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OVERVIEW

The unrestricted, intermediate speedways will dominate the schedule for a while.

After this week's GoBowling.com 400 at Kansas Speedway, the series heads home for the All-star race at Charlotte Motor Speedway and then the World 600. Two weeks after that, they challenge to unique

summer. Sonoma Raceway and Daytona International Speedway will give players an opportunity to shakeup their roster.

Until then, a lot of the same cast of characters will be featured each week.

That is largely what happened at the beginning of this season when Kyle Larson, Chase Elliott, Brad Keselowski, and

best active string with three top-10s and five top-15s. On cannot automatically assume that the strongest drivers before this current spate of short track and the superspeedway offerings will pick up where they left off. In fact, one or two of them probably will not.

The best guess is that the drivers with the least experience are the most likely to fall off, but Larson and Elliott



Pocono Raceway and then head to another similarly-configured two mile track: Michigan International Speedway.

Horsepower and handling are going to be the keys to success until the series visits back-to-back wild card tracks this

Joey Logano found their momentum at Atlanta Motor Speedway through Auto Club Speedway before the short track season began at Martinsville Speedway.

Since then, the streaks have been broken up. Currently, Ricky Stenhouse Jr. has the

have the added benefit of "the changing of the guard." It is not as if the competition level has decreased, but several marquee drivers who stood in their way over last year are no longer in the equation while they have taken their place. Maturity and potential are not the same thing, however, so be

cautious.

Two of a Kind

For several years, Kansas and Charlotte have hosted both their spring and fall races in back-to-back weekends. Sometimes Kansas is first and sometimes Charlotte is, but teams have learned to deal with these as a pair.

The GoBowling.com 400 will be the fourth of 10 "cookie-cutter" races this year and while the Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500 at Atlanta and Kobalt 400 at Las Vegas Motor Speedway were back at the start of the season, Texas Motor Speedway's O'Reilly Auto Parts 500 was wedged between two of the short tracks four weeks ago.

The drivers' muscle memory and their notes will be fresh. The drivers who ran well there should be among this week's favorites.

Proof of how comparable the similarly-configured, 1.5-mile tracks are can be found in the fact that six drivers swept the top-10 in the first three races on this course type. They include Atlanta's winner Keselowski and Vegas' winner Martin Truex Jr. Jimmie Johnson would seem to be the exception with his Texas victory counting as his only top-10 on the "cookie-cutters", but nearly everyone would agree that the start to his season

Driver	Wins
Jimmie Johnson	3
Kevin Harvick	2
Matt Kenseth	2
Joey Logano	2
Kyle Busch	1
Denny Hamlin	1
Brad Keselowski	1
Ryan Newman	1

has been atypical.

Five drivers swept the top 10 at Kansas last year. In fact, two drivers finished exactly the same in both races (AJ Allmendinger with a pair of eighths and Austin Dillon with two sixths), while fall winner Kevin Harvick finished second in the spring and the spring winner Kyle Busch finished fifth in the fall to record minimal separation.

Fantasy players want to find the overlaps between those drivers who performed well at Kansas last year and those who have run well on the similarly-configured, 1.5-mile tracks throughout this season. Those will be the favorites for the GoBowling.com 400.

Streak Killer

The Geico 500 was a streak killer, as is often the case at Talladega SuperSpeedway.

The "Big One" ended Michael McDowell's 25-race streak of running at the end of a race. Trevor Bayne's 17-race, Chase Elliott's 15-race, AJ Allmendinger's 15-race, Austin Dillon's 11-race, Martin Truex Jr.'s nine-race, and Ryan Newman's nine-race streaks also

Driver	Top-5s
Jimmie Johnson	9
Matt Kenseth	7
Kevin Harvick	6
Joey Logano	6
Kasey Kahne	5
Kyle Busch	4
Denny Hamlin	4
Martin Truex Jr	4
Dale Earnhardt Jr	3
Ryan Newman	3
Clint Bowyer	2
Kurt Busch	2
Brad Keselowski	2
Ryan Blaney	1
Kyle Larson	1
Paul Menard	1
Elliott Sadler	1

came to an end.

Landon Cassill broke a transmission on lap 173 and ended a 21-race streak of running at the end.

Top-10 Drivers

1. Kevin Harvick

Yahoo! Group: A
Wins at Track/Attempts: 2/22
Top-fives: 6 (.273)
Top-10s: 11 (.500)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 5.83
Yahoo! Points: 93.83
NASCAR.com Points: 88.60
Draft Kings Points: 71.75
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 11.33

Harvick was closing in on a victory in his last three unrestricted races. He finished fourth at Texas, third at Bristol Motor Speedway, and fifth at Richmond International Raceway before getting swept into the "Big One" crash at Talladega last week. The veterans know how to keep their plate track luck from affecting them on other course types, so

Driver	Top-10s
Jimmie Johnson	17
Matt Kenseth	13
Kevin Harvick	11
Dale Earnhardt Jr	9
Kasey Kahne	9
Kurt Busch	7
Brad Keselowski	7
Ryan Newman	7
Kyle Busch	6
Joey Logano	6
Clint Bowyer	5
Denny Hamlin	5
Paul Menard	5
Martin Truex Jr	5
AJ Allmendinger	4
Aric Almirola	3
Austin Dillon	3
Jamie McMurray	3
Elliott Sadler	3
Ryan Blaney	2
Chase Elliott	1
Brendan Gaughan	1
Kyle Larson	1
Danica Patrick	1
David Ragan	1
Reed Sorenson	1

Harvick should be able to pick up where he left off and challenge for another top-five.

Better still, Harvick has a great record at Kansas. He finished second there in the spring and won in the fall. He also has a pair of seconds in the 2014 and 2015 spring races and another victory in fall 2013. He hasn't been perfect, but he has the best Fantasy Power Ranking of all active drivers.

2. Kyle Larson

Yahoo! Group: B
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/6
Top-fives: 1 (.167)
Top-10s: 1 (.167)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 20.50
Yahoo! Points: 52.67
NASCAR.com Points: 15.00
Draft Kings Points: 26.79
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 8.67

It simply doesn't get much better than this: Larson has finished second in every similarly-configured, 1.5-mile track race so far this season and his single victory in 2017

came on the two-mile Auto Club Speedway.

The specialty tracks were tough on him, however. Larson ran well but ultimately finished outside the top 10 at Martinsville, Richmond, and Talladega. His lack of experience with the ups and downs of this sport might allow those hardships to rob him of some momentum, but the smart money says he is just as likely to shake it off and contend for a win.

Either way, this week is going to tell fantasy players a lot about his current level of maturity.

3. Joey Logano

Yahoo! Group: A
Wins at Track/Attempts: 2/15
Top-fives: 6 (.400)
Top-10s: 6 (.400)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 8.67
Yahoo! Points: 89.00
NASCAR.com Points: 54.00
Draft Kings Points: 58.54
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 8.33

There is a cloud over the heads of the No. 22 team crewmembers. No one likes to be labeled a cheater, but more than that, they do not want to be losers. The line between the two characterizations can be razor thin because every competitive organization pushes the envelope as much as possible.

To restore everyone's faith, Logano needs to get another victory now that his Richmond romp was encumbered. He does not get many of the benefits of that win and no one feels completely safe in regard to the playoffs unless they are locked in. Logano has finished

Driver Rating: Kansas

Rank	Driver	Best	Avg.
1	Jimmie Johnson	149.2	110.4
2	Matt Kenseth	146.0	108.1
3	Kevin Harvick	138.4	105.3
4	Martin Truex Jr.	142.6	95.7
5	Kasey Kahne	116.3	91.4
6	Dale Earnhardt Jr.	120.8	90.0
7	Brad Keselowski	118.4	89.9
8	Kyle Larson	118.4	87.8
9	Joey Logano	144.7	87.6
10	Kurt Busch	135.0	87.6
11	Denny Hamlin	128.6	86.5
12	Kyle Busch	129.8	85.0
13	Chase Elliott	88.4	83.9
14	Ryan Blaney	99.0	83.2
15	Clint Bowyer	114.5	79.1
16	Paul Menard	114.3	77.6
17	Ryan Newman	103.4	75.2
18	Aric Almirola	111.2	74.6
19	Austin Dillon	96.7	74.6
20	Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	101.7	73.9
21	Jamie McMurray	93.2	71.1
22	AJ Allmendinger	92.6	71.1
23	Elliott Sadler	98.6	67.1
24	Erik Jones	62.6	62.6
25	Trevor Bayne	67.9	61.5
26	Ty Dillon	60.7	60.7
27	Danica Patrick	101.4	58.1
28	Chris Buescher	59.9	54.8
29	David Ragan	93.2	54.4
30	Alex Bowman	94.0	48.6
31	Matt DiBenedetto	47.7	45.0
32	Michael Waltrip	57.8	44.2
33	Reed Sorenson	94.2	43.0
34	Landon Cassill	67.2	42.8
35	JJ Yeley	75.7	40.8
36	Timmy Hill	45.2	37.7
37	Michael McDowell	53.7	37.4
38	Cole Whitt	48.1	37.0
39	Joey Gase	31.4	29.7

worse than sixth only twice on unrestricted tracks dating back to last fall's third-place finish in Kansas. He has been perfect in regard to top-six finishes on this track type and he should easily contend for another top-five this week.

4. Jimmie Johnson

Yahoo! Group: A
Wins at Track/Attempts: 3/21
Top-fives: 9 (.429)
Top-10s: 17 (.810)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 12.33
Yahoo! Points: 72.33
NASCAR.com Points: 30.60
Draft Kings Points: 49.04
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 9.50

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race through spring 2016 Texas race, Johnson scored five straight top-fives.

This streak included two wins and boasted an average of 2.4. There is a reason Johnson is known as the King of the "Cookie-Cutter" courses.

It has not all been roses since then, however.

Johnson struggled on a number of course types last year. The similarly-configured, 1.5-mile tracks were no exception and his first stumble came at Kansas in the GoBowling.com

5. Brad Keselowski

Yahoo! Group: A
Wins at Track/Attempts: 1/14
Top-fives: 2 (.143)
Top-10s: 7 (.500)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 18.83
Yahoo! Points: 67.00
NASCAR.com Points: 29.20
Draft Kings Points: 18.42
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 8.67

Keselowski has stumbled twice in 2017. He fell outside the top 25 in the Daytona 500 and had mechanical failure at Bristol in the Food City 500 to finish 34th. Every other result has been seventh or better, including three top-six finish-

edged sword.

6. Chase Elliott

Yahoo! Group: B
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/2
Top-fives: 0 (.000)
Top-10s: 1 (.500)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 20.00
Yahoo! Points: 57.00
NASCAR.com Points: 21.75
Draft Kings Points: 24.25
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 13.83

Elliott was included in the class of the field earlier this year. His fifth-place finish at Atlanta and third at Vegas had people questioning if he or Larson would win first in 2017, but he began to slip slightly after that pair of finishes. He was 12th at Phoenix International Raceway and only 10th at Auto Club. The results were not bad, but they were also not quite what everyone expected.

His 10th in California kicked off a four-race, top-10 streak. Only one of these was a top-five, however, and Elliott has struggled in his two most recent attempts. It is safe to start Elliott so long

as one does not mortgage the farm to do so. He should finish in the top 10, but on the high side of that range.

7. Jamie McMurray

Yahoo! Group: B
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/20
Top-fives: 0 (.000)
Top-10s: 3 (.150)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 26.67
Yahoo! Points: 40.33
NASCAR.com Points: 7.90
Draft Kings Points: 11.63
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 11.83

McMurray does not have a reputation for being overly



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400. He finished 17th, rebounded to third the next week at Charlotte, then fell again at Kentucky Speedway and Chicagoland Speedway with a 32nd and 12th respectively.

He was back on top at Charlotte in the fall and doubled down with a fourth at Kansas.

...And then, he slipped again. Johnson's victory at Texas four weeks ago rejuvenated this team and for the moment, they can be considered favorites.

es on the similarly-configured, 1.5-mile tracks.

The niggling doubt surrounding this week is that Keselowski was not one of the six drivers who swept the top 10 last year at Kansas. He ran well in the fall, but an accident in the Hollywood Casino 400 dropped him to 38th. He defiantly said he would not change the way he raced—and then was eliminated from contention the next week at Talladega.

Confidence can be a double-

DAILY FANTASY MOCK DRAFT

by Victoria Beaver

Kansas is the fourth “cookie-cutter” track of the season, so we have a pretty good idea how people should run, even the rookies. This week I focused on current momentum, 2017 “cookie-cutter” finishes, and historic performance at Kansas.

Splurge:

Kevin Harvick Fantasy

Power Average: 6.26

Harvick had top-10 finishes at Atlanta and Texas so far this season. The second “cookie-cutter” race of the season did not treat Harvick as kindly, with him blowing a tire and crashing just 70 laps into the race. The veteran racer is known as a good racer on this track type, with four of his last five starts being top-10s.

Harvick finished second in this race last year and bested that performance in the fall race where he captured the checkered flag. Harvick led laps in six of his last seven starts on the track, leading the most in three of those six races. He’s moved up an average of 6.5 places

in the last four races, only falling behind his qualifying position once in 2015’s fall race.

Brad Keselowski

Fantasy Power Average: 11.61

Keselowski already has one win on “cookie-cutter” tracks this year. His win came at Atlanta and he followed it up with top-fives at the next two similarly configured tracks. His Kansas average is a little lower than it is at other “cookie-cutters”, but he had a streak going of three top-10s at the track before he crashed last fall and finished 38th. Keselowski has consistent finishes at the track when he can stay out of trouble. He’s led laps in each of his last seven starts on the track. He qualifies well at Kansas, which hurts his place-differential. He’s finished worse than he started in each of the last seven races.

Kyle Larson

Fantasy Power Average: 12.67

Larson had one of his worst finishes last week at Talladega, but a bad finish for Larson right now is still a top-15. He has

aggressive, but last week he dispelled the notion that he would be content to run in the back. He stuck his Chevrolet in a hole that was barely the width of his car and did so without a moment’s hesitation. He was doored by Kyle Busch—or perhaps he drew first blood by dooring Busch. Those final frenetic moments are not nearly as important as the fact that McMurray held on to finish second.

Chip Ganassi Racing is one of the two most-improved teams in the field and while Larson

is getting the lion’s share of virtual ink, McMurray is the better value some weeks because he flies under the radar.

McMurray is one of the six drivers who swept the top 10 this year on similarly-configured, 1.5-mile tracks with a 10th at Atlanta, eighth at Vegas, and seventh at Texas. We are willing to bet he will challenge for a top-five at Kansas.

8. Kyle Busch

Yahoo! Group: A
Wins at Track/Attempts: 1/18

Top-fives: 4 (.222)
Top-10s: 6 (.333)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 5.80
Yahoo! Points: 88.00
NASCAR.com Points: 52.50
Draft Kings Points: 49.05
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 13.17

Strictly by his numbers on similarly-configured, 1.5-mile tracks this year, Busch would be a driver to avoid. In three starts, he has no top-10s and a best of only 15th. Joe Gibbs Racing has struggled across the board and with just three top-10s in eight unrestricted races, Busch has not been an exception to that rule.

finished second on each “cookie-cutter” race of the season, if he can shake off Talladega and match his success from earlier in the season he’ll be as good a choice as always for your fantasy team.

He’s only led laps at the track once back in 2015—but he has led laps in seven races already this year.

Steal:

Ryan Blaney

Fantasy Power Average: 16.46

Blaney has scored a top-10 finish in 50% of his starts at the track, and has finished in the top-15 in each of his last three.

He has one top-10 and two top-15s at “cookie-cutters” this season. He’s coming off of three bad finishes, each landing him in the 30s, so he needs a good finish this weekend to bounce back. He’s moved forward an average of two positions in his last three starts on the track. He has only led laps once, back in the fall race of 2015.

Aric Almirola

Fantasy Power Average: 19.27

Almirola is coming off of back-to-back top-10s at Talladega and Richmond. He has one top-15 so far this season on a “cookie-cutter” track and another that falls in the top-20. He stays pretty close to his qualifying position falling back three times in the last four but for an average of just -0.5 positions. Almirola’s worst finish at the track came last fall when he crashed 36 laps into the race for a 40th-place finish. He’s finished in the top 15 at the track 34.7% of the time, if he can use his current momentum he can better that stat.

Eric Jones

Fantasy Power Average: Rookie

Jones has two top-15’s on “cookie-cutters” so far this season, he finished further back at Texas with a 22nd-place finish. As he continues to get comfortable on these tracks at the Cup level he’ll be easier to handicap. In his three “cookie-cutter” starts this year he’s advanced an average of 2.67 places from his qualification positions.

He has so much promise, however, that it is impossible to ignore him each week. He ended last year with a bunch of top-six finishes, but got eliminated from the Chase at Talladega. All but two of his 10 efforts on similarly-configured, 1.5-mile tracks ended in top-10s—including wins at Texas and Kansas—and one of his poor efforts landed 12th. Keep Busch in reserve and activate him if he has a great practice.

9. Kurt Busch

Yahoo! Group: B
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/22
Top-fives: 2 (.091)
Top-10s: 7 (.318)
Last 3 Years

Current Track: 16.83
Yahoo! Points: 61.83
NASCAR.com Points: 31.80
Draft Kings Points: 24.04
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 18.33

Busch earned his first Kansas top-five in 2013 driving for Furniture Row. He must have thought his fortune would be even better in 2014 driving for Stewart-Haas, but he could not have been more wrong. He suffered crash damage in both races and finished 42nd in the fall. Since then, he has reversed his fortune again, however, with a pair of top-10s in 2015 and a third last spring. He slipped to 13th in the fall, but that gives him a respecta-

ble two-year average of 7.5 at Kansas.

10. Clint Bowyer

Yahoo! Group: B
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/17
Top-fives: 2 (.118)
Top-10s: 5 (.294)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 24.50
Yahoo! Points: 43.00
NASCAR.com Points: 18.50
Draft Kings Points: 20.92
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 8.67

During the preseason, we didn’t expect much from Bowyer at all. He had a terrible 2016 and Tony Stewart was unable to get much out of this car during his last season in NASCAR. The sum of the parts should not have been top-10

Top-fives and Top-10s					
By Car Owner, Last Three Years					
Owner	Attempts	Top-5s		Top-10s	
Roger Penske	13	5	38%	8	62%
Rick Hendrick	24	9	38%	14	58%
Wood Bros	3	1	33%	2	67%
Joe Gibbs	22	7	32%	12	55%
Tony Stewart	24	5	21%	8	33%
Barney Visser	6	1	17%	2	33%
Chip Ganassi	12	1	8%	1	8%
Jack Roush	18	1	6%	2	11%
Richard Childress	20			7	35%
Tad Geschickter	6			2	33%
Michael Waltrip	8			1	13%
Petty Enterprises	12			1	8%
BK Racing	16				
Front Row Motorsports	14				
Harry Scott	10				
Tommy Baldwin	9				
Jay Robinson	8				
Frank Stoddard	6				
Germain Bros	6				
Bob Leavine	4				
Michael Hillman	4				
Mike Curb	4				
Curtis Key	2				
Joe Falk	2				
Johnathan Cohen	1				
Randy Humphrey	1				

worthy. Bowyer came to Daytona with a lot of confidence and we started to get swayed—thinking he would be good on drivers' tracks like Phoenix, Martinsville, and Bristol.

Bowyer exceeded expectations, however; he has run well not only on the drivers' tracks, but also on unrestricted, intermediate speedways that require the complete package of horsepower, handling, and strategy. Oftentimes he was stronger than his teammates Harvick and Busch. He was certainly a better value each week in salary cap games and the formulas used by most sites still have not caught up to his potential.

SLEEPERS

15. Dale Earnhardt Jr.

Yahoo! Group: A
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/20
Top-fives: 3 (.150)

Top-10s: 9 (.450)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 16.60
Yahoo! Points: 62.80
NASCAR.com Points: 44.75
Draft Kings Points: 35.50
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 24.17

Junior has been loose since he announced his retirement at the end of 2017, but it has not yet improved his results. We could speculate about why that is, but it really doesn't matter to the bottom line—and our opinion is not going to make him any faster.

There are reasons to be hopeful this week, however: Hendrick Motorsports is excellent on similarly-configured, 1.5-mile tracks, Earnhardt has not forgotten how to drive, and he garnered a fifth-place finish at Texas four weeks ago. For the moment, that is his only top-10. This week will be a critical test and it let fantasy players know if they want to commit to him on unre-

stricted, intermediate speedways.

17. Daniel Suarez

Yahoo! Group: C
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: NA

We expected the Rookie of the Year battle to be a good one this year. At the beginning of the season, we vacillated a little on precisely who would be the stronger of the two: Suarez or Jones. Quite frankly, it would not have been a surprise to see either top a handicapper's list. When Suarez struggled at Daytona and Jones got such a great start, the No. 77 edged ahead.

At the moment, Suarez has the advantage, however. He has been getting progressively better on similarly-configured, 1.5-mile tracks with a 21st at Atlanta, 20th at Vegas, and 19th at Texas. Look for a bigger jump this week and a top-15 finish, which could make him the top Group C pick in the Yahoo! game.

18. Ty Dillon

Yahoo! Group: C
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/1
Top-fives: 0 (.000)
Top-10s: 0 (.000)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 26.00
Yahoo! Points: 40.00
NASCAR.com Points: 24.00
Draft Kings Points: 24.00
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 18.50

Dillon has been even stronger on similarly-configured, 1.5-mile tracks than Suarez this year. The driver of the No. 19 gets the nod by one ranking position because of the relative strength of the teams.

The overall difference between the two freshmen is minimalized because Dillon seems to have a little more fight in him than Suarez and that has accounted for one top-15 at Atlanta and a 17th at Texas. Dillon also has some laps on this track in 2015. He finished one lap off the pace that afternoon and garnered a lot of experience.

23. Chris Buescher

Yahoo! Group: B
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/2
Top-fives: 0 (.000)
Top-10s: 0 (.000)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 22.50
Yahoo! Points: 47.00
NASCAR.com Points: 24.25
Draft Kings Points: 27.25
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 21.33

Buescher flies under the radar screen with regularity still. For that reason, he might be one of the best dark horses each and every week with positive place-differential points most of the time added to solid results. His turnaround began last fall at Charlotte. He finished 16th in the Bank of America 500 and has ended each similarly-configured, 1.5-mile track race since then in a narrow band of 21st to 24th. Look for a result in the low-20s and plan accordingly.

25. AJ Allmendinger

Yahoo! Group: B
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/15
Top-fives: 0 (.000)
Top-10s: 4 (.267)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 16.33
Yahoo! Points: 59.33
NASCAR.com Points: 33.40
Draft Kings Points: 36.25
Avg. Last 6 races ^

3 Year Avg. Finish on "Cookie-Cutters"			
Rank	Driver	Avg.	Attempts
1	Kyle Busch	8.96	27
2	Kevin Harvick	9.32	31
3	Joey Logano	9.84	31
4	Brad Keselowski	9.94	31
5	Martin Truex Jr	10.32	31
6	Matt Kenseth	11.33	30
7	Jimmie Johnson	11.61	31
8	Dale Earnhardt Jr	12.04	27
9	Kurt Busch	12.48	29
10	Ryan Newman	12.55	31
11	Chase Elliott	14.64	14
12	Kasey Kahne	15.16	31
13	Denny Hamlin	16.13	31
14	Jamie McMurray	16.13	31
15	Kyle Larson	17.39	31
16	Daniel Suarez	20.00	3
17	Austin Dillon	20.16	31
18	Aric Almirola	20.58	31
19	Ryan Blaney	20.60	20
20	Erik Jones	20.60	5
21	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	20.61	31
22	AJ Allmendinger	20.81	31
23	Paul Menard	21.35	31
24	Ty Dillon	21.44	9
25	Danica Patrick	21.58	31
26	Trevor Bayne	22.58	26
27	Clint Bowyer	23.32	31
28	Chris Buescher	26.00	14
29	David Ragan	28.45	31
30	Michael McDowell	29.54	24
31	Landon Cassill	30.26	31
32	Cole Whitt	30.87	30
33	Matt DiBenedetto	32.45	23
34	Jeffrey Earnhardt	33.80	10
35	Reed Sorenson	34.46	26
36	Gray Gaulding	35.00	3
37	Corey LaJoie	35.00	4
38	Derrike Cope	36.00	3
39	Timmy Hill	38.89	9
40	Brendan Gaughan	40.40	5

Cup results: 23.50

The best way to get people to forget about a mistake like the one Allmendinger made last week, is to record a top-10. ‘Dinger has not been great on similarly-configured, 1.5-mile tracks this year with only one top-20—and that is a big part of the reason he is ranked 25th. He was stellar at Kansas last year, however, with a pair of eighth-place results. He also scored a top-15 in spring 2015 and fall 2014, plus another pair of top-10s at the beginning of his career.

All in all, Allmendinger’s rec-

ord is good enough to take a risk on the No. 47.

BUSTS

21. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.

Yahoo! Group: B
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/8
Top-fives: 0 (.000)
Top-10s: 0 (.000)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 18.33
Yahoo! Points: 55.33
NASCAR.com Points: 23.20
Draft Kings Points: 25.50
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 10.00

Stenhouse win last week at Talladega is not going to help him at Kansas, where he hasn’t finished better than 11th in his career. This season Stenhouse has two top-15’s at “cookie-cutter” tracks. All three cookie-cutter finishes fell outside the top-10 and so far Stenhouse has finished in the top-10 five times or 50% of the current season. This means that “cookie-cutter tracks make up the majority of his worst finishes.

There is also the matter of a post-win lull that often affects Talladega victors.

24. Trevor Bayne

Yahoo! Group: B
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/5
Top-fives: 0 (.000)
Top-10s: 0 (.000)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 22.75
Yahoo! Points: 56.50
NASCAR.com Points: 18.88
Draft Kings Points: 20.68
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 18.33

All three “cookie-cutter” track finishes this have rewarded Bayne with top-15s, but he has not yet earned on of those at Kansas. His best finish at



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the track came last fall when he was 17th. His “cookie-cutter” Fantasy Power Rankings average is 26.97 which has risen this season. Bayne has fallen behind his qualifying position an average of 1.75 places in his last four starts at Kansas.

26. Ryan Newman

Yahoo! Group: B
Wins at Track/Attempts: 1/22
Top-fives: 3 (.136)
Top-10s: 7 (.318)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 9.50
Yahoo! Points: 74.67
NASCAR.com Points: 32.30
Draft Kings Points: 36.58
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 15.83

Outside of his Phoenix win Newman only has two other top-10 finishes this year.

Worse still, some of his worst performances have come on “cookie-cutter” tracks.

The veteran driver has been consistent at Kansas in the past gaining top-15 finishes in the last six races. And yet, his power average at the track is still a mediocre 18.15. This season has not gotten off to a strong start for Newman. If he follows the established trend, his Kansas finish will look more like his earlier struggles on this track type.

27. Paul Menard

Yahoo! Group: B
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/16
Top-fives: 1 (.063)
Top-10s: 5 (.313)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 20.50
Yahoo! Points: 52.67
NASCAR.com Points: 14.60

Draft Kings Points: 19.46
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 22.17

Menard has not had a top-15 finish on a “cookie-cutter” track in his last 11th starts. His latest top-15 came in late 2015 and his last at Kansas came the season prior. He’s moving in the wrong direction with finishes at these tracks.

This season Menard has only produced top-15s on restrictor plate tracks. His worst finish of the season came at Texas, which was one of the three “cookie-cutters” visited so far this season.

30. Austin Dillon

Yahoo! Group: B
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/7
Top-fives: 3 (.000)
Top-10s: 3 (.429)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 17.00
Yahoo! Points: 59.67
NASCAR.com Points: 27.00
Draft Kings Points: 31.08
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 19.67

Dillon has strong finishes at Kansas, but his recent performances on other “cookie-cutters” this season are enough to give fantasy owners pause. So far this season he hasn’t finished better than 25th on these tracks. Dillon only has three top-15’s this season and those came on short-tracks and Auto Club.

Other Drivers

11. Martin Truex Jr.

Yahoo! Group: A
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/17
Top-fives: 4 (.235)
Top-10s: 5 (.294)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 12.33
Yahoo! Points: 76.00
NASCAR.com Points: 63.80
Draft Kings Points: 51.79
Avg. Last 6 races ^

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
2014 Kansas	1	2	9
2013 Kansas	0	3	9

Cup results: 13.50

12. Ryan Blaney
Yahoo! Group: B

Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/4
Top-fives: 1 (.250)
Top-10s: 2 (.500)
Last 3 Years

Current Track: 13.25
Yahoo! Points: 68.00
NASCAR.com Points: 30.63
Draft Kings Points: 31.81
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 25.67

13. Kasey Kahne

Yahoo! Group: B
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/19
Top-fives: 5 (.263)
Top-10s: 9 (.474)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 12.00
Yahoo! Points: 72.17
NASCAR.com Points: 46.60
Draft Kings Points: 41.00
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 19.83

14. Matt Kenseth

Yahoo! Group: A
Wins at Track/Attempts: 2/22
Top-fives: 7 (.318)
Top-10s: 13 (.591)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 9.33
Yahoo! Points: 87.50
NASCAR.com Points: 78.00
Draft Kings Points: 62.50
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 18.67

16. Denny Hamlin

Yahoo! Group: A
Wins at Track/Attempts: 1/17
Top-fives: 4 (.235)
Top-10s: 5 (.294)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 20.00
Yahoo! Points: 54.17
NASCAR.com Points: 10.00
Draft Kings Points: 18.46
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 15.50

19. Erik Jones

Yahoo! Group: C
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/1
Top-fives: 0 (.000)
Top-10s: 0 (.000)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 40.00
Yahoo! Points: 22.00
NASCAR.com Points: -20.00
Draft Kings Points: -20.25
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 22.33

20. Aric Almirola

Yahoo! Group: B
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/10
Top-fives: 0 (.000) / Top-10s: 3 (.300)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 22.00
Yahoo! Points: 48.50
NASCAR.com Points: 23.10
Draft Kings Points: 17.75
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 15.00

22. Danica Patrick

Yahoo! Group: B
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/9
Top-fives: 0 (.000)
Top-10s: 1 (.111)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 18.33
Yahoo! Points: 57.00
NASCAR.com Points: 27.60
Draft Kings Points: 30.75
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 27.50

28. Landon Cassill

Yahoo! Group: C
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/13
Top-fives: 0 (.000)
Top-10s: 0 (.000)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 32.17
Yahoo! Points: 27.67
NASCAR.com Points: 12.30
Draft Kings Points: 17.42
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 27.50

29. David Ragan

Yahoo! Group: C
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/16
Top-fives: 0 (.000)
Top-10s: 1 (.063)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 31.33
Yahoo! Points: 31.00
NASCAR.com Points: 7.50
Draft Kings Points: 11.71
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 22.50

31. Michael McDowell

Yahoo! Group: C
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/13
Top-fives: 0 (.000)
Top-10s: 0 (.000)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 30.25
Yahoo! Points: 31.50
NASCAR.com Points: 16.33
Draft Kings Points: 14.25
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 28.50

32. Matt DiBenedetto

Yahoo! Group: C
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/4
Top-fives: 0 (.000)
Top-10s: 0 (.000)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 27.25
Yahoo! Points: 40.00
NASCAR.com Points: 18.75
Draft Kings Points: 19.69
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 26.67

33. Cole Whitt

Yahoo! Group: C
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/8
Top-fives: 0 (.000) / Top-10s: 0 (.000)
Last 3 Years

Current Track: 31.83
Yahoo! Points: 28.33
NASCAR.com Points: 12.00
Draft Kings Points: 17.17
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 24.50

34. Jeffrey Earnhardt

Yahoo! Group: C
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: 34.17

35. Gray Gaulding

Yahoo! Group: C
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: 30.00

36. Reed Sorenson

Yahoo! Group: C
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/14
Top-fives: 0 (.000)
Top-10s: 1 (.071)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 32.60
Yahoo! Points: 26.80
NASCAR.com Points: 13.50
Draft Kings Points: 16.40
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 33.50

37. Corey LaJoie

Yahoo! Group: C
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: 28.83

38. Timmy Hill

Yahoo! Group: C
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/6
Top-fives: 0 (.000)

Laps in Top-10 at Kansas (L 3Yrs)				
Rank	Driver	Laps	%	Possible Laps
1	Joey Logano	1,433	89.3%	1,604
2	Kevin Harvick	1,372	85.5%	1,604
3	Kyle Busch	984	73.6%	1,337
4	Martin Truex Jr	1,001	62.4%	1,604
5	Matt Kenseth	935	58.3%	1,604
6	Brad Keselowski	868	54.1%	1,604
7	Kurt Busch	844	52.6%	1,604
8	Jimmie Johnson	832	51.9%	1,604
9	Kasey Kahne	815	50.8%	1,604
10	Kyle Larson	698	43.5%	1,604
11	Ryan Blaney	457	42.7%	1,070
12	Denny Hamlin	605	37.7%	1,604
13	Ryan Newman	601	37.5%	1,604
14	Dale Earnhardt Jr	479	35.8%	1,337
15	Chase Elliott	190	35.6%	534
16	Jamie McMurray	473	29.5%	1,604
17	Austin Dillon	423	26.4%	1,604
18	Erik Jones	45	16.9%	267
19	Aric Almirola	225	14.0%	1,604
20	Paul Menard	213	13.3%	1,604
21	Danica Patrick	206	12.8%	1,604
22	AJ Allmendinger	175	10.9%	1,604
23	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	44	2.7%	1,604
24	Matt DiBenedetto	21	2.0%	1,070
25	Clint Bowyer	31	1.9%	1,604
26	Trevor Bayne	19	1.8%	1,070
27	Michael McDowell	10	0.9%	1,068
28	Chris Buescher	4	0.7%	534
29	David Ragan	7	0.4%	1,604
30	Landon Cassill	6	0.4%	1,604
31	Cole Whitt	1	0.1%	1,604
32	Reed Sorenson	-	0.0%	1,337
33	Timmy Hill	-	0.0%	534
34	Ty Dillon	-	0.0%	267



Track Type: Intermediate
Track Size: 1.5 Miles
Banking/Turns: 17 to 20 degrees
Banking/Frontstretch: 10 degrees
Banking /Backstretch: 5 degrees
Race Length: 267 Laps/400 Miles
Stage 1 & 2: 80 Laps (each)
Final Stage: 107 Laps

3 Things to Know

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Most wins among active
Cup Series drivers
(Jimmie Johnson)

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Most top-5 finishes among active
Cup Series drivers
(Jimmie Johnson)

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Most wins by a racing team
(Hendrick Motorsports)

- Carol D'Agostino, Skirtsandscuffs.com

Top-10s: 0 (.000)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 39.00
Yahoo! Points: 19.00
NASCAR.com Points: 6.00
Draft Kings Points: 12.00
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 35.60

39. Derrike Cope

Yahoo! Group: C
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/2
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: 35.33

^ 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):

Joey Logano: 6 (8)
Brad Keselowski: 6 (8)
Kyle Larson: 4 (6)
Chase Elliott: 4 (6)
Martin Truex Jr.: 3 (6)
Jamie McMurray: 2 (6)
Kurt Busch: 2 (5)
Ricky Stenhouse Jr.: 2 (5)

Kevin Harvick: 2 (5)
Kyle Busch: 2 (4)
Denny Hamlin: 2 (4)
Jimmie Johnson: 1 (4)
Clint Bowyer: 1 (4)
Matt Kenseth: 1 (4)
Kasey Kahne: 1 (3)
Aric Almirola: 1 (3)
Daniel Suarez: 1 (2)
Ryan Newman: 0 (3)
Ryan Blaney: 0 (3)
AJ Allmendinger: 0 (2)
Paul Menard: 0 (2)
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)
David Ragan: 0 (1)
Chris Buescher: 0 (0)
Ty Dillon: 0 (0)
Michael McDowell: 0 (0)
Landon Cassill: 0 (0)
Cole Whitt: 0 (0)
Danica Patrick: 0 (0)
Corey LaJoie: 0 (0)

Avg. Start at Kansas			
Rank	Driver	Avg. Start	Attempts
1	Brad Keselowski	4.33	6
2	Joey Logano	6.83	6
3	Kevin Harvick	8.17	6
4	Kyle Busch	8.40	5
5	Martin Truex Jr	9.50	6
6	Kurt Busch	11.00	6
7	Ryan Newman	11.00	6
8	Chase Elliott	13.00	2
9	Ryan Blaney	13.25	4
10	Denny Hamlin	13.83	6
11	Matt Kenseth	14.50	6
12	Paul Menard	15.17	6
13	Kyle Larson	15.83	6
14	Kasey Kahne	16.67	6
15	Dale Earnhardt Jr	16.80	5
16	Aric Almirola	17.67	6
17	Jamie McMurray	17.67	6
18	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	18.00	6
19	Austin Dillon	19.50	6
20	Jimmie Johnson	20.33	6
21	Trevor Bayne	21.00	4
22	Danica Patrick	22.67	6
23	AJ Allmendinger	24.00	6
24	Clint Bowyer	25.50	6
25	Chris Buescher	27.50	2
26	Matt DiBenedetto	30.00	4
27	David Ragan	30.33	6
28	Michael McDowell	30.50	4
29	Cole Whitt	36.83	6
30	Reed Sorenson	37.60	5
31	Landon Cassill	37.67	6
32	Timmy Hill	41.00	3

Jeffrey Earnhardt: 0 (0)
 Reed Sorenson: 0 (0)
 Gray Gaulding: 0 (0)
 Timmy Hill: 0 (0)
 Derrike Cope: 0 (0)
 B Gaughan: 0 (0)
 Elliott Sadler: 0 (0)
 Joey Gase: 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:

(3) Kyle Busch: Phoenix (week 4),

(6) Kyle Larson: Atlanta (week 2), Las Vegas (week 3), Phoenix (week 4), Auto Club (week

nix (week 4), Martinsville 1 (week 6), Talladega 1 (week 10)

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

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

(2) Joey Logano: Daytona 1 (week 1), Richmond 1 (week 9)

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

Yahoo! Group B:

Top two each week.

Total Top-5s: Season	
Driver	Top-5s
Brad Keselowski	6
Joey Logano	6
Kyle Larson	5
Ricky Stenhouse Jr	3
Kyle Busch	3
Kevin Harvick	3
Chase Elliott	3
Martin Truex Jr	2
Aric Almirola	2
Matt Kenseth	2
Kasey Kahne	2
Jimmie Johnson	2
Clint Bowyer	2
Kurt Busch	1
AJ Allmendinger	1
Ryan Newman	1
Paul Menard	1
Denny Hamlin	1
Jamie McMurray	1
Dale Earnhardt Jr	1
Austin Dillon	1
Ryan Blaney	1

5), Texas 1 (week 7), Bristol 1 (week 8)

(2) Chase Elliott: Las Vegas (week 3), 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)



Season to Date Grid										
Driver	Starts	Wins	Top-5s	Top-10s	Avg Fin	Start	Laps	Poles	DNFs	DNQs
Kyle Larson	10	1	5	6	7.00	10.70	3,233	1		
Brad Keselowski	10	2	6	8	9.00	5.30	3,109	1	1	
Joey Logano	10	1	6	8	9.70	9.40	3,203	1	2	
Martin Truex Jr	10	1	2	6	11.40	9.50	3,210		1	
Chase Elliott	10		3	6	11.70	10.30	3,210	1	1	
Clint Bowyer	10		2	4	11.80	11.90	3,161		1	
Jimmie Johnson	10	2	2	4	13.00	20.80	3,159		1	
Jamie McMurray	10		1	6	13.20	8.60	2,779		2	
Ricky Stenhouse Jr	10	1	3	5	14.10	16.20	3,160		1	
Kevin Harvick	10		3	5	14.30	8.70	3,031	2	1	
Aric Almirola	10		2	3	15.20	23.30	3,226			
Kyle Busch	10		3	4	15.80	11.90	3,019		2	
Kasey Kahne	10		2	3	16.20	18.70	3,200			
Trevor Bayne	10			1	16.40	18.00	3,210		1	
Denny Hamlin	10		1	4	16.40	12.20	3,081		1	
Ryan Newman	10	1	1	3	16.90	13.00	3,207		1	
Kurt Busch	10	1	1	5	17.30	12.70	3,017		1	
Daniel Suarez	10			2	18.40	16.80	3,160		1	
Brendan Gaughan	2				18.50	35.50	383			
Elliott Sadler	2				18.50	37.50	390			
Ty Dillon	10				19.30	21.70	3,172		1	
Matt Kenseth	10		2	4	20.10	10.70	2,993	1	3	
Paul Menard	10		1	2	20.30	21.00	3,207			
Ryan Blaney	10		1	3	20.40	10.70	3,129		2	
Erik Jones	10			1	21.00	18.60	2,715		3	
Austin Dillon	10		1	1	21.20	20.10	3,190		1	
AJ Allmendinger	10		1	2	22.00	24.50	3,121		1	
Joey Gase	2				22.00	34.00	387			
Chris Buescher	10				23.70	29.80	2,708		2	
Dale Earnhardt Jr	10		1	1	24.20	14.50	2,768		3	
David Ragan	10			1	24.70	29.40	3,093		1	
Cole Whitt	10				24.70	31.10	3,157		1	
Matt DiBenedetto	10			1	25.20	29.00	3,116		1	
Michael McDowell	10				25.70	25.20	3,190		1	
Landon Cassill	10				25.80	26.10	3,156		1	
Danica Patrick	10				27.30	24.10	2,933		4	
Corey LaJoie	10				30.80	32.10	2,735		2	
Gray Gaulding	9				31.89	34.44	2,780		3	
Reed Sorenson	9				32.56	32.89	2,859		1	1
Jeffrey Earnhardt	10				33.50	35.20	2,282		6	
Derrike Cope	6				35.00	37.50	1,754			
Timmy Hill	7				35.29	37.71	1,852		3	1

(2) Ryan Newman: Phoenix (week 4), Richmond 1 (week 9)

(2) Ricky Stenhouse Jr.: Richmond 1 (week 9), Talladega (week 10)

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

(1) Kasey Kahne: Atlanta (week 2)

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

(1) Jamie McMurray: Talladega (week 10)

Yahoo! Group C:

(3) Daniel Suarez: Phoenix (week 4), Auto Club (week 5), Richmond 1 (week 9)

(3) Ty Dillon: Texas 1 (week 7), Bristol 1 (week 8), Talladega (week 10)

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

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

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

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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)

(5) Brad Keselowski: Atlanta (week 2), Las Vegas (week 3),

Phoenix 1 (week 4), Martinsville 1 (week 6), Richmond 1 (week 9)

(5) Joey Logano: Daytona 1 (week 1), Auto Club (week 5), Martinsville 1 (week 6), Bristol 1 (week 8), Richmond 1 (week 9)

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

(4) Kevin Harvick: Atlanta (week 2), Texas 1 (week 7), Bristol 1 (week 8), Richmond 1 (week 9)

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

7), Bristol 1 (week 8), Talladega (week 10)

(3) Kyle Busch: Phoenix 1 (week 4), Martinsville 1 (week 6), Talladega (week 10)

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

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

(2) Denny Hamlin: Richmond 1 (week 9), Talladega (week 10)

(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)

(1) Matt Kenseth: Richmond 1 (week 9)

(1) Jamie McMurray: Talladega (week 10)

(1) Ricky Stenhouse Jr.: Talladega (week 10)

Avg Running Position: Season to Date			
Rank	Driver	Starts	Avg.
1	Kyle Larson	10	7.76
2	Chase Elliott	10	7.77
3	Martin Truex Jr.	10	8.35
4	Brad Keselowski	10	8.63
5	Joey Logano	10	9.44
6	Kyle Busch	10	11.26
7	Kevin Harvick	10	12.18
8	Jamie McMurray	10	12.32
9	Jimmie Johnson	10	12.70
10	Clint Bowyer	10	12.91
11	Denny Hamlin	10	13.93
12	Ryan Blaney	10	14.35
13	Ryan Newman	10	15.14
14	Kasey Kahne	10	15.44
15	Trevor Bayne	10	16.05
16	Dale Earnhardt Jr.	10	16.16
17	Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	10	16.31
18	Matt Kenseth	10	16.91
19	Erik Jones	10	17.10
20	Austin Dillon	10	18.83
21	Kurt Busch	10	19.35
22	Ty Dillon	10	20.00
23	Aric Almirola	10	20.80
24	Paul Menard	10	21.89
25	AJ Allmendinger	10	22.52
26	Danica Patrick	10	23.57
27	Daniel Suarez	10	24.18
28	Chris Buescher	10	25.19
29	Michael McDowell	10	26.07
30	Landon Cassill	10	26.48
31	Cole Whitt	10	27.17
32	David Ragan	10	27.41
33	Matt DiBenedetto	10	28.20
34	Gray Gaulding	9	33.23
35	Corey Lajoie	10	33.57
36	Reed Sorenson	9	33.88
37	Jeffrey Earnhardt	10	34.89

Driver Rating: Season to Date			
Rank	Driver	Standings	Rating
1	Brad Keselowski	3	110.0
2	Kyle Larson	1	109.1
3	Martin Truex Jr.	2	107.4
4	Joey Logano	6	103.4
5	Chase Elliott	4	102.5
6	Kevin Harvick	7	96.2
7	Kyle Busch	10	95.3
8	Jimmie Johnson	8	92.6
9	Jamie McMurray	5	89.6
10	Ryan Blaney	13	86.4
11	Clint Bowyer	9	85.7
12	Denny Hamlin	11	81.5
13	Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	12	81.2
14	Matt Kenseth	19	77.6
15	Ryan Newman	14	76.4
16	Dale Earnhardt Jr.	25	75.8
17	Erik Jones	20	75.5
18	Kasey Kahne	18	75.4
19	Trevor Bayne	16	74.6
20	Kurt Busch	15	73.5
21	Austin Dillon	23	68.7
22	Aric Almirola	17	66.2
23	Ty Dillon	22	64.9
24	Paul Menard	24	61.4
25	AJ Allmendinger	29	61.2
26	Daniel Suarez	21	58.5
27	Danica Patrick	31	55.8
28	Chris Buescher	26	55.2
29	Michael McDowell	32	51.7
30	David Ragan	28	50.4
31	Landon Cassill	33	48.9
32	Matt DiBenedetto	30	45.6
33	Cole Whitt	27	45.1
34	Gray Gaulding	35	34.4
35	Corey Lajoie	34	34.0
36	Reed Sorenson	37	33.0
37	Jeffrey Earnhardt	36	29.1

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3 Yr. Avg. Yahoo! Points at Kansas			
Rank	Driver	Avg. Points	Attempts
1	Kevin Harvick	93.83	6
2	Joey Logano	89.00	6
3	Kyle Busch	88.00	5
4	Matt Kenseth	87.50	6
5	Martin Truex Jr	76.00	6
6	Ryan Newman	74.67	6
7	Jimmie Johnson	72.33	6
8	Kasey Kahne	72.17	6
9	Ryan Blaney	68.00	4
10	Brad Keselowski	67.00	6
11	Dale Earnhardt Jr	62.80	5
12	Kurt Busch	61.83	6
13	Austin Dillon	59.67	6
14	AJ Allmendinger	59.33	6
15	Chase Elliott	57.00	2
16	Danica Patrick	57.00	6
17	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	55.33	6
18	Denny Hamlin	54.17	6
19	Kyle Larson	52.67	6
20	Paul Menard	52.67	6
21	Aric Almirola	48.50	6
22	Chris Buescher	47.00	2
23	Trevor Bayne	46.50	4
24	Clint Bowyer	43.00	6
25	Jamie McMurray	40.33	6
26	Matt DiBenedetto	40.00	4
27	Ty Dillon	40.00	1
28	Michael McDowell	31.50	4
29	David Ragan	31.00	6
30	Cole Whitt	28.33	6
31	Landon Cassill	27.67	6
32	Reed Sorenson	26.80	5
33	Erik Jones	22.00	1
34	Timmy Hill	19.00	2

3 Yr. Avg. Draft Kings Points at Kansas			
Rank	Driver	Avg. Points	Attempts
1	Kevin Harvick	71.75	6
2	Matt Kenseth	62.50	6
3	Joey Logano	58.54	6
4	Martin Truex Jr	51.79	6
5	Kyle Busch	49.05	5
6	Jimmie Johnson	49.04	6
7	Kasey Kahne	41.00	6
8	Ryan Newman	36.58	6
9	AJ Allmendinger	36.25	6
10	Dale Earnhardt Jr	35.50	5
11	Ryan Blaney	31.81	4
12	Austin Dillon	31.08	6
13	Danica Patrick	30.75	6
14	Chris Buescher	27.25	2
15	Kyle Larson	26.79	6
16	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	25.50	6
17	Chase Elliott	24.25	2
18	Kurt Busch	24.04	6
19	Ty Dillon	24.00	1
20	Clint Bowyer	20.92	6
21	Trevor Bayne	20.38	4
22	Matt DiBenedetto	19.69	4
23	Paul Menard	19.46	6
24	Denny Hamlin	18.46	6
25	Brad Keselowski	18.42	6
26	Aric Almirola	17.75	6
27	Landon Cassill	17.42	6
28	Cole Whitt	17.17	6
29	Reed Sorenson	16.40	5
30	Michael McDowell	14.25	4
31	Timmy Hill	12.00	2
32	David Ragan	11.71	6
33	Jamie McMurray	11.63	6
34	Erik Jones	-20.25	1