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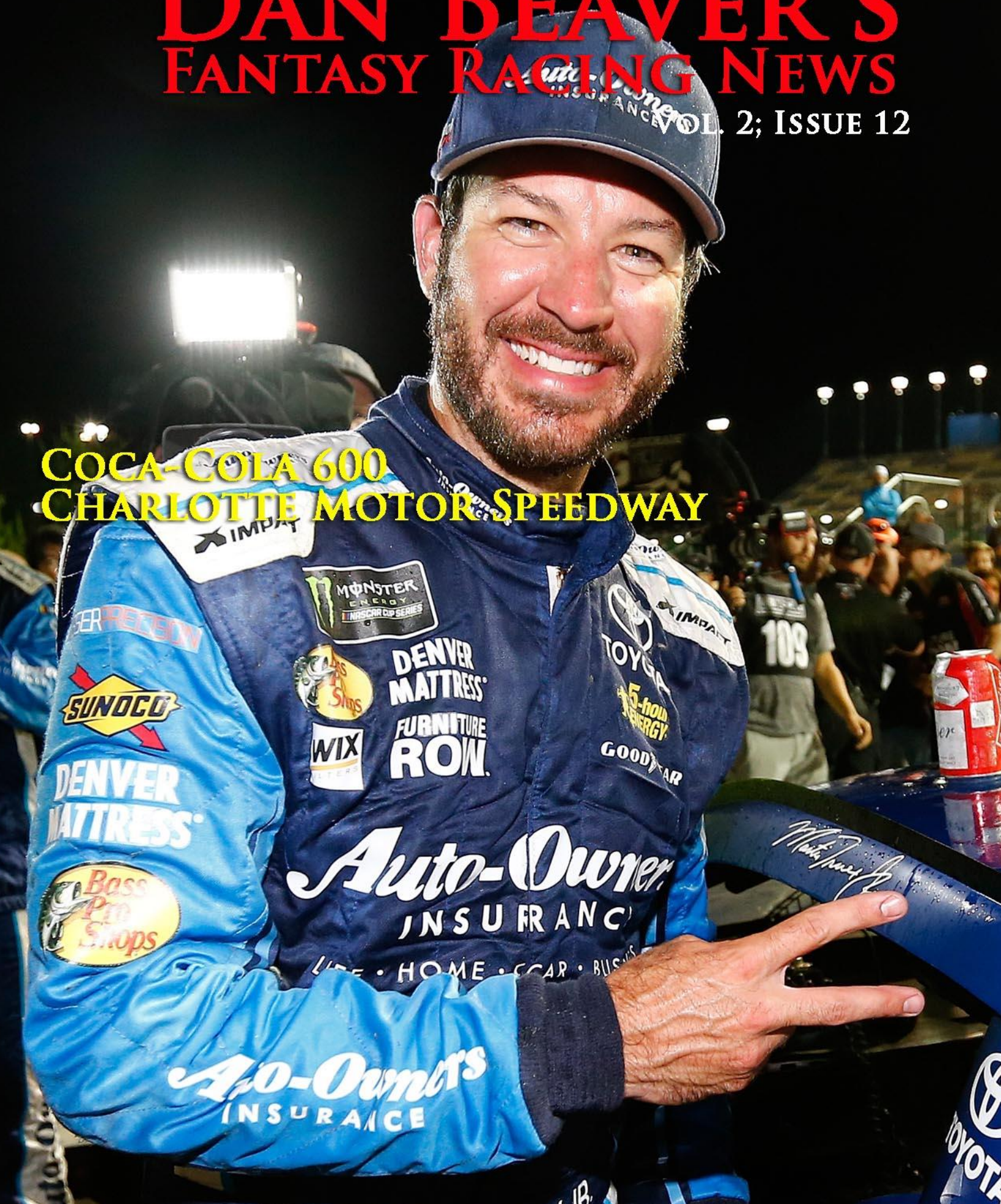
Dan Beaver's Fantasy Racing News

Overview

For the third consecutive week and the second time in a points' paying race, NASCAR visits one of the similarly-configured, 1.5-mile tracks.

Kansas Speedway and the GoBowling.com 400 turned out to be a pivotal event, but not in the way most expected. Accidents in the pits and on the

the pair collected Aric Almirola. Logano and Patrick climbed from their cars; Almirola dropped his window net to signal he was okay, but on further review, had to be cut from the cockpit.

In a season that has seen her enthusiasm wane progressively, Patrick was as dejected as ever before. Logano was visibly shaken by the impact taken by Al-

in the race when either his crew chief or spotter cleared him too soon. This Young Gun has been mostly unflappable during the season-to-date, but even though McDowell was not at fault, Elliott rammed the back of his stocker after leaving the pits.

Folks: Summer isn't even here yet and tempers are boiling.

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track ended "cookie-cutter" streaks for two of NASCAR's hottest drivers and sent two other racers to the infield care center.

Joey Logano exploded a brake rotor on lap 199 of the GoBowling.com 400, veered left into Danica Patrick and

mirola, and the driver of the No. 43 will be out of the cockpit indefinitely as a lower vertebra heels. Regan Smith has been named as his replacement for now.

Chase Elliott made heavy contact with Michael McDowell in the pits early

Momentum

Logano and Elliott momentarily lost momentum with their poor Kansas results, but they are solid enough racers to shake that off and get right back into the form that allowed them to be one of the

strongest fantasy options on similarly-configured, 1.5-mile tracks.

Entering the race, they were two of six drivers with a perfect sweep of the top 10 at Atlanta Motor Speedway, Las Vegas Motor Speedway, and Texas Motor Speedway. The significance of this is that—even though the politically correct television commentators bespeak otherwise—there is a huge "similarity" to the similarly-configured, 1.5-mile tracks.

Each track may race differently to the driver behind the wheel, but the requirements to go fast are the same. In order to excel on this track type, a team needs a racer willing to drive hard into the corners without fear, an exceptional engine program, perfect handling, and a crew chief who knows when to gamble. In other words, it takes the total package to run well on "cookie-cutter" tracks.

The other four drivers who entered the GoBowling.com 400 with a perfect record of top-10s were Brad Keselowski, Martin Truex Jr., Kyle Larson, and Jamie McMurray. There are no dark horses included in that list, unless one wants to add Clint Bowyer with a record of 11th or better finishes.

Ten races per year are contested on this track type and

Driver	Wins
Jimmie Johnson	8
Kasey Kahne	4
Kevin Harvick	3
Matt Kenseth	2
Jamie McMurray	2
Clint Bowyer	1
Kurt Busch	1
Brad Keselowski	1
Joey Logano	1
Martin Truex Jr	1

those are events when fantasy owners want to play by the numbers. This is not a week to take wild risks on sleepers.

That is not to say that they should not look for ways to differentiate their roster. If one only takes favorites in pick 'em games like Yahoo!'s or top loads in salary cap contests, the best one can hope for is to play to a draw. Pick your sleepers very carefully, however, and make certain you are comfortable with the marquee talent that heads the list.

Top-10 Drivers

1. Martin Truex Jr.
Yahoo! Group: A
Wins at Track/Attempts: 1/23
Top-fives: 3 (.130)
Top-10s: 7 (.304)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 10.17
Yahoo! Points: 80.00
NASCAR.com Points: 106.40
Draft Kings Points: 74.76
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 13.00

Truex does not get the top slot very often. That has less to do with the raw power in his machine or the talent in his right foot, but rather because this team is prone to making mis-

Driver	Top-5s
Jimmie Johnson	15
Matt Kenseth	11
Kyle Busch	10
Kasey Kahne	10
Kurt Busch	7
Kevin Harvick	7
Jamie McMurray	7
Dale Earnhardt Jr	6
Denny Hamlin	6
Joey Logano	5
Ryan Newman	5
Brad Keselowski	3
Martin Truex Jr	3
Clint Bowyer	2
AJ Allmendinger	1
Kyle Larson	1
David Ragan	1
Elliott Sadler	1
Reed Sorenson	1

takes on an erratic basis. Last year, Truex was the class of the field on several occasions before they either had a bad pit stop, penalty, or unfortunate circumstance on track.

One of the tracks on which they struggled was Kansas. Last week, most fantasy owners were probably waiting for something to go wrong. And in the closing laps, it appeared that Truex might not be able to get back to the front and would settle for a top-five. Determination added a few 10ths to his lap time and gave him the GoBowling.com 400 victory. It also gave him the top seed this week.

2. Brad Keselowski
Yahoo! Group: A
Wins at Track/Attempts: 1/15
Top-fives: 3 (.200) / Top-10s: 7 (.467)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 9.00
Yahoo! Points: 79.83
NASCAR.com Points: 47.25
Draft Kings Points: 47.25
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 8.67

Keselowski has been as close to perfect on similarly-configured, 1.5-mile tracks as

Driver	Top-10s
Jimmie Johnson	19
Matt Kenseth	19
Kyle Busch	15
Denny Hamlin	14
Kevin Harvick	14
Kasey Kahne	14
Ryan Newman	14
Dale Earnhardt Jr	12
Kurt Busch	11
Jamie McMurray	11
Joey Logano	9
Brad Keselowski	7
Martin Truex Jr	7
Clint Bowyer	5
Derrike Cope	4
David Ragan	3
Elliott Sadler	3
AJ Allmendinger	2
Kyle Larson	2
Paul Menard	2
Reed Sorenson	2
Aric Almirola	1
Austin Dillon	1
Chase Elliott	1

one can reasonably expect. He won the Folds of Honor Quik-Trip 500 at Atlanta, was fifth in the Kobalt 400 at Vegas, sixth in the O'Reilly Auto Parts 500 at Texas, and second last week in Kansas. There is very little reason for fantasy owners to find fault in that record and the only thing that keeps him from being a prohibitive favorite on one's roster is that he is absolutely not going to fly under anyone's radar.

Keselowski will be extremely popular this week and should only be used if one thinks he can earn another top-five.

3. Kyle Larson
Yahoo! Group: B
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/7
Top-fives: 1 (.142)
Top-10s: 2 (.286)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 14.67
Yahoo! Points: 66.00
NASCAR.com Points: 37.70
Draft Kings Points: 43.83
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 9.50

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was unlikely Larson would finish second in a fourth consecutive race on the similarly-configured, 1.5-mile tracks, it still had to come as a bit of a surprise to see him barely miss the top five. As with Keselowski, finding fault with his record amounts to nothing more than quibbling—but quibble we will for a moment.

Larson's overall performance has been so much improved in 2017 that one cannot but question how long it will last. Occasionally a switch flips in a driver's head and they accumulate streaks like the one Larson is riding—but it is not sustainable forever. At some point, Larson is going to have a bad race on the similarly-configured, 1.5-mile tracks and Charlotte has not been uniformly kind to him.

However, we are willing to bet that his struggles will not occur this week and that a top-five is in the cards.

4. Kevin Harvick
Yahoo! Group: A
Wins at Track/Attempts: 3/32
Top-fives: 7 (.218) / Top-10s: 14 (.438)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 9.00
Yahoo! Points: 84.00
NASCAR.com Points: 61.10
Draft Kings Points: 68.50
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 9.67

There is a changing of the guard at the top of the order. Truex, Keselowski, and Larson represent Young Guns even though the No. 2 team already has a championship. Harvick is becoming part of

Driver Rating: Charlotte			
Rank	Driver	Best	Avg.
1	Jimmie Johnson	140.8	110.6
2	Kyle Busch	143.8	104.8
3	Denny Hamlin	130.7	95.6
4	Matt Kenseth	136.0	95.2
5	Kasey Kahne	143.6	95.1
6	Joey Logano	146.4	93.0
7	Chase Elliott	116.4	90.6
8	Brad Keselowski	121.4	89.7
9	Kevin Harvick	145.3	88.3
10	Kurt Busch	147.8	87.4
11	Martin Truex Jr.	150.0	84.5
12	Kyle Larson	107.5	83.1
13	Dale Earnhardt Jr.	117.5	82.1
14	Austin Dillon	103.5	81.4
15	Ryan Newman	106.6	80.1
16	Jamie McMurray	130.1	79.0
17	Clint Bowyer	124.7	78.8
18	Aric Almirola	92.2	72.6
19	Ryan Blaney	86.7	71.0
20	AJ Allmendinger	106.6	67.2
21	Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	79.7	66.5
22	Paul Menard	95.3	66.1
23	Elliott Sadler	110.2	65.7
24	David Ragan	117.3	62.8
25	Trevor Bayne	83.2	61.3
26	Danica Patrick	72.0	57.7
27	Michael Waltrip	97.5	51.1
28	Chris Buescher	60.8	50.3
29	Reed Sorenson	86.0	50.1
30	JJ Yeley	103.6	46.3
31	Alex Bowman	51.9	44.7
32	Landon Cassill	65.3	44.2
33	Michael McDowell	64.8	39.1
34	Cole Whitt	48.0	37.9
35	Matt DiBenedetto	40.8	37.5
36	Timmy Hill	37.4	34.0
37	Corey LaJoie	32.9	32.9
38	Jeffrey Earnhardt	33.7	29.5

the establishment, but he has served notice recently that he is not going to go gently into that good night. Harvick is going to rail against the dying of the light—even if he has to ride the uncomfortable rail (or cushion) to do so.

His determination is a big part of why he has earned top-fives in the last four consecutive unrestricted events. Stewart-Haas Racing has not gotten off to a great start, but what they have lacked in domination has been made up for with consistency.

Harvick should easily challenge for another low single-digit result this week.

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5. Joey Logano
Yahoo! Group: A
Wins at Track/Attempts: 1/16
Top-fives: 5 (.313)
Top-10s: 9 (.563)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 12.50
Yahoo! Points: 77.50
NASCAR.com Points: 54.00
Draft Kings Points: 44.26
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 13.67

Logano was having a tough time at Kansas before his brake rotor exploded. He started on the outside pole and immediately fell back through the field with an ill-handling car that caused him to overtax the brakes and ulti-

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mately led to the failure. If not for the fiery crash and injury to a fellow competitor, he would easily be able to shrug that off; now, it is not as simple.

Still, this is what drivers do for a living and fantasy owners cannot expect that Logano will suffer the effects of the crash for long. He will quickly get back into his rhythm and should immediately get back into contention for a top-five. Before his accident in the GoBowling.com 400, he was riding a five-race streak of re-

sults sixth or better on similarly-configured, 1.5-mile tracks.

6. Jamie McMurray
Yahoo! Group: B
Wins at Track/Attempts: 2/29
Top-fives: 7 (.241)
Top-10s: 11 (.379)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 11.33
Yahoo! Points: 72.67
NASCAR.com Points: 45.80
Draft Kings Points: 48.29
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 12.17

McMurray remains one of the most consistent drivers in the field and that is easily as important as raw power. In four races on similarly-configured, 1.5-mile tracks this year, he has finished in a narrow band of seventh through 10th. Another result in that range—or even in the low-teens—will make him well worth starting unless a player is running short of allocations in the Yahoo! game.

7. Ryan Blaney
Yahoo! Group: B
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/4
Top-fives: 0 (.000)
Top-10s: 0 (.000)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 26.75
Yahoo! Points: 38.50
NASCAR.com Points: 6.63

Draft Kings Points: 8.13
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 24.83

This has not been a good track for Blaney in the past. In his inaugural race as a pre-rookie in 2015, he finished 42nd. That fall, he rebounded to finish 14th but could not carry the momentum forward. He was 20th and 31st in two attempts last year. His two worst results were occasioned by an engine failure in 2015 and crash damage last fall, and the two top-20s would not seem quite as menacing without the pair of sub-30ths.

Moreover, Blaney is a much-improved driver in 2017. He showed last week at Kansas that he has the ability to put a complete race together when neither he nor the crew makes a mistake. Being perfect for 600 miles is not an easy task, but the length of the race can actually play into their favor if something happens early.

8. Clint Bowyer
Yahoo! Group: B
Wins at Track/Attempts: 1/22
Top-fives: 2 (.091)
Top-10s: 5 (.227)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 21.83
Yahoo! Points: 51.67
NASCAR.com Points: 32.60
Draft Kings Points: 25.29
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 9.67

Bowyer has come up two positions shy of sweeping the top 10 on similarly-configured, 1.5-mile tracks. He finished 11th in Atlanta and again at Texas. His other two results on this course type were a 10th in Vegas and ninth last week at Kansas. Not much was expected of this team at the start of the season, howev-

Daily Fantasy Mock Draft

by Victoria Beaver

Charlotte is the fifth cookie-cutter of the season, so by this point we have a pretty clear picture of who will run up front and who to avoid. Having these current season stats helps owners see the value in rookies such as Ty Dillon and Eric Jones. Four drivers also have swept the top 10 at the track type this season.

Splurge:

Brad Keselowski
Fantasy Power Average: 8.71

Keselowski is one of four drivers that have swept the top-10 on the four "cookie-cutters" visited so far this season. He also has top-10s in his last four starts at Charlotte Motor Speedway. In these last four starts he's only recorded laps led once in the Spring 2015 race. However, leading laps in that race was the end of a seven-race streak of leading laps at Charlotte. In his last four starts at the track he has an average place differential rating of +4.

Martin Truex Jr.
Fantasy Power Average: 9.85

Truex has five top-15 finishes at Charlotte, with three of those being top-10s. Truex won this race last spring by dominating and leading 392 of 400 laps. This season he's finished in the top-10 at each cookie-cutter track, winning at both Kansas last week and Vegas earlier in the season. In his last four starts at Charlotte he has advanced an average of 2.75 places, only falling behind his qualification spot last fall when he finished 13th.

Kyle Larson
Fantasy Power Average: 17.96

Larson finished in the top 15 in both of last year's Charlotte races, recording his best finish at the track last fall when he crossed the checkers in fifth. Larson matches the above two drivers in cookie-cutter top-10s this season and has finished no worse than sixth on this track type in 2017. If you look at his last three starts at Charlotte he has advanced an average of 13.67 positions, Larson has become a better qualifier this year and

er, so his 11th in the QuikTrip 500 made him a great value.

With solid runs all season, much more is expected now. But Bowyer's value in salary cap games continues to reflect that little bit of uncertainty with Stewart-Haas Racing. Teammate Harvick finally seems to be coming into his own. Kurt Busch is legendarily erratic and Patrick is constantly on the verge of screaming in frustration. Bowyer has been one of their shining lights and so far has been able to avoid the distractions.

9. Jimmie Johnson
Yahoo! Group: A
Wins at Track/Attempts: 8/31
Top-fives: 15 (.484)
Top-10s: 19 (.612)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 16.83
Yahoo! Points: 70.00
NASCAR.com Points: 70.40
Draft Kings Points: 51.88
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 10.00

We were actually tempted to make Johnson a Bust this week.

All season long, television commentators touted his strength despite bad runs and

when he won at Texas and then again immediately at Martinsville Speedway, they seemed to be proved right. Last week's disappointing performance at Kansas should have fantasy players worrying about the overall potential for this team.

There is little doubt that Johnson has the speed needed to run with the leaders. What we don't know is how much they are experimenting with a couple of wins in the bank that lock them into the playoffs. Fantasy owners also do not care why the No. 48 is

will probably start closer to the front this year bring that average down slightly. He has led laps at the track twice, once in the fall of 2014 and then again the following year.

Steal:

Jamie McMurray
Fantasy Power Average: 17.48

McMurray won his first Cup race at Charlotte in his 2002 rookie season. He has since won once more in 2010 and has had 11 top-10 finishes in his 29 starts. In his last four starts he has two top-15 finishes including a top-10 last fall. McMurray is the surprising fourth to join Larson, Truex, and Keselowski in sweeping cookie-cutter top 10s this season. He's advanced an average of 7.75 places in his last four starts and is on a seven-race streak of finishing ahead of his qualifying position.

Eric Jones
Fantasy Power Average: N/A

Jones has two top-15's at cookie cutter tracks this season, which came at At-lanta and Vegas. His next two attempts failed to get him in the top-20 with back-to-back 22nd-place finishes. If Jones can rebound from these finishes and mirror his performance earlier this season he'll rack up some points. Jones has moved forward an average of four positions in his last four cookie-cutter races.

Ty Dillon
Fantasy Power Average: N/A

Ty Dillon has two top-15's and three top-20 finishes in his four "cookie-cutter" starts this season. His best on the track type came last weekend at Kansas. It was also his second-best overall finish of the season after a 13th-place finish at Talladega. Dillon has four top-15 finishes so far this season and has only fallen outside of the top 20 in four races. The younger of the Dillon brothers has yet to reach the top 10 this season, but has had the opportunity to lead some laps and finish consistently well.

struggling; they simply do not want to lose points in each week's contest.

10. Matt Kenseth
Yahoo! Group: A
Wins at Track/Attempts: 2/35
Top-fives: 11 (.314)
Top-10s: 19 (.542)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 12.83
Yahoo! Points: 76.33
NASCAR.com Points: 52.90
Draft Kings Points: 44.33
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 14.67

Like Johnson, Kenseth is seeded in the top 10 based on past merit. When Joe Gibbs Racing is on their A game, this is the type of track on which they dominate. A few years back when he first joined them, Kenseth won every other similarly-configured, 1.5-mile track race for a while. Those days seem to be in the distant past, but no one thinks JGR will continue to struggle all season.

This is the type of track that suits Kenseth very well. It takes a driver who can adapt and think.

The same is true of the 600-mile distance and although the No. 20 will probably not spend much time at the front of the pack or score the most "fastest laps", he will contend for a top-10 in the closing circuits.

SLEEPERS

12. Trevor Bayne
Yahoo! Group: B
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/10
Top-fives: 0 (.000)
Top-10s: 0 (.000)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 26.00
Yahoo! Points: 47.20
NASCAR.com Points: 21.40
Draft Kings Points: 22.60
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 16.17

Stenhouse has the Talladega SuperSpeedway win and the virtual guarantee that gives him into the playoffs, but Bayne has been just as strong all season. Wild card races like the restrictor-plate, su-

Top-fives and Top-10s By Car Owner, Last Three Years					
Owner	Attempts	Top-5s		Top-10s	
Barney Visser	6	3	50%	3	50%
Joe Gibbs	22	7	32%	13	59%
Roger Penske	12	3	25%	8	67%
Chip Ganassi	12	3	25%	5	42%
Rick Hendrick	25	6	24%	10	40%
Tony Stewart	24	5	21%	10	42%
Jack Roush	19	2	11%	3	16%
Richard Childress	19	1	5%	6	32%
Michael Waltrip	9			1	11%
Petty Enterprises	12			1	8%
BK Racing	16				
Front Row Motorsports	14				
Harry Scott	10				
Tommy Baldwin	8				
Jay Robinson	7				
Bob Leavine	6				
Frank Stoddard	6				
Germain Bros	6				
Tad Geschickter	6				
Michael Hillman	5				
Wood Bros	5				
Mike Curb	4				
Curtis Key	3				
Joe Falk	3				
Randy Humphrey	2				
Johnathan Cohen	1				

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: 17.83

Dillon's two principle rivals in the Rookie of the Year battle may arguably be in better equipment, but one would not know that by his recent efforts. Dillon has been the top performing freshman in three of the last five races including once on a similarly-configured, 1.5-mile track. He finished 17th at Texas to Daniel Suarez's 19th and Erik Jones' 22nd. Last week, he scored his seventh result of 18th or better in 11 races this season and that is enough to make him attractive in Group C or at his salary cap level.

20. 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: 17.83

Last week in the All-star race, fantasy owners saw a side of Suarez they might not have known existed. When he was challenged by Elliott at the end of the final stage of the Open, it appeared to be just a matter of time before the second-year driver got around him. Elliott was faster. He nudged the No. 19 slightly and got the Toyota out of shape. Suarez not only held onto the car, he kept his foot in the throttle and stayed in the lead until a caution waved.

Determination is not a factor that can be put into a handi-

perspeedways and road courses can change the complexion of the contenders, but they should not factor heavily into a driver's handicap.

Much more important to fantasy owners is the fact that Bayne has a worst finish of 13th in four similarly-configured, 1.5-mile track races this year. His best effort of 10th came last week at Kansas and while it is unlikely that he is going to score another top-10 against this week's competition, he should easily contend for a top-15.

13. Chase Elliott
Yahoo! Group: B
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/3
Top-fives: 0 (.000) / Top-10s: 0 (.333)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 19.67
Yahoo! Points: 57.00
NASCAR.com Points: 46.17
Draft Kings Points: 39.58
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 17.00

Periods like the one Elliott currently finds himself in re-

veal a lot about drivers' character. The start of the season was magical with a streak of eight consecutive top-15s. Elliott had a chance to win on several occasions including the similarly-configured Las Vegas and Atlanta Motor Speedways.

The tide turned at Richmond International Raceway, however. He slipped to 24th in the Toyota Owners 400 and then crashed out of the Geico 500 at Talladega SuperSpeedway near the end while running in third. Last week, he expected to rebound but a pit road accident ultimately dropped him 10 laps off the pace and gave him a 29th-place result.

He is good enough to challenge for a top-10, but until his luck turns around it is difficult to say when that will happen.

14. Ty Dillon
Yahoo! Group: C

capping formula, but it is one of the main ways a driver should be evaluated. In the GoBowling.com 400 at Kansas, Suarez earned his third top-10 of the season and Jones is the only other rookie with a single digit result.

22. Chris Buescher
Yahoo! Group: B
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/2
Top-fives: 0 (.000)
Top-10s: 0 (.000)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 26.50
Yahoo! Points: 39.00
NASCAR.com Points: 13.00
Draft Kings Points: 16.00
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 20.17

Buescher is not the first driver who comes to mind most weeks. That can play into a fantasy owner's favor if he looks at not only the recent results of the No. 37, but also his record on similarly-configured, 1.5-mile tracks this year. Buescher has scored top-20s in his last three starts beginning with a 17th at Richmond and culminating in an 18th at Kansas.

That 18th-place finish at Kansas is also part of streak of progressive improvements on this track type with a 24th in Atlanta, 23rd at Vegas, and 21st at Texas. If he keeps getting slightly better results than the preceding one, he will challenge for a top-15 in the next few weeks and then might be ready to race among the top 10.

Busts

11. Kyle Busch
Yahoo! Group: A

3 Year Avg. Finish on "Cookie-Cutters"			
Rank	Driver	Avg.	Attempts
1	Kyle Busch	8.59	27
2	Kevin Harvick	9.35	31
3	Brad Keselowski	9.58	31
4	Martin Truex Jr	9.68	31
5	Joey Logano	10.90	31
6	Matt Kenseth	11.40	30
7	Jimmie Johnson	12.10	31
8	Kurt Busch	12.14	29
9	Dale Earnhardt Jr	12.59	27
10	Ryan Newman	13.48	31
11	Jamie McMurray	15.13	31
12	Kasey Kahne	15.55	31
13	Chase Elliott	15.60	15
14	Denny Hamlin	16.29	31
15	Daniel Suarez	16.75	4
16	Kyle Larson	17.19	31
17	Ryan Blaney	19.45	20
18	Austin Dillon	20.06	31
19	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	20.26	31
20	Ty Dillon	20.70	10
21	AJ Allmendinger	20.81	31
22	Erik Jones	20.83	6
23	Aric Almirola	21.55	31
24	Paul Menard	21.94	31
25	Trevor Bayne	22.11	27
26	Danica Patrick	22.52	31
27	Clint Bowyer	22.87	31
28	Chris Buescher	25.47	15
29	David Ragan	27.77	31
30	Michael McDowell	28.88	25
31	Landon Cassill	29.58	31
32	Cole Whitt	30.80	30
33	Matt DiBenedetto	32.43	24
34	Corey LaJoie	33.40	5
35	Jeffrey Earnhardt	33.73	11
36	Reed Sorenson	34.19	26
37	Gray Gaulding	34.75	4
38	Derrike Cope	36.75	4
39	Timmy Hill	37.56	9

Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/26
Top-fives: 10 (.385)
Top-10s: 15 (.577)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 14.00
Yahoo! Points: 71.67
NASCAR.com Points: 27.20
Draft Kings Points: 32.50
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 12.67

This handicap comes with the following caveat: Every time we suggest Busch will finish badly, he steps up his game and makes us look foolish. With a ranking of 11th, it is not that we expect him to completely struggle. He is good on similarly-configured, 1.5-mile tracks and so is Joe Gibbs Racing. Busch finally won his first Cup race last week in the

All-star race, but he is too erratic to make a solid pick.

Busch is prone to overdriving his car and occasionally hitting the wall. Occasionally he overcomes and still finishes well, but at other times he sustains enough damage to put him in the back of the pack. His sixth-place finish last fall snapped a three-race streak in which he failed to crack the top 10 at Charlotte and it seems safest to leave him in the garage for a week or two.

15. Denny Hamlin
Yahoo! Group: A
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/23
Top-fives: 6 (.261)
Top-10s: 14 (.608)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 12.83
Yahoo! Points: 72.00
NASCAR.com Points: 40.80
Draft Kings Points: 36.72
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 17.00

Hamlin is suffering from the same general malaise as the rest of the Joe Gibbs Racing drivers. This team has not looked the same in 2017 as they did last year. That is not to say they are not still strong, but the competition has caught up and their results are not nearly as dominant as they were.

That has shown up most notably on the similarly-configured, 1.5-mile tracks for Hamlin. In four starts this year, he has finished outside the top 20 three times. One sixth-place finish at Vegas has done little to help his average finish, which is a modest 23.0. He could be a hidden gem when fantasy owners guess correctly, but it is best to wait

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A series of concussions will take a toll on any driver and he is no exception. In Modern Day NASCAR, it does not take much of a loss of competitive edge to make a huge difference on the track. Once the pressure is truly off his shoulders, Junior might contend for top-10s again, but that is a little ways down the road.

21. Erik Jones
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: 24.00

When Jones' results first began to decline at Texas, most experts thought he would rebound quickly. He wasn't bad at Bristol Motor Speedway the following week with a 17th after seesawing through portions of the race, but now his last three efforts have all fallen outside the top 20. With a five-race average of 26.4 and the likelihood of another result in the 20s at Charlotte, fantasy owners can afford to be patient and wait for him to find his rhythm again.

Other Drivers

16. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.
Yahoo! Group: B
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/10
Top-fives: 0 (.000)
Top-10s: 0 (.000)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 22.50
Yahoo! Points: 47.50
NASCAR.com Points: 18.70
Draft Kings Points: 20.58
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 8.17

18. Kasey Kahne
Yahoo! Group: B

until this entire organization is being talked about once more.

17. Kurt Busch
Yahoo! Group: B
Wins at Track/Attempts: 1/33
Top-fives: 7 (.212)
Top-10s: 11 (.333)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 13.33
Yahoo! Points: 68.67
NASCAR.com Points: 50.90
Draft Kings Points: 45.08
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 17.50

Busch saw a long streak of top-15s on similarly-configured, 1.5-mile tracks come to an end last fall in Texas. He finished 20th in the AAA 500 and once his steadfastness was gone, he embraced chaos. His last five efforts on this course type have alternated results outside the top 15 with some inside the top 10. None have been top-fives, however, and an average finish of 17.2 is simply not enough to make him attractive.

19. Dale Earnhardt Jr.
Yahoo! Group: A
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/33
Top-fives: 6 (.182)
Top-10s: 12 (.364)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 16.80
Yahoo! Points: 62.40
NASCAR.com Points: 34.38
Draft Kings Points: 30.95
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 24.83

It is time to stop expecting much from Earnhardt and let him enjoy the end of his career riding in the middle of the pack.

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

Track	top-5s	10s	15s
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
2010 Charlotte	2	4	7
2013 Charlotte	1	4	9
2011 Charlotte	0	4	10

Wins at Track/Attempts: 4/26
Top-fives: 10 (.385)
Top-10s: 14 (.538)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 17.33

Yahoo! Points: 57.83
NASCAR.com Points: 29.20
Draft Kings Points: 32.67
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 19.00

23. Ryan Newman
Yahoo! Group: B
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/32
Top-fives: 5 (.156)
Top-10s: 14 (.438)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 9.50
Yahoo! Points: 76.33
NASCAR.com Points: 44.80
Draft Kings Points: 44.42
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 20.00

24. Michael McDowell
Yahoo! Group: C
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/16
Top-fives: 0 (.000)
Top-10s: 0 (.000)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 28.00
Yahoo! Points: 36.00
NASCAR.com Points: 15.90
Draft Kings Points: 17.08
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 25.17

25. Austin Dillon
Yahoo! Group: B
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/6
Top-fives: 0 (.000)
Top-10s: 1 (.167)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 16.00
Yahoo! Points: 63.33
NASCAR.com Points: 32.80
Draft Kings Points: 35.13
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 20.50

26. AJ Allmendinger
Yahoo! Group: B
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/18
Top-fives: 1 (.056)
Top-10s: 2 (.111)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 22.17
Yahoo! Points: 47.67
NASCAR.com Points: 15.60
Draft Kings Points: 21.75
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 25.67

27. Landon Cassill
Yahoo! Group: C
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/13
Top-fives: 0 (.000)
Top-10s: 0 (.000)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 27.83
Yahoo! Points: 36.33
NASCAR.com Points: 19.70
Draft Kings Points: 22.42
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 26.50

28. Cole Whitt
Yahoo! Group: C
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/9
Top-fives: 0 (.000)
Top-10s: 0 (.000)

Last 3 Years
Current Track: 30.50
Yahoo! Points: 31.00
NASCAR.com Points: 16.80
Draft Kings Points: 19.50
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 23.50

29. Paul Menard
Yahoo! Group: B
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/21
Top-fives: 0 (.000)
Top-10s: 0 (.095)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 25.17
Yahoo! Points: 43.33
NASCAR.com Points: 23.30
Draft Kings Points: 15.17
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 23.33

30. Danica Patrick
Yahoo! Group: B
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/9
Top-fives: 0 (.000)
Top-10s: 0 (.000)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 23.00
Yahoo! Points: 46.17
NASCAR.com Points: 14.10
Draft Kings Points: 14.00
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 29.17

31. David Ragan
Yahoo! Group: C
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/20
Top-fives: 1 (.050)
Top-10s: 3 (.150)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 32.83
Yahoo! Points: 26.33
NASCAR.com Points: 3.80
Draft Kings Points: 5.83
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 20.17

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: 30.00
Yahoo! Points: 32.00
NASCAR.com Points: 18.25
Draft Kings Points: 19.75
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 27.17

33. Jeffrey Earnhardt
Yahoo! Group: C
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/2
Top-fives: 0 (.000)
Top-10s: 0 (.000)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 32.50
Yahoo! Points: 27.00
NASCAR.com Points: 14.50
Draft Kings Points: 17.50

Laps in Top-10 at Charlotte (L 3Yrs)				
Rank	Driver	Laps	%	Possible Laps
1	Kevin Harvick	1,898	86.2%	2,202
2	Brad Keselowski	1,671	75.9%	2,202
3	Denny Hamlin	1,584	71.9%	2,202
4	Martin Truex Jr	1,583	71.9%	2,202
5	Jimmie Johnson	1,564	71.0%	2,202
6	Joey Logano	1,495	67.9%	2,202
7	Kurt Busch	1,362	61.9%	2,202
8	Kyle Busch	1,260	57.2%	2,202
9	Matt Kenseth	1,085	49.3%	2,202
10	Dale Earnhardt Jr	874	46.8%	1,868
11	Kyle Larson	812	36.9%	2,202
12	Jamie McMurray	754	34.2%	2,202
13	Ryan Newman	565	25.7%	2,202
14	Austin Dillon	461	20.9%	2,202
15	Chase Elliott	439	38.7%	1,134
16	Kasey Kahne	352	16.0%	2,202
17	Clint Bowyer	334	15.2%	2,202
18	Ryan Blaney	313	21.3%	1,468
19	Aric Almirola	282	12.8%	2,202
20	Paul Menard	280	12.7%	2,202
21	AJ Allmendinger	159	7.2%	2,202
22	David Ragan	147	6.7%	2,202
23	Danica Patrick	134	6.1%	2,202
24	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	60	2.7%	2,202
25	Chris Buescher	50	6.8%	734
26	Landon Cassill	11	0.5%	2,202
27	Matt DiBenedetto	3	0.3%	1,134
28	Michael McDowell	-	0.0%	1,868
29	Trevor Bayne	-	0.0%	1,534
30	Reed Sorenson	-	0.0%	1,468
31	Cole Whitt	-	0.0%	1,468
32	Jeffrey Earnhardt	-	0.0%	734
33	Timmy Hill	-	0.0%	334
34	Corey LaJoie	-	0.0%	334

Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 33.17

34. Corey LaJoie
Yahoo! Group: C
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/1
Top-fives: 0 (.000) / Top-10s: 0 (.000)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 35.00
Yahoo! Points: 22.00
NASCAR.com Points: NA
Draft Kings Points: 16.00
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 28.33

35. Reed Sorenson
Yahoo! Group: C
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/16
Top-fives: 1 (.063)
Top-10s: 2 (.125)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 34.40
Yahoo! Points: 23.20
NASCAR.com Points: 10.63
Draft Kings Points: 13.70
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 32.00

36. Elliott Sadler
Yahoo! Group: C

Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/25
Top-fives: 1 (.040)
Top-10s: 3 (.120)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: NA
Yahoo! Points: NA
NASCAR.com Points: NA
Draft Kings Points: NA
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 17.00

37. 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: 29.50

38. Derrike Cope
Yahoo! Group: C
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/32
Top-fives: 0 (.000)
Top-10s: 4 (.125)
Last 3 Years

3 Things to Know

8
Most wins among active drivers
(Jimmie Johnson)

9
Most Coors Light poles at CMS
among active drivers
(Ryan Newman)

13
Number of drivers who have
won from the pole position.

- Carol D'Agostino, Skirtsandscuffs.com

Current Track: NA
Yahoo! Points: NA
NASCAR.com Points: NA
Draft Kings Points: NA
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 35.67

39. Timmy Hill
Yahoo! Group: C
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/5
Top-fives: 0 (.000)
Top-10s: 0 (.000)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 40.50
Yahoo! Points: 20.00
NASCAR.com Points: NA
Draft Kings Points: 12.00
Avg. Last 6 races ^
Cup results: 34.20

40. Carl Long
Yahoo! Group: C
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/10
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

^ 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: 7 (9)
Joey Logano: 6 (8)
Kyle Larson: 4 (7)
Chase Elliott: 4 (6)
Martin Truex Jr.: 3 (7)
Jamie McMurray: 3 (7)
Kyle Busch: 3 (5)
Kevin Harvick: 2 (6)
Kurt Busch: 2 (5)
Ricky Stenhouse Jr.: 2 (5)
Denny Hamlin: 2 (4)
Clint Bowyer: 1 (5)
Jimmie Johnson: 1 (4)
Matt Kenseth: 1 (4)
Kasey Kahne: 1 (3)
Aric Almirola: 1 (3)
Daniel Suarez: 1 (3)
Ryan Blaney: 0 (4)
Ryan Newman: 0 (3)
AJ Allmendinger: 0 (2)
Paul Menard: 0 (2)
Trevor Bayne: 0 (2)
Austin Dillon: 0 (1)
Dale Earnhardt Jr.: 0 (1)
Erik Jones: 0 (1)

Avg. Start at Charlotte			
Rank	Driver	Avg. Start	Attempts
1	Denny Hamlin	5.33	6
2	Joey Logano	6.33	6
3	Kevin Harvick	7.67	6
4	Kyle Busch	7.83	6
5	Jimmie Johnson	10.00	6
6	Brad Keselowski	10.50	6
7	Martin Truex Jr	11.83	6
8	Matt Kenseth	13.33	6
9	Dale Earnhardt Jr	14.20	5
10	Chase Elliott	14.33	3
11	Danica Patrick	15.67	6
12	Kurt Busch	15.83	6
13	Ryan Blaney	17.00	4
14	Aric Almirola	18.50	6
15	Ryan Newman	18.50	6
16	AJ Allmendinger	19.00	6
17	Paul Menard	19.17	6
18	Kasey Kahne	19.33	6
19	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	20.50	6
20	Austin Dillon	20.67	6
21	Trevor Bayne	22.20	5
22	Clint Bowyer	22.33	6
23	Jamie McMurray	22.50	6
24	Kyle Larson	23.00	6
25	Chris Buescher	24.00	2
26	David Ragan	27.33	6
27	Michael McDowell	28.67	6
28	Landon Cassill	33.83	6
29	Matt DiBenedetto	35.00	4
30	Cole Whitt	35.83	6
31	Reed Sorenson	38.40	5
32	Jeffrey Earnhardt	38.50	2
33	Timmy Hill	40.00	2

Michael Waltrip: 0 (1)
Matt DiBenedetto: 0 (1)
David Ragan: 0 (1)
Chris Buescher: 0 (0)
Ty Dillon: 0 (0)
M McDowell: 0 (0)
Landon Cassill: 0 (0)
Cole Whitt: 0 (0)
Danica Patrick: 0 (0)
Corey LaJoie: 0 (0)
J 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)
JJ Yeley: 0 (0)
Cody Ware: 0 (0)

Driver Performance

Here are the top per-formances 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), Martinsville 1 (week 6), Talladega 1 (week 10)

(3) Martin Truex Jr.: Las Vegas (week 3), Auto Club (week 5), Kansas 1 (week 11)

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

(2) Joey Logano: Daytona 1

| Total Top-5s: Season	
Driver	Top-5s
Brad Keselowski	7
Joey Logano	6
Kyle Larson	5
Kyle Busch	4
Kevin Harvick	4
Ricky Stenhouse Jr	3
Chase Elliott	3
Martin Truex Jr	3
Aric Almirola	2
Clint Bowyer	2
Kasey Kahne	2
Matt Kenseth	2
Ryan Blaney	2
Jimmie Johnson	2
Ryan Newman	1
AJ Allmendinger	1
Jamie McMurray	1
Denny Hamlin	1
Dale Earnhardt Jr	1
Kurt Busch	1
Paul Menard	1
Austin Dillon	1

(week 1), Richmond 1 (week 9)

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

Yahoo! Group B:

Top two each week.

(6) Kyle Larson: Atlanta (week 2), Las Vegas (week 3), Phoe-

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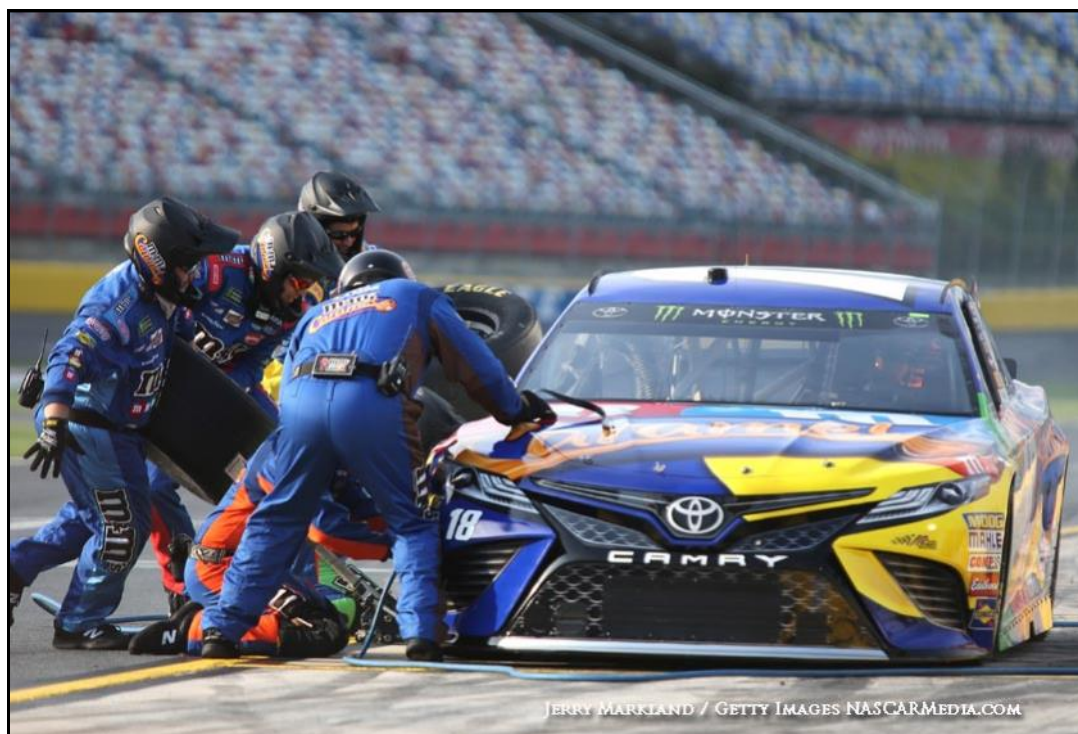
Driver	Starts	Wins	Top-5s	Top-10s	Avg Fin	Start	Laps	Poles	DNFs	DNQs
Kyle Larson	11	1	5	7	6.91	10.55	3,500	1		
Brad Keselowski	11	2	7	9	8.36	6.36	3,376	1	1	
Martin Truex Jr	11	2	3	7	10.45	8.91	3,477		1	
Clint Bowyer	11		2	5	11.55	13.55	3,428		1	
Joey Logano	11	1	6	8	12.18	8.73	3,402	1	3	
Jamie McMurray	11		1	7	12.73	8.91	3,046		2	
Chase Elliott	11		3	6	13.27	10.27	3,467	1	1	
Kevin Harvick	11		4	6	13.27	8.64	3,298	2	1	
Ricky Stenhouse Jr	11	1	3	5	13.82	15.09	3,427		1	
Jimmie Johnson	11	2	2	4	14.00	21.55	3,426		1	
Kyle Busch	11		4	5	14.82	11.27	3,286		2	
Trevor Bayne	11			2	15.82	17.82	3,477		1	
Kasey Kahne	11		2	3	16.09	19.82	3,467			
Denny Hamlin	11		1	4	17.00	11.73	3,348		1	
Aric Almirola	11		2	3	17.27	22.36	3,425		1	
Daniel Suarez	11			3	17.36	16.64	3,427		1	
Kurt Busch	11	1	1	5	17.45	12.09	3,284		1	
Brendan Gaughan	2				18.50	35.50	383			
Elliott Sadler	2				18.50	37.50	390			
Ty Dillon	11				18.82	21.73	3,439		1	
Ryan Blaney	11		2	4	18.91	9.82	3,396	1	2	
Ryan Newman	11	1	1	3	19.00	13.55	3,361		2	
Matt Kenseth	11		2	4	19.36	11.00	3,260	1	3	
Austin Dillon	11	1		1	20.73	19.27	3,457		1	
Erik Jones	11			1	21.09	19.82	2,982		3	
Paul Menard	11		1	2	21.64	20.73	3,409		1	
Joey Gase	2				22.00	34.00	387			
AJ Allmendinger	11		1	2	22.73	24.18	3,378		1	
Chris Buescher	11				23.18	28.91	2,975		2	
Dale Earnhardt Jr	11		1	1	23.82	16.18	3,035		3	
David Ragan	11			1	24.00	29.82	3,360		1	
Michael McDowell	11				24.55	26.09	3,457		1	
Cole Whitt	11				24.82	30.64	3,423		1	
Landon Cassill	11				25.36	27.00	3,423		1	
Matt DiBenedetto	11			1	25.82	28.45	3,359		1	
Danica Patrick	11				28.09	24.09	3,132		5	
Corey LaJoie	11				30.45	32.64	3,000		2	
Reed Sorenson	10				31.80	33.30	3,126		1	1
Gray Gaulding	10				32.10	33.50	3,011		3	
Jeffrey Earnhardt	11				33.45	34.45	2,525		6	
Timmy Hill	8				34.38	37.88	2,111		3	1
Derrike Cope	7				35.57	36.14	1,933		1	

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

(3) Ryan Blaney: Daytona 1 (week 1), Texas 1 (week 7), Kansas 1 (week 11)

(3) Clint Bowyer: Auto Club (week 5), Bristol 1 (week 8), Kansas 1 (week 11)

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

(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:

(4) Daniel Suarez: Phoenix (week 4), Auto Club (week 5), Richmond 1 (week 9), Kansas 1 (week 11)

(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)

(6) Brad Keselowski: Atlanta (week 2), Las Vegas (week 3), Phoenix 1 (week 4), Martinsville 1 (week 6), Richmond 1 (week 9), Kansas 1 (week 11)

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

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

(5) Martin Truex Jr.: Las Vegas (week 3), Auto Club (week 5), Texas 1 (week 7 – tied for fifth with Earnhardt), Bristol 1 (week 8), Kansas 1 (week 11)

(5) Kevin Harvick: Atlanta (week 2), Texas 1 (week 7), Bristol 1 (week 8), Richmond 1 (week 9), Kansas 1 (week 11)

(4) Jimmie Johnson: Las Vegas (week 3), Texas 1 (week 7), Bristol 1 (week 8), Talladega (week 10)

(4) Kyle Busch: Phoenix 1 (week 4), Martinsville 1 (week 6), Talladega (week 10), Kansas 1 (week 11)

(3) Ryan Blaney: Daytona 1 (week 1), Texas 1 (week 7), Kansas 1 (week 11)

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

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

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

(1) Ku Busch: Daytona 1 (wk 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)

Driver Rating: Season to Date		
Rank	Driver	Standings	Rating
1	Martin Truex Jr.	2	110.8
2	Kyle Larson	1	109.0
3	Brad Keselowski	3	108.7
4	Joey Logano	9	100.7
5	Chase Elliott	4	99.8
6	Kevin Harvick	6	97.9
7	Kyle Busch	7	97.7
8	Jimmie Johnson	8	91.0
9	Ryan Blaney	11	90.3
10	Jamie McMurray	5	89.9
11	Clint Bowyer	10	84.3
12	Denny Hamlin	12	82.4
13	Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	13	81.5
14	Matt Kenseth	18	77.6
15	Kasey Kahne	16	76.5
16	Dale Earnhardt Jr.	25	74.9
17	Trevor Bayne	14	74.6
18	Kurt Busch	15	74.6
19	Erik Jones	20	74.5
20	Ryan Newman	17	73.9
21	Austin Dillon	22	69.7
22	Aric Almirola	23	65.7
23	Ty Dillon	21	65.2
24	Daniel Suarez	19	60.9
25	Paul Menard	24	60.1
26	AJ Allmendinger	30	59.5
27	Chris Buescher	26	56.5
28	Danica Patrick	33	56.2
29	Michael McDowell	28	52.3
30	David Ragan	27	51.4
31	Landon Cassill	31	49.1
32	Matt DiBenedetto	32	45.1
33	Cole Whitt	29	44.7
34	Corey Lajoie	34	34.7
35	Gray Gaulding	36	34.3
36	Reed Sorenson	35	33.7
37	Jeffrey Earnhardt	37	29.4

Avg Running Position: Season to Date		
Rank	Driver	Starts	Avg.
1	Kyle Larson	11	7.59
2	Martin Truex Jr.	11	7.78
3	Brad Keselowski	11	9.29
4	Chase Elliott	11	9.81
5	Joey Logano	11	10.28
6	Kyle Busch	11	10.56
7	Kevin Harvick	11	11.65
8	Jamie McMurray	11	12.29
9	Jimmie Johnson	11	13.12
10	Ryan Blaney	11	13.24
11	Clint Bowyer	11	13.26
12	Denny Hamlin	11	13.34
13	Kasey Kahne	11	15.14
14	Trevor Bayne	11	16.00
15	Dale Earnhardt Jr.	11	16.33
16	Ryan Newman	11	16.40
17	Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	11	16.41
18	Matt Kenseth	11	16.65
19	Erik Jones	11	17.03
20	Kurt Busch	11	18.53
21	Austin Dillon	11	18.55
22	Ty Dillon	11	20.18
23	Aric Almirola	11	20.99
24	Paul Menard	11	22.09
25	AJ Allmendinger	11	22.93
26	Daniel Suarez	11	23.13
27	Danica Patrick	11	23.58
28	Chris Buescher	11	24.78
29	Michael McDowell	11	25.93
30	Landon Cassill	11	26.78
31	David Ragan	11	27.10
32	Cole Whitt	11	27.38
33	Matt DiBenedetto	11	28.75
34	Corey Lajoie	11	33.15
35	Gray Gaulding	10	33.23
36	Reed Sorenson	10	33.61
37	Jeffrey Earnhardt	11	34.78

Twitter League

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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.

3 Yr. Avg. Draft Kings Points at Charlotte			
Rank	Driver	Avg. Points	Attempts
1	Martin Truex Jr	74.76	6
2	Kevin Harvick	68.50	6
3	Jimmie Johnson	51.88	6
4	Jamie McMurray	48.29	6
5	Brad Keselowski	47.25	6
6	Kurt Busch	45.08	6
7	Ryan Newman	44.42	6
8	Matt Kenseth	44.33	6
9	Joey Logano	44.26	6
10	Kyle Larson	43.83	6
11	Chase Elliott	39.58	3
12	Denny Hamlin	36.72	6
13	Austin Dillon	35.13	6
14	Kasey Kahne	32.67	6
15	Kyle Busch	32.50	6
16	Dale Earnhardt Jr	30.95	5
17	Aric Almirola	30.38	6
18	Clint Bowyer	25.29	6
19	Trevor Bayne	22.60	5
20	Landon Cassill	22.42	6
21	AJ Allmendinger	21.75	6
22	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	20.58	6
23	Matt DiBenedetto	19.75	4
24	Cole Whitt	19.50	6
25	Jeffrey Earnhardt	17.50	2
26	Michael McDowell	17.08	6
27	Chris Buescher	16.00	2
28	Corey LaJoie	16.00	1
29	Paul Menard	15.17	6
30	Danica Patrick	14.00	6
31	Reed Sorenson	13.70	5
32	Timmy Hill	12.00	1
33	Ryan Blaney	8.13	4
34	David Ragan	5.83	6

3 Yr. Avg. Yahoo! Points at Charlotte			
Rank	Driver	Avg. Points	Attempts
1	Kevin Harvick	84.00	6
2	Martin Truex Jr	80.00	6
3	Brad Keselowski	79.83	6
4	Joey Logano	77.50	6
5	Matt Kenseth	76.33	6
6	Ryan Newman	76.33	6
7	Jamie McMurray	72.67	6
8	Denny Hamlin	72.00	6
9	Kyle Busch	71.67	6
10	Jimmie Johnson	70.00	6
11	Kurt Busch	68.67	6
12	Kyle Larson	66.00	6
13	Austin Dillon	63.33	6
14	Dale Earnhardt Jr	62.40	5
15	Aric Almirola	60.00	6
16	Kasey Kahne	57.83	6
17	Chase Elliott	57.00	3
18	Clint Bowyer	51.67	6
19	AJ Allmendinger	47.67	6
20	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	47.50	6
21	Trevor Bayne	47.20	5
22	Danica Patrick	46.17	6
23	Paul Menard	43.33	6
24	Chris Buescher	39.00	2
25	Ryan Blaney	38.50	4
26	Landon Cassill	36.33	6
27	Michael McDowell	36.00	6
28	Matt DiBenedetto	32.00	4
29	Cole Whitt	31.00	6
30	Jeffrey Earnhardt	27.00	2
31	David Ragan	26.33	6
32	Reed Sorenson	23.20	5
33	Corey LaJoie	22.00	1
34	Timmy Hill	20.00	1