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# Overview

Richmond is a track that caters to a wide variety of skills. Its three-quarter-mile distance and sweeping front stretch makes it behave both as a short track and an unrestricted, intermediate speedway. The result of that is drivers who perform well on both disciplines tend to excel at Richmond. him as one of the early frontrunners as a place-and-hold favorite on most tracks.

Brad Keselowski and Jimmie Johnson won the first two short track races of the season and that also put them on the radar screen for fantasy players looking to that track type as the primary source for handicapping.

But there is also some signifi-

Chase Elliott has top-10s in all. If not for mechanical problems last week, Keselowski would certainly have added his name to the mix.

# Double Down

Despite the egalitarian nature of the track, it was one of the most prone to streaks last year.



Fantasy owners can look to the two-mile tracks and the short courses.

A few weeks back, Kyle Larson's completed his dominant start to the season with a victory at Auto Club Speedway. It virtually locked him into the playoffs and established cant overlap between the two types and that is where some of the best drivers will come from this week. Joey Logano swept the top five at Auto Club Speedway, Martinsville Speedway, and Bristol Motor Speedway. Clint Bowyer has a worst finish of seventh on those three courses, while

As always, a strong record on a given track takes precedence. Compared to last week at Bristol, when only three drivers swept the top 10 in both races on that track, Richmond was host to seven. Another three swept the top 15, meaning it was fairly rare for

a dark horse to make their presence known.

Drivers like Johnson, Logano, and Kevin Harvick all have long streaks of top-10 or -15 finishes at Richmond—and since those drivers each had a strong performance in the last short track race, they surge to the top of the rankings this week.

Once a player gets beyond the 10 drivers who swept the top 15 at Richmond last year, the pattern breaks up. There are far fewer racers with sweeps of 20- or 30-something results. That means fantasy owners really want to pay attention to the top of the order this week. Get the favorites right, and the sleepers will not be as critical.

The trend toward consistency will help identify the few sleepers needed, however. David Ragan, Cole Whitt, Michael McDowell, and Gray Gaulding not only finished in the 20s in both of the short track races so far this season, their results in the pair of events was within one of the other.

Top-10 Drivers

1. Kyle Larson Yahoo! Group: B NASCAR.com Cap: \$28.00 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/6 Top-fives: 1 (.167)

Driver	Wins
Kyle Busch	4
Dale Earnhardt Jr	3
Denny Hamlin	3
Kevin Harvick	3 3 3 3 2 2 2 2 2
Jimmie Johnson	3
Clint Bowyer	2
Kurt Busch	2
Matt Kenseth	2
Kasey Kahne	1
Brad Keselowski	1
Joey Logano	1
Ryan Newman	1

Top-10s: 1 (.167) Last 3 Years Current Track: 11.33 Yahool Points: 71.83 NASCAR.com Points: 31.10 Draft Kings Points: 31.71 Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 5.00

When Larson's season began to turn around appreciably last year, he began running well on tracks where he showed consistency. He entered the fall Federated Auto Parts 400 with a streak of five results 16th or better, but he failed to crack the top 10. He might have been under the radar a little because of that, and if so he rewarded his faithful followers with a runner-up finish.

Since then, he has turned on the afterburners. He won on the two-mile Auto Club Speedway. He would likely have earned a top-five, or at least a top-10 at Martinsville, if he had not experienced mechanical difficulty. He finished sixth at Bristol. He has become a well-rounded threat on every track type and no one will be surprised to see him challenge for the win.

### 2. Jimmie Johnson

Yahoo! Group: A NASCAR.com Cap: \$26.50 Wins at Track/Attempts: 3/30 Top-fives: 7 (.233)

Driver	Top-5s
-	
Kyle Busch	15
Kevin Harvick	11
Dale Earnhardt Jr	10
Denny Hamlin	8
Jimmie Johnson	7
Kurt Busch	6
Matt Kenseth	6
Ryan Newman	6
Kasey Kahne	5
Joey Logano	5
Clint Bowyer	4
Brad Keselowski	3
Jamie McMurray	3
David Ragan	3
Martin Truex Jr	3 3 3 2
Aric Almirola	1
Kyle Larson	1
Paul Menard	1

Top-10s: 12 (.400) Last 3 Years Current Track: 11.00 Yahoo! Points: 72.12 NASCAR.com Points: 43.10 Draft Kings Points: 40.92 Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 9.67

After his win in Texas, fantasy players wanted to see if Johnson had truly turned his season around. It was fine to be a little cautious regarding him because, while momentum can change in an instant, it doesn't always. Last week's victory at Bristol might not signal a complete reversal of fortune, but it does seem more than safe to start handicapping him by the numbers once more.

Johnson finished only 11th at Richmond last fall, but he was third in the spring. That was part of a four-race streak of top-10s on this track and he could easily score a third consecutive win.

### 3. Chase Elliott

Yahoo! Group: B NASCAR.com Cap: \$27.50 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/3 Top-fives: 0 (.000) Top-10s: 0 (.000) Last 3 Years Current Track: 15.67 Yahoo! Points: 60.67

Driver	Top-10s
Kevin Harvick	20
Kyle Busch	17
Matt Kenseth	16
Ryan Newman	16
Dale Earnhardt Jr	14
Kurt Busch	13
Clint Bowyer	12
Denny Hamlin	12
Jimmie Johnson	12
Kasey Kahne	10
Joey Logano	8
Jamie McMurray	7
Martin Truex Jr	7
Brad Keselowski	6
AJ Allmendinger	3
Aric Almirola	3
David Ragan	
Kyle Larson	1
Paul Menard	1
Ricky Stenhouse Jr	1
JJ Yeley	1

NASCAR.com Points: 36.50 Draft Kings Points: 38.50 Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 7.33

By now, everyone has heard that Dale Earnhardt Jr. is going to retire at the end of 2017. When asked if this would impact the popularity of NASCAR, he pointed to two Young Guns as a reason that the sport would be just fine. Larson was one of those mentioned; the other was his teammate Elliott.

Given how well Elliott has run in the first eight races this season, it is no surprise that he was front-of-mind for Earnhardt. With the departure of the driver of the No. 88 on the heels of Carl Edwards, Tony Stewart, and Jeff Gordon's retirements, the changing of the guard is fully in force and it is time to start thinking of these drivers as favorites instead of dark horses.

**4. Clint Bowyer** Yahoo! Group: B NASCAR.com Cap: \$19.25



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Wins at Track/Attempts: 2/22 Top-fives: 4 (.182) Top-10s: 12 (.545) Last 3 Years Current Track: 20.00 Yahoo! Points: 52.00 NASCAR.com Points: 20.20 Draft Kings Points: 27.25 Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 7.67

As the Food City 500 weekend approached, Bowver's name was bandied about with increased frequency as a driver who could win the race outright. At the beginning of the season, he was considered as a driver who would run well on drivers' tracks, but given the struggles of himself and the No. 14 team with Stewart behind the wheel last year, it was likely going to take half the season to get comfortable.

That assessment was wrong; Bowyer came out of the gates as strong as he has ever been.

Bowyer finished second in last week's Food City

500 and he will challenge for another top-five at Richmond. He already has two wins on this track.

One of them came in a clutch performance to make the playoffs in 2012. Since then, he has added another runnerup finish and a third.

### 5. Brad Keselowski

Yahoo! Group: A NASCAR.com Cap: \$27.75 Wins at Track/Attempts: 1/15 Top-fives: 3 (.200) Top-10s: 6 (.400) Last 3 Years Current Track: 7.50 Yahoo! Points: 87.50 NASCAR.com Points: 54.70 Draft Kings Points: 73.00 Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 8.83

	Driver Rating: I		
Rank	Driver		Avg.
1	Kyle Busch	143.1	110.8
2	Denny Hamlin	150.0	109.9
3	Kevin Harvick	142.8	109.9
4	Kurt Busch	148.1	95.0
5	Brad Keselowski	149.8	94.7
6	Clint Bowyer	127.1	93.5
7	Jimmie Johnson	134.1	90.6
8	Matt Kenseth	149.7	89.6
9	Ryan Newman	117.1	89.5
10	Kasey Kahne	147.9	87.4
11	Dale Earnhardt Jr.	129.5	87.4
12	Kyle Larson	107.0	87.1
13	Joey Logano	126.8	86.1
14	Martin Truex Jr.	134.9	82.6
15	Jamie McMurray	114.1	79.0
16	Aric Almirola	94.1	73.5
17	Chase Elliott	77.0	72.9
18	AJ Allmendinger	108.9	69.8
19	Austin Dillon	83.7	67.9
20	Trevor Bayne	81.3	66.8
21	Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	77.7	64.7
22	David Ragan	113.4	62.3
23	Paul Menard	90.0	59.7
24	Elliott Sadler	93.6	58.7
25	Michael Waltrip	83.7	55.1
26	Danica Patrick	75.5	54.3
27	Landon Cassill	63.8	49.8
28	Reed Sorenson	90.3	47.6
29	Chris Buescher	56.1	45.7
30	JJ Yeley	80.9	44.6
31	Ryan Blaney	50.8	42.4
32	Michael McDowell	68.0	40.4
33	Alex Bowman	51.6	40.1
34	Cole Whitt	45.4	36.8
35	Matt DiBenedetto	41.4	36.2
36	Timmy Hill	29.9	29.9
37	Jeffrey Earnhardt	35.0	29.5
38	Joey Gase	27.9	27.9
39	Derrike Cope	24.8	24.8

Before suffering a mechanical failure last week at Bristol, Keselowski had not finished worse than sixth on an unrestricted speedway this year. His six week average entering that race was 3.33 with a pair of wins to his credit. He cannot be completely faulted for something going wrong. Teams push the envelope to the edge every week and occasionally things go wrong.

With two wins to his credit, which automatically locks him into the playoffs, Keselowski is much more prone to gamble than anyone else in the field. That makes him both dangerous and intriguing. 6. Joey Logano Yahoo! Group: A NASCAR.com Cap: \$28.00 Wins at Track/Attempts: 1/16 Top-fives: 5 (.313) Top-10s: 8 (.500) Last 3 Years Current Track: 5.50 Yahoo! Points: 89.33 NASCAR.com Points: 64.10 Draft Kings Points: 63.50 Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 8.67

Logano finished fifth at Bristol. That was his fourth straight top-five and the 13th time in the last 14 races that he finished in the top 10. He would likely be perfect during that streak if not for an acciLast 3 Years Current Track: 6.00 Yahoo! Points: 84.20 NASCAR.com Points: 68.50 Draft Kings Points: 59.25 Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 14.17

Statistically, Busch is easily one of the top choices this week. With a top-10 percentage of .739 in 23 starts, he rarely stumbles on this track. He has finished second or third in three of his last five attempts. His four victories at Richmond were all scored in spring races and in consecutive years from 2009 through 2012. The only nagging doubt Seven drivers swept the top 10 last year. Only one of them swept the top five. Harvick finished exactly fifth in both events to show consistency and strength, but it does not stop there.

He was also fifth in the fall 2014 race and second the following spring. That gives him four top-fives in the past five races. When he misses the top spots, it is often by small measures and he enters the weekend with 16 top-15s in his past 18 attempts.

> Harvick's third-place finish last week on the heels of a fourth at Texas gives him current momentum as well. It now seems like only a matter of time before he challenges for a victory to lock him into the playoffs.

### 9. Denny Hamlin

Yahoo! Group: A NASCAR.com Cap: \$25.00 Wins at Track/Attempts: 3/21 Top-fives: 8 (.381) Top-10s: 12 (.571) Last 3 Years Current Track: 13.00 Yahoo! Points: 73.50 NASCAR.com Points: 65.40 Draft Kings Points: 49.83 Avg. Last 6 races ^

Cup results: 15.83

It has been difficult to get excited about Hamlin for quite some time. He ended 2016 with three straight top-10s. The season began with a 17th at Daytona International Speedway, then a 38th at Atlanta Motor Speedway and all of the sudden, those top-10s seemed less impactful.

This year, he has three such finishes—two of which are only just 10ths—and his average is nearly double that mark. If he is going to reverse his fortune, this is the tack where it will happen.



dent at Phoenix. And yet, he is getting overlooked each week because of the dominance that Larson and Elliott are showing. With eight years under his belt, Logano is rapidly becoming one of the old guard at the age of 26. That means he is hitting his stride at a critical juncture as NAS-CAR transitions.

### 7. Kyle Busch

Yahoo! Group: A NASCAR.com Cap: \$26.50 Wins at Track/Attempts: 4/23 Top-fives: 15 (.652) Top-10s: 17 (.739) is that he has a propensity for driving over his head and that can just as easily result in a mandatory trip to the infield care center as one to Victory Lane.

### 8. Kevin Harvick

Yahoo! Group: A NASCAR.com Cap: \$27.00 Wins at Track/Attempts: 3/32 Top-fives: 11 (.344) Top-10s: 20 (.625) Last 3 Years Current Track: 7.00 Yahoo! Points: 84.83 NASCAR.com Points: 58.40 Draft Kings Points: 56.46 Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 14.00

# Dally Fantasy Mock Draft

by Victoria Beaver

Richmond is a fast race on a short track, which makes it difficult for many drivers to make their way through the field. Qualification will matter greatly for finishing positions, and place-differential points will be hard to come by. This week I've realigned my picks so I could focus more on the high and low range, going forward I'll feature three "Splurge" drivers and three "Steal" drivers.

### Splurge:

Kevin Harvick

Fantasy Power Average: 7.85 Harvick swept the top five last year at Richmond and was the only driver to do so. He has four top-fives in his last five starts. Last fall to achieve his fifth-place finish he advanced 14 positions.

This combined with his previous three races averages out for a place differential of +1.25. Harvick has led laps in two of the last four races at the track. He is coming off of two top-five finishes: a third at Bristol and fourth at Texas.

Kyle Larson

Fantasy Power Average: 17.50 Larson's best finish came last fall when he came in second behind Hamlin after also starting in the second position. Five of his six starts have ended in top-15 finishes.

The only one to fall outside that metric was a 16th-place finish in his inaugural Cup series run on the track. Larson oddly has not been able to advance from his starting position in any of these attempts, finishing in the same position in three races and falling behind in the remaining three. But that fact is dwarfed when you look at Larson's 2017 season, where he has an average finish of 5.5 in eight attempts including one win and four second place finishes.

Brad Keselowski

Fantasy Power Average: 8.52 Keselowski has the second-best record at Richmond after Harvick. He finished fourth there last fall and 11th in last

Drivers often get energized in front of the hometown crowd. Hamlin won the Federated Auto Parts 400 last fall and had two sixth-place finishes immediately preceding. Unfortunately, his last four before that were all in the low-20s, so fantasy owners want to watch him in practice before fully committing.

### 10. Matt Kenseth

Yahoo! Group: A NASCAR.com Cap: \$25.00 Wins at Track/Attempts: 2/34 Top-fives: 6 (.176) / Top-10s: 16 (.471) Last 3 Years Current Track: 16.50 Yahoo! Points: 68.67 NASCAR.com Points: 84.30 Draft Kings Points: 52.17 Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 18.50

Kenseth was an unknown entity last week. His record at Bristol is great, but he has had enough problems this season to make fantasy players question his value.

The driver of the No. 20 finished 38th last fall at Richmond. He was 41st in that same race in 2014, but he has seven top-10s in the past nine races. It has been half a decade since he finished poorly in back-to-back events on this track, so he should be able to back up a strong Bristol finish with another strong run. If that happens, it will be only the second time since last fall that he scored back-to-back top-10s.

# SLEEPERS

**12. Martin Truex Jr.** Yahoo! Group: A NASCAR.com Cap: \$27.25 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/22 Top-fives: 2 (.091) year's spring race. Last fall was the first time that Keselowski advanced from his qualification spot since fall of 2012. Even when he grabbed the checkers in 2014, he started on the pole meaning he gained zero place differential points. Keselowski has strong finishes on most short tracks and nabbed his second win of the season at Martinsville. Keselowski is the secondmost consistent top-five driver in the last 18 races after his teammate Joey Logano. Keselowski was chosen over Logano because of his cheaper price tag and better history at Richmond.

### Steal

Jamie McMurray

Fantasy Power Average: 13.95 McMurray is one of the few drivers that have figured out how to pass at Richmond, in his last four races he has a place differential of +7.75. He's pulled top-10 finishes in three of his last five races.

McMurray led laps in one of his last four attempts. He has led laps at Richmond

once in his last four starts. McMurray has four top-10s so far this season with a height of sixth at Auto Club.

### Aric Almirola

Fantasy Power Average: 21.62 Almirola has advanced in his last five consecutive starts at Richmond for a positive place-differential of +10.4. He has three top-10 finishes in his 10 starts at the track. Last year, both finishes fell outside of the top-15, but his consistency in his last 18 races (top-15s 61.1% of the time) gives fantasy owners hope for a better finish at the track.

### Cole Whitt

Fantasy Power Average: 38.02 Whitt is very much a dark horse this week, having never finished higher than 30th at Richmond and having an average finish of 38.02. This season could improve that average; so far he has finished in 21st position at both short tracks that the Cup drivers have visited so far this season. He moved up 10 positions at both Bristol and Martinsville for those finishes.

Top-10s: 7 (.318) Last 3 Years Current Track: 14.833 Yahoo! Points: 65.67 NASCAR.com Points: 62.80 Draft Kings Points: 49.13 Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 8.00

Truex is not generally considered one of the top choices on short tracks. He is such a better value on unrestricted, intermediate speedways that is usually a good time to let him rest when the series gets to a course less than a mile in length—particularly in the Yahoo! game that limits allocations. In salary cap games that make race-specific changes or in keeper leagues, he is strong enough on this course type that he makes a good sleeper.

Furthermore, the team is making inroads on this track type. Often they get to the front of the pack by gambling on short tracks, but that has the benefit of allowing them to find out how their car works in clean air.

### 14. 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: 14.33

Jones sustained crash damage last week at Bristol and that ruined an otherwise great performance. He finished third in the first stage and was sixth in the second.

He fell a lap off the pace and finished 17th, which is only the second time on an unrestricted speedway that he missed the top 15. That was the second consecutive race in which he finished modestly, however, and that could erode his confidence ever so slightly.

Still, the odds are good that he will rebound into the top 15

	Top-fives and Top-10s				
By Ca	ar Owner,	Last Thr	ee Years		
Owner	Attempts	Тс	p-5s	Top-1	0s
Roger Penske	12	6	50%	10	83%
Joe Gibbs	22	7	32%	12	55%
Chip Ganassi	12	3	25%	4	33%
Rick Hendrick	25	6	24%	13	52%
Tony Stewart	24	5	21%	8	33%
Barney Visser	6	1	17%	4	67%
Michael Waltrip	8	1	13%	3	38%
Petty Enterprises	12	1	8%	2	17%
Tad Geschickter	6			1	17%
Richard Childress	19			2	11%
Jack Roush	18			1	6%
BK Racing	19				
Front Row Motorsports	15				
Harry Scott	10				
Tommy Baldwin	9				
Jay Robinson	7				
Frank Stoddard	6				
Germain Bros	6				
Curtis Key	4				
Michael Hillman	4				
Mike Curb	4				
Bob Leavine	3				
Joe Falk	3				
Wood Bros	2				
Johnathan Cohen	1				
Mark Beard	1				

at Richmond last year and he has another sixth in 2015. He got off to a strong start in 2017 before stumbling in the last couple of races. If he can regain his equilibrium, he could be a great value.

### 31. Cole Whitt

Yahoo! Group: C NASCAR.com Cap: \$5.00 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/7 Top-fives: 0 (.000) Top-10s: 0 (.000) Last 3 Years Current Track: 37.20 Yahoo! Points: 19.50 NASCAR.com Points: 3.00 Draft Kings Points: 7.00 Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 27.67

There is an inherent danger in jumping on bandwagons, but Whitt was a surprisingly good value in both short track races so far this year with a pair of 21sts. In both cases he advanced 10 positions from a 31st-place starting spot, which in those two races mirrored his position in the points. If he starts outside the top 30, the risk of starting him is minimal because he is likely to earn positive placedifferential points and that makes him a conditionally strong value.

# BUSTS

21. Aric Almirola Yahoo! Group: B NASCAR.com Cap: \$13.25 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/10 Top-fives: 1 (.100) Top-10s: 3 (.300) Last 3 Years Current Track: 14.83 Yahoo! Points: 62.33 NASCAR.com Points: 37.60 Draft Kings Points: 40.75 Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 18.00

Almirola could be useful in salary cap games, but in straight-up league play he leaves much to be desired. His average finish at Richmond is

this week.

### 16. Ty Dillon

Yahoo! Group: C NASCAR.com Cap: \$13.25 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: 18.17

Dillon was the Rookie of the Race at Bristol. That track is not traditionally kind to first year drivers, but Dillon was closely followed across the line by Jones and Daniel Suarez. Richmond, however, is much kinder to Young Guns and that could make each of them a good value in the Richmond 400.

Fantasy players cannot load up on these drivers, but they may want to put all of them on the radar screen so a race day decision can be made about who to start.

### 23. Kasey Kahne

Yahoo! Group: B NASCAR.com Cap: \$22.50 Wins at Track/Attempts: 1/26 Top-fives: 5 (.192) Top-10s: 10 (.385) Last 3 Years Current Track: 10.83 Yahoo! Points: 70.33 NASCAR.com Points: 45.40 Draft Kings Points: 44.25 Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 20.67

Kahne and Earnhardt are ranked right next to one another on the overall chart. But Earnhardt is listed as a Bust this week while Kahne is a sleeper. The difference in the two comes down to an intangible, but also their track record. With Earnhardt leaving the fold, Kahne has to feel more confident and comfortable in his role at Hendrick Motorsports

Kahne struggled on many different tracks last year, but he managed to sweep the top 10 21.64. His best finish at the track came at the end of 2015 when he finished fourth scoring his only topfive at the track and his third top-10.

Almirola has only one top-15 finish since Daytona. His two short track finishes so far this season have been 18th at Martinsville and 22nd at Bristol.

His results this season are slowly getting better but with members of the rookie class such as Jones and Suarez being valued similarly this would be a good week to continue to sit out Almirola.

### 22. Dale Earnhardt Jr.

Yahoo! Group: A NASCAR.com Cap: \$20.75 Wins at Track/Attempts: 3/34 Top-fives: 10 (.294) Top-10s: 14 (.412) Last 3 Years Current Track: 10.20 Yahoo! Points: 73.60 NASCAR.com Points: 50.25 Draft Kings Points: 49.65 Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 20.50

Earnhardt's name will be on everyone's lips going into the weekend, but it probably won't have anything to do with his expected performance at Richmond.

Earnhardt has finished in the top 15 at the track 64.7% of the time, but this season is different from past with his history of concussions and plans of retirement looming over him.

Since Earnhardt returned at the start of the season he has finished in the 30s more often

3 Ye	ar Avg. Finish o	n Short	Tracks
Rank	Driver	Avg.	Attempts
1	Joey Logano	9.39	18
2	Kevin Harvick	11.67	18
3	Jimmie Johnson	11.72	18
4	Jamie McMurray	12.22	18
5	Ryan Newman	13.56	18
6	Brad Keselowski	13.67	18
7	Kyle Busch	14.00	15
8	Erik Jones	14.50	2
9	Chase Elliott	14.60	10
10	Denny Hamlin	14.67	18
11	Kyle Larson	16.24	18
12	Dale Earnhardt Jr	16.27	15
13	Matt Kenseth	16.56	18
14	Martin Truex Jr	16.78	18
15	Kasey Kahne	17.22	18
16	Clint Bowyer	17.67	18
17	Kurt Busch	17.78	18
18	AJ Allmendinger	18.00	18
19	Austin Dillon	18.06	18
20	Trevor Bayne	18.64	14
21	Aric Almirola	19.56	18
22	Paul Menard	19.78	18
23	Ty Dillon	20.67	3
24	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	21.44	18
25	Danica Patrick	23.61	18
26	Chris Buescher	24.30	10
27	Michael McDowell	24.83	13
28	Daniel Suarez	25.00	2
29	Ryan Blaney	25.67	9
30	Corey LaJoie	26.00	2
31	David Ragan	26.06	18
32	Landon Cassill	27.83	18
33	Matt DiBenedetto	28.07	14
34	Cole Whitt	29.13	17
35	Gray Gaulding	32.33	3
36	Jeffrey Earnhardt	32.75	8
37	Reed Sorenson	34.20	15
38	JJ Yeley	34.44	10
39	Timmy Hill	38.67	6

than he's finished in the teens.

### 25. Kurt Busch

Yahoo! Group: B NASCAR.com Cap: \$21.75 Wins at Track/Attempts: 2/32 Top-fives: 6 (.188) Top-10s: 13 (.406) Last 3 Years Current Track: 10.67 Yahoo! Points: 77.86 NASCAR.com Points: 73.50 Draft Kings Points: 55.21 Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 25.17

With his 25th-place Bristol finish Busch fell outside of the top 16 in driver's points. His win at Daytona still makes him eligible for the Chase but damages his likability in fantasy leagues. The elder Busch brother has three top-10s this season but outside of those finishes his best finish is 24th making him inconstant and hard to rely on.

### 28. Paul Menard

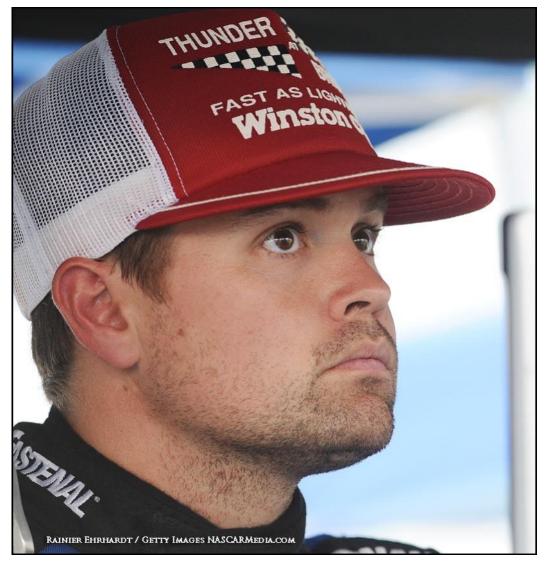
Yahoo! Group: B NASCAR.com Cap: \$15.00 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/20 Top-fives: 1 (.050) Top-10s: 1 (.050) Last 3 Years Current Track: 24.17 Yahoo! Points: 43.67 NASCAR.com Points: 12.50 Draft Kings Points: 15.25 Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 23.17

Menard's "better" finish at Richmond last year came during the spring race—"better" being the operative word. He finished 22nd versus his 40th-place finish in the fall, which was caused by a crash in the second half of the race. Menard finished 16th last week at Bristol which is his best finish this season since his fifth-place finish at Daytona.

### 30. Danica Patrick

Yahoo! Group: B NASCAR.com Cap: \$11.00 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/8 Top-fives: 0 (.000) Top-10s: 0 (.000) Last 3 Years Current Track: 22.17 Yahoo! Points: 47.67 NASCAR.com Points: 20.80 Draft Kings Points: 22.83 Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 27.83

Patrick's best finish at Richmond came last fall when she received her first top-15 at the track. This one good performance is not enough to elevate a run of bad ones leaving her average finish a modest 32.25. This season Patrick has yet to finish better than 17th. That finish came at Atlanta and



was the only time that she finished in the front half of the field.

### **Other Drivers**

### 11. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.

Yahoo! Group: B NASCAR.com Cap: \$14.75 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/8 Top-fives: 0 (.000) Top-10s: 1 (.125) Last 3 Years Current Track: 25.33 Yahoo! Points: 41.33 NASCAR.com Points: 16.30 Draft Kings Points: 14.58 Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 15.33

### 13. Jamie McMurray

Yahoo! Group: B NASCAR.com Cap: \$21.75 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/28 Top-fives: 3 (.107) Top-10s: 7 (.250) Last 3 Years Current Track: 9.50 Yahoo! Points: 74.83 NASCAR.com Points: 41.20 Draft Kings Points: 44.92 Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 14.33

### 15. Ryan Blaney

Yahoo! Group: B NASCAR.com Cap: \$21.00 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/2 Top-fives: 0 (.000) Top-10s: 0 (.000) Last 3 Years Current Track: 33.50 Yahoo! Points: 25.00 NASCAR.com Points: 1.00 Draft Kings Points: 4.00 Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 18.17

### 17. Trevor Bayne

Yahoo! Group: B NASCAR.com Cap: \$18.25 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/4 Top-fives: 0 (.000) Top-10s: 0 (.000) Last 3 Years Current Track: 19.50 Yahoo! Points: 53.00 NASCAR.com Points: 28.63 Draft Kings Points: 30.13 Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 15.33

### 18. AJ Allmendinger

Yahoo! Group: B NASCAR.com Cap: \$15.50 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/19 Top-fives: 0 (.000) Top-10s: 3 (.158) Last 3 Years Current Track: 18.50 Yahoo! Points: 55.17 NASCAR.com Points: 23.40 Draft Kings Points: 24.00 Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 20.50

### 19. Ryan Newman

Yahoo! Group: B NASCAR.com Cap: \$18.75 Wins at Track/Attempts: 1/30 Top-fives: 6 (.200) Top-10s: 16 (.533) Last 3 Years Current Track: 15.67 Yahoo! Points: 60.67 NASCAR.com Points: 27.00 Draft Kings Points: 31.50 Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 13.50

### 20. 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: 17.17

### 24. Austin Dillon

Yahoo! Group: B NASCAR.com Cap: \$20.50 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/6 Top-fives: 0 (.000) Top-10s: 0 (.000) Last 3 Years Current Track: 22.33 Yahoo! Points: 47.33 NASCAR.com Points: 14.10 Draft Kings Points: 18.08 Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 17.50

### 26. David Ragan

Yahoo! Group: C NASCAR.com Cap: \$6.75 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/20 Top-fives: 3 (.150) Top-10s: 3 (.150) Last 3 Years Current Track: 26.67 Yahoo! Points: 38.67

Track Sweeps (Drivers Sweeping Top-5, -10, and -155 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

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

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### 29. Chris Buescher

Yahoo! Group: B NASCAR.com Cap: \$9.25 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/2 Top-fives: 0 (.000) Top-10s: 0 (.000) Last 3 Years Current Track: 29.00 Yahoo! Points: 34.00 NASCAR.com Points: 16.75 Draft Kings Points: 19.75 Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 24.33

### 32. Matt DiBenedetto

Yahoo! Group: C NASCAR.com Cap: \$7.00 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/4 Top-fives: 0 (.000) Top-10s: 0 (.000) Last 3 Years Current Track: 35.00 Yahoo! Points: 22.00 NASCAR.com Points: 5.75 Draft Kings Points: 7.25 Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 28.17

### 33. Landon Cassill

Yahoo! Group: C NASCAR.com Cap: \$8.00 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/13 Top-fives: 0 (.000) Top-10s: 0 (.000) Last 3 Years Current Track: 29.83 Yahoo! Points: 34.00 NASCAR.com Points: 17.10 Draft Kings Points: 16.88 Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 28.33

### 34. 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: 33.17

NASCAR.com Points: 13.20 Draft Kings Points: 15.33 Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 28.33

### 27. Michael McDowell

Yahoo! Group: C NASCAR.com Cap: \$10.25 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/15

### 35. Reed Sorenson

Yahoo! Group: C NASCAR.com Cap: \$5.00 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/18

L	aps in Top-10 at	Richmon	d (L 3Yr	s)
Rank	Driver	Laps	%	Possible Laps
1	Brad Keselowski	2,029	84.3%	2,407
2	Kevin Harvick	1,940	80.6%	2,407
3	Joey Logano	1,895	78.7%	2,407
4	Jimmie Johnson	1,638	68.1%	2,407
5	Kyle Busch	1,356	67.6%	2,007
6	Kurt Busch	1,607	66.8%	2,407
7	Matt Kenseth	1,554	64.6%	2,407
8	Jamie McMurray	1,456	60.5%	2,407
9	Denny Hamlin	1,271	52.8%	2,407
10	Dale Earnhardt Jr	972	48.6%	2,000
11	Martin Truex Jr	997	41.4%	2,407
12	Kasey Kahne	666	33.2%	2,007
13	Kyle Larson	777	32.3%	2,407
14	Clint Bowyer	770	32.0%	2,407
15	Ryan Newman	719	29.9%	2,407
16	Austin Dillon	652	23.2%	2,807
17	Aric Almirola	218	9.1%	2,407
18	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	152	6.3%	2,407
19	AJ Allmendinger	140	5.8%	2,407
20	Trevor Bayne	74	4.6%	1,607
21	Chase Elliott	30	2.5%	1,207
22	David Ragan	46	1.9%	2,407
23	Paul Menard	38	1.6%	2,407
24	Danica Patrick	16	0.7%	2,407
25	Michael McDowell	3	0.2%	1,207
26	Landon Cassill	3	0.1%	2,407
27	Reed Sorenson	-	0.0%	2,407
28	Matt DiBenedetto	-	0.0%	1,607
29	Cole Whitt	-	0.0%	1,600
30	Jeffrey Earnhardt	-	0.0%	1,207
31	JJ Yeley	-	0.0%	1,200
32	Chris Buescher	-	0.0%	807
33	Ryan Blaney	-	0.0%	807

Top-fives: 0 (.000) Top-10s: 0 (.000) Last 3 Years Current Track: 34.50 Yahoo! Points: 23.00 NASCAR.com Points: 8.60 Draft Kings Points: 12.83 Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 31.50

### 36. Jeffrey Earnhardt

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: 35.00 Yahoo! Points: 25.33 NASCAR.com Points: 12.33 Draft Kings Points: 14.17 Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 35.50

### 37. 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 Current Track: NA Yahoo! Points: NA NASCAR.com Points: NA Draft Kings Points: NA Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 31.83

### 38. Timmy Hill

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

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

# Number of Top-10s Backed up With Another

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) Joey Logano: 4 (6) Kyle Larson: 3 (5) Chase Elliott: 3 (5) Kyle Busch: 2 (3) Martin Truex Jr.: 1 (4)65.40 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)



Track Type: Short Track Track Size: 0.75 Miles Turns: 14 degrees Banking/Frontstretch: 8 degrees Banking /Backstretch: 2 degrees Race Length: 400 Laps/300 Miles Stage 1 & 2: 100 Laps (each) Final Stage: 200 Laps



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 (week4), Martinsville 1 (week 6)

(2) Kevin Harvick: Atlanta

(week 2), Texas 1 (week 7)

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

(1) Jimmie Johnson: Bristol 1 (week 8)

### Yahoo! Group B:

Top two each week.

(6) Kyle Larson: Atlanta (week2), Las Vegas (week3), Phoenix (week4), Auto Club (week5), Texas 1 (week7), Bristol 1 (week8)

(2) Chase Elliott: Las Vegas (week3), Martinsville 1 (week 6)

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

(2) Clint Bowyer: Auto Club (week 5), Bristol 1 (week 8)

(1) Kurt Busch: Daytona 1

### (week 1)

(1) Kasey Kahne: Atlanta (week 2)

(1) Ryan Newman: Phoenix (week 4)

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

### Yahoo! Group C:

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

(2) Erik Jones: Atlanta (week2), Martinsville 1 (week 6)

(2) Ty Dillon: Texas 1 (week7), Bristol 1 (week 8)

Michael Waltrip: Daytona
 (week 1)

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

Avg. Start at Richmond			
Rank	Driver	Avg. Start	Attempts
1	Brad Keselowski	6.00	6
2 3	Joey Logano	6.33	6
3	Kevin Harvick	6.67	6
4	Kyle Larson	8.17	6
5	Kurt Busch	8.83	6
6	Matt Kenseth	9.00	6
7	Jimmie Johnson	11.83	6
8	Denny Hamlin	12.00	6
9	Kyle Busch	12.20	5
10	AJ Allmendinger	14.67	6
11	Jamie McMurray	15.50	6
12	Ryan Newman	15.83	6
13	Kasey Kahne	16.67	6
14	Martin Truex Jr	16.83	6
15	Austin Dillon	17.67	6
16	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	18.83	6
17	Paul Menard	19.33	6
18	Clint Bowyer	20.67	6
19	Dale Earnhardt Jr	21.60	5
20	Danica Patrick	22.17	6
21	Aric Almirola	23.17	6
22	David Ragan	24.17	6
23	Trevor Bayne	24.25	4
24	Chase Elliott	24.33	3
25	Ryan Blaney	24.50	2
26	Landon Cassill	31.83	6
27	Chris Buescher	32.00	2
28	Michael McDowell	32.67	4
29	Matt DiBenedetto	32.75	4
30	Cole Whitt	35.00	6
31	Reed Sorenson	37.33	6
32	Jeffrey Earnhardt	40.00	3
33	JJ Yeley	40.50	4

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(4) Martin Truex Jr.: Las Vegas
(week 3), Auto Club (week 5), Texas 1 (week 5), Texas 1 (week 7 - tied for fifth with Earnhardt), Bristol 1 (week 8)

(3) Kevin Harvick: Atlanta (week 2), Texas 1 (week 7), Bristol 1 (week 8)

(3) Jimmie
Johnson: Las
Vegas (week 3),
Texas 1 (week
7), Bristol 1
(week 8)

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

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

(2) Kyle Busch: Phoenix 1 (week4), Martinsville 1 (week 6)

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

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

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



### Dan Beaver's Fantasy Racing News

### NASCAR.com Fantasy Live

Top five game finishes

(6) Kyle Larson: Atlanta (week 2), Las Vegas (week 3), Phoenix 1 (week 4), Auto Club (week 5), Texas 1 (week 7), Bristol 1 (week 8)

(5) Chase Elliott: Atlanta (week 2), Las Vegas (week 3), Phoenix 1 (week 4), Auto Club (week 5), Martinsville 1 (week 6)

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

(4) Joey Logano: Day-

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(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)

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Rank	Driver	Avg.	Attempts
1 Jo	ey Logano	89.33	e
2 Bi	rad Keselowski	87.50	e
3 Ke	evin Harvick	84.83	e
	yle Busch	84.20	Ē
5 Ki	urt Busch	77.83	e
6 Ja	mie McMurray	74.83	6
7 Di	ale Earnhardt Jr	73.60	Ē
8 D	enny Hamlin	73.50	e
9 Jii	mmie Johnson	72.17	6
10 K	yle Larson	71.83	6
11 Ka	asey Kahne	70.33	6
12 M	att Kenseth	68.67	6
13 M	artin Truex Jr	65.67	6
14 Aı	ric Almirola	62.33	6
15 CI	nase Elliott	60.67	3
16 R	yan Newman	60.67	6
17 A.	J Allmendinger	55.17	6
18 Tr	evor Bayne	53.00	4
19 CI	int Bowyer	52.00	6
20 D	anica Patrick	47.67	6
21 Ai	ustin Dillon	47.33	6
22 Pa	aul Menard	43.67	6
23 Ri	cky Stenhouse Jr	41.33	6
24 D	avid Ragan	38.67	6
25 M	ichael McDowell	35.33	3
26 CI	nris Buescher	34.00	2
27 La	andon Cassill	34.00	6
28 Je	effrey Earnhardt	25.33	3
29 R	yan Blaney	25.00	2
30 Re	eed Sorenson	23.00	6
31 M	att DiBenedetto	22.00	4
32 Co	ole Whitt	19.50	4
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3 Yr. Avg. Yahoo! Points at Richmond

Driver Rating: Season to Date				
Rank	Driver	Standings	Rating	
1	Brad Keselowski	5	107.4	
2	Kyle Larson	1	114.2	
3	Chase Elliott	2	108.9	
4	Martin Truex Jr.	3	110.6	
5	Joey Logano	4	103.6	
6	Kyle Busch	11	94.3	
7	Ryan Blaney	10	89.5	
8	Kevin Harvick	9	94.7	
9	Jimmie Johnson	6	93.7	
10	Jamie McMurray	7	88.3	
11	Clint Bowyer	8	85.7	
12	Dale Earnhardt Jr.	24	79.1	
13	Erik Jones	12	81.6	
14	Kasey Kahne	17	76.4	
15	Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	16	78.1	
16	Ryan Newman	14	77.4	
17	Kurt Busch	18	72.2	
18	Denny Hamlin	15	76.4	
19	Matt Kenseth	20	74.9	
20	Trevor Bayne	13	74.5	
21	Austin Dillon	21	70.3	
22	AJ Allmendinger	26	64.3	
23	Aric Almirola	19	62.6	
24	Ty Dillon	23	63.8	
25	Paul Menard	25	60.9	
26	Chris Buescher	28	54.4	
27	Daniel Suarez	22	58.1	
28	Danica Patrick	30	53.8	
29	Michael McDowell	27	52.2	
30	David Ragan	33	47.5	
31	Landon Cassill	32	46.4	
32	Matt DiBenedetto	31	45.1	
33	Cole Whitt	29	44.1	
34	Reed Sorenson	35	34.6	
35	Gray Gaulding	38	33.0	
36	Corey Lajoie	34	34.0	
37	Jeffrey Earnhardt	36		
38	Derrike Cope	39	27.8	
39	Timmy Hill	46	27.2	