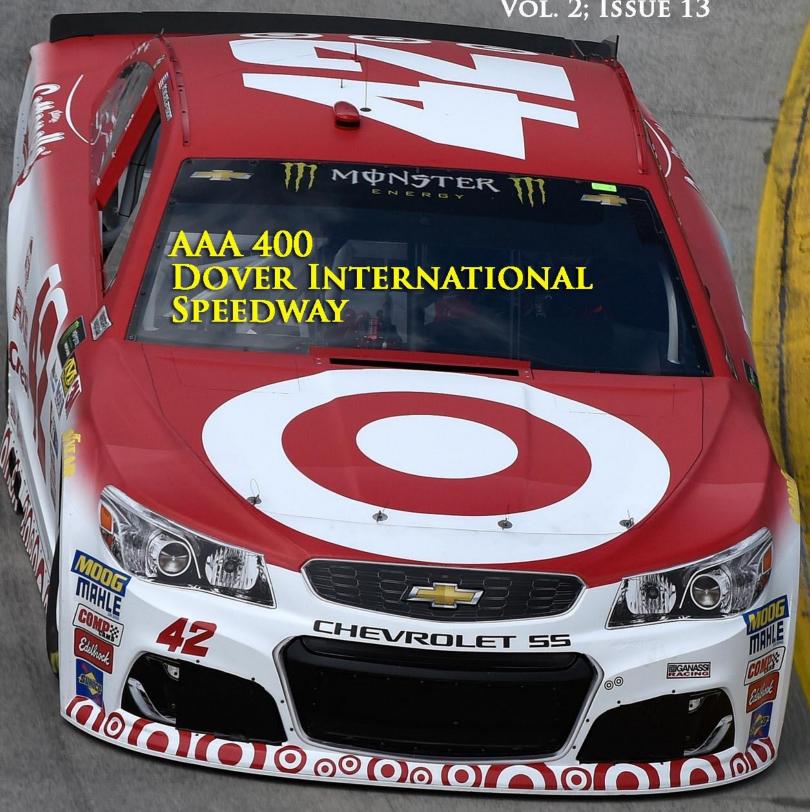
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OVERVIEW

Dover is one of NASCAR's unique tracks.

For many years, we used Bristol Motor Speedway as a comparative because, despite the difference in length, the two courses were high-banked and paved with concrete.

The Tennessee short track be-

The same is true of Darlington Raceway. Concrete tracks are tough on tires as is the abrasive surface of that racetrack.

The challenge with comparing these two courses is that since their single race has moved back to its traditional slot in the summer, Darlington is also largely impacted by the hot weather that changes the surface even more. Dover can get hot during either of their rac-

MOMENTUM

Since NASCAR has basically created spec bodies for their series in an effort to force parity among the manufacturers, sweeps have been hard to come by. It is telling therefore that eight drivers swept the top 15 at Dover last year. Five of those swept the top 10 and two swept the top five. Most of these results were within a



gan making so many changes, however, that the contrast became less apparent.

There is still some similarity between how drivers approach each track and Bristol should be given a little more consideration than other courses, but it is not as close as it was. es, but with one contest in the spring and another in the fall, that is not a defining characteristic.

For that reason, it is best to concentrate on a driver's Dover record first and then use other factors to fill in the gaps.

few positions of one another, including Chase Elliott's pair of third-place results.

Brad Keselowski finished sixth in the spring and fourth in the fall. Denny Hamlin was seventh and ninth in those two races respectively, while Ricky Stenhouse Jr. was 14th and 11th.

In the past, we've described Dover as a rhythm track and this is an illustration of why we believe that is true.

Laps around this track occur in the 20 second range, which is lightning fast on a one-miler. It can be easy to lose track of the number of circuits or even where one is on the track when a driver gets tired.

The groove is narrow, which should come as no surprise since the width of track is narrow as well.

Trouble anywhere on the circuit is liable to sweep up several drivers. That is particularly true of the frontstretch where it narrows up considerably at the exit of turn four.

Rhythm is the reason the same drivers win over and over on this track. Seven of Jimmie Johnson's 10 career wins came from 2006 through 2015.

Jeff Gordon had a similar streak in his heyday. Since then, three different drivers (Kevin Harvick, Martin Truex Jr., and Matt Kenseth) have won one each, but any of them could get on the same kind of roll that marked Johnson's success and all of them should be considered for inclusion on one's roster.

Driver	Wins
Jimmie Johnson	10
Matt Kenseth	3
Ryan Newman	3
Kyle Busch	2
Martin Truex Jr	2
Kurt Busch	1
Derrike Cope	1
Dale Earnhardt Jr	1
Kevin Harvick	1
Brad Keselowski	1

Top-10 Drivers

1. Chase Elliott

Yahoo! Group: B Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/2 Top-fives: 2 (1.000) Top-10s: 2 (1.000) Last 3 Years Current Track: 3.00 Yahoo! Points: 86.00 NASCAR.com Points: 51.00 Draft Kings Points: 54.00 Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 22.83

In some ways, last week's accident at Charlotte Motor Speedway might have been a blessing in disguise—not that it happened, but how and when it happened. Elliott now knows that certain things are out of his control.

A piece from Jeffrey Earnhardt's car punctured his oil cooler and destroyed his car. Brad Keselowski piling into the back of him certainly didn't help, but the damage was done and there was not a thing Elliott could do about it. Getting wrecked at Talladega SuperSpeedway was also not his fault. He should now have the attitude of, "control what you can control and don't worry about the rest."

Dover was kind to him last year with a pair of third-place finishes. It was great to Jeff

Driver	Top-5s
Matt Kenseth	17
Jimmie Johnson	15
Kyle Busch	11
Kurt Busch	7
Dale Earnhardt Jr	7
Ryan Newman	6
Kevin Harvick	5
Brad Keselowski	5 3 3 3 2 2 2 2
Denny Hamlin	3
Kasey Kahne	3
Joey Logano	3
Clint Bowyer	2
Chase Elliott	2
Kyle Larson	2
Jamie McMurray	2
Martin Truex Jr	2
Derrike Cope	1

Gordon when he was in this car, so the team has a great set of notes from which to work. Austin Dillon got his first win last week with a fuel mileage gamble; Elliott could get his first Cup victory through domination.

2. Martin Truex Jr.

Yahoo! Group: A Wins at Track/Attempts: 2/22 Top-fives: 2 (.091) Top-10s: 11 (.500) Last 3 Years Current Track: 6.67 Yahoo! Points: 87.83 NASCAR.com Points: 104.86 Draft Kings Points: 73.79 Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 10.83

Truex has only two topfives to his credit at Dover. Fortunately, they were both wins including his career-first in his sophomore season of 2007 and last fall in the Citizen Soldier 400. He was one of the five drivers who swept the top 10 with a ninth in the spring. Even though he has not been at the very head of the pack each week, he has nine top-15 finishes in his last 10 efforts and that

Driver	Top-10s
Matt Kenseth	24
Jimmie Johnson	21
Kyle Busch	15
Kevin Harvick	14
Ryan Newman	13
Clint Bowyer	12
Dale Earnhardt Jr	12
Martin Truex Jr	11
Joey Logano	10
Kurt Busch	9
Denny Hamlin	8
Kasey Kahne	8 7
Jamie McMurray	
Brad Keselowski	6
Derrike Cope	4
Kyle Larson	4
AJ Allmendinger	3
Paul Menard	3 3 3 2 1
Elliott Sadler	3
Chase Elliott	2
Trevor Bayne	
Ryan Blaney	1
Austin Dillon	1
Ricky Stenhouse Jr	1

suggests he knows what he is doing on this course.

Truex has been dominant in the past two weeks. He won at Kansas and led the most laps at Charlotte before finishing third to a surging Kyle Busch and another driver who stretched his fuel mileage. In a couple of years, we could be talking about Truex as a past champion and start to see the kind of Dover streak that defines Johnson's career.

3. Matt Kenseth

Yahoo! Group: A Wins at Track/Attempts: 3/36 Top-fives: 17 (.472) Top-10s: 24 (.667) Last 3 Years Current Track: 10.00 Yahoo! Points: 78.83 NASCAR.com Points: 37.75 Draft Kings Points: 42.63 Avg. Last 6 races ^

Cup results: 13.83

Kenseth is less likely to get on a winning roll, but that does not mean he can't win this week.

He missed his opportunity



from 2008 through 2012 when he scored eight top-fives in nine races with only the one win in 2011. That overlaps Johnson's dominant years and Kenseth just wasn't quite up to those standards, but when he has won on this track. he has made it look effortless after coming on strong at the end of the day. Kenseth is the defending winner of the 2016 edition of the AAA 400.

Kenseth has struggled this year. In fact, all of Joe Gibbs Racing has been unable to live up to their 2016 standards-until last week. Kenseth, Busch, and Denny Hamlin all finished inside the top five. Rookie Daniel Suarez narrowly missed the top 10 with an 11th. It is too soon to form a bandwagon, but that is certainly a good sign.

4. Jimmie Johnson

Yahoo! Group: A Wins at Track/Attempts: 10/30 Top-fives: 15 (.500) Top-10s: 21 (.700) Last 3 Years Current Track: 13.00 Yahoo! Points: 74.50 NASCAR.com Points: 57.75 Draft Kings Points: 71.46 Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 10.33

We have not completely reversed our opinion that Johnson is not the same driver he was in his heyday, but even at 90 percent he should be capable of challenging for a win at Dover. One does not accumulate double-digit wins on a single track at the NASCAR Cup level without having a secret to success there.

The only thing that could

	Driver Rating:	Dover	
Rank	Driver Rating.		Avg.
1	Jimmie Johnson	150.0	118.3
2	Matt Kenseth	132.5	108.6
3	Kyle Busch	139.8	
4	Chase Elliott	105.0	
5	Martin Truex Jr.	143.2	
6	Kyle Larson	106.9	
7	Brad Keselowski	130.0	
8	Kurt Busch	133.8	
9	Kevin Harvick	149.7	91.4
10	Clint Bowyer	109.3	
11	Joey Logano	109.3	
12	Ryan Newman	129.7	
13	Denny Hamlin	119.0	86.0
14	Dale Earnhardt Jr.	126.3	
15	Kasey Kahne	111.3	82.4
16	Jamie McMurray	99.5	
17	Aric Almirola	94.8	
18	Ryan Blaney	84.8	
19	AJ Allmendinger	113.4	
20	Austin Dillon	93.8	
21	Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	86.9	
22	Paul Menard	95.6	
23	Elliott Sadler	124.7	
24	David Ragan	82.4	
25	Chris Buescher	60.7	
26	Regan Smith	69.3	52.9
27	Danica Patrick	69.9	
28	Trevor Bayne	67.2	
29	Michael Waltrip	81.3	
30	Reed Sorenson	112.5	
31	Cole Whitt	50.5	
32	Ty Dillon	42.8	
33	Landon Cassill	48.8	
34	JJ Yeley	68.5	41.9
35	Alex Bowman	54.9	41.6
36	Matt DiBenedetto	40.5	37.1
37	Michael McDowell	46.7	34.9
38	Carl Long	33.4	29.5
39	Derrike Cope	31.9	
40	Brendan Gaughan	28.8	
41	Timmy Hill	32.5	
42	Jeffrey Earnhardt	29.5	
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make fantasy owners the least bit nervous is that since winning his latest race in spring 2015, he has failed to crack the top five again. He finished 41st with a fluke rear seal problem in fall 2015 that kept him from advancing to the Chase and was 25th in this race last spring after sustaining crash damage. Last fall, he finished seventh.

5. Kevin Harvick

Yahoo! Group: A Wins at Track/Attempts: 1/32 Top-fives: 5 (.156) Top-10s: 14 (.438) Last 3 Years Current Track: 14.17 Yahoo! Points: 78.67 NASCAR.com Points: 126.13 Draft Kings Points: 86.18 Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 7.67

Harvick has only one win on this track, which is the least among the top five with the exception of Elliott. Then again, with the lock Johnson had on Victory Lane, not many drivers were afforded the opportunity to win and no one in the field has more than three previous victories.

A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step and great value this week.

6. Brad Keselowski

Yahoo! Group: A Wins at Track/Attempts: 1/15 Top-fives: 5 (.333) Top-10s: 6 (.400) Last 3 Years Current Track: 7.00 Yahoo! Points: 88.17 NASCAR.com Points: 50.50 Draft Kings Points: 54.54 Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 15.00

To this point in his career, Keselowski has taken to Dover in waves. His victory came in fall 2012 and was followed by a fifth the next spring. He failed to add a third consecuthis season and we are willing to bet that his current momentum outweighs his Dover statistics.

7. Kyle Larson

Yahoo! Group: B Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/6 Top-fives: 2 (.333) Top-10s: 4 (.667) Last 3 Years Current Track: 9.33 Yahoo! Points: 75.50 NASCAR.com Points: 55.63 Draft Kings Points: 46.71 Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 12.17

Until he developed a battery problem last fall, which may have been occasioned by crash

damage, Larson was almost perfect at Dover. He finished 11th in his inaugural attempt in 2014, but swept the top 10 in four races after that. Last year, it appeared he challenged for his first career victory, but he got to racing with Elliott and both of them lost track of Kenseth.

Now that he has a pair of wins under his belt, Larson isn't looking over his shoulder any longer. His gaze is firmly af-

fixed to the front windshield and that will make a difference. Unfortunately, Larson's results are not nearly as dominant now as they were at the start of the season. His run of top-five finishes ended at Bristol in April and he has not been able to get back in the low digits. This could be his week, but it is safer to assume he will finish somewhere between sixth and 10th.

8. Denny Hamlin

Yahoo! Group: A Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/22 Top-fives: 3 (.136) Top-10s: 8 (.364)



that could be what his 2015 fall win was. He nearly swept Victory Lane that year with a second in the spring. He sustained crash damage in this race last year and lost a lap, but salvaged a 15th-place finish. Last fall he was not as fortunate and a transmission problem put him behind the wall for nearly 50 laps and sent him home 37th.

Harvick has momentum on his side with four top-fives and an eighth in his last six races, and that is what makes him a tive top-10, but he swept the runner-up position in 2014. In 2015, he missed the top 10 again with a 12th and 16th. Last year, he was sixth and fourth, so he has still not yet scored three top-fives in a row.

Except for Bristol, where he had mechanical problems, and last week at Charlotte when he ran into the back of a rapidly slowing Elliott, Keselowski has been perfect on unrestricted tracks this year. He has not yet finished outside the top 10 in consecutive races

Daily Fantasy Mock Draft

by Victoria Beaver

Dover is a track in its own category. The "Monster Mile" is unique because of its concrete surface and high banks is currently without a strong comparative since Bristol started playing around with its configuration.

That means past performances on this course become more important.

Splurge

Chase Elliott Fantasy Power Rankings: 7.20

Elliott has been struggling over the last month and has recorded four bad finishes in a row, but Dover is his chance to crawl back into the top 10.

He has raced at Dover twice and finished third in each start at the track. In his first two starts at the track, he has averaged a place differential of +8 spots. Elliott has yet to record

any laps led at the track, but that should change on Sunday.

Martin Truex Jr. Fantasy Power Rankings: 9.49

Truex is the most recent victor at Dover. This was his second win at the track, the first coming in 2007 as a sophomore.

Recently Truex has been a very strong qualifier, which hurts his place differential rating, for the last four races it falls to a -1.75 as he's only advanced in his win, and even then only by one position since he started on the outside of the front row. In last fall's win, he led the most laps with 187 of the 400. This season Truex is currently running very well, he's one of the three drivers that have recorded more than one win—along with Keselowski and Johnson.

Kyle Busch Fantasy Power Rankings: 8.07

In the last four races at Dover, Busch has finished second twice, both times in the fall races. In the other two races he rec-

Last 3 Years Current Track: 12.00 Yahoo! Points: 73.50 NASCAR.com Points: 41.25 Draft Kings Points: 35.13 Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 12.83

We could have gone either way on Hamlin this week. Joe Gibbs Racing had probably their single most impressive race last week with three of their drivers in the top five, but it remains to be seen if that turnaround is going to be lasting. Additionally, their success came on a similarly-configured, 1.5-mile

track and Dover is a different beast entirely.

The balance tipped in Hamlin's favor with last year's pair of top-10s at Dover and his pair of top-12s in 2014 on this track. He did not fare particularly well in 2015 or 2013 and that might mean he is cyclical on this course. The No. 11 won't anchor many rosters this week, but he could be a great fill-in pick when he fits the right niche.

9. Joey Logano Yahoo! Group: A Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/16 Top-fives: 3 (.188) Top-10s: 10 (.625) Last 3 Years Current Track: 10.17 Yahoo! Points: 73.83 NASCAR.com Points: 31.50 Draft Kings Points: 36.08 Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 16.50

Logano's last few races have not gone according to plan by any stretch of the imagination. Accidents at Talladega and famously at Kansas dropped him into the 30s. Last week, he never seemed to get any speed out of the No. 22, rolled off the grid in the back half of the pack, and after a

orded DNFs after being involved in laterace accidents. Even with these bad finishes, he's still the third-best current racer at the track with an average finish of 8.07. He's finished in the top five in seven of the last 18 races or 38.9% of the time.

Steal

Austin Dillon Fantasy Power Rankings: 23.79

Dillon is flying high after his first ever win at the Cup level. He also finished eighth in the Dover race last fall, which was by far his best finish. Last fall's race was also the first time that he moved forward from his qualifying position, falling behind in his previous six starts.

Clint Bowyer Fantasy Power Rankings: 12.74

Bowyer is currently showing that he has what it takes to still be a top 10 driver. Outside of a 32nd place finish at Daytona, Bowyer has finished inside of the top

15 in every race of the 2017 season. He is the only driver that has accomplished 11 out of 12 top-15s. He's recorded top-10 finishes in 10 of his last 18 starts at the track or 55.6% of the time. In the last four starts, Bowyer has moved forward an average of 9.25 places from his qualification spot. He's led laps at Dover a few times over the years but usually just one-offs during fuel windows, the last time he led a substantial amount of laps was in the spring race of 2011.

Ryan Blaney Fantasy Power Rankings: 21.79

Blaney has raced at Dover only twice in his young career and recorded an eighth= and 38th-place finish respectively. His top-10 came in the spring of last year and he advanced 10 positions from his qualification position. In the fall race, he finished more than 100 miles off the pace because he sustained damage for a crash he was involved at about the quarter-distance mark. This season he's already recorded five top-15 finishes.

failed fuel mileage gamble finished there as well.

He is simply too good at Dover to ignore completely, however. Logano's only bad finish on this high-banked, one-mile oval came in this race last year when he sustained crash damage and finished 22nd.

Otherwise, he has eight top-10s and an 11th in the past 10 races and an average of 8.9. Given the way his latest races have progressed, Logano would be pleased with a top-10—but fantasy owners need more from him so that he earns his salary in cap games and he is not one of the top choices in Yahoo! Group A.

10. Clint Bowyer

Yahoo! Group: B Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/22 Top-fives: 2 (.091) Top-10s: 12 (.545) Last 3 Years Current Track: 12.00 Yahoo! Points: 73.00 NASCAR.com Points: 41.75 Draft Kings Points: 45.71 Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 10.83

A cursory glance at Bowyer's stats block above will give you a good indication of the position he should occupy on your roster.

Bowyer is not going to earn maximum points this week

with top-fives in less than 10 percent of his starts, but 12 top-10s and several more recent top-15s suggests he will be a good value when he is rightly priced.

In fact, Bowyer entered last fall's Citizen Soldier 400 with a streak of 11 top-15s. All but two of those were top-10s. There is nothing in this year's record to suggest things will be any different. Since leaving Daytona, he has scored 11 consecutive top-15s with an average right at 10th. While others have ebbed and waned, Bowyer has been consistent and that is what one looks for in a place-and-hold driver.

Т	op-fives	and Top	-10s		
By Ca	r Owner,	Last Thr	ee Years		
Owner	Attempts	To	p-5s	Top-1	0s
Rick Hendrick	24	9	38%	14	58%
Roger Penske	12	4	33%	8	67%
Joe Gibbs	22	7	32%	11	50%
Chip Ganassi	12	3	25%	6	50%
Barney Visser	6	1	17%	5	83%
Petty Enterprises	12	2	17%	2	17%
Tony Stewart	24	3	13%	4	17%
Michael Waltrip	9	1	11%	3	33%
Wood Bros	2			1	50%
Richard Childress	19			4	21%
Jack Roush	18			2	11%
BK Racing	16				
Front Row Motorsports	14				
Harry Scott	10				
Tommy Baldwin	9				
Jay Robinson	7				
Frank Stoddard	6				
Germain Bros	6				
Tad Geschickter	6				
Michael Hillman	5				
Mike Curb	4				
Curtis Key	3				
Joe Falk	3				
Bob Leavine	2				
Johnathan Cohen	2				
Randy Humphrey	1				

SLEEPERS

12. Kurt Busch

Yahoo! Group: B Wins at Track/Attempts: 1/33 Top-fives: 7 (.212) Top-10s: 9 (.273) Last 3 Years Current Track: 17.33 Yahoo! Points: 57.33 NASCAR.com Points: 34.90 Draft Kings Points: 27.92 Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 12.33

Busch is one of nine previous winners on this track and it would be nice to make him one of the favored top 10. He has one victory this season, which has locked him into the playoffs, but that came in the season-opening wild card race at Daytona. Since those two victories, he has not exactly burned up the track with no more top-fives this season and only one recently at Dover.

There are enough decent runs to make him attractive, however; in 2017 Busch has scored five top-10s in the past 11 races. Five of his other six attempts ended in results outside the top 20.

At Dover, Busch has finished 17th or better in his last three attempts. His single top-five in the last five years came in this race last year and that is why he is a sleeper for the AAA 400 Drive for Autism.

15. Dale Earnhardt Jr.

Yahoo! Group: A Wins at Track/Attempts: 1/33 Top-fives: 7 (.212) Top-10s: 12 (.364) Last 3 Years Current Track: 15.00 Yahoo! Points: 64.00 NASCAR.com Points: 24.50 Draft Kings Points: 30.85 Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 20.83

We are not ready to jump on Earnhardt's bandwagon, but it may be time to stop making him a Bust. While we still think he is a questionable value with the lingering effects of multiple concussions, he is highly motivated to win or at least score a top-10. His passion comes across on the radio and if the crew can get his car dialed in, he is prepared to relax and have fun. That is going to be the key to his success.

Last week, Earnhardt scored his second top-10 of the season. It came in a difficult to predict, fuel-mileage altered race and may not be replicable, but his Dover record is worth noting. Before crashing out of the May 2016 AAA 400, Junior was riding an eightrace streak of finishes 17th or better on this track that includes one second-place finish from the pole in 2013.

18. Ryan Newman

Yahoo! Group: B Wins at Track/Attempts: 3/30 Top-fives: 6 (.200) Top-10s: 13 (.433) Last 3 Years Current Track: 18.17 Yahoo! Points: 55.67 NASCAR.com Points: 23.00 Draft Kings Points: 24.42 Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 20.17

Newman finished ninth last week in the Coke 600 at Charlotte and that was his fourth top-10 of the season. It is fitting that he had a strong run the same week that teammate Austin Dillon earned his first Cup win on fuel mileage, because Newman is in the playoffs for the exact same reason.

Newman is a throwback to drivers like Cale Yarborough and Buddy Baker who earned their spot in the roster with grit and bulldogged determination. For that matter so are both Dillon brothers, who will be profiled as the next two sleepers. Dover is a track on which it pays to stay up on the wheel and that attitude has

led to Newman earning five straight top-20s since fall 2014.

19. Austin Dillon

Yahoo! Group: B Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/7 Top-fives: 0 (.000) Top-10s: 1 (.143) Last 3 Years Current Track: 23.50 Yahoo! Points: 45.00 NASCAR.com Points: 12.00 Draft Kings Points: 16.33 Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 19.83

When a driver wins their first career race, it often opens a floodgate. Just as often, when it was a strategy call like last week in Charlotte, it doesn't change anything at all. Dillon is not considered a sleeper because he was able to do a better job of managing his fuel than the rest of the Coke 600 field, but rather because he finally had some success at Dover last fall.

He entered the Citizen Soldier 400 with six races outside the top 20, but while in Chase contention he stepped up his game and finished within a lap of the leaders in eighth. He has not yet completed the entire distance of a race, but he has been running at the end of all seven attempts. This week, he should be able to manage the event so that he goes the distance and if that happens, he could be in line for his second Dover top-10.

24. Ty Dillon

Yahoo! Group: C Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/1 Top-fives: 0 (.000) Top-10s: 0 (.000) Last 3 Years Current Track: 32.00 Yahoo! Points: 28.00 NASCAR.com Points: 10.00 Draft Kings Points: 13.00 Avg. Last 6 races ^

1	3 Year Avg. Finis	sh at D	over
Rank	Driver	Avg.	Attempts
1	Chase Elliott	3.00	2
2	Martin Truex Jr	6.67	<u>2</u> 6
3	Brad Keselowski	7.00	6
4	Kyle Larson	9.33	6
4 5 6	Matt Kenseth	10.00	6 6
6	Joey Logano	10.17	6
7	Kasey Kahne	10.83	6
8	Clint Bowyer	12.00	6
9	Denny Hamlin	12.00	6
10	Jimmie Johnson	13.00	6
11	Kevin Harvick	14.17	6
12	Dale Earnhardt Jr	15.00	6 6 6 6 5 5
13	Paul Menard	15.33	6
14	Kurt Busch	17.33	6
15	Jamie McMurray	17.83	6
16	Ryan Newman	18.17	6
17	Michael McDowell	20.00	
18	Kyle Busch	20.33	1 6 2 6 6 2 2 6
19	Chris Buescher	20.50	2
20	Danica Patrick	20.83	6
21	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	21.67	6
22	Ryan Blaney	23.00	2
23	AJ Allmendinger	23.17	6
24	Austin Dillon	23.50	6
25	David Ragan	24.83	6
26	Trevor Bayne	26.00	4
27	Cole Whitt	27.60	5
28	Landon Cassill	30.00	5 6
29	Ty Dillon	32.00	
30	Reed Sorenson	32.40	5
31	Matt DiBenedetto	33.25	4
32	Jeffrey Earnhardt	35.50	1 5 4 2 3
33	Timmy Hill	38.67	3

Cup results: 20.17

Dillon has been the surprise rookie contender this year. He runs second to Daniel Suarez in that ranking and given the way the honor is awarded, he could very well be challenging when the end of the season comes around.

The best thing about Dillon so far has been his consistency on a variety of tracks. He has seven top-20 finishes this year that include four top-15s. His best runs have come at Atlanta Motor Speedway, Kansas, Talladega, and notably Bristol. His 15th on the highbanked concrete course factors heavily into making him a sleeper this week because it requires the same kind of determination and unwillingness to quit as Dover.

Busts

11. Kyle Busch

Yahoo! Group: A Wins at Track/Attempts: 2/24 Top-fives: 11 (.458) Top-10s: 15 (.625) Last 3 Years Current Track: 20.33 Yahoo! Points: 59.67 NASCAR.com Points: 31.17 Draft Kings Points: 28.79 Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 12.67

Busch can be prone to overdriving his car. While that is true on every track, it does not always factor into handicap. This week, it does. When Busch finds the edge and doesn't step over it, he looks masterful enough to encourage players to roll the dice. He finished second at Dover in fall 2016 and 2015. He was 10th in the fall 2014 race. When he steps over the line,

bad things happen and his last three fall races ended in a 42nd in 2014, a 36th in 2015, and a 30th last year.

20. Kasey Kahne

Yahoo! Group: B Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/26 Top-fives: 3 (.115) Top-10s: 8 (.308) Last 3 Years Current Track: 10.83 Yahoo! Points: 70.33 NASCAR.com Points: 49.75 Draft Kings Points: 46.58 Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 22.50

This week it was announced that rather than honor their contract to the end of 2018, Great Clips chose to use a buyout clause and leave Kahne's No. 5 without a primary sponsor for one-third of the races next year. Farmers Insurance is also leaving at the end of 2017, so Kahne's



car has 24 blank hoods that need to be filled for next year. He is going to have to run better than he we've seen in recent weeks to help sign those deals or else 2018 is going to be a frustrating season with limited resources.

32. Danica Patrick

Yahoo! Group: B Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/9 Top-fives: 0 (.000) / Top-10s: 0 (.000) Last 3 Years Current Track: 20.83 Yahoo! Points: 50.33 NASCAR.com Points: 33.13 Draft Kings Points: 27.92 Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 29.50

A 25th-place finish in the Coke 600 was certainly nothing to get excited about, but it did beat Patrick's average finish for the season. In the first 12 races of 2017, she has finished worse than that six times and accumulated a mark of 27.8. Her last six races have been slightly worse with an average of 29.5 and there is her frustration has been well-earned.

Dover might offer slight relief, but only a little. In nine races on this track, she has only two top-15s to her credit. The good news is both of these came in the last two spring races. Her average finish on this highbanked monster is better than her 2017 numbers as well with a 22.8. Look for a result in the low-20s and judge her based on that.

28. AJ Allmendinger

Yahoo! Group: B

Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/18 Top-fives: 0 (.000) / Top-10s: 3 (.167) Last 3 Years Current Track: 23.17 Yahoo! Points: 45.67 NASCAR.com Points: 20.00 Draft Kings Points: 22.50 Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 27.67

From 2009 through 2011, Allmendinger scored three consecutive top-10s at Dover in the fall race. His spring efforts were not quite as strong with one top-15 compared to two results outside the top 25. Since his return from suspension, he has not been able to finish in the top 15 again with a best result of 19th last fall. He was 23rd in the spring and might be showing some improvement, but that does not offset an average finish of 23.6 in his past six races.

Assorted Newbs

the rookies here, although only one of them made it into the sleepers, but three drivers will be competing in one-off races at Dover and they might be tempting to some because of how cheap they are in salary cap games, plus the fact that they will not reappear often enough to make one over allocate them in the Yahoo! game.

We're not talking about

Ryan Sieg will take over the No. 83 this week. Ross Chastain is in the No. 15, and Cody Ware is in the No. 51. In addition, taking advantage of a less than full field, Carl Long and the No. 66 team will roll out of the garage to log as many laps as possible and build a notebook for future reference. Without attrition. they most likely define the 36th – 39th-place runners this week.

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

2016 Michigan	4	7	10
2016 Texas	3	7	11
2016 Road Courses	3	5	9
2016 Phoenix	2	6	7
2016 Kansas	2	5	10
2016 Richmond	1	7	10
2016 Dover	2	5	8
2016 Martinsville	2	4	9
2016 New Hampshire	2	3	8
2016 Charlotte	1	5	7
2016 Pocono	1	4	9
2016 Daytona	1	4	6
2016 Bristol	0	3	6
2016 Talladega	0	2	6

Previous Seasons

2015 Road Courses	4	7	11
2015 Texas	3	8	9
2012 New Hampshire	3	7	13
2015 Daytona	4	5	7
2014 Dover	3	6	11
2013 Martinsville	3	6	10
2014 Michigan	2	8	10
2011 Pocono	3	6	9
2012 Charlotte	3	5	10
2011 Texas	3	5	10
2013 Pocono	2	7	10
2014 Phoenix	3	5	9
2010 Pocono	3	5	8
2010 Phoenix	2	6	11
2012 Phoenix	2	6	9
2011 Richmond	2	6	9
2013 Dover	2	6	8
2012 Talladega	2	6	7
2011 Kansas	2	5	11
2011 Dover	1	7	11
2015 Dover	2	5	10
2015 Michigan	2	5	9
2012 Texas	2	5	9
2015 Kansas	2	5	8
2014 Charlotte	2	5	8
2013 Road Courses	2	5	8
2010 Richmond	1	6	13
2011 Road Courses	1	6	12
2013 New Hampshire	1	6	11
2012 Kansas	2	4	10
2013 Michigan	1	6	10
2014 Richmond	2	4	9
2014 Martinsville	2	4	9
2012 Michigan	2	4	9
2015 Charlotte	1	6	9
2012 Road Courses	2	4	7
2012 Daytona	2	4	7
2010 Dover	1	5	10
2012 Dover	1	4	10

Other Drivers

13. Jamie McMurray Yahoo! Group: B Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/28 Top-fives: 2 (.071) Top-10s: 7 (.250) Last 3 Years Current Track: 17.83 Yahoo! Points: 58.00 NASCAR.com Points: 21.75 Draft Kings Points: 22.63 Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 7.83

14. 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: 23.17

16. 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: 14.33

17. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.

Yahoo! Group: B Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/9 Top-fives: 0 (.000) Top-10s: 1 (.111) Last 3 Years Current Track: 21.67 Yahoo! Points: 48.67 NASCAR.com Points: 24.75 Draft Kings Points: 20.58 Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 9.00

21. Chris Buescher

Yahoo! Group: B Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/2 Top-fives: 0 (.000) Top-10s: 0 (.000) Last 3 Years Current Track: 20.50 Yahoo! Points: 51.00 NASCAR.com Points: 23.00 Draft Kings Points: 26.25 Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 21.67

22. Ryan Blaney

Yahoo! Group: B
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/2
Top-fives: 0 (.000)
Top-10s: 1 (.500)
Last 3 Years
Current Track: 23.00
Yahoo! Points: 46.00

Yahoo! Points: 46.00 NASCAR.com Points: 15.25 Draft Kings Points: 18.25 Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 24.67

23. Paul Menard

Yahoo! Group: B

Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/20

Top-fives: 0 (.000) Top-10s: 3 (.150) Last 3 Years

Current Track: 15.33 Yahoo! Points: 61.33 NASCAR.com Points: 31.00 Draft Kings Points: 34.25 Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 22.33

25. Trevor Bayne

Yahoo! Group: B Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/4 Top-fives: 0 (.000) Top-10s: 1 (.250) Last 3 Years Current Track: 26.00 Yahoo! Points: 40.00 NASCAR.com Points: 18.13 Draft Kings Points: 19.63 Avg. Last 6 races ^

Cup results: 16.67

26. Michael McDowell

Yahoo! Group: C Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/12 Top-fives: 0 (.000) Top-10s: 0 (.000) Last 3 Years Current Track: 20.00 Yahoo! Points: 52.00 NASCAR.com Points: 29.00 Draft Kings Points: 32.50

Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 24.00

27. David Ragan

Yahoo! Group: C Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/21 Top-fives: 0 (.000) Top-10s: 0 (.000) Last 3 Years Current Track: 24.83 Yahoo! Points: 42.33 NASCAR.com Points: 27.95 Draft Kings Points: 24.00 Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 20.00

29. Landon Cassill

Yahoo! Group: C Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/13 Top-fives: 0 (.000) Top-10s: 0 (.000) Last 3 Years Current Track: 30.00 Yahoo! Points: 32.00 NASCAR.com Points: 22.50 Draft Kings Points: 19.67 Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 26.67

30. Cole Whitt

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

	Laps in Top-10 a	at Dover	(L 3Yrs)	
Rank	Driver	Laps	%	Possible Laps
1	Matt Kenseth	2,176	90.5%	2,405
2	Kyle Busch	1,903	79.1%	2,405
3	Joey Logano	1,772	73.7%	2,405
4	Jimmie Johnson	1,734	72.1%	2,405
5	Martin Truex Jr	1,606	66.8%	2,405
6	Chase Elliott	532	66.5%	800
7	Denny Hamlin	1,590	66.1%	2,405
8	Kevin Harvick	1,563	65.0%	2,405
9	Brad Keselowski	1,479	61.5%	2,405
10	Kyle Larson	1,310	54.5%	2,405
11	Dale Earnhardt Jr	858	42.8%	2,005
12	Kurt Busch	928	38.6%	2,405
13	Clint Bowyer	874	36.3%	2,405
14	Kasey Kahne	725	30.1%	2,405
15	Jamie McMurray	586	24.4%	2,405
16	Paul Menard	424	17.6%	2,405
17	Ryan Blaney	122	15.3%	800
18	Ryan Newman	364	15.1%	2,405
19	Austin Dillon	289	12.0%	2,405
20	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	107	4.4%	2,405
21	Trevor Bayne	40	2.5%	1,605
22	AJ Allmendinger	14	0.6%	2,405
23	Danica Patrick	11	0.5%	2,405
24	David Ragan	3	0.1%	2,405
25	Landon Cassill	1	0.0%	2,405
26	Cole Whitt	0	0.0%	2,005
27	Reed Sorenson	0	0.0%	2,000
28	Matt DiBenedetto	0	0.0%	1,605
29	Timmy Hill	0	0.0%	1,200
30	Jeffrey Earnhardt	0	0.0%	800
31	Chris Buescher	0	0.0%	800
32	Ty Dillon	0	0.0%	400
33	Michael McDowell	0	0.0%	400

Last 3 Years Current Track: 27.60 Yahoo! Points: 36.80 NASCAR.com Points: 23.67 Draft Kings Points: 21.70 Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 25.67

31. Regan Smith

Yahoo! Group: C

Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/12 Top-fives: 0 (.000) Top-10s: 0 (.000) Last 3 Years Current Track: 35.00 Yahoo! Points: NA NASCAR.com Points: NA Draft Kings Points: NA Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: NA

33. Matt DiBenedetto

Yahoo! Group: C Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/4 Top-fives: 0 (.000) Top-10s: 0 (.000) Last 3 Years Current Track: 33.25 Yahoo! Points: 25.50 NASCAR.com Points: 10.25

Draft Kings Points: 11.75

Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 27.50

Yahoo! Group: C

34. Jeffrey Earnhardt

Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/2 Top-fives: 0 (.000) Top-10s: 0 (.000) Last 3 Years

Current Track: 35.50 Yahoo! Points: 21.00 NASCAR.com Points: 8.50 Draft Kings Points: 12.00 Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 33.83

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: 35.00 Yahoo! Points: NA NASCAR.com Points: NA Draft Kings Points: NA Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 29.17

36. Ross Chastain

Yahoo! Group: C



Track Type: Short Track Track Size: 1 Mile

Banking/Turns: 24 degrees

Banking /Straightaways: 9 degrees Race Length: 400 Laps/400 Miles Stages 1 & 2: 120 Laps (each)

Stage 3: 160 laps

3 Things to Know

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Most wins at Dover (Jimmie Johnson) 3

Best 3-year average finish (Chase Elliott)

810

Most laps led over the last 3 years (Kevin Harvick)

- Carol D'Agostino, Skirtsandscuffs.com

Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/0 Top-fives: 0 (.000) Top-10s: 0 (.000) Last 3 Years Current Track: 35.00 Yahoo! Points: NA NASCAR.com Points: NA Draft Kings Points: NA Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: NA

37. Ryan Sieg

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

38. Cody Ware

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

39. Carl Long

Yahoo! Group: C Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/0 Top-fives: 0 (.000) Top-10s: 0 (.000) Last 3 Years Current Track: 35.00 Yahoo! Points: NA NASCAR.com Points: NA Draft Kings Points: NA Avg. Last 6 races ^ Cup results: 31.00

^ The last six races average is from the last six races of this season; the driver may not have run in all of those events. This statistic and the average finish for the last three years include failures to qualify (DNQ) as if they were actually finishes; i.e. the first non-qualifier is credited with a 44th-place finish. This is true for the statistics at all

levels of the game, but is more like to skew the numbers in Group C where DNQs are a more frequent way of life.

Number of Top-10s Backed up With Another

This is the number of times in 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)
Martin Truex Jr.: 4 (8)
Kyle Larson: 4 (7)
Kyle Busch: 4 (6)
Chase Elliott: 4 (6)
Jamie McMurray: 3 (7)
Kevin Harvick: 3 (7)
Kurt Busch: 2 (6)
Ricky Stenhouse Jr.: 2 (5)

Denny Hamlin: 2 (5) Clint Bowyer: 1 (5)

	Avg. Start at [Dover	
Rank	Driver	Avg. Start	Attempts
1	Denny Hamlin	4.33	6
3	Kyle Busch	5.50	6
3	Kevin Harvick	6.17	6
4	Brad Keselowski	7.83	6
5 6	Matt Kenseth	9.00	6
6	Joey Logano	9.17	6
7	Jimmie Johnson	10.00	6
8	Martin Truex Jr	10.33	6
9	Chase Elliott	11.00	6 2 6 5
10	Kyle Larson	11.50	6
11	Dale Earnhardt Jr	13.60	
12	Jamie McMurray	13.83	6
13	Ryan Newman	14.00	6
14	Kurt Busch	14.33	6
15	Austin Dillon	15.33	6
16	Kasey Kahne	16.50	6
17	Paul Menard	18.50	6
18	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	18.83	6
19	Ryan Blaney	19.00	2
20	Clint Bowyer	19.17	6
21	AJ Allmendinger	22.00	6
22	Chris Buescher	23.00	2
23	Danica Patrick	25.50	6
24	Trevor Bayne	27.00	4
25	David Ragan	28.83	6
26	Cole Whitt	32.80	5
27	Matt DiBenedetto	34.25	4
28	Landon Cassill	35.67	6
29	Reed Sorenson	37.60	5 2 3
30	Jeffrey Earnhardt	38.50	2
31	Timmy Hill	40.67	3

B Gaughan: 0 (0) E 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 performances bу driver so 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:

(4) Martin Truex Jr.: Las Vegas (week 3), Auto Club (week 5), Kansas 1 (week 11), Charlotte (week 12)

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

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

Matt Kenseth: 1 (5)
Jimmie Johnson: 1 (4)
Kasey Kahne: 1 (3)
Aric Almirola: 1 (3)
Daniel Suarez: 1 (3)
Ryan Newman: 0 (4)
Ryan Blaney: 0 (4)
Austin Dillon: 0 (2)
AJ Allmendinger: 0 (2)
Paul Menard: 0 (2)
D Earnhardt Jr.: 0 (2)
Erik Jones: 0 (2)
Trevor Bayne: 0 (2)
Michael Waltrip: 0 (1)
M 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)
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Dan Beaver's Fantasy Racing News

Season to Date Grid										
Driver	Starts	Wins	Top-5s	Top-10s	Avg Fin	Start	Laps	Poles	DNFs	DNQs
Kyle Larson	12	1	5	7	9.08	12.92	3,792	1	1	Ĺ
Martin Truex Jr	12	2	4	8	9.83	8.83	3,877		1	Ĺ
Brad Keselowski	12	2	7	9	10.92	6.67	3,395	1	2	2
Clint Bowyer	12		2	5	11.75	13.17	3,828		1	Ĺ
Jamie McMurray	12		1	7	12.67	9.08	3,446		2	2
Kevin Harvick	12		4	7	12.83	8.00	3,698	2	1	Ĺ
Joey Logano	12	1	6	8	12.92	9.92	3,801	1	3	3
Kyle Busch	12		5	6	13.75	10.50	3,686		2	2
Ricky Stenhouse Jr	12	1	3	5	13.92	14.92	3,827		1	Ĺ
Jimmie Johnson	12	2	2	4	14.25	20.92	3,826		1	Ĺ
Chase Elliott	12		3	6	15.33	9.67	3,486	1	2	2
Trevor Bayne	12			2	15.83	17.83	3,877		1	Ĺ
Denny Hamlin	12		2	5	16.00	11.25	3,748		1	Ĺ
Kurt Busch	12	1	1	6	16.50	12.08	3,684		1	Ĺ
Daniel Suarez	12			3	16.83	16.92	3,827		1	Ĺ
Aric Almirola	11		2	3	17.27	22.36	3,425		1	Ĺ
Kasey Kahne	12		2	3	17.67	20.17	3,711		1	
Matt Kenseth	12		3	5	18.08	10.42	3,660	1	3	3
Ryan Newman	12	1	1	4	18.17	13.83	3,761		2	2
Brendan Gaughan	2				18.50	35.50	383			
Elliott Sadler	2				18.50	37.50	390			
Austin Dillon	12	1	2	2	19.08	19.50	3,857		1	_
Ryan Blaney	12		2	4	19.33	9.58	3,792	1	2	
Erik Jones	12			2	19.92	18.58	3,382		13	3
Ty Dillon	12				20.25	22.17	3,681		2	
Paul Menard	12		1	2	20.92	20.33	3,809		1	Ł
Joey Gase	2				22.00	34.00	387			
AJ Allmendinger	12		1	2	22.33	24.33	3,777		1	
Dale Earnhardt Jr	12		1	2	22.67	16.42	3,435			3
Chris Buescher	12				22.92	28.92	3,374		2	
David Ragan	12			1	23.92	29.67	3,757		1	
Michael McDowell	12				24.08	25.67	3,856		1	Ł
Landon Cassill	12				25.58	27.33	3,816		1	
Cole Whitt	12				25.58	30.92	3,713			2
JJ Yeley	2				26.50	30.00	725			
Matt DiBenedetto	12			1	26.75	28.58	3,498			
Danica Patrick	12				27.83	23.33	3,528		Į.	
Corey LaJoie	12				30.58	33.25	3,315		3	
Gray Gaulding	11				31.64	33.36	3,404		3	
Reed Sorenson	11				31.64	33.45	3,501		1	
Timmy Hill	9				33.78	37.67	2,495		3	
Jeffrey Earnhardt	12				34.00	34.75	2,543		7	
Derrike Cope	8				35.00	36.25	2,260			L

(week 8)

Yahoo! Group B:

Top two each week.

- (6) Kyle Larson: Atlanta (week 2), Las Vegas (week 3), Phoenix (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)
- (2) Kurt Busch: Daytona 1 (week 1), Charlotte (week 12)

- (2) Austin Dillon: Martinsville 1 (week 6), Charlotte (week 12)
- (1) Kasey Kahne: Atlanta (week 2)
- (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)
- (3) Erik Jones: Atlanta (week 2), Martinsville 1 (week 6), Charlotte (week 12)
- (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),

Driver Rating: Season to Date				
Rank	Driver	Standings	Rating	
1	Martin Truex Jr.	1	113.3	
2	Kyle Larson	2	106.6	
3	Brad Keselowski	3	102.2	
4	Kyle Busch	5	100.0	
5	Kevin Harvick	4	98.7	
6	Joey Logano	10		
7	Chase Elliott	7	94.4	
8	Jimmie Johnson	8	92.2	
9	Ryan Blaney	12	90.1	
10	Jamie McMurray	6	90.0	
11	Clint Bowyer	9	84.2	
12	Denny Hamlin	11	83.8	
13	Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	13	81.0	
14	Matt Kenseth	15	80.8	
15	Kurt Busch	14	76.9	
16	Erik Jones	18	76.2	
17	Dale Earnhardt Jr.	23	75.7	
18	Kasey Kahne	20	74.8	
19	Ryan Newman	17	74.6	
20	Trevor Bayne	16		
21	Austin Dillon	21	72.5	
22	Aric Almirola	25	65.7	
23	Ty Dillon	22	63.2	
24	Daniel Suarez	19	62.7	
25	Paul Menard	24	60.7	
26	AJ Allmendinger	29	59.5	
27	Chris Buescher	26		
28	Danica Patrick	32	56.1	
29	Michael McDowell	28	53.1	
30	David Ragan	27	51.5	
31	Landon Cassill	31	48.7	
32	Matt DiBenedetto	33	44.6	
33	Cole Whitt	30	44.4	
34	Corey Lajoie	34	35.2	
35	Gray Gaulding	36	34.7	
36	Reed Sorenson	35	34.2	
37	Jeffrey Earnhardt	37	28.9	
38	Timmy Hill	47	28.4	

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)
- (6)Martin Truex Las Vegas Jr.: (week 3), Auto Club (week 5), Texas 1 (week 7 - tied for with Earnhardt), Bristol 1 (week 8), Kansas 1 (week 11), Charlotte (week 12)
 - (6)Kevin Harvick: Atlanta (week 2), Texas 1 (week 7), Bristol 1 (week 8), 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) Jimmie Johnson: Las Vegas (week 3), Texas 1 (week 7), Bristol 1 (week 8), Talladega (week 10), Charlotte (week 12), Charlotte (week 12)

- **Avg Running Position: Season to Date** Rank Driver Starts Avg. Martin Truex Jr. 12 7.33 Kyle Larson 12 8.26 2 Kyle Busch 9.97 3 12 4 Joey Logano 12 10.73 5 Kevin Harvick 12 11.42 6 Brad Keselowski 12 11.65 Chase Elliott 11.95 7 12 8 Jamie McMurray 12 12.20 9 Jimmie Johnson 12 12.44 10 Denny Hamlin 12 13.13 11 Clint Bowyer 12 13.20 12 Ryan Blaney 12 13.72 13 Matt Kenseth 12 15.61 14 Kasey Kahne 12 15.90 15 Dale Earnhardt Jr. 12 16.08 16 Trevor Bayne 12 16.12 17 Ryan Newman 12 16.19 Ricky Stenhouse Jr. 12 16.37 19 Erik Jones 12 16.57 20 Kurt Busch 12 17.63 21 Austin Dillon 12 17.85 20.99 22 Aric Almirola 11 23 Ty Dillon 12 21.16 24 Paul Menard 12 21.79 25 Daniel Suarez 12 22.37 AJ Allmendinger 26 12 23.14 Danica Patrick 27 12 23.64 Chris Buescher 28 24.39 12 29 Michael McDowell 25.56 12 30 David Ragan 26.86 12 26.99 31 Landon Cassill 12 32 Cole Whitt 27.69 12 Matt DiBenedetto 12 29.06 33 34 Corey Lajoie 32.84 12 35 **Gray Gaulding** 11 32.87 36 Reed Sorenson 33.45 11 37 Jeffrey Earnhardt 12 35.05 Timmy Hill 35.72
 - (5) Kyle Busch: Phoenix 1 (week 4), Martinsville 1 (week 6), Talladega (week 10), Kansas 1 (week 11), Charlotte (week 12)
 - (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) 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)

(1) Austin Dillon: Charlotte

(week 12)

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Rank	Driver	Avg. Points	Attempts
1	Kevin Harvick	86.18	6
2	Martin Truex Jr	73.79	6
3	Jimmie Johnson	71.46	6
4	Brad Keselowski	54.54	6
5	Chase Elliott	54.00	<u>2</u> 6
6	Kyle Larson	46.71	
7	Kasey Kahne	46.58	6
8	Clint Bowyer	45.71	6
9	Matt Kenseth	42.63	6
10	Joey Logano	36.08	6
11	Denny Hamlin	35.13	6
12	Paul Menard	34.25	6
13	Michael McDowell	32.50	1
14	Dale Earnhardt Jr	30.85	5
15	Kyle Busch	28.79	6
	Kurt Busch	27.92	6
17	Danica Patrick	27.92	6
18	Chris Buescher	26.25	2
19	Ryan Newman	24.42	6
20	David Ragan	24.00	6
21	Jamie McMurray	22.63	6
22	AJ Allmendinger	22.50	6
23	Cole Whitt	21.70	5
24	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	20.58	6
25	Landon Cassill	19.67	6
26	Trevor Bayne	19.63	4
27	Ryan Blaney	18.25	2
	Reed Sorenson	17.00	5
29	Austin Dillon	16.33	6
	Ty Dillon	13.00	1
31	Jeffrey Earnhardt	12.00	2
	Matt DiBenedetto	11.75	4
33	Timmy Hill	7.33	3

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