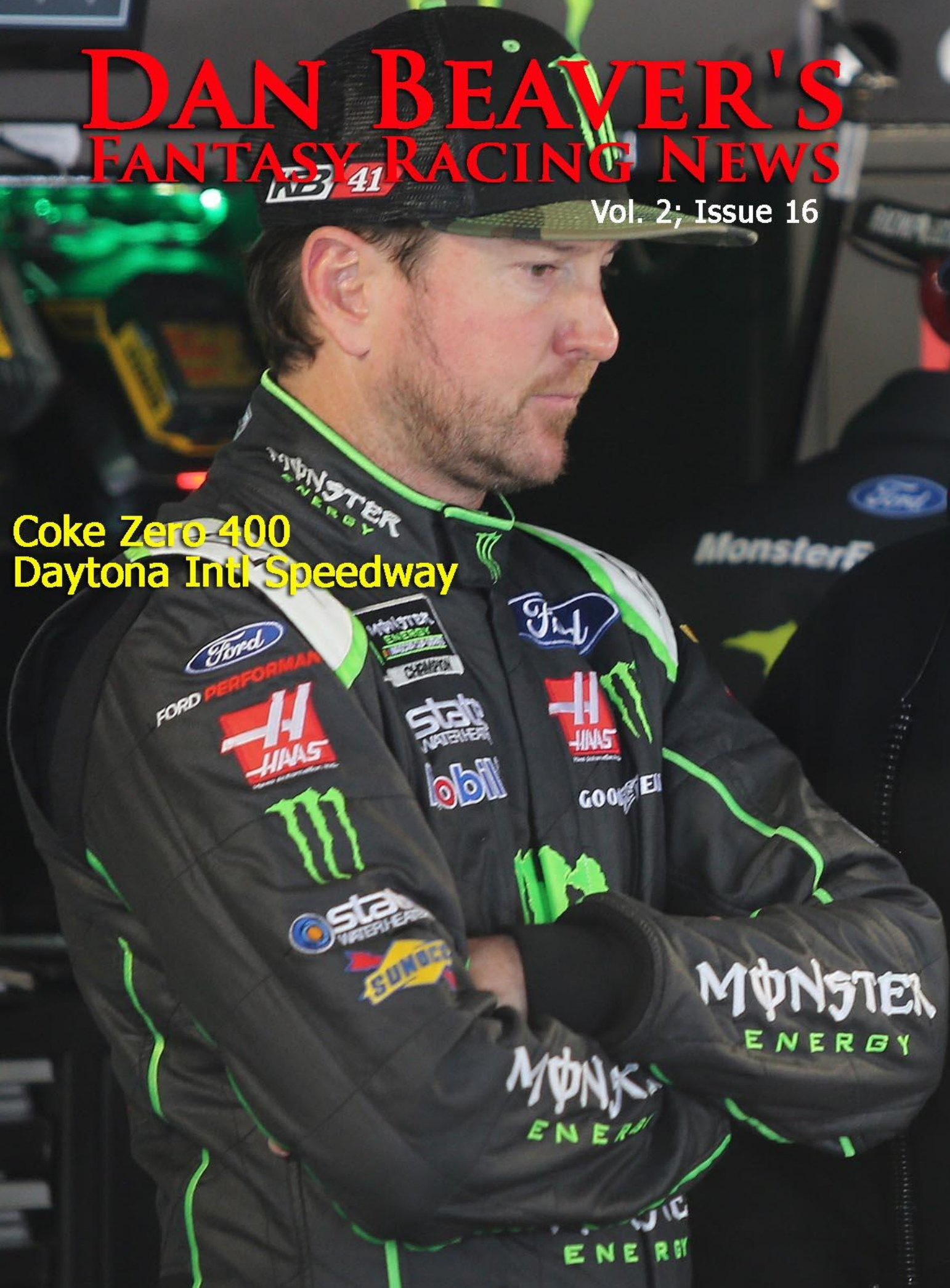


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Coke Zero 400  
Daytona Intl Speedway





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## OVERVIEW

The traditional name of this weekend's race is the Firecracker 400. We would like to suggest a change.

From this point forward, the race should become known as the "Maybe 400", with Talladega SuperSpeedway's two events labeled the "Lottery 501" and the "Perhaps 500". We're not crazy;

co 500—sorry, the Perhaps 500—are not only the two most recent plate races, they provide great examples of the unpredictability of this type of event.

At Daytona while teams were still trying to figure out the best way to play the segment strategy, a group of Toyotas pitted early and got back on track to settle in just ahead of the leaders on the tail-end of the lead lap. Kyle Busch was determined to stay in front of

cleared, nearly half the pack—17 cars—sustained some damage including one of our favorite sleeper Michael McDowell who was running 15th at the time.

Still, there are drivers who run strong on this course and dark horses that seem to make their way to the front of the pack almost every week. And the fact that there are no guarantees in this sport, does not mean that a player cannot hedge their bets



that first race of the season should always remain the Daytona 500.

The outcome of a restrictor-plate, superspeedway race is impossible to predict, but that does not mean they cannot be handicapped.

This year's Daytona 500 and Gei-

first-place Dale Earnhardt Jr. and spun with the effort, collecting the leader and many cars in the top 10.

At Talladega, Chase Elliott was running second and had his sight set on the lead when he was turned into the wall by AJ Allmendinger. By the time the smoke

with informed decisions.

## LEAD, FOLLOW, OR GET THE HELL

### OUT OF THE WAY

Both of the major incidents noted above happened among

the leaders, but despite that, the front of the field is typically safer than mid-pack. At some point during the Maybe 400, nearly every driver entered will have an opportunity to log a lap inside the top 10. The pack surges and wanes throughout the day especially following a caution flag.

One line gets a run and it brings its drivers forward indiscriminately. Those drivers—unaccustomed to being in the lead pack—can be prone to making a minor mistake that has major consequences. That is what happened with Allmendinger this spring and the scenario has been repeated many times during the course of history. But the best in the sport can also make mistakes especially when they feel pressured.

Last week, Kevin Harvick became the 10th unique winner to currently qualify for the playoffs with a victory. That means only six positions are available based on points with 10 races remaining and a lot of name-brand drivers on the outside looking in.

With his encumbered win failing to give him a playoff berth, Joey Logano sits less than 12 points above the bubble—and 12 points can evaporate in the blink of an eye on plate tracks. Kyle Busch is

Driver	Wins
Dale Earnhardt Jr	4
Jimmie Johnson	3
Kevin Harvick	2
Matt Kenseth	2
Jamie McMurray	2
Trevor Bayne	1
Kurt Busch	1
Kyle Busch	1
Derrike Cope	1
Denny Hamlin	1
Brad Keselowski	1
Joey Logano	1
Ryan Newman	1
David Ragan	1

another driver who should have a win by now and each week that he fails to find Victory Lane adds one more layer of frustration.

Matt Kenseth and Denny Hamlin have also failed to win.

And there is the not-so-little matter of the fact that anyone can get to the checkers first on plate tracks and a road specialist could win Watkins Glen International before the playoffs. The anxiety level in the lead pack is going to be high and eagerness often leads to mistakes.

## SPREAD THE WEALTH

Because anything can happen on plate tracks, the best course of action is often to spread the wealth in salary cap games and do not allocate drivers who are likely to be more predictable in pick 'em games. The only problem with that strategy is that some of the biggest names have been unpredictable this year.

Driver	Top-5s
Kurt Busch	13
Dale Earnhardt Jr	13
Jimmie Johnson	11
Kevin Harvick	9
Kyle Busch	7
Denny Hamlin	6
Matt Kenseth	6
Joey Logano	4
Ryan Newman	4
Clint Bowyer	3
Brad Keselowski	3
Jamie McMurray	3
David Ragan	3
AJ Allmendinger	2
Trevor Bayne	2
Kasey Kahne	2
Ryan Blaney	1
Derrike Cope	1
Austin Dillon	1
Paul Menard	1
Boris Said	1
Reed Sorenson	1
Ricky Stenhouse Jr	1
Martin Truex Jr	1

Jimmie Johnson has been either great or mediocre in alternating races, Logano has been in a tailspin since he won at Richmond International Raceway, and the Gibbs' guys have been less-than-impressive on similarly-configured, 1.5-mile tracks.

Instinct is going to play a key role this week. Fantasy players will also be well-served by creating multiple rosters in games like Draft Kings so they can hedge their bets against a "Big One" crash.

## TOP-10 DRIVERS

### 1. Kurt Busch

Yahoo! Group: B  
 Wins at Track/Attempts: 1/33  
 Top-fives: 13 (.393) / Top-10s: 17 (.515)  
 Last 3 Years  
 Current Track: 8.40  
 Yahoo! Points: 81.20  
 NASCAR.com Points: 39.50  
 Draft Kings Points: 49.85  
 Avg. Last 6 races ^  
 Cup results: 13.00

It has been quite some time

Driver	Top-10s
Dale Earnhardt Jr	19
Kurt Busch	17
Kevin Harvick	14
Jimmie Johnson	14
Matt Kenseth	14
Clint Bowyer	11
Kasey Kahne	9
Kyle Busch	8
Denny Hamlin	7
Joey Logano	7
Ryan Newman	7
Austin Dillon	5
Jamie McMurray	5
Trevor Bayne	4
Brad Keselowski	4
Paul Menard	4
David Ragan	4
AJ Allmendinger	3
Michael McDowell	3
Reed Sorenson	3
Martin Truex Jr	3
Kyle Larson	2
Danica Patrick	2
Ricky Stenhouse Jr	2
Ryan Blaney	1
Derrike Cope	1
Matt DiBenedetto	1
Boris Said	1



Track Type: Superspeedway  
 Track Size: 2.5 Miles  
 Banking/Turns: 31 degrees  
 Banking /Straights: 3 degrees  
 Banking Tri-oval: 18 degrees  
 Race Length: 160 Laps/400 Miles  
 Stages 1 & 2: 40 Laps (each)  
 Final Stage: 80 Laps

## 3 Things to Know

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Most wins at Daytona among racing teams (Wood Brothers)

2

Most Coors Light poles at Daytona among active drivers (Jimmie Johnson & Chase Elliott)

9

Most Top-10s at Daytona's July race among active drivers (Dale Earnhardt Jr. & Kurt Busch)

- Carol D'Agostino, Skirtsandscuffs.com

since Busch was a number one pick and while this might



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seem like a reactionary response to his winning the Daytona 500, we are fully aware that is his only win on this track. Busch does not need to sweep Victory Lane in order to be a good value, however; his consistent strong runs make him worth starting because it shows that he has managed to avoid the carnage more often than his counterparts.

In his last 11 restrictor-plate, superspeedway races, Busch has finished 12th or better 10 times. His last three efforts have been sixth or better.

Last week we also said Busch should be a good value on the road course of Sonoma Raceway because of his consistency there. He finished seventh. Teammate Kevin Harvick won the race, which should shed

some of the malaise at Stewart-Haas Racing and those factors should combine to make Busch a very strong choice this week.

### 2. Dale Earnhardt Jr.

Yahoo! Group: A  
 Wins at Track/Attempts: 4/35  
 Top-fives: 13 (.371)  
 Top-10s: 19 (.543)  
 Last 3 Years  
 Current Track: 18.67  
 Yahoo! Points: 63.00  
 NASCAR.com Points: 25.60  
 Draft Kings Points: 20.04  
 Avg. Last 6 races ^  
 Cup results: 16.57

Earnhardt lands in the number two slot for some of the same reasons that Busch is ranked so highly. He finally has a little momentum on his side and he has been consistently strong on plate tracks in the past. In his case, that past is a little more distant, but then again his numbers on this course type have tradi-



tionally been better as well.

In 2015, Earnhardt won two plate races and had a worst finish of third. He may have used up all of his luck that season, because he has failed to crack the top 20 in five races since.

When the Daytona 500 rolled around, there were some concerns because his performance on this track type was not as strong as in the past, but he was leading when the "Big One" crash eliminated him.

Earnhardt is still attractive

With great risk comes great reward. Busch is the consummate all or nothing driver on most course types and that is particularly true on plate tracks. Seven of his eight career top-10s at Daytona were in the top five. More than two-thirds of his starts on this track ended outside that mark, however, and that should be the cause of some concern.

Four of his last six plate efforts landed in the top five, including a pair of second-place finishes last year; his other two races in that span

#### 4. Denny Hamlin

Yahoo! Group: A  
Wins at Track/Attempts: 1/23  
Top-fives: 6 (.262)  
Top-10s: 7 (.304)  
Last 3 Years  
Current Track: 8.00  
Yahoo! Points: 84.33  
NASCAR.com Points: 58.60  
Draft Kings Points: 57.33  
Avg. Last 6 races ^  
Cup results: 9.57

The stats' block for Hamlin and his teammate Busch look pretty similar. The driver of the No. 11 also has a tendency to either finish in the top five or outside the top 10—and Group A drivers in the Yahoo! game must score top-fives most weekends to be the top value.

Hamlin is attractive this week because he entered last year's Coke Zero 400 with a five-race streak of finishes sixth or better at Daytona, including a win in the 2016 500. In all of those events, he also earned positive place-differential points and that is important in games that offer them because it does not subtract from the finish result.

Hamlin's last two Daytona races have not been as strong, but with back-to-back 17ths, he has at least avoided going home with bare minimum points.

#### 5. Austin Dillon

Yahoo! Group: B  
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/8  
Top-fives: 1 (.125) / Top-10s: 5 (.625)  
Last 3 Years  
Current Track: 10.17  
Yahoo! Points: 76.67  
NASCAR.com Points: 35.90  
Draft Kings Points: 41.33  
Avg. Last 6 races ^  
Cup results: 17.57

Dillon has the best Daytona

on plate tracks because of his popularity. He will be on so many rosters this week that if he falters, he is going to take your competition down with him and if he wins, you cannot lead your league without him.

#### 3. Kyle Busch

Yahoo! Group: A  
Wins at Track/Attempts: 1/25  
Top-fives: 7 (.280)  
Top-10s: 8 (.320)  
Last 3 Years  
Current Track: 17.60  
Yahoo! Points: 63.40  
NASCAR.com Points: 32.13  
Draft Kings Points: 28.75  
Avg. Last 6 races ^  
Cup results: 6.71

ended in the 30s.

Busch will look impressive for much of the afternoon, but fantasy players will not breathe easily until the checkers wave. He is prone to driving over his head when he is desperate and each week that passes without a victory is making him a little more frustrated. On the other hand, everyone is a bit of a coin toss on restrictor-plate, superspeedways, so he lands among the top five based on his raw numbers and Fantasy Power Rankings' score.



Top-fives and Top-10s					
By Car Owner, Last Three Years					
Owner	Attempts	Top-5s		Top-10s	
Joe Gibbs	23	6	26%	7	30%
Roger Penske	12	3	25%	5	42%
Tony Stewart	24	6	25%	8	33%
Wood Bros	5	1	20%	1	20%
Petty Enterprises	11	2	18%	3	27%
Germain Bros	6	1	17%	2	33%
Rick Hendrick	24	4	17%	7	29%
Barney Visser	7	1	14%	2	29%
Tad Geschickter	7	1	14%	1	14%
Michael Waltrip	8	1	13%	4	50%
Jack Roush	17	2	12%	6	35%
Richard Childress	20	2	10%	6	30%
Arthur St Hilaire	1			1	100%
Bob Leavine	6			2	33%
Chip Ganassi	12			2	17%
Tommy Baldwin	7			1	14%
Harry Scott	8			1	13%
Jay Robinson	8			1	13%
BK Racing	17				
Front Row Motorsports	16				
Frank Stoddard	5				
Michael Hillman	4				
Curtis Key	3				
Joe Falk	2				
Mike Curb	2				
Robby Benton	2				
Johnathan Cohen	1				
Mark Beard	1				
Mark Smith	1				
Marty Gaunt	1				
MSRP Motorsports	1				
Rick Ware	1				

top-10 percentage among this week's top five. Now, part of the reason for this is that he has only eight starts on this track, but when one can statistically outperform Earnhardt on a plate track, it is notable regardless of the circumstances.

Dillon has achieved a career average finish of 12.6 at Daytona based on consistency—and that makes this his best NASCAR Cup track. Since he has been racing fulltime, he has failed to crack the top 10 only twice and outside the top 15 once. His worst result was his latest effort and even that was in the front half of the pack with a 19th.

That might foretell a change in fortune for the worst or he could rebound. Players won't

know until the conclusion of the Coke Zero 400.

### 6. Joey Logano

Yahoo! Group: A  
 Wins at Track/Attempts: 1/17  
 Top-fives: 4 (.235)  
 Top-10s: 7 (.412)  
 Last 3 Years  
 Current Track: 9.33  
 Yahoo! Points: 78.33  
 NASCAR.com Points: 50.20  
 Draft Kings Points: 47.13  
 Avg. Last 6 races ^  
 Cup results: 21.86

We expected much more from Logano last week. During the seesaw Toyota / Save Mart 350k, many drivers spent time with the leaders before getting relegated to a sub-10th-place finish, but the No. 22 never really seemed to be in contention. Still, his finish of 12th was much better than he has experienced since the encumbered Richmond International

Raceway win and should point to a change in momentum.

If fantasy players have re-stored-confidence in Logano, they can handicap him based on the five results of sixth or better in six plate races from the 2015 Talladega fall event through this year's Daytona 500. If they do not feel like his season has turned around, they will be concerned about his 32nd-place finish in the Geico 500.

### 7. Clint Bowyer

Yahoo! Group: B  
 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/23  
 Top-fives: 3 (.000)  
 Top-10s: 11 (.000)  
 Last 3 Years  
 Current Track: 16.67  
 Yahoo! Points: 63.67  
 NASCAR.com Points: 24.30  
 Draft Kings Points: 31.79  
 Avg. Last 6 races ^  
 Cup results: 16.14

Daytona is fraught with danger. Bowyer has sustained crash damage in five of his last six attempts there and blew an engine in the 2014 Coke Zero 400—and yet, he has four top-10s to his credit. All four of those solid results came with wrinkled sheet metal. In racing, it pays to be both lucky and good.

Bowyer has managed to score top-10s at Daytona with all of his previous owners. He debuted in 2006 with a sixth in the 500 and 10th in the 400. He has three fourth-place finishes on this course type, the most recent of which came with Michael Waltrip Racing. Last year, he finished ninth in the Coke Zero 400 racing for the embattled HScott Motorsports' team.

Bowyer crashed and failed to finish this February in his first attempt with Stewart-Haas Racing, but we would be willing to bet he gets a top-10

this week.

### 8. Kyle Larson

Yahoo! Group: B  
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/7  
Top-fives: 0 (.000)  
Top-10s: 0 (.286)  
Last 3 Years  
Current Track: 22.33  
Yahoo! Points: 49.00  
NASCAR.com Points: 25.10  
Draft Kings Points: 22.25  
Avg. Last 6 races ^  
Cup results: 12.43

Larson's overall, career plate numbers really do not support his being a top-10 driver but he has been improving recently. He finished seventh in last year's Daytona 500, was sixth in the Coke Zero 400 and again in the Hellmann's 500. This spring, he finished 12th at both Daytona and Talladega.

Larson is still seeking his first plate top-five and that is an important fact to remember in allocation management games like Yahoo!'s because he is going to be a much better value on other tracks.

### 9. Jamie McMurray

Yahoo! Group: B  
Wins at Track/Attempts: 2/29  
Top-fives: 3 (.103)  
Top-10s: 5 (.172)  
Last 3 Years  
Current Track: 25.17  
Yahoo! Points: 45.00  
NASCAR.com Points: 9.10  
Draft Kings Points: 12.42  
Avg. Last 6 races ^  
Cup results: 11.57

McMurray's latest win on a restrictor-plate, superspeedway came in the fall 2013 Camping World RV Sales 500 and since then he has earned only two more top-10s in 14 races on this track type, which begs the question of why he is a top-10 pick this week.

3 Year Avg. Finish on Plate Tracks			
Rank	Driver	Avg.	Attempts
1	Kurt Busch	8.09	12
2	Denny Hamlin	13.08	12
3	Joey Logano	13.25	12
4	Austin Dillon	14.25	12
5	Clint Bowyer	15.00	12
6	Kevin Harvick	15.58	12
7	Kyle Busch	17.40	11
8	Brad Keselowski	17.42	12
9	Paul Menard	17.42	12
10	Ryan Newman	17.58	12
11	Dale Earnhardt Jr	18.91	11
12	Jimmie Johnson	19.25	12
13	Martin Truex Jr	19.33	12
14	Ryan Blaney	20.20	10
15	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	20.67	12
16	AJ Allmendinger	21.00	12
17	Cole Whitt	21.64	11
18	Chase Elliott	21.67	6
19	Jamie McMurray	21.75	12
20	Kasey Kahne	21.83	12
21	Kyle Larson	22.00	12
22	Trevor Bayne	23.00	12
23	Michael McDowell	23.82	11
24	David Ragan	23.92	12
25	Matt Kenseth	24.00	12
26	Daniel Suarez	24.00	2
27	Ty Dillon	24.00	5
28	Landon Cassill	24.58	12
29	Corey LaJoie	25.50	2
30	Danica Patrick	25.67	12
31	Matt DiBenedetto	27.44	9
32	Jeffrey Earnhardt	29.33	3
33	Chris Buescher	30.29	7
34	Reed Sorenson	32.75	8
35	Erik Jones	36.00	2
36	Timmy Hill	41.00	2

The answer is two-fold.

First, he came close to adding another win at 'Dega this spring when he finished second to Ricky Stenhouse Jr. Secondly, he has been the most consistent driver in the field this season and those two factors outweigh his recent lack of performance on plate tracks.

### 10. Ryan Blaney

Yahoo! Group: B  
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/4  
Top-fives: 1 (.250) / Top-10s: 1 (.250)  
Last 3 Years  
Current Track: 18.50  
Yahoo! Points: 57.50  
NASCAR.com Points: 26.00  
Draft Kings Points: 26.88  
Avg. Last 6 races ^  
Cup results: 19.14

Blaney came within one position of guaranteeing his spot in the playoffs in the very first race of the season. He finished second to Kurt Busch in the Daytona 500, which gave him a lot of momentum through the first several races of the season. He lost that impetus with a 39th in the Geico 500 at Talladega, but has since regained it with his Pocono Raceway win. NASCAR Cup racing can be cyclical like that.

## SLEEPERS

### 14. Michael McDowell

Yahoo! Group: C  
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/15  
Top-fives: 0 (.000) / Top-10s: 3 (.200)  
Last 3 Years  
Current Track: 15.60  
Yahoo! Points: 60.80  
NASCAR.com Points: 38.25  
Draft Kings Points: 44.90  
Avg. Last 6 races ^  
Cup results: 20.86

McDowell has finished 16th or better in four of his last six plate races. He was on his

way to earning his fifth consecutive result of 16th or better when he was taken out in a late-race "Big One" crash; he was running 15th at the time. He finished 10th in this race last year. McDowell has advanced from his starting position at Daytona in four of his last five attempts.

Last week he scored his third top-15 of the season when he finished 14th at Sonoma and that was enough to make him the top performing Group C driver in the Yahoo! games. This was his fifth top-20 finish of the season as well.

### 17. Paul Menard

Yahoo! Group: B  
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/22

**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
2012 Daytona	2	4	7
2013 Daytona	1	3	6
2010 Daytona	1	3	6
2011 Daytona	0	3	7
2014 Daytona	0	3	5

Like Kahne, Menard also has back-to-back top-10s this year on plate tracks with a fifth at Daytona and ninth at Talladega. He's finished in the top 15 in three of the last four races. Menard has finished ahead of his qualification spot in two of his last three starts at Daytona, including this spring where he advanced 28 places from 33rd to fifth.

The two Plate track races are been Menard's only top-10s of the season thus far. But he came close last week with an 11th place finish at Sonoma and that adds to his momentum.

**20. Kasey Kahne**

Yahoo! Group: B  
 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/27  
 Top-fives: 2 (.074)  
 Top-10s: 9 (.333)  
 Last 3 Years  
 Current Track: 19.67  
 Yahoo! Points: 56.00  
 NASCAR.com Points: 22.80  
 Draft Kings Points: 21.33  
 Avg. Last 6 races ^  
 Cup results: 21.71

Kahne is having better luck this season at plate tracks than he usually does. He finished in the top 10 twice with a seventh at Daytona and fifth at Talladega. His five year power average is 16.89, which has been positively affected by this year's average of 6.00.

Since Talladega, Kahne has had only one other top-15 on other track types—finishing 17th or worse in the last five races. This hopefully will give him the chance to turn around the season if he doesn't run

Top-fives: 1 (.045)  
 Top-10s: 4 (.182)  
 Last 3 Years  
 Current Track: 19.33  
 Yahoo! Points: 53.33

NASCAR.com Points: 27.50  
 Draft Kings Points: 31.00  
 Avg. Last 6 races ^  
 Cup results: 20.43



into trouble.

### 21. Stenhouse Jr.

Yahoo! Group: B  
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/10  
Top-fives: 1 (.100)  
Top-10s: 2 (.200)  
Last 3 Years  
Current Track: 24.50  
Yahoo! Points: 43.17  
NASCAR.com Points: 22.80  
Draft Kings Points: 17.50  
Avg. Last 6 races ^  
Cup results: 17.57

Stenhouse Jr earned his first career win at Talladega earlier this year. He started on the pole but only led 14 laps over the course of the race. Stenhouse has three top-fives in his last four plate race starts including a fifth-place finish in this race last year.

Stenhouse has had four top-15's since his win at Talladega, bringing his total to 11 for the season. He should be able to rebound quickly from last week's DNF since Daytona plays by its own rules.

## BUSTS

### 13. Kevin Harvick

Yahoo! Group: A  
Wins at Track/Attempts: 2/32  
Top-fives: 9 (.281)  
Top-10s: 14 (.438)  
Last 3 Years  
Current Track: 18.33  
Yahoo! Points: 60.33  
NASCAR.com Points: 39.90  
Draft Kings Points: 26.63  
Avg. Last 6 races ^  
Cup results: 8.57

Harvick is coming off of his first win of the season at Sonoma. And while that is a positive, this year plate tracks

Laps in Top-10 at Daytona (L 3Yrs)				
Rank	Driver	Laps	%	Possible Laps
1	Denny Hamlin	656	63.3%	1,037
2	Joey Logano	611	58.9%	1,037
3	Kurt Busch	453	54.3%	834
4	Kyle Busch	437	52.4%	834
5	Dale Earnhardt Jr	538	51.9%	1,037
6	Kasey Kahne	506	48.8%	1,037
7	Martin Truex Jr	500	48.2%	1,037
8	Jimmie Johnson	495	47.7%	1,037
9	Jamie McMurray	408	39.3%	1,037
10	Brad Keselowski	407	39.2%	1,037
11	Kevin Harvick	402	38.8%	1,037
12	Ryan Blaney	293	38.4%	764
13	Kyle Larson	379	36.5%	1,037
14	Austin Dillon	369	35.6%	1,037
15	Chase Elliott	156	27.8%	561
16	Paul Menard	281	27.1%	1,037
17	Clint Bowyer	236	22.8%	1,037
18	Matt Kenseth	235	22.7%	1,037
19	Trevor Bayne	164	15.8%	1,037
20	Ty Dillon	95	15.8%	603
21	Chris Buescher	82	14.6%	561
22	David Ragan	146	14.1%	1,037
23	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	128	12.3%	1,037
24	Michael McDowell	105	12.0%	876
25	Danica Patrick	97	9.4%	1,037
26	Landon Cassill	94	9.1%	1,037
27	Reed Sorenson	39	8.2%	476
28	Cole Whitt	50	6.0%	837
29	AJ Allmendinger	48	4.6%	1,037
30	Ryan Newman	38	4.5%	837
31	Matt DiBenedetto	15	2.1%	722
32	Jeffrey Earnhardt	4	2.0%	200
33	Daniel Suarez	2	1.0%	200
34	Corey LaJoie	-	0.0%	200
35	Erik Jones	-	0.0%	200

have been Harvick's worst second and third worst finishes after a crash at Las Vegas Motor Speedway. In both races he finished in the mid-20s.

Last year in this race Harvick wrecked on lap 89 for a 39th-place finish. Harvick is able to pull top-10s at plate races as proven in his seventh-place finish at Talladega and fourth at the first Daytona of last year. For the price of Harvick in most leagues, he's not giving owners enough reasons to risk him this.

### 25. Chase Elliott

Yahoo! Group: B  
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/3  
Top-fives: 0 (.000)  
Top-10s: 0 (.000)  
Last 3 Years  
Current Track: 27.67

more on the bench this week.

### 28. Danica Patrick

Yahoo! Group: B  
Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/10  
Top-fives: 0 (.000) / Top-10s: 2 (.200)  
Last 3 Years  
Current Track: 26.50  
Yahoo! Points: 39.00  
NASCAR.com Points: 2.50  
Draft Kings Points: 12.92  
Avg. Last 6 races ^  
Cup results: 25.57

Patrick has only one top-15 under her belt for the season. The majority of her bad finishes have come from her being involved in some type of snarl on the race track, that were always enough for a DNF, but usually significant damage that kept her from running well.

In the last four Daytona races,

Yahoo! Points: 43.33  
NASCAR.com Points: 2.83  
Draft Kings Points: 3.67  
Avg. Last 6 races ^  
Cup results: 17.14

Elliott has raced Daytona and Talladega three times each. He's crashed in four of these six starts. His best Daytona finish came this year, when he crossed under the checkers in 14th place. But to do that he fell from his qualification pole position, which hurt fantasy owners in games that offer placed differential points. Elliott is still looking for his first win and while it's true that anything can happen at Daytona but it's probably best to keep the sopho-



Top-fives: 1 (.042)  
 Top-10s: 3 (.125)  
 Last 3 Years  
 Current Track: 17.50  
 Yahoo! Points: 63.67  
 NASCAR.com Points: 34.10  
 Draft Kings Points: 31.83  
 Avg. Last 6 races ^  
 Cup results: 13.00

**15. Jimmie Johnson**

Yahoo! Group: A  
 Wins at Track/Attempts: 3/31  
 Top-fives: 11 (.355)  
 Top-10s: 14 (.452)  
 Last 3 Years  
 Current Track: 22.33  
 Yahoo! Points: 54.00  
 NASCAR.com Points: 30.70  
 Draft Kings Points: 17.46  
 Avg. Last 6 races ^  
 Cup results: 15.57

**16. Brad Keselowski**

Yahoo! Group: A  
 Wins at Track/Attempts: 1/17  
 Top-fives: 3 (.176)  
 Top-10s: 4 (.235)  
 Last 3 Years  
 Current Track: 22.67  
 Yahoo! Points: 53.33  
 NASCAR.com Points: 32.10  
 Draft Kings Points: 27.92  
 Avg. Last 6 races ^  
 Cup results: 15.71

**18. Matt Kenseth**

Yahoo! Group: A  
 Wins at Track/Attempts: 2/35  
 Top-fives: 6 (.171)  
 Top-10s: 14 (.400)  
 Last 3 Years  
 Current Track: 26.67  
 Yahoo! Points: 43.67  
 NASCAR.com Points: 6.20  
 Draft Kings Points: 7.46  
 Avg. Last 6 races ^  
 Cup results: 13.43

**19. Trevor Bayne**

Yahoo! Group: B  
 Wins at Track/Attempts: 1/13  
 Top-fives: 2 (.154)  
 Top-10s: 4 (.308)  
 Last 3 Years  
 Current Track: 19.67  
 Yahoo! Points: 52.67  
 NASCAR.com Points: 29.20  
 Draft Kings Points: 25.42  
 Avg. Last 6 races ^  
 Cup results: 21.29

**22. Daniel Suarez**

Yahoo! Group: c  
 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/1  
 Top-fives: 0 (.000)  
 Top-10s: 0 (.000)  
 Last 3 Years  
 Current Track: 29.00

Patrick has only been running at the end once. That was in the summer race last year and even then she finished 30 laps of the pace with damage.

**31. Erik Jones**

Yahoo! Group: C  
 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/1  
 Top-fives: 0 (.000)  
 Top-10s: 0 (.000)  
 Last 3 Years  
 Current Track: 39.00  
 Yahoo! Points: 14.00  
 NASCAR.com Points: -2.00  
 Draft Kings Points: 2.00  
 Avg. Last 6 races ^  
 Cup results: 16.86

While Jones has shown a lot of promise this year, it's just hard to bet on a rookie at a plate track. It's easy to make mistakes and freshman are accident prone. Veterans don't like drafting with them.

Jones finished in 39th position in the season opener after being involved in a crash just past the halfway mark. He was involved in the final "Big One" crash at Talladega earlier this spring ending the day in 33rd.

**Other Drivers**

**11. Ryan Newman**

Yahoo! Group: B  
 Wins at Track/Attempts: 1/31  
 Top-fives: 4 (.129)  
 Top-10s: 7 (.226)  
 Last 3 Years  
 Current Track: 20.00  
 Yahoo! Points: 55.33  
 NASCAR.com Points: 28.70  
 Draft Kings Points: 28.50  
 Avg. Last 6 races ^  
 Cup results: 17.43

**12. Martin Truex Jr.**

Yahoo! Group: A  
 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/24

Yahoo! Points: 34.00  
 NASCAR.com Points: -2.00  
 Draft Kings Points: 5.00  
 Avg. Last 6 races ^  
 Cup results: 14.00

### 23. David Ragan

Yahoo! Group: C  
 Wins at Track/Attempts: 1/21  
 Top-fives: 3 (.143)  
 Top-10s: 4 (.190)  
 Last 3 Years  
 Current Track: 20.17  
 Yahoo! Points: 56.67  
 NASCAR.com Points: 27.60  
 Draft Kings Points: 26.71  
 Avg. Last 6 races ^  
 Cup results: 23.57

### 24. AJ Allmendinger

Yahoo! Group: B  
 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/19  
 Top-fives: 2 (.105)  
 Top-10s: 3 (.158)  
 Last 3 Years  
 Current Track: 20.17  
 Yahoo! Points: 55.00  
 NASCAR.com Points: 43.30  
 Draft Kings Points: 34.29  
 Avg. Last 6 races ^  
 Cup results: 24.57

### 26. Ty Dillon

Yahoo! Group: C  
 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/3  
 Top-fives: 0 (.000)  
 Top-10s: 0 (.000)  
 Last 3 Years  
 Current Track: 27.67  
 Yahoo! Points: 36.67  
 NASCAR.com Points: 7.17  
 Draft Kings Points: 10.50  
 Avg. Last 6 races ^  
 Cup results: 20.43

### 27. Cole Whitt

Yahoo! Group: C  
 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/7  
 Top-fives: 0 (.000)  
 Top-10s: 0 (.000)  
 Last 3 Years  
 Current Track: 25.67  
 Yahoo! Points: 50.00  
 NASCAR.com Points: 29.75  
 Draft Kings Points: 24.35  
 Avg. Last 6 races ^  
 Cup results: 25.71

### 29. Landon Cassill

Yahoo! Group: C  
 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/11  
 Top-fives: 0 (.000)  
 Top-10s: 0 (.000)  
 Last 3 Years  
 Current Track: 26.17  
 Yahoo! Points: 41.83  
 NASCAR.com Points: 16.90  
 Draft Kings Points: 14.21  
 Avg. Last 6 races ^  
 Cup results: 29.00

Avg. Start at Daytona			
Rank	Driver	Avg.	Attempts
1	Dale Earnhardt Jr	5.33	6
2	Chase Elliott	8.67	3
3	Jimmie Johnson	12.83	6
4	Matt Kenseth	13.00	6
5	Kyle Busch	14.00	6
6	Austin Dillon	15.33	6
7	Kevin Harvick	15.50	6
8	Kasey Kahne	15.67	6
9	Joey Logano	16.17	6
10	Jamie McMurray	16.33	6
11	Ryan Blaney	16.75	4
12	Reed Sorenson	18.33	5
13	Trevor Bayne	19.00	6
14	Clint Bowyer	19.00	6
15	Kurt Busch	19.67	6
16	Ty Dillon	20.33	3
17	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	20.67	6
18	Kyle Larson	20.67	6
19	Danica Patrick	21.00	6
20	Landon Cassill	21.17	6
21	Martin Truex Jr	21.17	6
22	David Ragan	21.83	6
23	Ryan Newman	22.33	6
24	Brad Keselowski	22.33	6
25	Denny Hamlin	23.00	6
26	Cole Whitt	23.40	6
27	Paul Menard	23.83	6
28	Chris Buescher	26.33	3
29	AJ Allmendinger	27.50	6
30	Michael McDowell	29.60	5
31	Matt DiBenedetto	30.50	4

### 30. Matt DiBenedetto

Yahoo! Group: C  
 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/4  
 Top-fives: 0 (.000)  
 Top-10s: 1 (.250)  
 Last 3 Years  
 Current Track: 27.00  
 Yahoo! Points: 40.50  
 NASCAR.com Points: 18.13  
 Draft Kings Points: 21.31  
 Avg. Last 6 races ^  
 Cup results: 28.43

### 32. Jeffrey Earnhardt

Yahoo! Group: C  
 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/1  
 Top-fives: 0 (.000)  
 Top-10s: 0 (.000)  
 Last 3 Years  
 Current Track: 26.00  
 Yahoo! Points: 40.00  
 NASCAR.com Points: 17.00  
 Draft Kings Points: 24.00  
 Avg. Last 6 races ^  
 Cup results: 32.83

### 33. Chris Buescher

Yahoo! Group: B  
 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/3  
 Top-fives: 0 (.000)  
 Top-10s: 0 (.000)  
 Last 3 Years  
 Current Track: 38.00

Yahoo! Points: 16.00  
 NASCAR.com Points: -8.50  
 Draft Kings Points: -4.17  
 Avg. Last 6 races ^  
 Cup results: 21.43

### 34. Reed Sorenson

Yahoo! Group: C  
 Wins at Track/Attempts: 0/16  
 Top-fives: 1 (.063)  
 Top-10s: 3 (.188)  
 Last 3 Years  
 Current Track: 34.20  
 Yahoo! Points: 39.00  
 NASCAR.com Points: 16.00  
 Draft Kings Points: 5.50  
 Avg. Last 6 races ^  
 Cup results: 32.00

^ 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):

Martin Truex Jr.: 7 (11)  
 Brad Keselowski: 7 (11)  
 Chase Elliott: 7 (10)  
 Kyle Larson: 6 (10)  
 Joey Logano: 6 (9)  
 Kyle Busch: 6 (9)  
 Kevin Harvick: 5 (10)  
 Jamie McMurray: 4 (10)  
 Denny Hamlin: 4 (8)  
 Kurt Busch: 2 (8)  
 Ricky Stenhouse Jr.: 2 (6)



Season to Date Grid										
Driver	Starts	Wins	Top-5s	Top-10s	Avg Fin	Start	Laps	Poles	DNFs	DNQs
Kyle Larson	16	2	7	10	9.06	10.56	4,667	2	1	
Martin Truex Jr	16	2	5	11	10.63	7.19	4,729		2	
Kevin Harvick	16	1	6	10	11.25	9.31	4,574	3	1	
Brad Keselowski	16	2	9	11	12.06	8.06	3,931	1	3	
Kyle Busch	16		6	9	12.63	8.50	4,561		2	
Chase Elliott	16		5	10	12.94	10.94	4,362	1	2	
Jamie McMurray	16		2	10	13.19	9.13	4,257		3	
Clint Bowyer	16		3	6	13.56	13.50	4,689		1	
Joey Logano	16	1	7	9	13.63	11.19	4,673	1	3	
Denny Hamlin	16		4	8	13.75	11.38	4,624		1	
Jimmie Johnson	16	3	3	6	14.44	20.06	4,637		2	
Kurt Busch	16	1	2	8	16.13	11.75	4,247		2	
Ricky Stenhouse Jr	16	1	3	6	16.44	16.06	4,279		3	
Daniel Suarez	16			4	16.44	15.69	4,703		1	
Ryan Newman	16	1	2	5	16.63	14.25	4,637		2	
Matt Kenseth	16		3	6	16.94	11.19	4,536	1	3	
Trevor Bayne	16			2	17.25	19.06	4,748		2	
Aric Almirola	11		2	3	17.27	22.36	3,425		1	
Erik Jones	16		1	3	18.44	18.06	4,256		4	
Brendan Gaughan	2				18.50	35.50	383			
Elliott Sadler	2				18.50	37.50	390			
Ryan Blaney	16	1	3	6	18.69	9.19	4,635	1	2	
Austin Dillon	16	1	2	2	18.69	18.56	4,732		1	
Kasey Kahne	16		2	3	19.31	20.31	4,564		4	
Ty Dillon	16				20.19	24.13	4,556		2	
Dale Earnhardt Jr	16		1	4	21.00	16.44	4,209		4	
Paul Menard	16		1	2	21.06	20.31	4,622		2	
Joey Gase	2				22.00	34.00	387			
Darrell Wallace Jr	2				22.50	21.00	359			
AJ Allmendinger	16		1	2	22.56	22.94	4,645		2	
Michael McDowell	16				23.06	24.06	4,730		1	
Chris Buescher	16				23.25	27.38	4,240		2	
David Ragan	16			1	25.13	29.81	4,616		2	
Cole Whitt	16				25.69	31.25	4,577		4	
Danica Patrick	16			1	25.88	22.75	4,394		6	
JJ Yeley	2				26.50	30.00	725			
Landon Cassill	16				27.00	28.50	4,536		2	
Matt DiBenedetto	16			1	27.06	28.31	4,357		3	
Regan Smith	2				28.00	27.50	728		1	
Ryan Sieg	2				29.50	32.50	596			
Corey LaJoie	14				30.36	33.29	3,669		3	
Gray Gaulding	13				30.85	33.23	3,962		3	
Reed Sorenson	13				31.77	33.69	3,850		1	1
Timmy Hill	10				33.20	37.60	2,893		3	1
Jeffrey Earnhardt	15				33.60	35.20	3,284		8	
Derrick Cope	9				34.78	36.56	2,413		1	
Cody Ware	3				37.67	38.33	392		3	

Jimmie Johnson: 1 (6)  
 Clint Bowyer: 1 (6)  
 Matt Kenseth: 1 (6)  
 Ryan Newman: 1 (5)  
 Dale Earnhardt Jr.: 1 (4)  
 Daniel Suarez: 1 (4)  
 Kasey Kahne: 1 (3)  
 Aric Almirola: 1 (3)  
 Ryan Blaney: 0 (6)  
 Erik Jones: 0 (3)  
 Austin Dillon: 0 (2)  
 AJ Allmendinger: 0 (2)  
 Paul Menard: 0 (2)

Trevor Bayne: 0 (2)  
 Michael Waltrip: 0 (1)  
 Matt DiBenedetto: 0 (1)  
 David Ragan: 0 (1)  
 Danica Patrick: 0 (1)  
 Chris Buescher: 0 (0)  
 Ty Dillon: 0 (0)  
 Michael McDowell: 0 (0)  
 Landon Cassill: 0 (0)  
 Cole Whitt: 0 (0)  
 Jeffrey Earnhardt: 0 (0)  
 Corey LaJoie: 0 (0)  
 Reed Sorenson: 0 (0)

Gray Gaulding: 0 (0)  
 Timmy Hill: 0 (0)  
 Derrick Cope: 0 (0)  
 Cody Ware: 0 (0)  
 Brendan Gaughan: 0 (0)  
 Elliott Sadler: 0 (0)  
 Darrell Wallace Jr.: 0 (0)  
 Joey Gase: 0 (0)  
 DJ Kennington: 0 (0)  
 Ross Chastain: 0 (0)  
 Bill Johnson: 0 (0)  
 Ryan Sieg: 0 (0)  
 JJ Yeley: 0 (0)

Boris Said: 0 (0)  
 Alon Day: 0 (0)  
 Kevin O'Connell: 0 (0)  
 Tommy Regan: 0 (0)

## DRIVER PERFORMANCE

Here are the top performances by driver so far this season. The full list can be found each week by clicking on the "Driver Performance" link in the "Research" section of your team roster:

### Yahoo! Group A:

(6) Martin Truex Jr.: Las Vegas (week 3), Auto Club (week 5), Kansas 1 (week 11), Charlotte 1 (week 12), Dover 1 (week 13), Michigan 1 (week 15)

(4) Kyle Busch: Phoenix (week 4), Martinsville 1 (week 6), Talladega 1 (week 10), Pocono 1 (week 14)

(3) Kevin Harvick: Atlanta (week 2), Texas 1 (week 7), Sonoma (week 16)

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

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

### Yahoo! Group B:

Top two each week.

(8) Kyle Larson: Atlanta (week 2), Las Vegas (week 3), Phoenix (week 4), Auto Club (week 5), Texas 1 (week 7), Bristol 1 (week 8), Dover 1 (week 13), Pocono 1 (week 14), Michigan 1 (week 15)

(4) Ryan Blaney: Daytona 1 (week 1), Texas 1 (week 7), Kansas 1 (week 11), Pocono 1 (week 14)

(4) Clint Bowyer: Auto Club

(week 5), Bristol 1 (week 8), Kansas 1 (week 11), Sonoma (week 16)

(3) Ryan Newman: Phoenix (week 4), Richmond 1 (week 9), Dover 1 (week 13)

(3) Chase Elliott: Las Vegas (week 3), Martinsville 1 (week 6), Michigan 1 (week 15)

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

(2) Kurt Busch: Daytona 1 (week 1), Charlotte 1 (week 12)

(2) Austin Dillon: Martinsville 1 (week 6), Charlotte 1 (week 12)

(2) Jamie McMurray: Talladega (week 10), Sonoma (week 16)

(1) Kasey Kahne: Atlanta (week 2)

### Yahoo! Group C:

(5) Daniel Suarez: Phoenix (week 4), Auto Club (week 5), Richmond 1 (week 9), Kansas 1 (week 11), Dover 1 (week 13)

(5) Erik Jones: Atlanta (week 2), Martinsville 1 (week 6), Charlotte (week 12), Pocono 1 (week 14), Michigan 1 (week 15)

(2) Michael McDowell: Las Vegas (week 3), Sonoma (week 16)

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

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

### NASCAR.com Fantasy Live

Top five game finishes

Total Top-5s: Season	
Driver	Top-5s
Brad Keselowski	9
Kyle Larson	7
Joey Logano	7
Kyle Busch	6
Kevin Harvick	6
Martin Truex Jr	5
Chase Elliott	5
Denny Hamlin	4
Ryan Blaney	3
Ricky Stenhouse Jr	3
Matt Kenseth	3
Jimmie Johnson	3
Clint Bowyer	3
Ryan Newman	2
Kasey Kahne	2
Jamie McMurray	2
Kurt Busch	2
Aric Almirola	2
Austin Dillon	2
Paul Menard	1
AJ Allmendinger	1
Dale Earnhardt Jr	1
Erik Jones	1

(9) 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), Dover 1 (week 13), Pocono 1 (week 14), Michigan 1 (week 15)

(8) 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), Charlotte 1 (week 12), Dover 1 (week 13), Michigan 1 (week 15)

(8) Chase Elliott: Atlanta (week 2), Las Vegas (week 3), Phoenix 1 (week 4), Auto Club (week 5), Martinsville 1 (week 6), Dover 1 (week 13), Pocono 1 (week 14), Michigan 1 (week 15)

(8) Kevin Harvick: Atlanta (week 2), Texas 1 (week 7), Bristol 1 (week 8), Richmond 1 (week 9), Kansas 1 (week 11), Dover 1 (week 13), Pocono 1 (week 14), Sonoma (week 16)

(7) Kyle Busch: Phoenix 1 (week 4), Martinsville 1 (week

3 Yr. Avg. Draft Kings Points at Daytona			
Rank	Driver	Avg. Points	Attempts
1	Denny Hamlin	57.33	6
2	Kurt Busch	49.85	5
3	Joey Logano	47.13	6
4	Michael McDowell	44.90	5
5	Austin Dillon	41.33	6
6	AJ Allmendinger	34.29	6
7	Martin Truex Jr	31.83	6
8	Clint Bowyer	31.79	6
9	Paul Menard	31.00	6
10	Kyle Busch	28.75	5
11	Ryan Newman	28.50	6
12	Corey LaJoie	28.00	1
13	Brad Keselowski	27.92	6
14	Ryan Blaney	26.88	4
15	David Ragan	26.71	6
16	Kevin Harvick	26.63	6
17	Trevor Bayne	25.42	6
18	Cole Whitt	24.35	5
19	Jeffrey Earnhardt	24.00	1
20	Kyle Larson	22.25	6
21	Kasey Kahne	21.33	6
22	Matt DiBenedetto	21.31	4
23	Dale Earnhardt Jr	20.04	6
24	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	17.50	6
25	Jimmie Johnson	17.46	6
26	Landon Cassill	14.21	6
27	Danica Patrick	12.92	6
28	Jamie McMurray	12.42	6
29	Ty Dillon	10.50	3
30	Matt Kenseth	7.46	6
31	Reed Sorenson	5.50	4
32	Daniel Suarez	5.00	1
33	Chase Elliott	3.67	3
34	Erik Jones	2.00	1
35	Chris Buescher	-4.17	3

(week 1), Auto Club (week 5), Martinsville 1 (week 6), Bristol 1 (week 8), Richmond 1 (week 9)

(4) Denny Hamlin: Richmond 1 (week 9), Talladega (week 10). Michigan 1 (week 15), Sonoma (week 16)

(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) Clint Bowyer: Auto Club (week 5), Sonoma (week 16)

(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)

6), Talladega (week 10), Kansas 1 (week 11), Charlotte 1 (week 12), Pocono 1 (week 14), Michigan 1 (week 15)

(7) 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), Sonoma (week 16)

(7) Jimmie Johnson: Las Vegas (week 3), Texas 1 (week 7), Bristol 1 (week 8), Talladega (week 10), Charlotte (week 12), Charlotte 1 (week 12), Dover 1 (week 13), Sonoma (week 16)

(5) Joey Logano: Daytona 1

(1) Dale Earnhardt Jr.: Texas



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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 1 (week 12)

(1) Erik Jones: Pocono 1 (week 14)

## TWITTER LEAGUE

It's not too late to join the Dan Beaver Twitter League. Players can join or leave groups throughout the season and your team can accumulate points in up to three leagues. This is one of the most competitive leagues in the game since most or all of the players get their excellent information from the pages of these previews. Simply log onto Yahoo! Sports and navigate to the fantasy racing page (<http://racing.fantasysports.yahoo.com/auto>). Click on the "create or join a group" button and follow the instructions.

Dan Beaver's Twitter League  
Group ID#: 38  
Password: FantasyRace

## ANY LAST MINUTE QUESTIONS?

Follow Dan Beaver on Twitter:  
<https://twitter.com/FantasyRace> and chat during the

3 Yr. Avg. Yahoo! Points at Daytona			
Rank	Driver	Avg. Points	Attempts
1	Denny Hamlin	84.33	6
2	Kurt Busch	81.20	5
3	Joey Logano	78.33	6
4	Austin Dillon	76.67	6
5	Clint Bowyer	63.67	6
6	Martin Truex Jr	63.67	6
7	Kyle Busch	63.40	5
8	Dale Earnhardt Jr	63.00	6
9	Michael McDowell	60.80	5
10	Kevin Harvick	60.33	6
11	Ryan Blaney	57.50	4
12	David Ragan	56.67	6
13	Kasey Kahne	56.00	6
14	Ryan Newman	55.33	6
15	AJ Allmendinger	55.00	6
16	Jimmie Johnson	54.00	6
17	Brad Keselowski	53.33	6
18	Paul Menard	53.33	6
19	Trevor Bayne	52.67	6
20	Cole Whitt	50.00	5
21	Kyle Larson	49.00	6
22	Jamie McMurray	45.00	6
23	Corey LaJoie	44.00	1
24	Matt Kenseth	43.67	6
25	Chase Elliott	43.33	3
26	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	43.17	6
27	Landon Cassill	41.83	6
28	Matt DiBenedetto	40.50	4
29	Jeffrey Earnhardt	40.00	1
30	Danica Patrick	39.00	6
31	Reed Sorenson	39.00	3
32	Ty Dillon	36.67	3
33	Daniel Suarez	34.00	1
34	Chris Buescher	16.00	3
35	Erik Jones	14.00	1

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