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OVERVIEW

For many fans, Bristol Motor Speedway is the king of the short tracks.

This bullring has one of the longest and most interesting histories in the sport, morphing through several iterations. No matter what track officials do to it, the competition has almost always remained

mandatory cautions at the end of segments one and two, plus some inevitable slow-downs along the way, and there is the potential for more cars than normal on the lead lap at the end of the Food City 500.

SEGMENTED CHAOS

Two race weekends ago, fantasy owners saw something new in regard to the segments.

and moved him out of the groove.

Stenhouse got back on the lead lap and ultimately salvaged a 10th-place finish and without that aggression, the No. 17 would have started the second half of the race in a deficit.

Stenhouse did what he had to do. Busch really could not have made a different decision



intense.

There was a brief period of time when this track developed a single groove, but that seems to be in the past. And with NASCAR's insistence on parity, it is almost impossible for one driver to run away from the field. Factor in the

Kyle Busch was running strong at Martinsville Speedway, but he ran into heavy traffic at the end of one of segment two. He got past Ricky Stenhouse Jr., but could not get enough separation to be safe. The Roushketeeer was able to get the nose of his Ford to Busch's rear bumper

either, since slowing down to more safely navigate traffic would also have brought Chase Elliott into contact with the No. 18 as well. It is quite likely that the outcome would have been the same.

Stenhouse did not wreck Busch; he simply moved him

slightly.

But that was the flat track of Martinsville. The consequences of a bump-and-run on the high banks of Bristol can be much more extreme—not only for the driver who gets bumped, but potentially for a sizeable portion of the field that trails behind.

Bristol has a reputation for being a wild card in the best of circumstances. With the added pressure of segment bonus points, this could become completely chaotic and that means fantasy players do not want to have an over-reliance on marquee drivers.

DARK HORSE SPECIAL

Fortunately, there are going to be plenty of options this week.

Last summer, the second-through fifth-place drivers, plus the seventh- and ninth-place drivers, had all finished outside the top 15 in the spring, which is a distribution of wealth rarely seen in NASCAR.

In the spring, dark horse top-10s were earned by Matt DiBenedetto and Trevor Bayne.

In the summer, Stenhouse earned a runner-up finish. Chris Buescher was fifth. If there was ever a justification

Driver	Wins
Kurt Busch	5
Kyle Busch	5
Matt Kenseth	4
Kevin Harvick	2
Brad Keselowski	2
Joey Logano	2
Dale Earnhardt Jr	1
Denny Hamlin	1
Jimmie Johnson	1
Kasey Kahne	1

for rolling the dice and taking some fantasy risks, this is the week to do so.

Top-10 Drivers

1. Kevin Harvick

Yahoo! Group: a
NASCAR.com Cap: \$27.00
Wins at Track/Attempts: 2/32
Top-fives: 11 (.344)
Top-10s: 15 (.468)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 16.33
Yahoo! Points: 80.60
NASCAR.com Points: 103.38
Draft Kings Points: 84.56
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 15.00

Harvick has had a difficult year so far. By his standards, one top-five and three top-10s in the first seven races are disappointing and that frustration has been passed along to his fantasy owners. Harvick's three-year Bristol numbers have also not been particularly great with an average of 16.3.

That average is skewed by a pair of accidents in the spring 2014 and 2015 races that relegated him to the high-30s. Harvick's last three attempts on this track have been great.

Driver	Top-5s
Matt Kenseth	13
Kevin Harvick	11
Jimmie Johnson	10
Kurt Busch	9
Kyle Busch	8
Dale Earnhardt Jr	8
Clint Bowyer	6
Denny Hamlin	6
Kasey Kahne	5
Brad Keselowski	4
Joey Logano	3
Jamie McMurray	3
Ricky Stenhouse Jr	3
Ryan Newman	2
Martin Truex Jr	2
Aric Almirola	1
Trevor Bayne	1
Chris Buescher	1
Austin Dillon	1
Chase Elliott	1
Paul Menard	1

He finished second in summer 2015, was seventh last spring, and won the 2016 Bass Pro Shops Night Race. I

n terms of recent momentum, he finished fourth the last time the Cup cars were on track at Texas Motor Speedway.

No one will be surprised to see Harvick run well, but with his recent struggles, he might not be on a preponderance of rosters and that makes him a good differentiator.

2. Matt Kenseth

Yahoo! Group: A
NASCAR.com Cap: \$24.75
Wins at Track/Attempts: 4/34
Top-fives: 13 (.382)
Top-10s: 20 (.588)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 22.00
Yahoo! Points: 59.33
NASCAR.com Points: 24.38
Draft Kings Points: 14.06
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 18.33

This week, we looked a little closer at drivers' Bristol records than other factors while setting the ranking. In terms

Driver	Top-10s
Matt Kenseth	20
Jimmie Johnson	17
Kurt Busch	16
Dale Earnhardt Jr	16
Ryan Newman	16
Kevin Harvick	15
Kyle Busch	13
Jamie McMurray	11
Clint Bowyer	10
Denny Hamlin	10
Kasey Kahne	10
Joey Logano	6
Paul Menard	6
Brad Keselowski	5
Ricky Stenhouse Jr	4
Aric Almirola	2
Austin Dillon	2
Kyle Larson	2
Martin Truex Jr	2
AJ Allmendinger	1
Trevor Bayne	1
Chris Buescher	1
Matt DiBenedetto	1
Chase Elliott	1
Danica Patrick	1
David Ragan	1

of Fantasy Power Rankings, which is a combination of not only how a driver has finished plus how well a driver ran during the races, Kenseth is actually third on the grid behind the Young Gun Elliott and Harvick.

His last three Bristol efforts have been marred by accidents and engine failure. But if one looks deeper on the schedule, Kenseth has been great on this track with two of his four career wins coming in the past seven races. He won the summer 2013 Irwin Tools Night Race and spring 2015's Food City 500. From 2009 through 2012, he logged six consecutive top-10s.

3. Joey Logano

Yahoo! Group: A
NASCAR.com Cap: \$28.00
Wins at Track/Attempts: 2/16
Top-fives: 3 (.188) / Top-10s: 6 (.375)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 13.67
Yahoo! Points: 73.67
NASCAR.com Points: 56.13
Draft Kings Points: 44.00
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 8.83



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Streaks have been difficult to create and maintain at Bristol in recent years. So much is variable these days that finishing results are impacted by a variety of factors, including pit penalties, strategy moves, and now segmentation of the races. For Logano in recent years, he has sustained crash damage four times in the past nine races and had his power steering fail on another occasion.

In a couple of the instances when he sustained damage, he was still able to finish well. Logano swept the top 10 last year despite getting banged about under the August lights. When he stays out of trouble, he's been much better with victories in 2014 and 2015.

4. Jimmie Johnson

Yahoo! Group: A
NASCAR.com Cap: \$26.00
Wins at Track/Attempts: 1/30
Top-fives: 10 (.300)
Top-10s: 17 (.567)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 9.83
Yahoo! Points: 74.00
NASCAR.com Points: 47.50
Draft Kings Points: 49.38
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 12.67

While we don't entirely subscribe to the notion that one win is going to completely turn Johnson's season around, his O'Reilly Auto Parts 500 trophy certainly restored some confidence in fantasy owners.

In the past couple of races, the No. 48 team has seemed to work much harder to run even as modestly as they currently are—and that might not be an altogether bad thing because it has forced them to look at

Driver Rating: Bristol			
Rank	Driver	Best	Avg.
1	Matt Kenseth	149.8	100.9
2	Kyle Busch	149.2	100.5
3	Kevin Harvick	127.4	95.7
4	Chase Elliott	95.3	94.9
5	Kurt Busch	140.3	93.1
6	Jimmie Johnson	135.6	91.6
7	Brad Keselowski	142.7	91.5
8	Denny Hamlin	136.2	90.2
9	Dale Earnhardt Jr.	114.0	87.4
10	Kyle Larson	113.9	87.4
11	Kasey Kahne	141.1	87.0
12	Joey Logano	137.8	85.8
13	Ryan Newman	112.5	85.6
14	Martin Truex Jr.	106.4	82.0
15	Jamie McMurray	116.8	80.1
16	Clint Bowyer	121.0	79.6
17	Ryan Blaney	93.5	79.0
18	Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	98.9	77.9
19	Elliott Sadler	120.1	74.7
20	Paul Menard	107.2	72.4
21	Austin Dillon	97.8	69.0
22	AJ Allmendinger	94.1	68.1
23	Aric Almirola	101.9	65.2
24	Trevor Bayne	82.3	64.7
25	Brendan Gaughan	63.4	63.4
26	Chris Buescher	85.0	60.5
27	Ty Dillon	59.2	59.2
28	David Ragan	80.7	56.7
29	Matt DiBenedetto	66.5	56.4
30	Michael Waltrip	81.8	55.6
31	Danica Patrick	72.6	50.2
32	Reed Sorenson	68.6	49.0
33	Alex Bowman	54.1	48.9
34	Landon Cassill	64.0	44.4
35	Michael McDowell	63.7	41.1
36	Cole Whitt	44.0	38.2
37	Jeffrey Earnhardt	33.0	31.5
38	Timmy Hill	28.4	26.1
39	Derrike Cope	24.8	24.8

things from a different perspective.

If Johnson is able to return to basics, that could be huge for this driver and team. In 2014/2015, he scored three consecutive top-fives that included a runner-up finish in the spring race. His single victory so far was scored in this race in 2010.

5. Kyle Larson

Yahoo! Group: B
NASCAR.com Cap: \$28.00
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/6
Top-fives: 0 (.000)
Top-10s: 2 (.300)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 21.50
Yahoo! Points: 50.67
NASCAR.com Points: 33.13

Draft Kings Points: 29.00
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 4.33

Bristol is going to be a good test for Larson. This track often behaves by its own rules, but momentum plays some factor in the outcome. That is because this is rhythm track and being comfortable behind the wheel makes the difference of a few thousandths of a second.

Larson's last three races on the half-mile bullring have not been great with a best of 24th, but he showed promise early

Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 7.00

Rookies do not tend to fare well at Bristol in their inaugural runs, but when they do it is a strong indicator of how well they will run throughout their career. Elliott's fourth-place finish in this race last year set him apart as a driver to watch on the bullring. He finished only 15th in the fall and that is much more typical of how freshmen are supposed to behave.

Elliott has improved so much in 2017 that fantasy players

last year, Bowyer managed to get a rare top-10 at Bristol. Drivers' tracks like this one were supposed to be where he fared best, but the No. 14 team has exceeded expectations all year.

Add those two factors together and there is an outside chance that Bowyer could win this week. He is still cheap in salary cap games and a great value in Yahoo!'s Group B. He is the consummate place-and-hold driver in keeper leagues at the moment and should only be dropped if he crashes in multiple races.

8. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.

Yahoo! Group: B
NASCAR.com Cap: \$14.50
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/8
Top-fives: 3 (.375)
Top-10s: 4 (.500)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 8.50
Yahoo! Points: 75.00
NASCAR.com Points: 47.25
Draft Kings Points: 48.50
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 16.00

Stenhouse earned three consecutive results of sixth or better at Bristol in 2014 and 2015. It appeared those efforts might have been anomalies when he finished 21st

in his next race and 16th in last year's edition of the Food City 500. He proved it was not with a runner-up finish in last year's Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race.

That also added some perspective to his career on this track because he has only that single result outside the top 20 and an average of 10.6.

Three of Stenhouse's last four efforts of 2017 have ended in top-15s and that gives him momentum heading into this week.



with a sweep of the top-12 in his first three efforts. With a best finish of seventh, he is still seeking his first top-10, but that could easily come this week if he manages to keep his nose clean and does not have any mistakes in the pits.

6. Chase Elliott

Yahoo! Group: B
NASCAR.com Cap: \$27.50
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/2
Top-fives: 0 (.000)
Top-10s: 1 (.500)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 9.50
Yahoo! Points: 78.00
NASCAR.com Points: 47.00
Draft Kings Points: 48.25

can forget about last summer and use his spring effort as a predictor.

7. Clint Bowyer

Yahoo! Group: B
NASCAR.com Cap: \$18.50
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/22
Top-fives: 6 (.273)
Top-10s: 10 (.455)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 14.67
Yahoo! Points: 64.33
NASCAR.com Points: 45.50
Draft Kings Points: 47.00
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 9.17

Even while he struggled on practically every other track

DAILY FANTASY MOCK DRAFT

by Victoria Beaver

Bristol can be fickle to whom it gives its favor to from year to year. Only two current drivers swept the top 10 last season; Kevin Harvick and Joey Logano, plus the now-retired Carl Edwards.

With only three drivers with back-to-back top-10 finishes and six with top-15's last year Bristol was the second-least streak-worthy track, sandwiched between restrictor plate superspeedways Talladega and Daytona. Because of this it can be hard to handicap who will do well based solely on historical track data, this week's picks pay equal attention to drivers track averages and current momentum coming off of the first seven races of the season.

Splurge

Kevin Harvick

Fantasy Power Average: 8.57

Harvick is one of the two current drivers that swept the top 10 at Bristol last season. He's on a three race top-10 streak culminating in a win last fall. In the last eight years he's finished in the top 10 one

-third of the time and in the top 15 two-thirds of the time. Last fall he moved up 23 positions and led for 128 of 500 laps to grab the checkers. This was the third race in a row where he had a positive place-differential for an average of +9.33 over those three races. Harvick has three top-10s so far this season, with his best finish two weeks ago in Texas.

Matt Kenseth

Fantasy Power Average: 10.25

Matt Kenseth has had a hard time at Bristol in the last three races. In August of 2015 he was out with an engine problem just 110 laps into the race. In last year's spring race he finished 40 laps off the pace after leading 142 laps, and last fall he was collected in a crash and did not finish. Before this bad streak, Kenseth was on a four-race top-15 streak that was bookended with wins. He has the highest percentage of top-10s at the track over the last eight years with 61.1%. Kenseth has led laps in nine of his last 11 starts at the track.

This season he has three top-10s and finished ninth at Martinsville, the only short track that the drivers have faced so far this season. He had his fourth-best finish of the season two weeks ago at Texas.

9. Kyle Busch

Yahoo! Group: A
NASCAR.com Cap: \$26.75
Wins at Track/Attempts: 5/23
Top-fives: 8 (.348)
Top-10s: 13 (.565)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 30.00
Yahoo! Points: 45.80
NASCAR.com Points: 86.67
Draft Kings Points: 51.33
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 11.00

From 2008 through 2011, Busch earned four victories, another runner-up finish, and a ninth in six races at Bristol. He seemed unstoppable and a 14th in the summer of 2011

did not dull players' enthusiasm much. Neither did a 32nd in 2012 because it came as the result of crash damage. Then, Busch finished 11th or better in his next three races, so his struggle was forgotten.

It is a little more difficult to overlook his recent struggles, however. Busch has sustained damage in four of his last five Bristol starts to finish outside the top 35 three times and 29th once.

Busch gets a top-10 ranking because of his potential, but

he will give his fantasy owners a few grey hairs.

10. Brad Keselowski

Yahoo! Group: A
NASCAR.com Cap: \$27.75
Wins at Track/Attempts: 2/14
Top-fives: 4 (.286)
Top-10s: 5 (.357)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 18.00
Yahoo! Points: 62.67
NASCAR.com Points: 9.25
Draft Kings Points: 10.50
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 3.33

Keselowski has not been terrible at Bristol, but with two results in the 30s in his last

Mid-Range

Clint Bowyer

Fantasy Power Average: 16.01

Clint Bowyer has finished in the top 15 in six races this season, only missing the mark at Daytona. Bowyer has never won at Bristol but has six top-fives and ten top-10s at the track. He's moved forward an average of 14.25 positions in his last four starts, the best being last spring when he moved up 28 places for a top-10 finish. Bowyer has led laps at Bristol in the past but none in the last five races.

Kasey Kahne

Fantasy Power Average: 10.87

Kasey Kahne has four top-15 finishes so far this season including a 14th-place finish at Martinsville. He's finished in the top 20 in every race of the season up until Texas where he finished 38th due to a broken axle. Kahne has six top-10 finishes at Bristol including a win back in spring of 2013. Kahne has led laps at Bristol in four of his last 10 starts, but none of those races have come in the last two seasons.

Steals

Ricky Stenhouse Jr

Fantasy Power Average: 16.66

Ricky Stenhouse Jr has three top-five's and four top-10's in his eight starts at Bristol. The Ford racer has nearly missed a win twice, finishing in second in spring of 2014 and again last fall. Stenhouse Jr. is coming off of two top-15s at Texas and Martinsville, his second- and third-best finishes of the season after a fourth-place finish at Phoenix. Stenhouse has a positive place differential average of +11.75 over the last four races.

Trevor Bayne

Fantasy Power Average: 18.97

Bayne was one of the six drivers to sweep the top 15 last year, finishing 12th in in the fall and fifth in the spring. Bayne has moved forward from his qualifying position in four of his five starts at the track. His average place differential for the last two years is +6.25. Trevor has five top-15s so far this season, including two 13th-place finishes in the last two races.

four races, those numbers would not recommend him on their own. He won back-to-back races in 2011/2012, however, to prove that he can get around this track when he has to.

The real reason for him to be ranked this high, however, is because of his last six races of 2017.

Kez has two wins to his credit, including one of the short track of Martinsville. His worst effort on an unrestricted track was a sixth last week at Texas and he could easily keep his top-10 streak alive.

SLEEPERS

12. Dale Earnhardt Jr.

Yahoo! Group: A
NASCAR.com Cap: \$21.00
Wins at Track/Attempts: 1/33
Top-fives: 8 (.242)
Top-10s: 16 (.485)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 18.00
Yahoo! Points: 56.00
NASCAR.com Points: 50.33
Draft Kings Points: 51.33
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 19.17

Earnhardt Jr had his second-best Bristol finish last spring when he came in second behind Carl Edwards. His career average at Bristol is 12.52, and in the last eight seasons

he's finished in the top 15 70.6 percent of the time in races he started.

He's coming off of a fifth-place finish at Texas last week, which was his first top-10 of the season and second top-15. A top-five can do a lot for a driver's confidence, which Earnhardt is still searching for after missing the end of last season and having a shaky start to 2017.

16. Kurt Busch

Yahoo! Group: B
NASCAR.com Cap: \$22.00
Wins at Track/Attempts: 5/32
Top-fives: 9 (.188)
Top-10s: 16 (.500)
Last 3 Years

Top-fives and Top-10s					
By Car Owner, Last Three Years					
Owner	Attempts	Top-5s		Top-10s	
Roger Penske	10	3	30%	6	60%
Rick Hendrick	20	6	30%	8	40%
Joe Gibbs	19	5	26%	8	42%
Jack Roush	15	3	20%	6	40%
Tony Stewart	20	4	20%	7	35%
Michael Waltrip	7	1	14%	1	14%
Richard Childress	15	2	13%	6	40%
Front Row Motorsports	12	1	8%	1	8%
Chip Ganassi	10			3	30%
Harry Scott	9			2	22%
Tad Geschickter	5			1	20%
BK Racing	13			1	8%
Petty Enterprises	10				
Tommy Baldwin	7				
Jay Robinson	6				
Barney Visser	5				
Bob Leavine	5				
Frank Stoddard	5				
Germain Bros	5				
Curtis Key	4				
Joe Falk	3				
Michael Hillman	3				
Mike Curb	3				
Wood Bros	3				

Current Track: 18.33
 Yahoo! Points: 60.33
 NASCAR.com Points: 47.00
 Draft Kings Points: 39.81
 Avg. Last 6 races ^
 Cup results: 22.17

The elder of the Busch brothers has three top-fives in his last eight starts on the track, but for each top-five he has a matching 30th-place or worse finish. That gives him an average of 18.13 during the four year period.

Busch had two top-10s to start the season but then had a string of low finishes of 24th or worse for the next four races. Busch showed the signs that he could be ready to turn this season around last week at Texas with a 10th.

21. Trevor Bayne

Yahoo! Group: B
 NASCAR.com Cap: \$18.00
 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/5
 Top-fives: 1 (.200)
 Top-10s: 1 (.200)
 Last 3 Years
 Current Track: 15.00
 Yahoo! Points: 62.00
 NASCAR.com Points: 35.38
 Draft Kings Points: 36.88

Avg. Last 6 races ^
 Cup results: 15.50

Bayne has finished in the top 15 at Bristol in his last three starts, and is one of the only four current drivers that have accomplished that along with Logano, Harvick, and McMurray. His best finish came last fall when he crossed the line in fifth.

Bayne has five top-15s so far this season including back-to-back 13th-place finishes in the last two weeks.

24. Ty Dillon

Yahoo! Group: C
 NASCAR.com Cap: \$13.25
 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: 25.00
 Draft Kings Points: 28.00
 Avg. Last 6 races ^
 Cup results: 18.17

Dillon only has one start at Bristol so far in his young career. Last spring he came in 25th. The younger Dillon

brother has one top-15 and four top-20s so far this season, however, which gives him a lot of momentum.

Dillon's bulldog-like personality will make him hard to pass at Bristol. This should help keep the rookie on the lead lap and could contribute to a one of his better finishes of the season—so long as he does not get moved out of the way by a more aggressive veteran.

29. Chris Buescher

Yahoo! Group: B
 NASCAR.com Cap: \$9.00
 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/3
 Top-fives: 1 (.333)
 Top-10s: 1 (.333)
 Last 3 Years
 Current Track: 17.00
 Yahoo! Points: 58.00
 NASCAR.com Points: 32.67
 Draft Kings Points: 34.67
 Avg. Last 6 races ^
 Cup results: 21.83

After two finishes in the top 20, Buescher surprised fantasy owners with a top-five finish last summer—proving that this is indeed a drivers' track that rewards skill to a greater percentage of the equation to horsepower. This was his second-best finish last year after his win at a rain shorten Pocono.

Buescher's best finish so far this season came on another short track. He nabbed an 11th-place finish at Martinsville.

BUSTS

13. Denny Hamlin

Yahoo! Group: A
 NASCAR.com Cap: \$25.00
 Wins at Track/Attempts: 1/22
 Top-fives: 6 (.273)
 Top-10s: 10 (.455)
 Last 3 Years
 Current Track: 16.33

Yahoo! Points: 70.33
 NASCAR.com Points: 39.25
 Draft Kings Points: 36.19
 Avg. Last 6 races ^
 Cup results: 20.50

Hamlin has been hard to handicap at Bristol in recent years. In 2012, he finished 20th in the spring and won the summer race. That has set the tone for his uneven results. In 2013, he finished outside the top 20 in both races.

In the past three seasons, he has an equal number of results 20th or worse to the three top-10s that will undoubtedly be brought up by broadcasters this week. He has two third-place finishes in the past two years, but both of those came under the lights in August.

14. Martin Truex Jr.

Yahoo! Group: A
 NASCAR.com Cap: \$27.25
 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/22
 Top-fives: 2 (.091)
 Top-10s: 2 (.091)
 Last 3 Years
 Current Track: 25.00
 Yahoo! Points: 42.00
 NASCAR.com Points: 16.63
 Draft Kings Points: 18.13
 Avg. Last 6 races ^
 Cup results: 8.00

Truex has been among the class of the field on unrestricted, intermediate speedways. Short tracks—especially Bristol—have been another story entirely.

In the past four years, Truex has scored only two top-15s. One of those came back in 2013; the other was earned in this race last year. The No. 78 is listed as a Bust this week not only because of a four-year average on this track of only

3 Year Avg. Finish on Short Tracks			
Rank	Driver	Avg.	Attempts
1	Joey Logano	9.65	17
2	Kevin Harvick	12.18	17
3	Jamie McMurray	12.24	17
4	Jimmie Johnson	12.35	17
5	Brad Keselowski	12.47	17
6	Kyle Busch	12.50	14
7	Ryan Newman	13.53	17
8	Dale Earnhardt Jr	14.71	14
9	Denny Hamlin	14.94	17
10	Chase Elliott	15.44	9
11	Kyle Larson	16.88	17
12	Kasey Kahne	17.06	17
13	Matt Kenseth	17.29	17
14	Martin Truex Jr	17.29	17
15	AJ Allmendinger	17.29	17
16	Kurt Busch	17.35	17
17	Austin Dillon	18.35	17
18	Clint Bowyer	18.59	17
19	Trevor Bayne	19.23	13
20	Aric Almirola	19.41	17
21	Paul Menard	20.00	17
22	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	22.18	17
23	Chris Buescher	22.67	9
24	Danica Patrick	22.88	17
25	Ty Dillon	23.50	2
26	Michael McDowell	24.73	12
27	Ryan Blaney	24.75	8
28	David Ragan	26.24	17
29	Landon Cassill	27.59	17
30	Matt DiBenedetto	28.77	13
31	Cole Whitt	29.67	16
32	Jeffrey Earnhardt	33.57	7
33	Gray Gaulding	34.00	2
34	JJ Yeley	34.44	10
35	Reed Sorenson	34.64	14
36	Timmy Hill	39.00	5

24.6, but because he is going to be so much better and more predictable once the series returns to unrestricted, intermediate speedways.

17. Ryan Blaney

Yahoo! Group: B
 NASCAR.com Cap: \$21.25
 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/3
 Top-fives: 0 (.000)
 Top-10s: 0 (.000)
 Last 3 Years
 Current Track: 22.67
 Yahoo! Points: 47.00
 NASCAR.com Points: 12.50
 Draft Kings Points: 14.50
 Avg. Last 6 races ^
 Cup results: 15.67

The same rationale for leaving Truex in the garage applies to Blaney. He is going to be so much better on unrestricted, intermediate speedways that

there is not a good enough reason to risk starting him on a track where accidents can happen throughout the field. Blaney has three starts at Bristol. One of them almost landed in the top 10; he finished 11th in last year's edition of this race. His two summer efforts under the light ended outside the top 20, however, and there are better options available.

22. Erik Jones

Yahoo! Group: C
 NASCAR.com Cap: \$20.25
 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: 13.83

Elliott's top-five in last year's Food City 500 aside, rookies are not expected to run well at Bristol. One of this

week's sleepers, Ty Dillon is a throwback of sorts to drivers like Cale Yarborough and Bobby Allison, but Jones has a tendency to be a little smoother and cautious behind the wheel. On this half-mile bullring, even a little lapse in aggression can be the difference between getting swallowed up and staying on the lead lap.

Jones had a tough time at Texas last week and that might also have impacted his confidence. The formula this week simply does not support predicting a top-15.

23. Ryan Newman

Yahoo! Group: B
 NASCAR.com Cap: \$18.75
 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/30
 Top-fives: 2 (.067)



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Top-10s: 16 (.533)
 Last 3 Years
 Current Track: 13.50
 Yahoo! Points: 66.67
 NASCAR.com Points: 35.13
 Draft Kings Points: 36.06
 Avg. Last 6 races ^
 Cup results: 17.00

Bulldogs occasionally perform well at Bristol, which is why Dillon is considered a sleeper this week. They can also get into trouble. If a driver is too hard to pass, a competitor who is certain he has a better car will occasionally move the obstacle out of his way. Newman's reputation precedes him, but the competition also knows he has a victory in the bank and expects him to be a little more neighborly in the draft.

We are also prepared to be

wrong. Newman entered last summer's Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race with a five-race streak of results 16th or better. He will contend for a similar result if he stays out of trouble.

Allmendinger is a consistent value on many tracks in different contests. Using him this week would be a waste of that value.

Other Drivers

11. Jamie McMurray

Yahoo! Group: B
 NASCAR.com Cap: \$21.75
 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/28
 Top-fives: 3 (.107)
 Top-10s: 11 (.393)
 Last 3 Years
 Current Track: 15.33
 Yahoo! Points: 66.33
 NASCAR.com Points: 39.00

Draft Kings Points: 40.50
 Avg. Last 6 races ^
 Cup results: 14.00

15. Austin Dillon

Yahoo! Group: B
 NASCAR.com Cap: \$20.25
 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/6
 Top-fives: 1 (.000)
 Top-10s: 2 (.000)
 Last 3 Years
 Current Track: 15.33
 Yahoo! Points: 61.33
 NASCAR.com Points: 31.25
 Draft Kings Points: 32.75
 Avg. Last 6 races ^
 Cup results: 20.67

18. Matt DiBenedetto

Yahoo! Group: C
 NASCAR.com Cap: \$7.00
 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/4
 Top-fives: 0 (.000)
 Top-10s: 1 (.250)
 Last 3 Years
 Current Track: 19.25
 Yahoo! Points: 53.50
 NASCAR.com Points: 33.25
 Draft Kings Points: 34.75
 Avg. Last 6 races ^
 Cup results: 29.67

19. Kasey Kahne

Yahoo! Group: B
 NASCAR.com Cap: \$22.75
 Wins at Track/Attempts: 1/26
 Top-fives: 5 (.192)
 Top-10s: 10 (.385)
 Last 3 Years
 Current Track: 21.00

Yahoo! Points: 53.33
 NASCAR.com Points: 19.50
 Draft Kings Points: 21.00
 Avg. Last 6 races ^
 Cup results: 18.00

20. Paul Menard

Yahoo! Group: B
 NASCAR.com Cap: \$15.00
 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/20
 Top-fives: 1 (.050)
 Top-10s: 6 (.300)
 Last 3 Years
 Current Track: 18.67
 Yahoo! Points: 56.33
 NASCAR.com Points: 21.00
 Draft Kings Points: 22.25
 Avg. Last 6 races ^
 Cup results: 24.67

25. Landon Cassill

Yahoo! Group: C
 NASCAR.com Cap: \$8.00
 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/12
 Top-fives: 0 (.000)
 Top-10s: 0 (.000)
 Last 3 Years
 Current Track: 29.17
 Yahoo! Points: 35.33

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

Current Track: 20.33
 Yahoo! Points: 51.33
 NASCAR.com Points: 29.38
 Draft Kings Points: 30.88
 Avg. Last 6 races ^
 Cup results: 18.83

28. Daniel Suarez

Yahoo! Group: C
 NASCAR.com Cap: \$17.00
 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: 17.67

30. Danica Patrick

Yahoo! Group: B
 NASCAR.com Cap: \$11.00
 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/9
 Top-fives: 0 (.000)
 Top-10s: 1 (.111)
 Last 3 Years
 Current Track: 21.67
 Yahoo! Points: 48.67
 NASCAR.com Points: 31.63
 Draft Kings Points: 33.13
 Avg. Last 6 races ^
 Cup results: 24.67

31. Michael McDowell

Yahoo! Group: C
 NASCAR.com Cap: \$10.00
 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/13
 Top-fives: 0 (.000)
 Top-10s: 0 (.000)
 Last 3 Years
 Current Track: 26.00
 Yahoo! Points: 40.00
 NASCAR.com Points: 18.75
 Draft Kings Points: 20.13
 Avg. Last 6 races ^
 Cup results: 25.50

32. David Ragan

Yahoo! Group: C
 NASCAR.com Cap: \$6.75
 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/20
 Top-fives: 0 (.000)
 Top-10s: 1 (.050)
 Last 3 Years
 Current Track: 32.50
 Yahoo! Points: 27.17

NASCAR.com Points: -5.75
 Draft Kings Points: -4.25
 Avg. Last 6 races ^
 Cup results: 28.33

NASCAR.com Points: 12.75
 Draft Kings Points: 13.00
 Avg. Last 6 races ^
 Cup results: 26.67

26. AJ Allmendinger

Yahoo! Group: B
 NASCAR.com Cap: \$15.50
 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/17
 Top-fives: # (.000)
 Top-10s: 1 (.059)
 Last 3 Years
 Current Track: 21.17

Yahoo! Points: 49.67
 NASCAR.com Points: 16.25
 Draft Kings Points: 17.75
 Avg. Last 6 races ^
 Cup results: 19.83

27. Aric Almirola

Yahoo! Group: B
 NASCAR.com Cap: \$13.25
 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/16
 Top-fives: 1 (.063)
 Top-10s: 2 (.125)
 Last 3 Years

33. Corey LaJoie

Yahoo! Group: C
 NASCAR.com Cap: \$4.75
 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/0
 Top-fives: 0 (.000)
 Top-10s: 0 (.000)
 Last 3 Years

Laps in Top-10 at Bristol (L 3Yrs)				
Rank	Driver	Laps	%	Possible Laps
1	Kevin Harvick	1,963	78.2%	2,511
2	Kurt Busch	1,836	73.1%	2,511
3	Joey Logano	1,528	60.9%	2,511
4	Jamie McMurray	1,414	56.3%	2,511
5	Matt Kenseth	1,361	54.2%	2,511
6	Brad Keselowski	1,309	52.1%	2,511
7	Denny Hamlin	1,223	48.7%	2,511
8	Kyle Busch	938	46.9%	2,000
9	Chase Elliott	464	46.4%	1,000
10	Jimmie Johnson	1,054	42.0%	2,511
11	Martin Truex Jr	946	37.7%	2,511
12	Ty Dillon	167	33.4%	500
13	Kyle Larson	796	31.7%	2,511
14	Ryan Newman	767	30.5%	2,511
15	Ryan Blaney	447	29.8%	1,500
16	Clint Bowyer	700	27.9%	2,511
17	Kasey Kahne	692	27.6%	2,511
18	Dale Earnhardt Jr	519	25.8%	2,011
19	Paul Menard	531	21.1%	2,511
20	Austin Dillon	529	21.1%	2,511
21	David Ragan	428	17.0%	2,511
22	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	426	17.0%	2,511
23	AJ Allmendinger	384	15.3%	2,511
24	Chris Buescher	127	8.4%	1,511
25	Trevor Bayne	158	7.9%	2,011
26	Landon Cassill	184	7.3%	2,511
27	Aric Almirola	171	6.8%	2,511
28	Danica Patrick	54	2.2%	2,511
29	Matt DiBenedetto	39	1.9%	2,011
30	Michael McDowell	8	0.3%	2,511
31	Cole Whitt	-	0.0%	2,511
32	JJ Yeley	-	0.0%	1,511
33	Reed Sorenson	-	0.0%	1,500
34	Jeffrey Earnhardt	-	0.0%	1,000
35	Timmy Hill	-	0.0%	500

Current Track: NA
 Yahoo! Points: NA
 NASCAR.com Points: NA
 Draft Kings Points: NA
 Avg. Last 6 races ^
 Cup results: 33.50

34. Jeffrey Earnhardt

Yahoo! Group: C
 NASCAR.com Cap: \$4.75
 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/2
 Top-fives: 0 (.000)
 Top-10s: 0 (.000)
 Last 3 Years
 Current Track: 30.50
 Yahoo! Points: 31.00
 NASCAR.com Points: 17.50
 Draft Kings Points: 20.50
 Avg. Last 6 races ^
 Cup results: 36.50

35. 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: 31.33

Yahoo! Points: 29.33
 NASCAR.com Points: 20.75
 Draft Kings Points: 22.25
 Avg. Last 6 races ^
 Cup results: 27.50

36. Reed Sorenson

Yahoo! Group: C
 NASCAR.com Cap: \$5.00
 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/16
 Top-fives: 0 (.000)
 Top-10s: 0 (.000)
 Last 3 Years
 Current Track: 33.00
 Yahoo! Points: 32.50
 NASCAR.com Points: 11.00
 Draft Kings Points: 14.00
 Avg. Last 6 races ^
 Cup results: 32.00

37. Timmy Hill

Yahoo! Group: C
 NASCAR.com Cap: \$4.75
 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/3
 Top-fives: 0 (.000)
 Top-10s: 0 (.000)
 Last 3 Years
 Current Track: 41.00
 Yahoo! Points: 10.00

NASCAR.com Points: 7.00
 Draft Kings Points: 7.00
 Avg. Last 6 races ^
 Cup results: 35.20

38. Derrike Cope

Yahoo! Group: C
 NASCAR.com Cap: \$4.75
 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/28
 Top-fives: 0 (.000)
 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: 35.80

39. Gray Gaulding

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
 Draft Kings Points: NA
 Avg. Last 6 races ^
 Cup results: 35.80

^ 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 2017 that a driver backed up one top-10 with another finish of 10th or better, (total number of top-10s for the season in parenthesis):

Brad Keselowski: 5 (6)



Bristol
Motor Speedway

Track Type: Short Track

Track Size: 0.533 Miles

Banking/Turns: 24-28 degrees

Banking /Frontstretch & Backstretch: 4-8 degrees

Race Length: 500 Laps/266.5 Miles

Stage 1 & 2: 125 Laps (each)

Final Stage: 250 Laps

3 Things to Know

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**Most Coors Light poles
among active drivers
(Denny Hamlin & Ryan Newman)**

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**Most wins among active drivers
(Kurt Busch & Kyle Busch)**

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**Most wins among
active car owners
(Roger Penske)**

- Carol D'Agostino, Skirtsandscuffs.com

Joey Logano: 4 (6)
Kyle Larson: 3 (5)
Chase Elliott: 3 (5)
Kyle Busch: 2 (3)
Martin Truex Jr.: 1 (4)
Jamie McMurray: 1 (4)
Kurt Busch: 1 (3)
Matt Kenseth: 1 (3)
Clint Bowyer: 1 (3)
Kasey Kahne: 1 (2)
Denny Hamlin: 1 (2)
Daniel Suarez: 1 (2)
Ryan Blaney: 0 (3)
Kevin Harvick: 0 (3)
Ryan Newman: 0 (2)
Jimmie Johnson: 0 (2)
AJ Allmendinger: 0 (2)
Ricky Stenhouse Jr.: 0 (2)
Aric Almirola: 0 (1)
Paul Menard: 0 (1)
Austin Dillon: 0 (1)
Dale Earnhardt Jr.: 0 (1)
Erik Jones: 0 (1)
Michael Waltrip: 0 (1)
Matt DiBenedetto: 0 (1)
Trevor Bayne: 0 (1)
Chris Buescher: 0 (0)

Ty Dillon: 0 (0)
Michael McDowell: 0 (0)
Landon Cassill: 0 (0)
Danica Patrick: 0 (0)
Cole Whitt: 0 (0)
David Ragan: 0 (0)
Corey LaJoie: 0 (0)
Jeffrey Earnhardt: 0 (0)
Reed Sorenson: 0 (0)
Gray Gaulding: 0 (0)
Timmy Hill: 0 (0)
Derrike Cope: 0 (0)
JJ Yeley: 0 (0)
Cody Ware: 0 (0)
DJ Kennington: 0 (0)

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:

(2) Martin Truex Jr.: Las Vegas (week 3), Auto Club (week 5)

(2) Kyle Busch: Phoenix (week 4), Martinsville 1 (week 6)

(2) Kevin Harvick: Atlanta (week 2), Texas 1 (week 7)

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

Yahoo! Group B:

Top two each week.

(5) Kyle Larson: Atlanta (week 2), Las Vegas (week 3), Phoenix (week 4), Auto Club (week 5), Texas 1 (week 7)

(2) Chase Elliott: Las Vegas (week 3), Martinsville 1 (week 6)

Avg. Start at Bristol			
Rank	Driver	Avg. Start	Attempts
1	Kyle Busch	4.20	5
2	Denny Hamlin	4.33	6
3	Joey Logano	5.50	6
4	Brad Keselowski	6.67	6
5	Matt Kenseth	6.67	6
6	Kevin Harvick	11.67	6
7	Ryan Blaney	12.33	3
8	Chase Elliott	12.50	2
9	Jimmie Johnson	12.83	6
10	Kurt Busch	13.00	6
11	Kasey Kahne	13.17	6
12	Ryan Newman	14.67	6
13	Dale Earnhardt Jr	17.40	5
14	Martin Truex Jr	17.67	6
15	AJ Allmendinger	17.67	6
16	Jamie McMurray	17.83	6
17	Austin Dillon	18.00	6
18	Paul Menard	19.50	6
19	David Ragan	20.67	6
20	Trevor Bayne	21.25	4
21	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	22.00	6
22	Kyle Larson	22.67	6
23	Clint Bowyer	23.67	6
24	Chris Buescher	23.67	3
25	Michael McDowell	26.33	6
26	Aric Almirola	27.50	6
27	Matt DiBenedetto	28.00	4
28	Danica Patrick	30.00	6
29	Landon Cassill	31.00	6
30	Cole Whitt	33.50	6
31	JJ Yeley	34.67	4
32	Reed Sorenson	36.25	5
33	Jeffrey Earnhardt	37.50	2
34	Timmy Hill	42.00	2

(2) Ryan Blaney: Daytona 1 (week 1), Martinsville 1 (week 6), Texas 1 (week 7)

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

(1) Kasey Kahne: Atlanta (week 2)

(1) Ryan Newman: Phoenix (week 4)

(1) Clint Bowyer: Auto Club (week 5)

(1) Austin Dillon: Martinsville 1 (week 6)

Yahoo! Group C:

(2) Daniel Suarez: Phoenix (week 4), Auto Club (week 5)

(2) Erik Jones: Atlanta (week 2), Martinsville 1 (week 6)

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

(1) Michael McDowell: Las Vegas (week 3)

(1) Ty Dillon: Texas 1 (week 7)

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Top five game finishes

(5) Chase Elliott: Atlanta (week 2), Las Vegas (week 3), Phoenix 1 (week 4), Auto Club (week 5), Mar-

Driver	Top-5s
Brad Keselowski	5
Kyle Larson	5
Joey Logano	4
Chase Elliott	3
Martin Truex Jr	2
Kyle Busch	2
Aric Almirola	1
Austin Dillon	1
Clint Bowyer	1
Dale Earnhardt Jr	1
Jimmie Johnson	1
AJ Allmendinger	1
Kevin Harvick	1
Ryan Newman	1
Kurt Busch	1
Matt Kenseth	1
Paul Menard	1
Ricky Stenhouse Jr	1
Ryan Blaney	1
Kasey Kahne	1

(5) Kyle Larson: Atlanta (week 2), Las Vegas (week 3), Phoenix 1 (week 4), Auto Club (week 5), Texas 1 (week 7)

(4) Brad Keselowski: Atlanta (week 2), Las Vegas (week 3), Phoenix 1 (week 4), Martinsville 1 (week 6)

(3) Joey Logano: Daytona 1 (week 1), Auto Club (week 5), Martinsville 1 (week 6)



Season to Date Grid										
Driver	Starts	Wins	Top-5s	Top-10s	Avg Fin	Start	Laps	Poles	DNFs	DNQs
Kyle Larson	7	1	5	5	5.43	9.57	2,142	1		
Brad Keselowski	7	2	5	6	6.71	4.43	2,085	1	1	
Chase Elliott	7		3	5	8.00	11.29	2,142	1		
Joey Logano	7		4	6	8.43	10.29	2,135	1	1	
Martin Truex Jr	7	1	2	4	8.71	10.86	2,142			
Clint Bowyer	7		1	3	12.43	12.14	2,070		1	
Ryan Blaney	7		1	3	13.71	11.86	2,139			
Trevor Bayne	7			1	14.71	19.14	2,142			
Kyle Busch	7		2	3	14.86	13.57	2,045		1	
Jimmie Johnson	7	1	1	2	15.71	21.43	2,068		1	
Kevin Harvick	7		1	3	16.00	9.29	1,940	2	1	
Jamie McMurray	7			4	16.00	6.43	1,688		2	
Kasey Kahne	7		1	2	16.43	18.86	2,111			
Aric Almirola	7		1	1	16.71	24.00	2,138			
AJ Allmendinger	7		1	2	17.43	24.43	2,138			
Erik Jones	7			1	17.43	19.71	2,044		1	
Ryan Newman	7	1	1	2	17.57	12.00	2,122			
Ricky Stenhouse Jr	7		1	2	18.14	19.71	2,069		1	
Kurt Busch	7	1	1	3	19.14	12.57	1,932		1	
Daniel Suarez	7			2	19.29	18.14	2,070		1	
Ty Dillon	7				19.86	20.14	2,081		1	
Denny Hamlin	7			2	20.00	11.29	1,990		1	
Austin Dillon	7		1	1	20.43	17.71	2,122			
Matt Kenseth	7		1	3	21.43	11.43	1,903		3	
Dale Earnhardt Jr	7		1	1	21.71	15.86	1,961		2	
Paul Menard	7		1	1	21.86	21.29	2,117			
Chris Buescher	7				23.71	30.57	2,064		1	
Michael McDowell	7				24.00	24.71	2,129			
Landon Cassill	7				25.14	25.43	2,125			
Danica Patrick	7				25.86	22.86	2,045		2	
Cole Whitt	7				26.14	29.43	2,068		1	
Matt DiBenedetto	7			1	26.71	28.57	2,027		1	
David Ragan	7				27.86	28.86	2,005		1	
Reed Sorenson	6				32.00	32.67	1,902			1
Corey LaJoie	7				32.14	30.86	1,659		2	
Gray Gaulding	6				34.50	34.33	1,704		3	
Jeffrey Earnhardt	7				35.00	34.29	1,225		5	
Timmy Hill	5				35.20	37.80	1,225		2	1
Derrike Cope	5				35.80	37.20	1,289			

(3) Martin Truex Jr.: Las Vegas (week 3), Auto Club (week 5), Texas 1 (week 7 – tied for fifth with Earnhardt)

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

(2) Kyle Busch: Phoenix 1 (week 4), Martinsville 1 (week 6)

(2) Ryan Blaney: Daytona 1 (week 1), Texas 1 (week 7)

(2) Kevin Harvick: Atlanta (week 2), Texas 1 (week 7)

(2) Jimmie Johnson: Las Vegas (week 3), Texas 1 (week 7)

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

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

(1) Kasey Kahne: Atlanta (week 2)

(1) Ryan Newman: Phoenix 1 (week 4)

(1) Clint Bowyer: Auto Club (week 5)

(1) Dale Earnhardt Jr.:

Texas 1 (week 7 – tied for fifth with Earnhardt)

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 pre-views. 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

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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.

Driver Rating: Season to Date			
Rank	Driver	Standings	Rating
1	Brad Keselowski	4	113.6
2	Kyle Larson	1	112.6
3	Chase Elliott	2	109.8
4	Martin Truex Jr.	3	108.1
5	Joey Logano	5	101.7
6	Kyle Busch	7	97.6
7	Ryan Blaney	6	94.3
8	Kevin Harvick	10	92.6
9	Jimmie Johnson	11	89.1
10	Jamie McMurray	8	87.6
11	Clint Bowyer	9	84.7
12	Dale Earnhardt Jr.	20	84.2
13	Erik Jones	14	79.9
14	Kasey Kahne	17	76.6
15	Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	19	76.6
16	Ryan Newman	13	76.0
17	Kurt Busch	15	75.0
18	Denny Hamlin	16	73.4
19	Matt Kenseth	22	73.4
20	Trevor Bayne	12	73.0
21	Austin Dillon	21	70.0
22	AJ Allmendinger	25	64.9
23	Aric Almirola	18	63.8
24	Ty Dillon	24	63.8
25	Paul Menard	26	59.7
26	Chris Buescher	27	58.0
27	Daniel Suarez	23	57.2
28	Danica Patrick	29	56.0
29	Michael McDowell	28	53.0
30	David Ragan	33	47.1
31	Landon Cassill	30	45.5
32	Matt DiBenedetto	32	44.1
33	Cole Whitt	31	43.9
34	Reed Sorenson	35	34.4
35	Gray Gaulding	38	33.0
36	Corey Lajoie	34	32.6
37	Jeffrey Earnhardt	37	27.6

3 Yr. Avg. Yahoo! Points at Bristol			
Rank	Driver	Avg. Points	Attempts
1	Chase Elliott	78.00	2
2	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	75.00	6
3	Jimmie Johnson	74.00	6
4	Joey Logano	73.67	6
5	Kevin Harvick	71.17	6
6	Denny Hamlin	70.33	6
7	Ryan Newman	66.67	6
8	Jamie McMurray	66.33	6
9	Clint Bowyer	64.33	6
10	Brad Keselowski	62.67	6
11	Trevor Bayne	62.00	4
12	Austin Dillon	61.33	6
13	Kurt Busch	60.33	6
14	Matt Kenseth	59.33	6
15	Chris Buescher	58.00	3
16	Paul Menard	56.33	6
17	Dale Earnhardt Jr	56.00	5
18	Matt DiBenedetto	53.50	4
19	Kasey Kahne	53.33	6
20	Aric Almirola	51.33	6
21	Kyle Larson	50.67	6
22	AJ Allmendinger	49.67	6
23	Danica Patrick	48.67	6
24	Ryan Blaney	47.00	3
25	Kyle Busch	45.80	5
26	Ty Dillon	42.00	1
27	Martin Truex Jr	42.00	6
28	Michael McDowell	40.00	6
29	Landon Cassill	35.33	6
30	Reed Sorenson	32.50	4
31	Jeffrey Earnhardt	31.00	2
32	Cole Whitt	29.33	6
33	David Ragan	27.17	6
34	JJ Yeley	26.00	3
35	Timmy Hill	10.00	2