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OVERVIEW

The Daytona 500 was brutal for most fantasy players.

Restrictor-plate, superspeedway racing is always unpredictable. That remains true despite signs that some drivers were figuring out how to manipulate the draft and consistently find and stay at the front. By the end of last

only in a roundabout way as teams and drivers struggled to find the right strategy.

The Toyota drivers pitted early during the segments, which put them on the tail-end of the lead lap. That put Kyle Busch in a precious position in front of the leaders when he cut a tire. However, he might just as likely been leading the pack legitimately instead of

the anxiety a titch, but there was also the fact that 25 percent of the field was made up of drivers with four or fewer seasons under their belt.

Cautions waving on the edge of fuel runs have also played an important part in NASCAR on all track types. The Daytona 500 witnessed three leaders run out of gas in the final three laps. Chase Elliott gave up the advantage to Martin



week's race, four multi-car accidents affecting five or more cars each time left dents and tire marks on all but a handful of vehicles.

Outcry was immediate that the segmentation had something to do with the carnage. It might have, but

fighting to stay on the lead lap.

Mistakes in the draft and the resulting "Big One" accidents have been a part of this discipline since the late 1980s. The segmentation and points awarded at the end of those periods might have increased

Truex Jr. when his fuel cell ran dry. Truex ran out of petrol to hand the lead over to Kyle Larson, who ultimately had the same thing happen. Kurt Busch was the last man standing.

The fuel mileage game might also have had something to do

with the segmentation. Under these rules, NASCAR races have essentially been cut in half, which shrinks the number of laps available for that final strategy. The likelihood of a caution waving at a volatile time is doubled and that is something that will continue to be true every week.

There is still a lot to learn with NASCAR's new rules.

PREDICTABILITY?

Now the series rolls onto a similarly-configured, 1.5-mile track. This course type has long been among the most predictable in the sport because 10 races are run at Atlanta Motor Speedway, Charlotte Motor Speedway, Texas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Kansas Speedway, Chicagoland Speedway, and Kentucky Speedway. Three more are run at Michigan International Speedway and Auto Club Speedway.

Several of these get bunched up at the start of the season, which has typically allowed drivers to develop some momentum.

But, the segmentation comes into play again. Teams have to decide if they are going to forego the short term gains of up to 10 championship points at the end of each stage for the big picture of winning the race. Any driver who is not in contact with the top 10 near the end of the segment might

Driver	Wins
Jimmie Johnson	5
Kurt Busch	3
Kasey Kahne	3
Kyle Busch	2
Dale Earnhardt Jr	1
Denny Hamlin	1
Kevin Harvick	1

chose to pit early if they think they can stay on the lead lap.

This is a little more difficult to do on a high-speed 1.5-mile track, but not impossible if it is timed right. Rest assured someone will try it. For the record, Atlanta's segments will end at lap 85 and 170.

The shrinking of the field will also have an impact. This week, only 38 cars were entered as of Tuesday's deadline. There are a few entries one can expect to run in the back, but with Front Row Motorsports and BK Racing showing promise in the past couple of seasons that number is dwindling. Second teams for JTG-Daugherty and Furniture Row Racing have also impacted the competitive landscape, as has the improved performance of Leavine Family Racing.

Those uncertain entities have been bolstered by the loss of one Roush-Fenway Racing and one Richard Petty Motorsports team. Each moderately-funded team expects to step into their place; not all can. David Ragan, Landon Cassill, Matt DiBenedetto, and Michael McDowell will be highly motivated to take some risks that will get them in the top 20.

Then, there is the rookie battle to consider. None of the

Driver	Top-5s
Jimmie Johnson	14
Dale Earnhardt Jr	10
Matt Kenseth	10
Kasey Kahne	7
Kurt Busch	6
Kevin Harvick	6
Kyle Busch	5
Denny Hamlin	3
Joey Logano	2
Ryan Newman	2
Martin Truex Jr	2
Derrike Cope	1
Brad Keselowski	1
Paul Menard	1
Reed Sorenson	1

three Rookie of the Year contenders managed to get to the end of last week's 500. Daniel Suarez edged Ty Dillon for top honors by one position at Daytona; Erik Jones was a distant third. This week, Gray Gaulding joins the fray.

TOP-12 DRIVERS

1. Joey Logano

Yahoo! Group: A
 NASCAR.com Cap: \$27.75
 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/10
 Top-fives: 2 (.200)
 Top-10s: 2 (.200)
 Last 3 Years
 Current Track: 10.00
 Yahoo! Points: 78.67
 NASCAR.com Points: 73.25
 Draft Kings Points: 54.83
 Avg. Last 6 races ^
 Cup results: 3.83

The two most critical factors in a driver's handicap each week are his recent record on the upcoming track and his last-six race average. Logano enters the week with easily the best results dating back to Kansas last year—which is actually a seven-race streak of top-10s. In that span of races, he has a 3.71 average finish,

Driver	Top-10s
Jimmie Johnson	16
Matt Kenseth	16
Dale Earnhardt Jr	14
Kurt Busch	11
Kevin Harvick	11
Kasey Kahne	9
Ryan Newman	9
Kyle Busch	6
Denny Hamlin	6
Martin Truex Jr	6
Clint Bowyer	5
Brad Keselowski	4
Jamie McMurray	4
AJ Allmendinger	3
Paul Menard	3
Reed Sorenson	3
Derrike Cope	2
Joey Logano	2
Aric Almirola	1
Chase Elliott	1
Kyle Larson	1
Danica Patrick	1
David Ragan	1
Ricky Stenhouse Jr	1

two victories, and two top-fives on similarly-configured, 1.5-mile tracks. His Atlanta record is a little less impressive overall, but it shows consistency. In his most recent four attempts there, he has two top-fives and a sweep of the top 15.

2. Kevin Harvick

Yahoo! Group: A
NASCAR.com Cap: \$28.00
Wins at Track/Attempts: 1/26
Top-fives: 6 (.231)
Top-10s: 11 (.423)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 9.00
Yahoo! Points: 99.00
NASCAR.com Points: 125.25
Draft Kings Points: 97.50
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 10.33

In the three games tracked for this preview, Harvick has earned the most or second-most points in all of them at Atlanta over the past three years. Despite earning a 19th in the 2014 Oral-B USA with crash damage, he was a top earner in that event with the most Draft Kings points (101) and third-most in Yahoo!'s

Group A. Expand the parameters and Harvick has scored top-10s in eight of his last 10 Atlanta efforts including second-place finishes in 2009 and 2015. He won his first ever attempt on this track in Dale Earnhardt Sr.'s car, so it holds a special place in his memory.

3. Jimmie Johnson

Yahoo! Group: A
NASCAR.com Cap: \$27.25
Wins at Track/Attempts: 5/25
Top-fives: 14 (.560)
Top-10s: 16 (.640)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 2.00
Yahoo! Points: 94.67
NASCAR.com Points: 127.00
Draft Kings Points: 91.83
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 18.00

Johnson's stats tip in the favor of Atlanta. He has been almost perfect there in the past three years with back-to-back wins in his last two attempts and a fourth in 2014. He also doubled down in 2007 with a sweep of Victory Lane when this track hosted two events. He finished second in 2008 and 2011 with a third coming in the 2010 Emory Healthcare 500.

His last six races have not been quite as impressive, but Johnson does have a pair of wins in that span and one of these came on the 1.5-mile Homestead-Miami Speedway. Johnson was once the king of "cookie-cutter" tracks and he can get to the front when he has the right setup on his car.

4. Kyle Busch

Yahoo! Group: A
NASCAR.com Cap: \$27.50
Wins at Track/Attempts: 2/18
Top-fives: 5 (.278)
Top-10s: 6 (.333)
Last 3 Years

Driver Rating: Atlanta			
Rank	Driver	Best	Avg.
1	Jimmie Johnson	143.2	107.1
2	Matt Kenseth	130.5	98.3
3	Denny Hamlin	141.0	95.5
4	Chase Elliott	95.5	95.5
5	Kurt Busch	150.0	95.4
6	Dale Earnhardt Jr.	131.6	95.1
7	Kevin Harvick	132.4	94.7
8	Kyle Busch	143.9	93.1
9	Martin Truex Jr.	119.0	92.4
10	Brad Keselowski	106.6	87.7
11	Kasey Kahne	138.1	86.1
12	Clint Bowyer	115.9	79.7
13	Joey Logano	130.8	79.4
14	Ryan Newman	102.0	76.9
15	Jamie McMurray	98.6	73.6
16	AJ Allmendinger	99.9	73.3
17	Kyle Larson	91.1	72.8
18	Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	89.2	70.8
19	Ryan Blaney	69.6	69.6
20	Aric Almirola	83.8	68.2
21	Paul Menard	88.7	65.7
22	Austin Dillon	82.9	64.4
23	Elliott Sadler	95.8	63.8
24	Danica Patrick	81.3	63.4
25	Trevor Bayne	64.1	63.4
26	Ty Dillon	67.4	61.5
27	Reed Sorenson	101.4	59.3
28	Michael Waltrip	93.6	58.0
29	David Ragan	83.5	57.0
30	Alex Bowman	53.4	46.0
31	Matt DiBenedetto	45.2	45.2
32	Chris Buescher	41.9	41.9
33	Landon Cassill	54.5	41.1
34	Brendan Gaughan	40.1	40.1
35	Cole Whitt	42.5	39.8
36	Michael McDowell	43.8	32.5
37	Timmy Hill	32.4	32.4
38	Jeffrey Earnhardt	24.5	24.5

Current Track: 9.50
Yahoo! Points: 78.00
NASCAR.com Points: 82.50
Draft Kings Points: 52.50
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 14.33

Busch bookended his "cookie-cutter" season last year with incredible success. He finished third at Atlanta, fourth at Vegas, and then won back-to-back at Texas and Kansas. An accident at Charlotte was part of three consecutive weekends during which he sustained damage. He blew an engine at Michigan to cap off that disappointing streak, and then rebounded.

In his last four attempts on this track type, he finished



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eighth or better including a pair of fifth-place results. Even with his one poor finish skewing his results, his average finish on similarly-configured, 1.5-mile tracks in the past two seasons is eighth and that makes him a good value in every game.

5. Chase Elliott

Yahoo! Group: B
NASCAR.com Cap: \$26.50
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/1
Top-fives: 0 (.000)
Top-10s: 1 (1.000)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 8.00
Yahoo! Points: 76.00
NASCAR.com Points: 57.00
Draft Kings Points: 60.00

last year. He finished eighth in the Folds of Honor Quik-Trip 500, was running with the leaders in the Kobalt Tools 400 the following week before crashing, and earned five more top-10s on this course type in the final eight races. When he missed, it was by a wide margin, however, and that makes him a little risky for fantasy players.

6. Matt Kenseth

Yahoo! Group: A
NASCAR.com Cap: \$26.25
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/28
Top-fives: 10 (.357)
Top-10s: 16 (.571)
Last 3 Years

Total Top-5s: Season	
Driver	Top-5s
Ryan Blaney	1
Paul Menard	1
Kurt Busch	1
Aric Almirola	1
AJ Allmendinger	1

track. Joe Gibbs Racing has the horsepower at their disposal and Kenseth has five victories in the past five years on this course type, which ties him for third behind Johnson and Harvick.

7. Kurt Busch

Yahoo! Group: B
NASCAR.com Cap: \$22.75
Wins at Track/Attempts: 3/25
Top-fives: 6 (.240)
Top-10s: 11 (.440)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 8.50
Yahoo! Points: 90.00
NASCAR.com Points: 68.50
Draft Kings Points: 53.75
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 10.83

Busch survived the Daytona 500 and punched his ticket to the finals early. The five playoff points he earned with that win will help him advance through the rounds, but more importantly it establishes this team as a frontrunner. Last year, Busch was uneven. He ran

well enough to be in the hunt, but he lacked consistency on a weekly basis. There is little reason to believe that will not continue to be the case in 2017.

Atlanta should be one of the tracks on which he excels; 13 of his last 14 races there ended in top-15s including a fourth last year. He also has a pair of victories in 2008 and 2013.

8. Kyle Larson

Yahoo! Group: B
NASCAR.com Cap: \$26.00



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Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 10.33

Some disappointment accompanied the revelation that Elliott left Daytona without talking to the media. Certainly he was upset after running out of gas with a handful of laps remaining, but he is going to need to keep his emotions in check if he expects to consistently challenge for wins.

The good news is that he was often great on similarly-configured, 1.5-mile tracks

Current Track: 8.67
Yahoo! Points: 84.67
NASCAR.com Points: 64.00
Draft Kings Points: 60.17
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 17.83

Kenseth sits 32nd in the standings with only seven points to his credit. The good news is that is only 18 markers away from the 16th-place driver and with NASCAR's new system, a maximum of 65 points are available. Kenseth needs to leapfrog several other racers, but that will not be a difficult task for him on a similarly-configured, 1.5-mile

DAILY FANTASY MOCK DRAFT

Victoria Beaver

Daytona is over. Now real racing begins in the Peach State. This is the only race at Atlanta Motor Speedway for the season and the first of 10 “cookie-cutter” races. Below I’ve highlighted six drivers: two splurges, two economy, and two deals. This mock draft will use Draft Kings prices from Daytona since were not up as of this writing. If you play another salary cap game, the prices should be in the same range. In most games drivers are awarded points based on finish, laps lead, and place differential.

Splurges

Kevin Harvick

Avg. points: **97.50** Attempts: **3**

Harvick has the highest average Atlanta finish out of the current field, but he not reached Victory Lane in quite some time. The No. 4 driver is currently the second-best on “cookie-cutter” tracks after Jimmie Johnson. Harvick has also led 100 or more laps in four of his last five Atlanta starts, racking up major points in daily games. Harvick qualifies and runs

well at Atlanta. The only downfall is that he qualifies so well that he won’t nab owners many place-differential points. In the last two races he has started and finished in the same position and he fell back 17 spots three races ago.

Jimmie Johnson

Avg. points: **91.83** Attempts: **3**

Johnson is the best cookie-cutter racer in the field, he’s won six of his last 20 starts. The closest driver in wins during the same period is Kyle Busch and he has only three wins on similar tracks. More importantly, Johnson is riding the wave of back-to-back victories at Atlanta winning in both 2015 and 2016. The 48 driver has racked up place-differential points in his Atlanta races over the last three years due to qualifying mid-pack. He started 19th, 37th, and 16th respectively.

Economy

Matt Kenseth

Avg. points: **60.17** Attempts: **3**

Kenseth has had a top-five finish in eight of 18 attempts at Atlanta. His average finish over the last three races has been 8.67. Kenseth has a place-differential average over the last three years of +12

Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/3
Top-fives: 0 (.000)
Top-10s: 1 (.333)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 20.00
Yahoo! Points: 53.00
NASCAR.com Points: 4.00
Draft Kings Points: 5.50
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 8.67

With so many Young Guns in a current NASCAR lineup, it is inevitable that several of them are going to contend for wins at the end of races. Larson inherited the lead of the Daytona 500 last week after Elliott and Truex ran out of gas.

Last year, he scored his first Cup win at Michigan—another unrestricted, intermediate speedway—and more are des-

tinued to follow. Larson is the future of Chip Ganassi Racing and so long as the owner and sponsors give him enough support, he is going to start consistently challenging for top-fives.

Larson’s strength lie in his ability to find a groove that is fast. Unfortunately it is not always comfortable and he has smacked the wall a time or two.

9. Dale Earnhardt Jr.

Yahoo! Group: A
NASCAR.com Cap: \$22.50
Wins at Track/Attempts: 1/29
Top-fives: 10 (.345)
Top-10s: 14 (.483)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 5.33
Yahoo! Points: 84.67
NASCAR.com Points: 58.00

Draft Kings Points: 53.75
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 37.00

Last year, Earnhardt came to Atlanta after suffering a big disappointment at Daytona; he finished second to his teammate Johnson in the QuikTrip 500. He recorded an eighth the following week at Vegas and was second again in the next race on this track type at Texas.

His results cooled after that, but he still managed to sweep the top 15 before he was sidelined at the end of the season with a concussion. Last week, Earnhardt crashed out of the Daytona 500 and he expects history to repeat itself with an immediate recovery at Atlanta.

and this is where he receives the majority of his daily fantasy points. He also added points in each race by leading laps in his last three attempts. His career-best finish came in 2014 when he came in second behind the next driver in this draft, Kasey Kahne.

Kasey Kahne

Avg. points: **36.58** Attempts: **3**

Kahne performance last year at Atlanta was worse than average, he started 11th and finished in 23rd for a place-differential of -12. This is not indicative of his usual performance there, however. He has three wins, the second-most out of any driver in the field behind Jimmie Johnson. His average points in Draft Kings are elevated by his most recent win in 2014. That race was also the last time that he led laps at Atlanta.

Deals

Aric Almirola

Avg. points: **40.50** Attempts: **3**

Almirola is a big mover at Atlanta. Over the last three races he has a place-differential average of +20.33, finishing better than he started in all three starts. His last three starts are also his best results; all three of his top-15s at this track have come in these attempts. He should be considered for your team if he qualifies towards the back, since he's proven

he can make his way to at least mid-pack.

Danica Patrick

Avg. points: **39.67** Attempts: **3**

Patrick is another example of how important place-differential points are when it comes to games that offer them. Her average finish over the last three races is decent at 14. The important part of her recent performances is that she's been able to move towards the front in each time—most impressively back in 2014 when she moved up 21 places from 27th to sixth. Patrick hasn't led a lap in these three races, but last year only seven drivers did and only five led more than one.

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10. Denny Hamlin

Yahoo! Group: A
NASCAR.com Cap: \$25.75
Wins at Track/Attempts: 1/17
Top-fives: 3 (.176)
Top-10s: 6 (.352)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 19.00
Yahoo! Points: 61.00
NASCAR.com Points: 6.75
Draft Kings Points: 28.08
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 8.00

Just because they have the horsepower at their disposal, that does not always guarantee success for the Gibbs' guys. Hamlin finished 16th in last year's QuikTrip 500 and could not crack the top 10 on this track type until after the all-star break.

He finally earned a fourth at Charlotte, but three of his

next five attempts ended outside the top 10 once more. This team is too strong to stay down, however. Hamlin won the 2012 Atlanta AdvoCare 500 and finished third in 2014 on this track.

11. Martin Truex Jr.

Yahoo! Group: A
NASCAR.com Cap: \$27.25
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/18
Top-fives: 2 (.111)
Top-10s: 16 (.333)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 12.00
Yahoo! Points: 71.33
NASCAR.com Points: 58.75
Draft Kings Points: 38.67
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 23.17

Truex has a welcome mix of consistency and strength on similarly-configured, 1.5-mile tracks. Nineteen of his last 20

efforts on this track type ended in top-15s; the one dissenting race was a 17th at Kentucky in 2015. That means there is very little downside to starting him. And the upside? Well, that bordered on legendary in a few instances last year. He was so dominant at Charlotte and Chicagoland that it was practically impossible to win one's lineup without him in salary cap games.

12. Brad Keselowski

Yahoo! Group: A
NASCAR.com Cap: \$26.75
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/8
Top-fives: 1 (.125) / Top-10s: 4 (.500)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 19.00
Yahoo! Points: 62.33
NASCAR.com Points: 43.50
Draft Kings Points: 21.75
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 21.67

Keselowski has been one of the best values on similarly-configured, 1.5-mile tracks for the past two years. He entered the fall Kansas race with a streak of 18 top-10s in his last 19 attempts on that track type, but he misjudged the length of his back bumper and the size of Hamlin's heart. He crashed off the nose of the No. 11 when he made an ill-advised lane change. Afterward, he defiantly said he would not stop racing as he always had. Kez failed to advance into the third round and he has not been quite the same since.

SLEEPERS

14. Kasey Kahne

Yahoo! Group: B

NASCAR.com Cap: \$22.00

Top-fives and Top-10s					
By Car Owner, Last Three Years					
Owner	Attempts	Top-5s		Top-10s	
Rick Hendrick	12	6	50%	7	58%
Joe Gibbs	11	5	45%	5	45%
Roger Penske	6	1	17%	3	50%
Tony Stewart	12	2	17%	4	33%
Jack Roush	9	1	11%	3	33%
Barney Visser	3			2	67%
Tad Geschickter	3			1	33%
Michael Waltrip	5			1	20%
Richard Childress	11			2	18%
Chip Ganassi	6			1	17%
Petty Enterprises	6			1	17%
BK Racing	8				
Front Row Motorsports	7				
Harry Scott	5				
Tommy Baldwin	5				
Bob Leavine	3				
Frank Stoddard	3				
Germain Bros	3				
Jay Robinson	3				
Curtis Key	2				
Michael Hillman	2				
Mike Curb	1				
MSRP Motorsports	1				
Randy Humphrey	1				
Robby Benton	1				
Wood Bros	1				

3 Yr. Avg. Yahoo! Points at Atlanta			
Rank	Driver	Avg. Points	Attempts
1	Kevin Harvick	99.00	3
2	Jimmie Johnson	94.67	3
3	Kurt Busch	90.00	2
4	Dale Earnhardt Jr	84.67	3
5	Matt Kenseth	84.67	3
6	Joey Logano	78.67	3
7	Kyle Busch	78.00	2
8	Chase Elliott	76.00	1
9	Martin Truex Jr	71.33	3
10	Kasey Kahne	70.00	3
11	Aric Almirola	68.67	3
12	Ryan Newman	65.33	3
13	Danica Patrick	64.00	3
14	Brad Keselowski	62.33	3
15	Denny Hamlin	61.00	3
16	Paul Menard	59.33	3
17	Kyle Larson	53.00	3
18	Trevor Bayne	52.50	2
19	Ty Dillon	50.00	2
20	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	48.00	3
21	Jamie McMurray	46.00	3
22	AJ Allmendinger	42.67	3
23	Austin Dillon	42.67	3
24	Ryan Blaney	42.00	1
25	David Ragan	40.67	3
26	Chris Buescher	36.00	1
27	Matt DiBenedetto	34.00	1
28	Reed Sorenson	34.00	1
29	Michael McDowell	32.00	2
30	Clint Bowyer	30.67	3
31	Cole Whitt	26.00	3
32	Landon Cassill	18.67	3
33	Jeffrey Earnhardt	16.00	1

Wins at Track/Attempts: 3/20

Top-fives: 7 (.350)

Top-10s: 9 (.450)

Last 3 Years

Current Track: 12.67

Yahoo! Points: 70.00

NASCAR.com Points: 18.75

Draft Kings Points: 36.58

Avg. Last 6 races ^

Cup results: 18.50

Kahne's handicaps are often uncertain. He has the skill to run as well as his teammates and despite his protestations to the contrary, one must assume he has access to the same equipment. He has not been able to make the most of it, however; and that means he is just as likely to cost fantasy players points as earn them. His fortune

began to reverse last year, so his raw numbers are improving and getting him closer to the elite 12. For now, treat him as one of the better dark horses in the field.

22. Austin Dillon

Yahoo! Group: B

NASCAR.com Cap: \$21.50

Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/4

Top-fives: 0 (.000)

Top-10s: 0 (.000)

Last 3 Years

Current Track: 24.67

Yahoo! Points: 42.67

NASCAR.com Points: 5.00

Draft Kings Points: 7.33

Avg. Last 6 races ^

Cup results: 22.17

Dillon finished 11th in last year's Atlanta race and that set the tone for his entire season on similarly-configured, 1.5-mile tracks. He earned enough points to include him most weeks as long as he fit the right niche on one's roster. Dillon finished fifth the next week at Vegas and was sixth in both Kansas races. The re-

mainder of his efforts was good enough to give him an average finish of 16th despite two accidents during the playoffs on this track type.

23. Clint Bowyer

Yahoo! Group: B
NASCAR.com Cap: \$15.25
Wins at Track/Attempts: 16
Top-fives: 0 (.000)
Top-10s: 5 (.313)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 32.33
Yahoo! Points: 30.67
NASCAR.com Points: 15.25
Draft Kings Points: 9.42
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 25.00

Bowyer still has a lot to prove before fantasy owners completely trust him. His sojourn at HScott Motorsports made for a long year. It hurt his statistics and claimed some of his confidence. Based on his run last week at Daytona, the latter is returning. But there is the little matter of the accident than consumed him in the final segment of the 500. He knows he has a fast car, but must still be worrying over his luck. That could cost him a position or two in the race.

24. Ty Dillon

Yahoo! Group: C
NASCAR.com Cap: \$12.00
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/2
Top-fives: 0 (.000)
Top-10s: 0 (.000)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 21.00
Yahoo! Points: 50.00
NASCAR.com Points: 25.50
Draft Kings Points: 25.75
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 31.50

None of the rookies got a chance to show what they were made of last week at Daytona. Only three cars made it to the end of the race without some damage and the

3 Year Avg. Finish on Cookie Cutters			
Rank	Driver	Avg.	Attempts
1	Kyle Busch	7.81	26
2	Joey Logano	9.90	30
3	Brad Keselowski	10.40	30
4	Kevin Harvick	10.70	30
5	Ryan Newman	11.13	30
6	Martin Truex Jr	11.17	30
7	Matt Kenseth	11.34	29
8	Jimmie Johnson	12.00	30
9	Dale Earnhardt Jr	12.27	26
10	Kurt Busch	13.57	28
11	Kasey Kahne	14.50	30
12	Denny Hamlin	15.20	30
13	Jamie McMurray	16.90	30
14	Chase Elliott	17.09	11
15	Kyle Larson	18.57	30
16	Austin Dillon	19.07	30
17	Paul Menard	19.80	30
18	Aric Almirola	20.53	30
19	AJ Allmendinger	20.53	30
20	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	21.07	30
21	Danica Patrick	21.33	30
22	Ryan Blaney	22.06	17
23	Ty Dillon	23.33	6
24	Trevor Bayne	23.52	25
25	Clint Bowyer	24.07	30
26	Erik Jones	26.00	2
27	Chris Buescher	26.91	11
28	David Ragan	28.97	30
29	Michael McDowell	30.96	23
30	Landon Cassill	31.30	30
31	Cole Whitt	31.55	29
32	Matt DiBenedetto	33.11	20
33	Jeffrey Earnhardt	33.29	7
34	Reed Sorenson	34.64	25
35	Timmy Hill	39.00	8

freshmen were not skillful or lucky enough to minimize their contact. The similarly-configured, 1.5-mile tracks are an entirely different matter and Dillon has shown some ability on them with two top-20s in six starts and a worst result of 27th. That is where he is expected to finish this week, but it could still make him a good value in certain games.

28. 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
Draft Kings Points: NA
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 29.00

Last week, Suarez was timid in the draft. Finishing results for that race bear little consequence on other track types, but fantasy owners are left to wonder if this is going to be a pattern for the first-year driver with only one race under his belt. For that reason, his natural handicap is 28th for Atlanta.

Suarez deserves a lot of attention because of the car he drives. It knows the way to the front even if the racer does not. Better still, Carl Edwards will be mentoring him this week and should have a trick or two up his sleeve.

BUSTS

15. Ryan Newman

Yahoo! Group: B
NASCAR.com Cap: \$18.00
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/24
Top-fives: 2 (.083)
Top-10s: 9 (.375)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 13.67
Yahoo! Points: 65.33
NASCAR.com Points: 14.75
Draft Kings Points: 22.50
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 16.33

For a driver with as many starts as Newman has, his pair of top-fives on any given track stands out negatively. The fact that only one of these has come in the past decade is also notable. Newman is not prohibitively expensive in salary cap games, but there are others in his range likely to finish better. In Yahoo!'s Group B, there are a half-dozen racers who might finish in the top 15. The NASCAR season is a long one and there



Draft Kings Points: 17.50
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 10.83

Allmendinger deserves notation this week because of the promise he shows. His third-place finish in the Daytona 500 matched his best ever performance on that track. He and teammate Chris Buescher appear to be on an upward tick. He even has three top-10s in his last seven Atlanta races. He has managed to post back-to-back top-10s on a few occasions last year, but the dry spells between were much longer and that causes some concern.

For now he is listed as a driver to avoid, but keep an eye on him in practice because if he posts quick 10-lap averages and qualifies in the front half of the pack, that opinion could be reversed.

will be plenty of opportunities to activate the No. 31.

17. AJ Allmendinger

Yahoo! Group: B
NASCAR.com Cap: \$16.25

Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/12
Top-fives: 3 (.000)
Top-10s: 3 (.250)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 24.67
Yahoo! Points: 42.67
NASCAR.com Points: 26.75

21. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.

Yahoo! Group: B
NASCAR.com Cap: \$14.00
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/4
Top-fives: 0 (.000)
Top-10s: 1 (.250)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 22.00
Yahoo! Points: 48.00

Points' Leaders						
Rank	Driver	Points	Race Wins	Stage Wins	Playoff Points	Points' stand-
1	Kurt Busch	56	1		5	1
2	Ryan Blaney	44				2
3	Joey Logano	43				3
4	Kevin Harvick	42		1	1	4
5	AJ Allmendinger	39				5
6	Aric Almirola	37				6
7	Kyle Larson	36				7
8	Chase Elliott	33				8
9	Denny Hamlin	33				9
10	Paul Menard	32				10
11	Trevor Bayne	32				11
12	Brad Keselowski	31				12
13	Kasey Kahne	30				13
14	Michael Waltrip	29				14
15	Matt DiBenedetto	28				15
16	Austin Dillon	25				16

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
2015 Charlotte	1	6	9
2012 Road Courses	2	4	7
2012 Daytona	2	4	7
2010 Talladega	2	4	7
2010 Charlotte	2	4	7
2011 Michigan	1	6	7

NASCAR.com Points: 10.25
 Draft Kings Points: 18.00
 Avg. Last 6 races ^
 Cup results: 24.17

Roush-Fenway Racing's re-trenching to a two-car operation may still bear fruit before

the season is over.

They looked strong at Daytona. Stenhouse and Trevor Bayne had a swagger in their step that fantasy owners have not seen in quite some time, but there is only so much room at the top. Both drivers fall below the midline this week based on a combination of their three-year average at Atlanta and past six races of 2016/2017. Until they show us differently on an unrestricted, intermediate speedway, it is best to let them assume their natural level.

26. Chris Buescher

Yahoo! Group: B
 NASCAR.com Cap: \$9.00
 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/1
 Top-fives: 0 (.000)
 Top-10s: 0 (.000)
 Last 3 Years
 Current Track: 28.00
 Yahoo! Points: 36.00
 NASCAR.com Points: 16.50
 Draft Kings Points: 19.50
 Avg. Last 6 races ^
 Cup results: 26.83

There is some hesitancy to jump on board Buescher's bandwagon. He made the playoffs last year, but that was a function of winning a fuel mileage race at Pocono Raceway. The upside of his Chase experience was that it thrust him into the lime-light and showed his potential. Roush-Fenway Racing mothballed the No. 16 this year, which allows them to redirect some resources to this satellite team. Before the season is over, Buescher will contend for results in the low-20s and even get a sniff of the front half of the pack a few times. Fantasy players can afford to be patient.

30. Erik Jones

Yahoo! Group: C
 NASCAR.com Cap: \$19.00

Laps in Top-10 at Atlanta (L 3Yrs)				
Rank	Driver	Laps	%	Possible Laps
1	Kevin Harvick	951	96.1%	990
2	Joey Logano	848	85.7%	990
3	Jimmie Johnson	735	74.2%	990
4	Denny Hamlin	689	69.6%	990
5	Chase Elliott	229	69.4%	330
6	Brad Keselowski	684	69.1%	990
7	Kurt Busch	453	68.1%	665
8	Ryan Newman	637	64.3%	990
9	Dale Earnhardt Jr	601	60.7%	990
10	Matt Kenseth	595	60.1%	990
11	Ryan Blaney	189	57.3%	330
12	Kasey Kahne	408	41.2%	990
13	Martin Truex Jr	235	35.6%	660
14	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	344	34.7%	990
15	Austin Dillon	333	33.6%	990
16	Kyle Busch	202	30.4%	665
17	Kyle Larson	239	24.1%	990
18	Jamie McMurray	167	16.9%	990
19	Paul Menard	113	11.4%	990
20	Aric Almirola	101	10.2%	990
21	Danica Patrick	66	10.0%	660
22	David Ragan	60	9.1%	660
23	Clint Bowyer	50	7.6%	660
24	AJ Allmendinger	70	7.1%	990
25	Trevor Bayne	19	2.9%	655
26	Matt DiBenedetto	1	0.3%	330
27	Cole Whitt	2	0.2%	990
28	Michael McDowell	1	0.2%	655
29	Landon Cassill	-	0.0%	660
30	Ty Dillon	-	0.0%	335
31	Reed Sorenson	-	0.0%	335

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
Draft Kings Points: NA
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 39.00

While our opinion about the rookies has not really changed, the fact that none of them made it to the finish line last week was an eye-opener. That, coupled with the fact that several mid-range teams excelled suggests there is going to be a lot of competition for 20-something and mid-20s results.

These Young Guns will have several strong runs in 2017, but they are not going to land in the front half of the field nearly as often as Elliott and Blaney did in 2016.

Other Drivers

13. Ryan Blaney

Yahoo! Group: B
NASCAR.com Cap: \$20.00
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/1
Top-fives: 0 (.000) / Top-10s: 0 (.000)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 25.00
Yahoo! Points: 42.00
NASCAR.com Points: 14.50
Draft Kings Points: 17.50
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 13.00

16. Aric Almirola

Yahoo! Group: B
NASCAR.com Cap: \$12.50
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/7
Top-fives: 0 (.000) / Top-10s: 1 (.143)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 11.67
Yahoo! Points: 68.67
NASCAR.com Points: 42.75
Draft Kings Points: 40.50
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 18.50

18. Jamie McMurray

Yahoo! Group: B
NASCAR.com Cap: \$21.00

Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/23
Top-fives: 0 (.000) / Top-10s: 4 (.174)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 24.33
Yahoo! Points: 46.00
NASCAR.com Points: -16.00
Draft Kings Points: 2.00
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 15.00

19. Paul Menard

Yahoo! Group: B
NASCAR.com Cap: \$15.25
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/15
Top-fives: 1 (.067)
Top-10s: 3 (.200)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 16.33
Yahoo! Points: 59.33
NASCAR.com Points: 31.00
Draft Kings Points: 35.67
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 15.83

20. Danica Patrick

Yahoo! Group: B
NASCAR.com Cap: \$12.75

Avg Running Position: Season to Date			
Rank	Driver	Starts	Avg.
1	Kyle Larson	1	8.12
2	Dale Earnhardt Jr.	1	8.44
3	Chase Elliott	1	8.53
4	Ryan Blaney	1	9.86
5	Joey Logano	1	11.50
6	Kevin Harvick	1	12.19
7	Kurt Busch	1	12.57
8	Jamie McMurray	1	13.53
9	Brad Keselowski	1	13.57
10	Michael McDowell	1	13.67
11	Austin Dillon	1	14.48
12	Kasey Kahne	1	15.02
13	Aric Almirola	1	15.80
14	Ryan Newman	1	16.47
15	Paul Menard	1	16.71
16	AJ Allmendinger	1	18.61
17	Elliott Sadler	1	18.87
18	Trevor Bayne	1	19.37
19	Brendan Gaughan	1	19.42
20	Cole Whitt	1	19.46
21	Denny Hamlin	1	20.20
22	Danica Patrick	1	20.21
23	Martin Truex Jr.	1	20.64
24	Jimmie Johnson	1	21.26
25	Matt DiBenedetto	1	21.35
26	Chris Buescher	1	21.78
27	Joey Gase	1	22.57
28	Michael Waltrip	1	22.75
29	Ty Dillon	1	22.91
30	Landon Cassill	1	23.36
31	Clint Bowyer	1	23.48
32	Kyle Busch	1	25.38
33	Jeffrey Earnhardt	1	27.47
34	Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	1	28.07
35	David Ragan	1	28.15
36	DJ Kennington	1	29.14
37	Corey Lajoie	1	31.49
38	Daniel Suarez	1	32.19
39	Matt Kenseth	1	33.69
40	Erik Jones	1	34.61



ATLANTA
MOTOR SPEEDWAY®

Track Type: Intermediate

Track Size: 1.54-miles

Banking/Turns: 24 degrees

Banking/Frontstretch & Backstretch: 5 degrees

Race Length: 325 laps / 500.5 miles

Stage 1 & 2: 85 Laps (each)

Final Stage: 155 Laps

3 Things to Know

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Most Consecutive Poles
(Ryan Newman
Spring 2003-2005)

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Number of drivers to sweep the
weekend at Atlanta across all
three NASCAR national series

5

Most Cup Series Wins
Among Active Drivers
(Jimmie Johnson)

- Carol D'Agostino, Skirtsandscuffs.com

Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/5
Top-fives: 1 (.000)
Top-10s: 1 (.200)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 14.00
Yahoo! Points: 64.00
NASCAR.com Points: 28.50
Draft Kings Points: 39.67
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 24.83

25. David Ragan

Yahoo! Group: C
NASCAR.com Cap: \$6.00
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/14
Top-fives: 0 (.000)
Top-10s: 1 (.071)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 25.67
Yahoo! Points: 40.67
NASCAR.com Points: 17.75
Draft Kings Points: 23.50
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 29.83

27. Matt DiBenedetto

Yahoo! Group: C
NASCAR.com Cap: \$7.25
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/2
Top-fives: 0 (.000)
Top-10s: 0 (.000)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 36.50

Yahoo! Points: 34.00
NASCAR.com Points: 18.00
Draft Kings Points: 21.00
Avg. Last 6 races ^

Cup results: 24.00

29. Michael McDowell

Yahoo! Group: C



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Avg. Start at Atlanta			
Rank	Driver	Avg. Start	Attempts
1	Kevin Harvick	3.00	3
2	Ryan Newman	5.00	3
3	Jamie McMurray	6.67	3
4	Kyle Larson	9.67	3
5	Martin Truex Jr	9.67	3
6	Brad Keselowski	10.33	3
7	Kasey Kahne	10.33	3
8	Denny Hamlin	11.00	3
9	Kurt Busch	11.50	2
10	Austin Dillon	12.00	3
11	Joey Logano	13.67	3
12	Dale Earnhardt Jr	15.00	3
13	Trevor Bayne	16.00	2
14	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	17.00	3
15	Matt Kenseth	18.00	3
16	AJ Allmendinger	18.67	3
17	Aric Almirola	19.00	3
18	Paul Menard	22.33	3
19	Danica Patrick	23.33	3
20	Ty Dillon	23.50	2
21	Kyle Busch	23.50	2
22	Jimmie Johnson	24.00	3
23	Clint Bowyer	24.67	3
24	Michael McDowell	28.00	3
25	David Ragan	29.33	3
26	Matt DiBenedetto	35.00	2
27	Landon Cassill	38.00	3
28	Cole Whitt	39.00	3
29	Reed Sorenson	43.00	2

NASCAR.com Cap: \$9.75
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/8
Top-fives: 0 (.000)
Top-10s: 0 (.000)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 34.67
Yahoo! Points: 32.00
NASCAR.com Points: 10.50
Draft Kings Points: 12.00
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 19.33

31. Trevor Bayne

Yahoo! Group: B
NASCAR.com Cap: \$17.00
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/3
Top-fives: 0 (.000)
Top-10s: 0 (.000)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 20.50
Yahoo! Points: 52.50
NASCAR.com Points: 18.25
Draft Kings Points: 19.75
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 21.33

32. Cole Whitt

Yahoo! Group: C
NASCAR.com Cap: \$5.00
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/3
Top-fives: 0 (.000)
Top-10s: 0 (.000)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 34.67
Yahoo! Points: 26.00

NASCAR.com Points: 7.50
Draft Kings Points: 13.92
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 18.00

33. Landon Cassill

Yahoo! Group: C
NASCAR.com Cap: \$7.50
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/7
Top-fives: 0 (.000)
Top-10s: 0 (.000)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 36.67
Yahoo! Points: 18.67
NASCAR.com Points: 0.75
Draft Kings Points: 9.50
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 22.67

34. Gray Gaulding

Yahoo! Group: C
NASCAR.com Cap: \$6.00
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
Draft Kings Points: NA
Avg. Last 6 races ^

Cup results: 38.67

35. Jeffrey Earnhardt

Yahoo! Group: C
NASCAR.com Cap: \$5.00
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/1
Top-fives: 0 (.000) / Top-10s: 0 (.000)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 38.00
Yahoo! Points: 16.00
NASCAR.com Points: 6.00
Draft Kings Points: 9.00
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 31.83

36. Reed Sorenson

Yahoo! Group: C
NASCAR.com Cap: \$5.00
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/13
Top-fives: 1 (.077) / Top-10s: 3 (.231)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 36.50
Yahoo! Points: 34.00
NASCAR.com Points: NA
Draft Kings Points: 29.00
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 36.50

37. Derrike Cope

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

3 Yr. Avg. Draft Kings Points at Atlanta			
Rank	Driver	Avg. Points	Attempts
1	Kevin Harvick	97.50	3
2	Jimmie Johnson	91.83	3
3	Matt Kenseth	60.17	3
4	Chase Elliott	60.00	1
5	Joey Logano	54.83	3
6	Kurt Busch	53.75	2
7	Dale Earnhardt Jr	53.75	3
8	Kyle Busch	52.50	2
9	Aric Almirola	40.50	3
10	Danica Patrick	39.67	3
11	Martin Truex Jr	38.67	3
12	Kasey Kahne	36.58	3
13	Paul Menard	35.67	3
14	Reed Sorenson	29.00	1
15	Denny Hamlin	28.08	3
16	Ty Dillon	25.75	2
17	David Ragan	23.50	3
18	Ryan Newman	22.50	3
19	Brad Keselowski	21.75	3
20	Matt DiBenedetto	21.00	1
21	Trevor Bayne	19.75	2
22	Chris Buescher	19.50	1
23	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	18.00	3
24	AJ Allmendinger	17.50	3
25	Ryan Blaney	17.50	1
26	Cole Whitt	13.92	3
27	Michael McDowell	12.00	2
28	Landon Cassill	9.50	3
29	Clint Bowyer	9.42	3
30	Jeffrey Earnhardt	9.00	1
31	Austin Dillon	7.33	3
32	Kyle Larson	5.50	2
33	Jamie McMurray	2.00	3

Season to Date Grid										
Driver	Starts	Wins	Top-5s	Top-10s	Avg Fin	Start	Laps	Poles	DNFs	DNQs
Kurt Busch	1	1	1	1	1.00	8.00	200			
Ryan Blaney	1		1	1	2.00	36.00	200			
AJ Allmendinger	1		1	1	3.00	38.00	200			
Aric Almirola	1		1	1	4.00	13.00	200			
Paul Menard	1		1	1	5.00	33.00	200			
Joey Logano	1			1	6.00	15.00	200			
Kasey Kahne	1			1	7.00	26.00	200			
Michael Waltrip	1			1	8.00	30.00	200			
Matt DiBenedetto	1			1	9.00	25.00	200			
Trevor Bayne	1			1	10.00	11.00	200			
Brendan Gaughan	1				11.00	39.00	200			
Kyle Larson	1				12.00	16.00	200			
Martin Truex Jr	1				13.00	35.00	200			
Chase Elliott	1				14.00	1.00	200	1		
Michael McDowell	1				15.00	22.00	200			
Landon Cassill	1				16.00	27.00	199			
Denny Hamlin	1				17.00	4.00	199			
Cole Whitt	1				18.00	17.00	199			
Austin Dillon	1				19.00	10.00	199			
Elliott Sadler	1				20.00	40.00	199			
Ryan Newman	1				21.00	14.00	198			
Kevin Harvick	1				22.00	5.00	197			
Joey Gase	1				23.00	29.00	196			
Corey LaJoie	1				24.00	31.00	193			
David Ragan	1				25.00	20.00	188			
Jeffrey Earnhardt	1				26.00	32.00	145			1
Brad Keselowski	1				27.00	7.00	143			1
Jamie McMurray	1				28.00	3.00	141			1
Daniel Suarez	1				29.00	19.00	141			1
Ty Dillon	1				30.00	18.00	140			1
Ricky Stenhouse Jr	1				31.00	23.00	133			1
Clint Bowyer	1				32.00	6.00	128			1
Danica Patrick	1				33.00	12.00	128			1
Jimmie Johnson	1				34.00	24.00	127			1
Chris Buescher	1				35.00	37.00	127			1
DJ Kennington	1				36.00	28.00	127			1
Dale Earnhardt Jr	1				37.00	2.00	106			1
Kyle Busch	1				38.00	21.00	103			1
Erik Jones	1				39.00	34.00	103			1
Matt Kenseth	1				40.00	9.00	103			1

Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/28
Top-fives: 1 (.036)
Top-10s: 2 (.071)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: NA
Yahoo! Points: NA
NASCAR.com Points: NA
Draft Kings Points: NA
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: NA

38. Timmy Hill

Yahoo! Group: C
NASCAR.com Cap: \$5.00
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/1
Top-fives: 0 (.000)
Top-10s: 0 (.000)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: NA
Yahoo! Points: NA
NASCAR.com Points: NA
Draft Kings Points: NA
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 41.00

^ 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

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)
Chase Elliott: 9 (17)
Martin Truex Jr.: 7 (17)
Jimmie Johnson: 7 (16)
Kasey Kahne: 4 (13)

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	4	6		3.83	8.67	1,482
Jeff Gordon	1			1		6.00	10.00	364
Denny Hamlin	6		2	5		8.00	7.67	896
Michael Waltrip	1			1		8.00	30.00	17
Kyle Larson	6		2	3		8.67	13.67	799
Kevin Harvick	6		2	4		10.33	9.67	1,002
Chase Elliott	6		1	2		10.33	4.83	958
Kurt Busch	6	1	3	3		10.83	12.67	369
AJ Allmendinger	6		1	4		10.83	19.67	583
Brendan Gaughan	1					11.00	39.00	11
Ryan Blaney	6		1	2		13.00	15.00	352
Kyle Busch	6		3	4	1	14.33	16.00	996
Jamie McMurray	6		1	2	1	15.00	13.17	547
Greg Biffle	5					15.80	20.00	73
Paul Menard	6		1	2		15.83	19.17	112
Ryan Newman	6			1	1	16.33	13.83	296
Alex Bowman	4			1		17.75	13.75	401
Matt Kenseth	6		1	3	1	17.83	8.83	1,293
Jimmie Johnson	6	2	2	2	1	18.00	15.67	904
Cole Whitt	1					18.00	17.00	41
Aric Almirola	6		1	2		18.50	21.33	59
Kasey Kahne	6			2	1	18.50	24.67	377
Michael McDowell	6			1		19.33	27.67	77
Elliott Sadler	1					20.00	40.00	29
Trevor Bayne	6			1		21.33	20.33	38
Brian Scott	5		1	1		21.60	28.80	4
Brad Keselowski	6		1	1	3	21.67	8.00	1,097
Austin Dillon	6			1	1	22.17	12.67	643
Landon Cassill	6					22.67	30.83	-
Martin Truex Jr	6		1	2	3	23.17	15.83	953
Carl Edwards	5	1	1	1	1	23.80	10.00	722
Matt DiBenedetto	5			1		24.00	30.00	11
Corey LaJoie	1					24.00	31.00	-
Ricky Stenhouse Jr	6		1	1	3	24.17	21.17	28
Danica Patrick	6				1	24.83	22.33	38
Clint Bowyer	6				1	25.00	27.33	34
Tony Stewart	5					25.20	17.20	62
Ryan Reed	1					26.00	18.00	
Chris Buescher	6				1	26.83	31.00	46
Casey Mears	5				2	27.00	22.40	6
Daniel Suarez	1				1	29.00	19.00	2
Regan Smith	5				1	29.20	29.20	6
Joey Gase	2					29.50	34.00	1
David Ragan	6					29.83	29.17	18
Michael Annett	5					30.80	38.00	2
Bobby Labonte	1					31.00	38.00	
Ty Dillon	2				2	31.50	26.00	30
Jeffrey Earnhardt	6				1	31.83	35.83	6
Dylan Lupton	2					35.00	38.00	-
DJ Kennington	2				1	35.50	33.50	-
Reed Sorenson	6				1	36.50	31.80	-
Dale Earnhardt Jr	1				1	37.00	2.00	72
Ryan Ellis	1					38.00	35.00	-
Gray Gaulding	3				2	38.67	36.50	-
Erik Jones	1				1	39.00	34.00	-
Josh Wise	1				1	40.00	40.00	-
David Gilliland	1					41.00		
Timmy Hill	1				1	41.00		

Ryan Newman: 1 (10)
 Jeff Gordon: 1 (2)
 R 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)
 M McDowell: 0 (2)
 Brian Scott: 0 (1)
 M 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)
 J Earnhardt: 0 (0)
 Joey Gase: 0 (0)
 David Gilliland: 0 (0)
 Bobby Labonte: 0 (0)
 Dylan Lupton: 0 (0)
 Ryan Ellis: 0 (0)
 M Waltrip: 0 (0)
 Jeb Burton: 0 (0)
 P Carpentier: 0 (0)
 Gray Gaulding: 0 (0)
 Boris Said: 0 (0)
 Ryan Reed: 0 (0)
 Timmy Hill: 0 (0)
 DJ Kennington: 0 (0)
 E 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

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)

Consecutive Races: Running at End / on Lead Lap (LL)			
Rank	Driver	Running	LL
1	Kyle Larson	26	4
2	Joey Logano	19	7
3	Michael McDowell	17	2
4	Ryan Blaney	17	1
5	Landon Cassill	13	0
6	Kurt Busch	12	3
7	David Ragan	11	0
8	Matt DiBenedetto	10	1
9	Michael Waltrip	9	4
10	Trevor Bayne	9	1
11	AJ Allmendinger	7	7
12	Chase Elliott	7	4
13	Paul Menard	7	3
14	Denny Hamlin	7	0
	Kevin Harvick	7	0
	Joey Gase	7	0
17	Aric Almirola	6	1
18	Elliott Sadler	5	0
	Cole Whitt	5	0
20	Austin Dillon	3	0
	Corey LaJoie	3	0
22	Brendan Gaughan	2	2
23	Kasey Kahne	1	1
	Martin Truex Jr.	1	1
25	Ryan Newman	1	0
26	Danica Patrick	0	0
	Clint Bowyer	0	0
	Chris Buescher	0	0
	Jimmie Johnson	0	0
	Reed Sorenson	0	0
	Kyle Busch	0	0
	Matt Kenseth	0	0
	Jeffrey Earnhardt	0	0
	Jamie McMurray	0	0
	Dale Earnhardt Jr.	0	0
	Timmy Hill	0	0
	Erik Jones	0	0
	DJ Kennington	0	0
	Ty Dillon	0	0
	Gray Gaulding	0	0
	Brad Keselowski	0	0
	Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	0	0
	Daniel Suarez	0	0

team roster:

Yahoo! Group A:

(1) Joey Logano: Daytona 1 (week 1)

Yahoo! Group B:

Top two each week.

(2) Kurt Busch: Daytona 1 (week 1)

(2) Ryan Blaney: Daytona 1 (week 1)

Yahoo! Group C:

(1) Michael Waltrip: Daytona 1 (week 1)

Draft Kings

Top five game finishes

(1) Ryan Blaney: Daytona 1 (week 1)

(1) AJ Allmendinger: Daytona 1 (week 1)

(1) Paul Menard: Daytona 1 (week 1)

(1) Michael Waltrip: Daytona 1 (week 1)

(1) Brendan Gaughan: Daytona 1 (week 1)

TWITTER LEAGUE

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Dan Beaver's Twitter League
Group ID#: 38
Password: FantasyRace

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