1)  
Brian Vickers: 0 (1)  
Aric Almirola: 0 (1)

Landon Cassill: 0 (0)  
Danica Patrick: 0 (0)  
Casey Mears: 0 (0)  
David Ragan: 0 (0)  
Michael Annett: 0 (0)  
Josh Wise: 0 (0)  
Cole Whitt: 0 (0)  
Reed Sorenson: 0 (0)  
Jeffrey Earnhardt: 0 (0)  
Joey Gase: 0 (0)  
David Gilliland: 0 (0)  
Bobby Labonte: 0 (0)  
Dylan Lupton: 0 (0)  
Ryan Ellis: 0 (0)  
Michael Waltrip: 0 (0)  
Jeb Burton: 0 (0)  
Patrick Carpentier: 0 (0)  
Gray Gaulding: 0 (0)  
Boris Said: 0 (0)  
Ryan Reed: 0 (0)  
Timmy Hill: 0 (0)  
DJ Kennington: 0 (0)  
Eddie MacDonald: 0 (0)  
Alex Kennedy: 0 (0)  
Justin Allgaier: 0 (0)  
Cody Ware: 0 (0)  
\* Ty Dillon drove in relief for

Stewart at Talladega and finished sixth.

## DRIVER PERFORMANCE

Here are the top performances by driver so far this season. The full list can be found each week by clicking on the "Driver Performance" link in the "Research" section of your team roster:

### Yahoo! Group A:

(7) Kyle Busch: Martinsville 1 (week 6), Texas 1 (week 7), Richmond 1 (week 9), Kansas 1 (week 11), New Hampshire 1 (week 19), Indy (week 20), Dover 2 (week 29)

(6) Brad Keselowski: Talladega 1 (week 10), Daytona 2 (week 17), Kentucky (week

18), Pocono 2 (week 21), Watkins Glen (week 22), Michigan 2 (week 24)

(5) Joey Logano: Michigan 1 (week 15), Chicagoland (week 27), Talladega 2 (week 32), Texas 2 (week 34), Phoenix 2 (week 35)

(4) Denny Hamlin: Daytona 1 (week 1), Sonoma (week 16), Bristol 2 (week 23), Richmond 2 (week 26)

(4) Kevin Harvick: Phoenix 1 (week 4), Auto Club (week 5), New Hampshire 2 (week 28), Homestead (week 36)

(3) Jimmie Johnson: Las Vegas (week 3), Charlotte 1 (week 13), Charlotte 2 (week 30)

(3) Matt Kenseth: Dover 1 (week 12), Kansas 2 (week 31), Martinsville 2 (week 33)

(2) Kurt Busch: Atlanta (week 2), Bristol 1 (week 8)

(1) Kurt Busch: Pocono 1 (week 14)

### Yahoo! Group B:

Top two each week.

(15) Martin Truex Jr.: Daytona 1 (week 1), Atlanta (week 2), Texas 1 (week 7), Kansas 1 (week 11), Dover 1 (week 12, tied for second with Kahne), Charlotte 1 (week 13), Michigan 1 (week 15), Indy (week 20), Watkins Glen (week 22), Richmond 2 (week 26), Chicagoland (week 27), New Hampshire 2 (week 28), Dover 2 (week 29), Martinsville 2 (week 33), Texas 2 (week 34)

(13) Carl Edwards: Atlanta (week 2), Phoenix 1 (week 4), Auto Club (week 5),

Texas 1 (week 7), Bristol 1 (week 8), Richmond 1 (week 9), Sonoma (week 16), Kentucky (week 18), Bristol 2 (week 23), Michigan 2 (week 24), New Hampshire 2 (week 28), Kansas 2 (week 31), Texas 2 (week 34)

(9) Kyle Larson: Dover 1 (week 12), Pocono 1 (week 14), Michigan 1 (week 15), Indy (week 20), Pocono 2 (week 21), Michigan 2 (week 24), Richmond 2 (week 26), Phoenix 2 (week 35), Homestead (week 36)

(8) Austin Dillon: Daytona 1 (week 1), Las Vegas (week 3), Phoenix 1 (week 4), Talladega 1 (week 10), Kansas 1 (week 11), Dover 2 (week 29), Kansas 2 (week 31), Talladega 2 (week 32)

(6) Kasey Kahne: Las Vegas (week 3), Richmond 1 (week 9), Dover 1 (week 12, tied for second with Truex), Pocono 1 (week 14), Chicagoland (week 27), Charlotte 2 (week 30)

(4) Tony Stewart: Sonoma (week 16), New Hampshire 1 (week 19), Pocono 2 (week 21), Watkins Glen (week 22)

(3) Ryan Newman: Charlotte 1 (week 13), Kentucky (week 18), Charlotte 2 (week 30)

(3) Ricky Stenhouse Jr.: Auto Club (week 5), Bristol 2 (week 23), Talladega 2 (week 32)

(2) Trevor Bayne: Bristol 1 (week 8), Daytona 2 (week 17)

(2) Greg Biffle: Daytona 2 (week 17), New Hampshire 1 (week 19)

(2) AJ Allmendinger: Martinsville 1 (week 6), Martinsville 2 (week 33)

(2) Paul Menard: Martinsville 1 (week 6), Phoenix 2 (week 35)

(2) Jamie McMurray: Talladega 1 (week 10), Homestead (week 36)

### Yahoo! Group C:

(18) Chase Elliott: Atlanta (week 2), Phoenix 1 (week 4), Auto Club (week 5), Texas 1 (week 7), Bristol 1 (week 8), Richmond 1 (week 9), Talladega 1 (week 10), Dover 1 (week 12), Charlotte 1 (week 13), Pocono 1 (week 14), Michigan 1 (week 15), Sonoma (week 16), Watkins Glen (week 22), Michigan 2 (week 24), Chicagoland (week 27), New Hampshire 2 (week 28), Dover 2 (week 29), Texas 2 (week 34)

(3) Ryan Blaney: Las Vegas (week 3), Kansas (week 11), New Hampshire 1 (week 19)

(3) Michael McDowell: Daytona 2 (week 17), Richmond 2 (week 26), Charlotte 2

Total Top-5s: Season	
Driver	Top-5s
Kevin Harvick	17
Kyle Busch	17
Joey Logano	16
Brad Keselowski	16
Denny Hamlin	12
Jimmie Johnson	11
Kyle Larson	10
Chase Elliott	10
Kurt Busch	9
Carl Edwards	9
Martin Truex Jr	8
Matt Kenseth	8
Tony Stewart	5
Dale Earnhardt Jr	5
Austin Dillon	4
Ricky Stenhouse Jr	4
Ryan Blaney	3
Kasey Kahne	3
Jamie McMurray	2
Chris Buescher	2
Ryan Newman	2
AJ Allmendinger	2
Trevor Bayne	2
Brian Scott	1
Regan Smith	1
Greg Biffle	1

Driver Rating: Season to Date			
Rank	Driver	Standings	Rating
1	Kevin Harvick	8	106.5
2	Kyle Busch	3	104.9
3	Martin Truex Jr.	11	103.8
4	Joey Logano	2	101.2
5	Matt Kenseth	5	99.7
6	Brad Keselowski	12	99.1
7	Carl Edwards	4	98.0
8	Denny Hamlin	6	96.7
9	Jimmie Johnson	1	96.1
10	Chase Elliott	10	91.9
11	Kurt Busch	7	88.6
12	Kyle Larson	9	87.8
13	Austin Dillon	14	79.4
14	Kasey Kahne	17	78.5
15	Jamie McMurray	13	77.8
16	Ryan Blaney	20	76.8
17	Ryan Newman	18	76.5
18	Tony Stewart	15	71.2
19	AJ Allmendinger	19	71.0
20	Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	21	67.3
21	Greg Biffle	24	66.6
22	Paul Menard	25	66.4
23	Trevor Bayne	22	62.8
24	Aric Almirola	26	59.1
25	Danica Patrick	23	57.6
26	Casey Mears	28	55.2
27	Clint Bowyer	27	51.7
28	Chris Buescher	16	51.2
29	Michael McDowell	30	50.6
30	Brian Scott	31	48.9
31	Landon Cassill	29	45.4
32	Regan Smith	34	45.4
33	David Ragan	33	43.7
34	Matt DiBenedetto	35	42.3
35	Michael Annett	36	35.4
36	Reed Sorenson	39	29.2
37	Josh Wise	40	28.2

(week30)

(2) Chris Buescher: Pocono 2 (week 21), Bristol 2 (week 23)

(2) Jeff Gordon: Indy (Week 20), Martinsville 2 (week 33)

(2) Alex Bowman: Kansas 2 (week 31), Phoenix 2 (week 35)

(1) Regan Smith: Daytona 1 (week 1)

(1) Brian Vickers: Martinsville 1 (week 6)

(1) David Ragan: Kentucky (week 18)

(1) Brian Scott: Talladega 2

(week 32)

(1) Michael McDowell: Homestead (week 36)

**NASCAR.com Fantasy Live**

Top five game finishes

(20) Kevin Harvick: Atlanta (week 2), Phoenix 1 (week 4), Auto Club (week 5), Martinsville 1 (week 6), Bristol 1 (week 8), Richmond 1 (week 9), Kansas 1 (week 11), Dover 1 (week 12), Charlotte 1 (week 13), Michigan 1 (week 15), Sonoma (week 16), Kentucky (week 18), New Hampshire 1 (week 19), Pocono 2 (week 21), Bristol 2 (week 23), Michigan 2 (week 24), Richmond 2 (week 26), New Hampshire 2 (week 28), Kansas 2 (week 31), Homestead (week 36)

(17) Kyle Busch: Atlanta (week 2), Las Vegas (week 3), Phoenix (week 4), Martinsville 1 (week 6), Texas 1 (week 7), Richmond 1 (week 9), Talladega 1 (week 10), Kansas 1 (week 11), New Hampshire 1 (week 19), Indy (week 20), Watkins Glen (week 22), Bristol 2 (week 23), New Hampshire 2 (week 28), Dover 2 (week 29), Texas 2 (week 34), Phoenix 2 (week 35), Homestead (week 36)

(14) Martin Truex Jr.: Daytona 1 (week 1), Atlanta (week 2), Texas 1 (week 7), Kansas 1 (week 11), Dover 1 (week 12), Charlotte 1 (week 13), Kentucky (week 18), New Hampshire 1 (week 19), Richmond 2 (week 26), Chicagoland (week 27), New Hampshire 2 (week 28), Dover 2 (week 29), Mar-

tinsville 2 (week 33), Texas 2 (week 34)

(13) Brad Keselowski: Las Vegas (week 3), Martinsville 1 (week 6), Talladega (week 10), Dover 1 (week 12), Charlotte 1 (week 13), Michigan 1 (week 15), Daytona 2 (week 17), Kentucky (week 18), Pocono 2 (week 21), Watkins Glen (week 22), Michigan 2 (week 24), Richmond 2 (week 26), Martinsville 2 (week 33)

(13) Matt Kenseth: Martinsville 1 (week 6), Texas 1 (week 7), Kansas 1 (week 11), Dover 1 (week 12), Charlotte 1 (week 13), Pocono 1 (week 14), New Hampshire 1 (week 19), Indy (week 20), New Hampshire 2 (week 28), Charlotte 2 (week 30), Kansas 2 (week 31), Martinsville 2 (week 33), Phoenix 2 (week 35)

(13) Jimmie Johnson: Atlanta (week 2), Las Vegas (week 3), Auto Club (week 5), Richmond 1 (week 9), Charlotte 1 (week 13), Indy (week 20), Michigan 2 (week 24), Chicagoland (week 27), Dover 2 (week 29), Charlotte 2 (week 30), Kansas 2 (week 31), Martinsville 2 (week 33), Homestead (week 36)

(13) Joey Logano: Las Vegas (week 3), Auto Club (week 5), Pocono 1 (week 14), Michigan 1 (week 15), Indy (week 20), Watkins Glen (week 22), Bristol 2 (week 23, tied for fifth with Edwards and Logano), Chicagoland (week 27), Kansas 2 (week 31), Talladega 2 (week 32), Texas 2 (week 34), Phoenix 2 (week 35), Homestead (week 36)

(10) Carl Edwards: Phoenix 1 (week 4), Martinsville 1 (week 6, tied for fifth with Dillon), Texas 1 (week 7), Bristol 1 (week 8), Richmond 1 (week 9), Sonoma (week 16), Bristol



2 (week 23, tied for fifth with McMurray and Logano), New Hampshire 2 (week 28), Kansas 2 (week 31), Texas 2 (week 34)

(9) Kyle Larson: Dover 1 (week 12), Michigan 1 (week 15), Pocono 2 (week 21), Michigan 2 (week 24), Richmond 2 (week 26), Charlotte 2 (week 30), Talladega 2 (week 32), Phoenix 2 (week 35), Homestead (week 36)

(8) Chase Elliott: Phoenix 1 (week 4), Bristol 1 (week 8), Pocono 1 (week 14), Michigan 1 (week 15), Michigan 2 (week 24), Chicagoland (week 27), Dover 2 (week 29), Charlotte 2 (week 30)

(6) Denny Hamlin: Daytona 1 (week 1), Sonoma (week 16), Watkins Glen (week 22), Bristol 2 (week 23), Richmond 2 (week 26), Martinsville 2 (week 33)

(5) Dale Earnhardt Jr.: Phoenix 1 (week 4), Auto Club (week 5), Texas 1 (week 7), Bristol 1 (week 8), Pocono 1 (week 14)

(5) Kurt Busch: Atlanta (week 2), Las Vegas (week 3), Bristol 1 (week 8), Richmond 1 (week 9), Pocono 1 (week 14)

(2) Clint Bowyer: Talladega 1 (week 10), Daytona 2 (week 17)

(2) Tony Stewart: Sonoma (week 16), Kentucky (week 18)

(2) Greg Biffle: Kentucky (week 18), New Hampshire 1 (week 19)

(2) Trevor Bayne: Daytona 2 (week 17), Watkins Glen (week 22)

(2) Ricky Stenhouse Jr.: Auto Club (week 5), Bristol 2 (week 23)

(2) Jamie McMurray: Talladega 1 (week 10), Bristol 2 (week 23, tied for fifth with Edwards and Logano)

(2) Ryan Blaney: Las Vegas (week 3), Chicagoland (week 27)

(2) Austin Dillon: Martinsville (week 6, tied for fifth with Edwards), Dover 2 (week 29)

(2) Ryan Newman: Daytona 1 (week 1), Charlotte 2 (week 30)

(2) AJ Allmendinger: Kansas 1 (week 11), Talladega 2 (week 32)

(2) Kasey Kahne: Sonoma (week 16), Texas 2 (week 34)

(2) Michael McDowell: Daytona 1 (week 1), Daytona 2 (week 17)

(1) Regan Smith: Daytona 1 (week 1)

(1) Michael Waltrip: Talladega 1 (week 10)

(1) Cole Whitt: Daytona 2 (week 17)

(1) Paul Menard: Indy (week 20)

(1) Chris Buescher: Pocono 2 (week 21)

(1) Regan Smith: Pocono 2 (week 21)

(1) Aric Almirola: Talladega 2 (week 32)

Avg Running Position: Season to Date			
Rank	Driver	Starts	Avg.
1	Kyle Busch	36	9.31
2	Kevin Harvick	36	9.54
3	Brad Keselowski	36	9.58
4	Joey Logano	36	9.72
5	Martin Truex Jr	36	9.81
6	Matt Kenseth	36	10.18
7	Denny Hamlin	36	10.38
8	Carl Edwards	36	10.76
9	Jimmie Johnson	36	11.79
10	Kurt Busch	36	12.14
11	Chase Elliott	36	12.64
12	Kyle Larson	36	13.77
13	Austin Dillon	36	15.54
14	Jamie McMurray	36	15.96
15	Kasey Kahne	36	16.06
16	Ryan Newman	36	16.38
17	Ryan Blaney	36	17.11
18	Tony Stewart	28	19.02
19	AJ Allmendinger	36	19.70
20	Greg Biffle	36	20.12
21	Paul Menard	36	20.44
22	Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	36	20.56
23	Trevor Bayne	36	21.99
24	Aric Almirola	36	23.16
25	Danica Patrick	36	23.54
26	Casey Mears	36	25.22
27	Clint Bowyer	36	26.55
28	Michael McDowell	31	26.71
29	Chris Buescher	36	27.16
30	Brian Scott	36	27.94
31	Regan Smith	35	28.70
32	Landon Cassill	36	28.80
33	David Ragan	36	29.71
34	Matt DiBenedetto	35	30.36
35	Michael Annett	35	33.04
36	Reed Sorenson	28	36.52
37	Josh Wise	28	36.64

(1) Brian Scott: Talladega 2 (week 32)

(1) Alex Bowman: Phoenix 2 (week 35)

### Draft Kings

Top five game finishes

(20) Kevin Harvick: Atlanta (week 2), Phoenix 1 (week 4), Auto Club (week 5), Martinsville 1 (week 6), Bristol 1 (week 8), Richmond 1 (week 9), Kansas 1 (week 11), Dover 1 (week 12), Charlotte 1 (week 13), Michigan 1 (week 15), Sonoma (week 16), Kentucky (week 18), New Hampshire 1 (week 19), Pocono 2 (week 21), Bristol 2 (week 23), Michigan

2 (week 24), Richmond 2 (week 26), New Hampshire 2 (week 28), Kansas 2 (week 31), Homestead (week 36)

(16) Kyle Busch: Atlanta (week 2), Las Vegas (week 3), Phoenix 1 (week 4), Martinsville 1 (week 6), Texas 1 (week 7), Richmond 1 (week 9), Talladega 1 (week 10), Kansas 1 (week 11), New Hampshire 1 (week 19), Indy (week 20), Bristol 2 (week 23), New Hampshire 2 (week 28), Dover 2 (week 29), Texas 2 (week 34), Phoenix (week 35), Homestead (week 36)

(14) Martin Truex Jr.: Daytona 1 (week 1), Atlanta (week 2), Texas 1 (week 7), Kansas 1 (week 11), Dover 1 (week 12),

Charlotte 1 (week 13), Kentucky (week 18), New Hampshire 1 (week 19), Richmond 2 (week 26), Chicagoland (week 27), New Hampshire 2 (week 28), Dover 2 (week 29), Martinsville 2 (week 33), Texas 2 (week 34)

(14) Jimmie Johnson: Atlanta (week 2), Las Vegas (week 3), Auto Club (week 5), Texas 1 (week 7), Richmond 1 (week 9), Charlotte 1 (week 13), Indy (week 20), Michigan 2 (week 24), Chicagoland (week 27), Dover 2 (week 29), Charlotte 2 (week 30), Kansas 2 (week 31), Martinsville 2 (week 33), Homestead (week 36)

(13) Brad Keselowski: Las Vegas (week 3), Martinsville 1

(week 6), Talladega 1 (week 10), Dover 1 (week 12), Charlotte 1 (week 13), Michigan 1 (week 15), Daytona 2 (week 17), Kentucky (week 18), Pocono 2 (week 21), Watkins Glen (week 22), Michigan 2 (week 24), Richmond 2 (week 26), Martinsville 2 (week 33)

(11) Joey Logano: Las Vegas (week 3), Auto Club (week 5), Michigan 1 (week 15), Indy (week 20), Watkins Glen (week 22), Chicagoland (week 27), Kansas 2 (week 31), Talladega 2 (week 32), Texas 2 (week 34), Phoenix (week 35), Homestead (week 36)

(10) Matt Kenseth: Kansas 1 (week 11), Dover 1 (week 12), Charlotte 1 (week 13), Pocono 1 (week 14), New Hampshire 1 (week 19), Indy (week 20), New Hampshire 2 (week 28), Charlotte 2 (week 30), Kansas 2 (week 31), Martinsville 2 (week 33)

(10) Kyle Larson: Dover 1 (week 12), Pocono 1 (week 14), Michigan 1 (week 15), Pocono 2 (week 21), Michigan 2 (week 24), Richmond 2 (week 26), Charlotte 2 (week 30), Talladega 2 (week 32), Phoenix (week 35), Homestead (week 36)

(9) Carl Edwards: Phoenix 1 (week 4), Martinsville 1 (week 6), Texas 1 (week 7), Bristol (week 8), Richmond 1 (week 9), Sonoma (week 16), New Hampshire 2 (week 28), Kansas 2 (week 31), Texas 2 (week 34)

(8) Chase Elliott: Atlanta (week 2), Phoenix (week 4), Bristol 1 (week 8), Pocono 1 (week 14), Michigan 1 (week 15), Michigan 2 (week 24), Chicagoland (week 27), Dover 2 (week 29)

(5) Dale Earnhardt Jr.: Phoe-

Avg. Draft Kings Points, L6 Races				
Rank	Driver	Avg. Rank	Avg. Points	Attempts
1	Joey Logano	4.33	67.42	6
2	Kevin Harvick	7.33	55.54	6
3	Kyle Busch	10.17	46.00	6
4	Matt Kenseth	12.33	50.17	6
5	Denny Hamlin	12.67	44.00	6
6	Kyle Larson	12.83	49.17	6
7	AJ Allmendinger	13.00	37.13	6
8	Jimmie Johnson	13.50	46.92	6
9	Kurt Busch	15.50	33.54	6
10	Kasey Kahne	16.00	33.25	6
11	Michael McDowell	16.17	32.75	6
12	Clint Bowyer	17.33	32.92	6
13	Ryan Newman	18.67	28.58	6
14	Landon Cassill	18.83	30.50	6
15	Chase Elliott	19.00	30.75	6
16	Jamie McMurray	19.17	28.33	6
17	Ryan Blaney	19.50	27.21	6
18	Austin Dillon	20.17	20.46	6
19	Danica Patrick	21.33	24.58	6
20	Paul Menard	21.67	24.92	6
21	Martin Truex Jr	22.00	26.21	6
22	Chris Buescher	22.17	25.33	6
23	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	23.50	21.08	6
24	Trevor Bayne	24.17	22.58	6
25	Aric Almirola	24.50	20.50	6
26	Matt DiBenedetto	25.20	22.40	6
27	Brad Keselowski	26.83	12.96	6
28	Jeffrey Earnhardt	28.50	16.88	4
29	David Ragan	28.67	13.54	6
30	Dylan Lupton	29.50	12.00	2
31	DJ Kennington	30.00	13.00	1
32	Ty Dillon	30.00	12.00	1
33	Cole Whitt	31.00	14.00	4
34	Joey Gase	32.00	11.50	2
35	Reed Sorenson	33.00	7.25	6
36	Gray Gaulding	36.50	4.75	3

nix 1 (week 4), Auto Club (week 5), Texas 1 (week 7), Bristol 1 (week 8), Pocono 1 (week 14)

(6) Denny Hamlin: Daytona 1 (week 1), Sonoma (week 16), Watkins Glen (week 22), Bristol 2 (week 23), Richmond 2 (week 26), Martinsville 2 (week 33)

(4) Kasey Kahne: Richmond 1 (week 8), Sonoma (week 16), Charlotte 2 (week 30) Texas 2 (week 34)

(3) Ryan Newman: Daytona 1 (week 1), Indy (week 20), Charlotte 2 (week 30)

(3) AJ Allmendinger: Kansas 1 (week 11), Watkins Glen (week 22), Talladega 2 (week 32)

(3) Kurt Busch: Bristol 1 (week 8), Pocono 1 (week 14), Phoenix (week 35)

(2) Clint Bowyer: Talladega 1 (week 10), Daytona 2 (week 17)

(2) Tony Stewart: Sonoma (week 16), Kentucky (week 18)

(2) Greg Biffle: Kentucky (week 18), New Hampshire 1 (week 19)

(2) Trevor Bayne: Daytona 2 (week 17), Watkins Glen (week 22)

(2) Ricky Stenhouse Jr.: Auto Club (week 5), Bristol 2 (week 23)

(2) Jamie McMurray: Talladega 1 (week 10), Bristol 2 (week 23)

(1) Chris Buescher: Pocono 2 (week 21)

(1) Regan Smith: Pocono 2 (week 21)

(1) Aric Almirola: Talladega 2 (week 32)

(1) Brian Scott: Talladega 2 (week 32)

(1) Alex Bowman: Phoenix (week 35)

## TWITTER LEAGUE

It's not too late to join the Dan Beaver Twitter League. Players can join or leave groups throughout the season and your team can accumulate points in up to three leagues. This is one of the most competitive leagues in the game since most or all of the players get their excellent information from the pages of these previews. Simply log onto Yahoo! Sports and navigate to the fantasy racing page (<http://racing.fantasysports.yahoo.com/auto>). Click on the "create or join a group" button and follow the instructions.

Dan Beaver's Twitter League

Group ID#: 38  
Password: FantasyRace

## ANY LAST MINUTE QUESTIONS?

Follow Dan Beaver on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/FantasyRace> and chat during the weekend.

That is also a great place to comment on what you read in the preview and let us know what stats you would like to see in future articles.

3 Yr. Avg. Yahoo! Points at Daytona			
Rank	Driver	Avg. Points	Attempts
1	Denny Hamlin	91.00	6
2	Austin Dillon	80.00	6
3	Dale Earnhardt Jr	76.67	6
4	Joey Logano	76.67	6
5	Kurt Busch	73.20	5
6	Kyle Busch	71.00	5
7	Jimmie Johnson	63.67	6
8	Brad Keselowski	61.33	6
9	Michael McDowell	60.50	4
10	Clint Bowyer	60.33	6
11	Kevin Harvick	60.00	6
12	Aric Almirola	56.67	6
13	Matt Kenseth	55.00	6
14	Ryan Newman	55.00	6
15	David Ragan	53.67	6
16	Martin Truex Jr	52.00	6
17	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	51.17	6
18	Kasey Kahne	48.00	6
19	Jamie McMurray	48.00	6
20	AJ Allmendinger	47.33	6
21	Trevor Bayne	46.67	6
22	Paul Menard	46.00	6
23	Reed Sorenson	44.25	4
24	Ryan Blaney	44.00	3
25	Cole Whitt	44.00	5
26	Landon Cassill	43.17	6
27	Ty Dillon	39.00	2
28	Michael Waltrip	39.00	4
29	Kyle Larson	38.67	6
30	Danica Patrick	38.33	6
31	Brendan Gaughan	36.00	1
32	Matt DiBenedetto	29.33	3
33	Chase Elliott	28.00	2
34	Chris Buescher	13.00	2