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Weekend Preview

Playoff pressure ramps up under Bristol spotlight

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Six weeks after hosting the Speedway Classic and 90,000 baseball fans, Bristol Motor Speedway jettisoned the astroturf field and welcomes the major leaguers of NASCAR for three pressure-packed nights of playoff racing.

For the first time, all three of NASCAR's top series will be in playoff mode as drivers and teams jockey to advance to the second round and maintain their shot at reaching the championship four at Phoenix in November.

For drivers outside the championship bubble, this is the Bristol night race – one of the brightest spotlights in NASCAR – and a chance to add their name to a list of the sport's best and hoist the gladiator's sword in victory lane.

Activities are scheduled to begin during the afternoon of Sept. 11 with practice and qualifying for both the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series and the ARCA Menard's Series.

Kicking off the action will be the Bush's Beans 200 for the ARCA teams, a race won last year by William Sawalich, who now competes for Joe

Gibbs Racing in the Xfinity Series.

Brenden "Butterbean" Queen, a six-time winner this season, continues to lead the ARCA Menard's standings. The Chesapeake, Virginia short track ace enters Bristol – a track where he has never competed – with a 42-point edge over Lavar Scott, who finished third here last year. Truck Series driver Lawless Alan is currently third.

Also notable about the ARCA race, social media influencer Cleetus McFarland – aka Garrett Mitchell, is scheduled to make his fourth series start of the year in the Mark Rette-owned Chevrolet.

McFarland, who pioneered Crown Vic short track racing with an event here at Bristol, is now recognized for both his social media antics behind the wheel of almost anything and his exemplary volunteer work providing emergency aid to North Carolina families impacted by Hurricane Helene.

Like last year, this race will decide the ARCA East title. Entering the event, Isaac Kitzmiller holds a slim 19-point margin over Tyler Reif, with Zachary Tinkle just 11 points back in third place.



Photo by Chris Haverly

Kyle Larson drives up the ramp to victory lane after winning last year's Bass Pro Shops Night Race and advancing to the next round of the NASCAR playoffs.

Thursday's nightcap will again be the UNOH 200, the middle race in the opening round of the Truck Series playoffs.

Regular season champion Corey Heim locked himself into the next round with a victory at Darlington and just 38 points separates the second through eighth-place drivers. After Darlington, Chandler Smith and Kanen Honeycutt find themselves below the cutline while Jake Garcia is but two points above.

For the first time, the NASCAR Xfinity Series will begin its playoffs at the "Last Great Colosseum," meaning victory in the Food City 300 can lock any of the playoff drivers into the next round.

JR Motorsports Chevrolet teammates Connor Zilisch and Justin Allgaier have enjoyed banner seasons with eight and three wins respectively, while Austin Hill also has a trio of victories.

That sets the stage for Saturday night's crown jewel Bass Pro Shops Night Race. While Kyle Larson is the

defending Night Race winner – and turned in another dominant showing here in the spring – the No. 5 team has appeared a bit vulnerable during the second half of the regular season.

Teammate Chase Elliott finished second in this race one year ago while four-time Bristol winner Denny Hamlin was second here in the spring and third last fall. All three are in the playoff field, but one misstep here could prove disastrous to their title hopes.



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Locked-in Briscoe

looks to build off Darlington success

Allen Gregory
Bristol Herald Courier

NASCAR Cup Series driver Chase Briscoe doesn't flinch from pressure.

Just consider his last two seasons.

Entering the 2024 Bristol Night Race, Briscoe was 21 points beneath the elimination line for the Round of 12.

It was time to respond.

And with an eighth-place finish, Briscoe advanced by a margin of 11 points.

In the opening event of the 2025 playoffs on Aug. 31, Briscoe dominated the famed Southern 500 at Darlington Raceway with his Joe Gibbs Racing team.

That was the same race where Briscoe qualified for the 2024 playoffs with a last-gasp victory.

"I've always just loved high-pressure situations," Briscoe said. "I feel like I just perform better for whatever reason."

"I feel like my whole career has always been a high-pressure situation, right? There was no backup plan. You might only get one race, you got to go perform and show your worth."

Briscoe has faced scrutiny ever since he was selected to replace Martin Truex Jr. at Joe



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Gibbs Racing.

Entering the 2025 season, the four-year Cup resume for Mitchell, Indiana, native featured two wins and 13 top-five finishes.

"I've always felt like every week I'm still auditioning to prove that I belong here," Briscoe said.

Briscoe has drawn praise for his work ethic off the track and clean style on the track, but he has yet to reach superstar status.

That search for respect continues this week at one of the ultimate proving grounds in motorsports – Bristol Motor

Speedway.

"Certainly, the higher the pressure is the better I feel like I do for whatever reason," Briscoe said. "That mid-summer stretch where there's not a lot going on I typically struggle."

"But again, the higher the pressure, the better I do for whatever reason. I guess it's a good trait to have, especially with what the playoffs are. I don't know."

The JGR team has not won a Cup series championship since 2019 when former team driver Kyle Busch executed the task.

After leading 309 of the 367 laps at the fearsome Darlington layout, Briscoe suddenly became part of the championship conversation.

According to his crew chief James Small, the 30-year-old Briscoe has the essentials to bring home a title his debut run with the powerful Gibbs operation.

"Oh, 100% yes," Small said.

How trying was the process of replacing a high-profile veteran driver like Truex?

"It was a difficult and new situation for everybody," Small said. "We had a little bit of learning to do and we

had some new people on the team as well.

"We had some speed. It just took a little to jell and get everybody on the same page and to understand what we're trying to achieve every week."

The goal now for Briscoe is to build off the Darlington dance.

"It was definitely nice for us to start our playoffs in the way we did it. Not just winning, but I felt like we dominated," Briscoe said. "Hopefully we can just ride this momentum."

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Hoping for

memorable Night Race moments

Allen Gregory
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The Bristol Night Race has long ranked among the marquee events in all of motorsports.

For a driver, a win can be career-defining. For a fan, the memory ever-lasting.

For various reasons, the 2025 edition of NASCAR's Bristol bash has extra meaning.

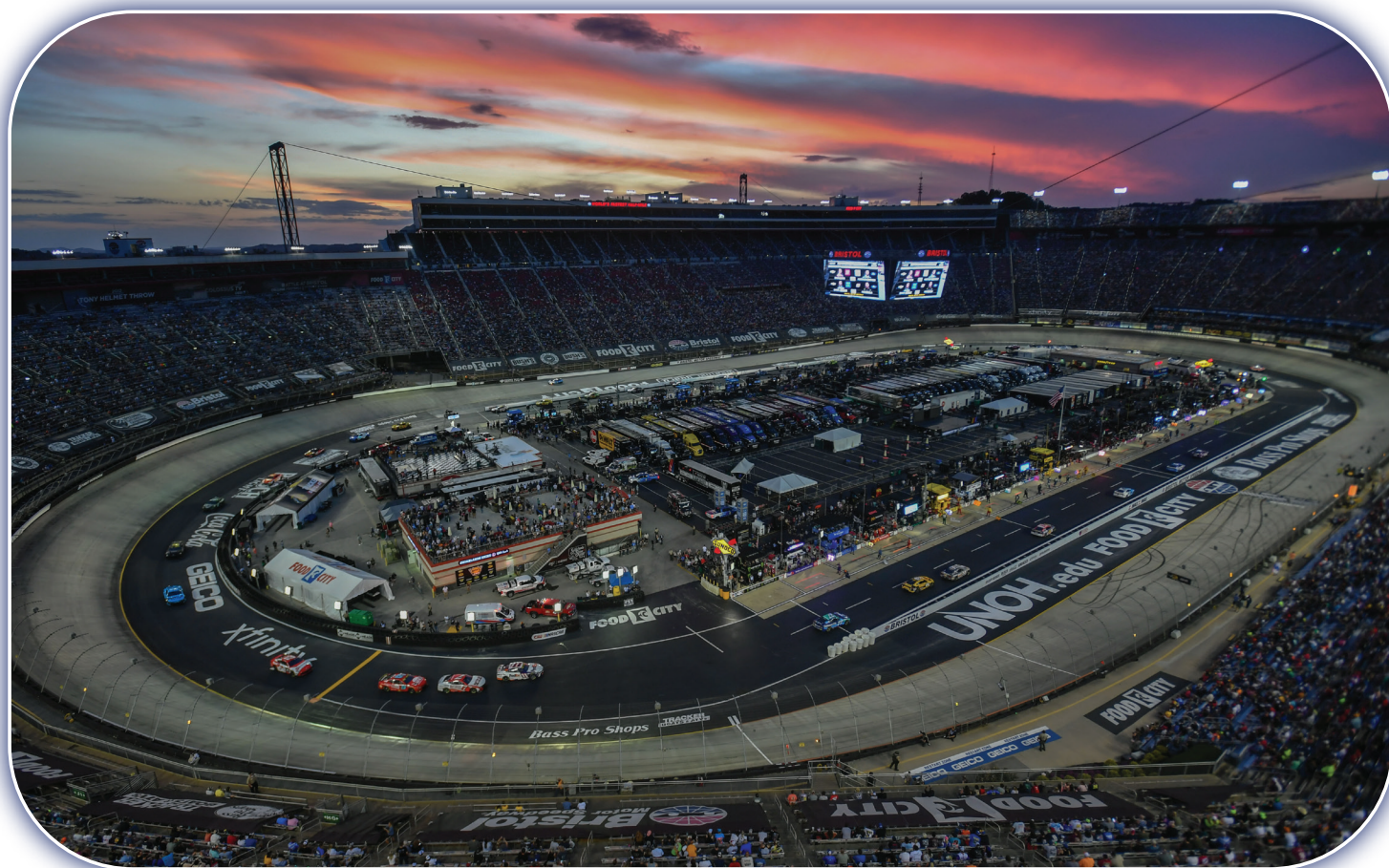
Flash back to the Food City 500 in April. It was not a fun experience, especially for longtime track followers.

Once again, the weather in the mountains of Northeast Tennessee was miserable on Friday and Saturday with 40-degree temperatures and rain.

And yet again, action-hungry fans were left disappointed in Sunday's main event. Due in large part to the constraints of the NextGen car, there were just four lead changes and three cautions. The final 235 laps went incident free.

The last Bristol event with fewer cautions came in August of 1982.

If you root for Kyle Larson or just appreciate his masterful driving technique, the show was a treat. Larson controlled 411 laps and was never really



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challenged.

Good luck finding a highlight reel from that romp.

But night racing is a different animal, especially at Bristol.

Surely, there will be some exciting night moves this weekend. Right?

Given the high stakes, race fans, BMS officials and area business owners have been praying extra hard for pleasant weather.

One needs to consider the evolving nature of sports entertainment and the versatility of grand stadiums like Bristol Motor Speedway to understand the big picture here.

In August at BMS, the MLB Speedway Classic between the Atlanta Braves and the Cincinnati Reds attracted a Major League Baseball regular season record crowd of 91,032.

With seating for 155,000, there is no limit to the scale or type of event that BMS can host.

Remember the record gathering of 156,990 for the 2016 Battle of Bristol college football game between Virginia Tech and the University of Tennessee.

There has been widespread speculation and debate regarding the next extravaganza at BMS,

especially since the renewed discussion over a dome or retractable roof.

Let's hope that Saturday's Night Race creates some spectacular moments and lasting memories.

A throwback to the glory days of short-track mayhem would definitely help restore some of the glamour at Bristol Motor Speedway and set the stage for bigger things to come. ♦

Chance to advance:

Breaking down the playoff field

David McGee
Bristol Herald Courier

For the sixth consecutive year the Bass Pro Shops Night Race will double as the cutoff race in the opening round of the NASCAR Playoffs.

In short, the championship aspirations of four teams will be scuttled once the checkered flag waves on Saturday night. The burning questions are who will advance and who will spend the final seven races of the season racing for pride?

None of the four drivers eliminated in 2024 – Martin Truex Jr., Brad Keselowski, Harrison Burton and Ty Gibbs – are in the playoff field this year. From 2023, only Joey Logano is in the field from a group that also included Kevin Harvick, Ricky Stenhouse Jr. and Michael McDowell, who were all eliminated after Bristol.

In 2022, the playoff clock struck midnight for Austin Dillon, Tyler Reddick, Kyle Busch and Kevin Harvick. In 2021 the four drivers eliminated were Reddick, Aric Almirola, Kurt Busch and McDowell and, from 2020, it was Ryan Blaney, William Byron, Cole Custer and Matt DiBenedetto.

A look at past performance on the track is typically a good indicator of who should have the best chance of advancing but with only three former Bristol winners among the 16 playoff drivers – not counting Christopher Bell's victory in the 2023 Food City Dirt Race – a deeper dive is required.

The most obvious answers of who might advance, based on past Bristol showings, are Kyle Larson, Denny Hamlin and Joey Logano. They have nine combined wins but – greater than that – there are 52 combined top 10 finishes and every spot is worth points in NASCAR's playoff era.

Additionally, running in the top ten, or better the top five, late in a BMS race is a great place to capitalize if the leader gets into trouble or gets collected in someone else's mess. Hamlin leads the trio with 13 top five finishes in 36 Bristol starts, or 36%. Larson has eight in 18 races – tops among all drivers at 44% and Logano has six in 30 starts, or 20% of his races, he's finished in the top five.

Among drivers without a BMS points race victory, Chase Elliott has five top fives and nine top tens in 16 Bristol



Alex Bowman started on the pole and led laps in last year's Bass Pro Night Race. Bowman barely made it into the playoff field and hopes for a strong showing.

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PLAYOFF DRIVERS AT BMS

Driver	Races	Wins	Top 5s	Top 10s	Laps Led	LLF	DNF	Poles	Top 10 Starts
Kyle Larson	18	3	8	13	1,762	14	1	1	5
William Byron	12	0	2	5	0	6	1	0	5
Denny Hamlin	36	4	13	20	1,199	26	2	4	23
Ryan Blaney	17	0	3	7	555	7	2	1	11
Christopher Bell	8	0	3	6	360	5	0	1	5
Shane Van Gisbergen	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Chase Elliott	16	0	5	9	444	10	0	1	12
Chase Briscoe	6	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	3
Bubba Wallace	12	0	1	2	22	3	1	0	2
Austin Cindric	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Ross Chastain	10	0	0	3	0	4	1	0	0
Joey Logano	30	2	6	19	771	15	3	1	22
Josh Berry	3	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	1
Tyler Reddick	8	0	1	1	0	2	1	0	0
Austin Dillon	20	0	1	4	0	9	2	0	1
Alex Bowman	16	0	3	5	76	5	3	2	6

starts. Elliott, of course, won here in 2020 when Bristol hosted the NASCAR All-Star race.

While Elliott enjoyed a banner 2025 season with 13 top-ten finishes and only failing to finish one race, teammate Alex Bowman was the last driver making it into the playoff field on points, at the regular season finale at Daytona. Bowman also has 16 BMS starts on concrete with a respectable three top-five finishes to go with five top 10s.

Daytona winner Ryan Blaney has one more BMS concrete start and three top fives and seven top tens in 17 races.

Who has historically not performed well here? Josh Berry, Austin Cindric, Austin

Dillon, Ross Chastain and Tyler Reddick. Between them are just two top-five finishes and eight top tens in a combined 46 starts.

Shane Van Gisbergen only started this year's Food City 500 and he will need better than the DNF he chalked up in April.

Laps led and lead lap finishes are another solid performance indicator. Larson leads all active drivers with 1,762 laps led while the next lap Hamlin leads here will be his 1,200th.

Nine of the playoff drivers have led laps here while William Byron, Chase Briscoe, Cindric, Chastain, Dillon, Reddick and Van Gisbergen have not.

Beyond former BMS winners, Blaney has led 555

laps, Bell 360, Elliott 444 and Bowman 76.

Qualifying and track position being vital is a common theme in the Cup Series today but it's always been that way at Bristol.

History shows that that 102 of 129 Bristol Cup races have been won from starting in the top ten, with front row starters winning a combined 43 times. Only eight Bristol races have been won by drivers starting outside the top 20.

Let's look at the opposite ends of the spectrum. Denny Hamlin has four poles and has started 23 of 36 BMS races from a top 10 position, including the last 11 in a row. That is clearly a contributing factor to him finishing 54% of those races in the top ten.

Joey Logano has 22 top-ten

starts here, which juxtapose nicely with his 19 top-ten finishes.

Elliott is the only other driver in double digits sporting 12 top-ten starts in his 16 races. Bowman has six, while Larson, Byron and Bell have five apiece.

Chase Briscoe has three top-ten starts to go two top-ten finishes while Bubba Wallace has two of each.

Chastain, Reddick and Van Gisbergen have yet to qualify and start from the top ten here.

Nothing can sabotage a solid run quicker than getting in a crash and calamity looms everywhere at Bristol. A DNF would be the easiest way to get eliminated from a tight playoff points battle.

Among the playoff drivers, Logano has three DNFs in 30 BMS starts, or 10% of his races, while Bowman also has three DNFs in 16 starts, or 19%. Hamlin, Blaney and Dillon each have twice failed to finish on the Bristol concrete.

Speaking of not being around at the end, Blaney and Bubba Wallace failed to finish seven of the 26 regular season races this season. Josh Berry recorded five DNFs in the regular season and four others had four each – Austin Cindric, Ross Chastain, Joey Logano and Alex Bowman.

The most DNFs recorded during an entire season by a NASCAR championship winning driver in the playoff era was six by Martin Truex, Jr, in 2019.

Still uncertain? Let's look at

lead lap finishes.

A green flag lap at Bristol occurs in 15 seconds and, if the race sees a long green run, it's easy for drivers in the middle of the pack to go one or more laps down. Just think about all those times you were yelling at slower traffic to get out of your favorite driver's way.

While Kyle Larson has the best average, with 14 lead lap finishes in 18 races, teammate William Byron has six in 12 races (50%) and Bowman has five in 16 races (31%). Chase Elliott is also solid with 10 of 16 (63%). Chevrolet driver Ross Chastain is at 40%.

In the Toyota camp, besides Hamlin, Bell is at 63%, Briscoe 50%, Reddick 25% and 23XI teammate Wallace at 25%.

Among the Fords, Logano is at 50% and Blaney 41% while Austin Cindric and Josh Berry have yet to finish on the lead lap in their eight combined races.

Any or all of that may come into play during the Bass Pro Shops Night Race because, after all, that's why we race.



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Elliott says

Bristol's stadium atmosphere unique to NASCAR

Allen Gregory
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At every stop on the NASCAR road show, drivers are asked the same question.

The most popular driver in the sport knows the routine and gives the same reply.

"People always ask me about the best racetrack and the best races," Chase Elliott said. "It's hard to beat Bristol."

Elliott made an appearance at the sprawling K1 Speed go-kart racing facility in Nashville last month to promote the Sept. 13, Night Race at Bristol Motor Speedway.

There is a good reason why Elliott is such a fan of Bristol.

Entering the Food City 500 in April, Elliott was tied with Kyle Larson as the most successful active driver at BMS.

In 16 starts, Elliott has recorded five top-five and nine top-10 finishes with one pole.

He also won the July 16, 2020, All-Star Race at Bristol by holding off the sport's resident bad boy Kyle Busch over the final 15 laps.

With a crowd estimated at 20,000, it was the largest gathering for a sports event in the United States since the early days of the Covid pandemic that March.

"To me, tonight felt like an event again," Elliott said after that win. "I feel like we've been missing that piece for a couple months. It just felt really good to get NASCAR back. I mean, NASCAR is built on the fans."

Elliott reflected on that landmark achievement during his visit to Nashville last month.

"It was a different vibe in the middle of Covid," Elliott said. "The track wasn't totally closed off or totally back open, but it was great to have folks back in the grandstands and not hear crickets."

"We had a really good car that night. And were able to lead a good chunk of the race."

According to Elliott, the overall Bristol experience with the fans and major league vibe is special.

"We don't get that stadium environment in racing like you get in football and other sports," Elliott said. "Bristol has always been the closest thing to that. It's a lot of fun for us as competitors and the fans feed off that."

Elliott was back in Bristol on Aug. 2 for the MLB Speedway Classic baseball game between the Cincinnati Reds



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Playoff driver Chase Elliott, left, speaks with team owner Rick Hendrick prior to last year's Bristol Night Race. Elliott won the All-Star race here in 2020 but hasn't won a points-paying race.

and the Atlanta Braves.

The Georgia native and life-long Braves fan was even selected to throw out the first pitch with Major League Baseball Hall of Famers Johnny Bench and Chipper Jones.

"It was so cool to see that game come to life and to be there for the first pitch, even with the rain," Elliott said. "I

wish the game could have been played as scheduled, but it was neat to see it personally."

The Speedway Classic attracted an MLB regular season crowd of 91,032. That broke the mark of 84,857 established Sept. 12, 1954 at Municipal Stadium in Cleveland.

For Elliott, it was a fitting

show for his favorite track.

"Bristol does such a great job of bringing the action of what NASCAR has to offer to the fan in an intimate manner," Elliott said. "Everything is right there close."

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Putting Kyle Larson's dominance into perspective

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With back-to-back dominating victories at Bristol Motor Speedway, Kyle Larson has already etched his name into the track's record book, but if he authors another similar beatdown in the Bass Pro Shops Night Race, he would enter a very exclusive club.

Larson won last fall's NASCAR Playoffs cutoff race by leading 462 of the 500 laps around the "World's Fastest Half Mile." It marked only the twelfth time a Bristol winner has topped the four-century mark and that performance ranks fourth all-time among drivers who have led between 400 and 500 laps here.

In April, the driver of the blue, white and red HendrickCars.com Chevrolet dished up another impressive outing, leading 411 laps to capture the Food City 500 and his third career Bristol win.

The only comparable performance by a single driver in a two-race span was by Bobby Allison, who in 1972, started both Bristol races from the pole and led 458 and 445 laps, respectively, to sweep both that season's

Bristol Cup races.

Allison was driving a Chevrolet prepared by Junior Johnson and crew chief Herb Nab and that pair would figure prominently in the vast majority of four other, comparable dominating Bristol victories.

The race before Allison's sweep, in the July 1971 Volunteer 500, Charlie Glotzbach set a race speed record that stood for decades, by leading 411 of 500 laps in the only Bristol race ever run caution free. Wheeling a Junior Johnson Chevrolet, with some relief help from Tennessean Friday Hassler, they averaged 101.074 mph.

Last fall, Larson shattered that 53-year-old record with an average pace of 101.277 mph, despite five caution flags for 36 laps!

The average speed for this spring's Food City 500 also topped the century mark – for just the fourth time in BMS history – at 100.746, with just three cautions for 30 laps.

Only one driver ever led every lap of a Cup Series race at Bristol. That occurred in March 1973, when Cale Yarborough returned to



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Kyle Larson (5) has run away and hid from his competition during the last two Bristol races and now ranks among the track's all-time lap leaders.

NASCAR after a brief foray into Indy Cars, to put another Junior Johnson Chevrolet on the pole and lead all 500 circuits of a race interrupted by rain.

He nearly did it again four years later.

In April 1977, Cale Yarborough came just five laps short of the unthinkable, leading 495 laps and claiming that season's Southeastern 500 – besting second place Dick Brooks by seven laps at an average speed of 100.989 mph. That race was slowed by just two cautions for nine laps and marked only the second time Bristol's average race speed topped the century mark.

For the record, three other drivers led the remaining five laps, the times Yarborough came to pit road.

At this point, it's probably fair to give Yarborough an honorable mention for another dominant showing. During the 1976 season, Bristol was one of many NASCAR tracks to shorten the length of their races, so both contests were run to 400 laps instead of the traditional 500.

For Yarborough and Johnson, the August 1976 race was a shorter day at the office but another long day for the competition. Yarborough led the final 373 circuits, or 93% of the laps run that afternoon. If one applies that percentage to a 500-lap contest, it equates to 465 laps. Of course, no one could say what might have occurred during those hypothetical extra 100 laps at Bristol.

Not surprisingly, Yarborough is Bristol's all-time leader in the laps led department with 4,305 in 29

races. Larson, interestingly, has climbed to ninth all-time here with 1,762 in 18 starts, with over 850 coming in just the last two races.

These were neither the first nor the last times someone would punch a 400-plus lap leader ticket.

The first time this occurred here was in April 1962, when Bobby Johns of Miami, Fla., led 430 laps to win the second annual Volunteer 500 – by six laps over second-place Fireball Roberts. Johns, fans might recall, was a relief driver for winner Jack Smith in the inaugural 1961 Volunteer 500.

In March 1964, Fred Lorenzen drove his Holman-Moody Ford to the front and led 494 laps. Despite his engine dropping a cylinder with 30 laps remaining, Lorenzen was able to hang on to win by a half-lap over second-place Fireball Roberts, who made up a five-lap deficit in the closing laps of the Southeastern 500.

Junior Johnson was still driving then but Lorenzen's crew chief was Herb Nab.

Three other NASCAR Hall of Fame drivers have a 400-plus lap Bristol victory on their resumes. Nine-time Bristol winner Dale Earnhardt captured the 1987 Night Race by leading 415 of 500 laps – the first time that kind of dominance occurred under the lights.

Rusty Wallace, who also sports nine BMS victories, led 425 circuits to claim the 1999 Food City 500 – the 49th Cup Series victory in his remarkable career and the first such domination on a Bristol concrete surface.

Somewhat surprisingly, Bristol's winningest driver –

DOMINANT DAYS AT BMS

BMS Winner	Race Date	Laps Led
Cale Yarborough	March 25, 1973	500
Cale Yarborough	April 17, 1977	495
Fred Lorenzen	March 22, 1964	494
Kyle Larson	Sept 21, 2024	462
Bobby Allison	April 9, 1972	458
Bobby Allison	July 9, 1972	445
Bobby Johns	April 24, 1962	430
Rusty Wallace	April 1, 1999	425
Dale Earnhardt	Aug. 22, 1987	415
Matt Kenseth	Aug. 27, 2005	415
Charlie Glotzbach	July 11, 1971	411
Kyle Larson	April 13, 2025	411

Darrell Waltrip – is not in this club. Waltrip led over 3,400 laps and has 12 Cup wins – but never reached 400 laps in a single race.

The last driver to ring this bell, before Larson, was Matt Kenseth, who drove a Jack Roush Ford to the front and paced the field for 415 laps to win the 2005 Night Race, also on the original concrete.

While that makes an even dozen times the winner has led over 400 laps here, there is one more performance worth noting. On a sweltering July afternoon in 1964, NASCAR's King, Richard Petty, led 442 circuits around Bristol and appeared invincible as laps to the checkered flag counted down.

But it wasn't to be.

Sporting a three-lap lead over second-place Fred Lorenzen, Petty's Hemi engine expired with just four laps



remaining in the race. Petty pulled down onto the track's apron and tried coasting toward the start-finish line. Lorenzen was able to pass Petty's wounded Plymouth

three times and capture his third straight Bristol victory. dmcgee@bristolnews.com





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2024 Race Recap

Larson leads 462 laps, aces Bristol Night Race exam

Allen Gregory
Bristol Herald Courier

Bristol Motor Speedway is one of the toughest tests in motorsports and Kyle Larson aced that high-speed exam.

The Hendrick Motorsports driver led a total of 462 laps Saturday night en route to winning the famed Night Race.

That was Larson's career-high for laps led in a Cup event. The last driver to lead at least 400 laps at BMS was Kyle Busch 16 years ago.

"It was just great execution by the team," Larson said. "We practiced good, qualified good and had a great car in the race."

"Bristol is my favorite track and it's so much fun to run under the lights here. I hope the fans enjoyed that methodical run."

The crowd was estimated at 120,000 for Saturday's Playoff cutoff event, one of the largest gathering at BMS in many years.

Has Larson ever had a better car?

"That's hard to say," Larson said. "I've had a lot of good cars since I came to Hendrick Motorsports."

With flawless work from his pit crew, Larson was basically never challenged once he grabbed the lead on lap 33.



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admirers, Larson dominated with textbook laps while carving through traffic and passing cars on the high and low sides of the track.

Larson was in front at the end of the first 125-lap stage. That was the 11th stage win of the season for the multi-talented driver from Elk Grove, California, who also won the second stage.

"I kind of managed my stuff and passed cars at the end. The car was phenomenal," Larson said.

Chase Elliott finished second, with Bubba Wallace, Denny Hamlin and Christopher Bell rounding out the top five.

Hamlin entered the night outside the Playoff cut line and facing heavy pressure to advance into the Round of 12.

With a consistent pace, Hamlin climbed to second on lap 238 and was steady from that point en route to clinching his ticket.

"I wanted to win the race, but Larson was really strong," Hamlin said. "Our car was solid and we were really good toward the middle stage."

"The car was loose toward the end and it was hard to hang on. We weren't as

"We've dominated a lot of races, but we haven't closed

them all out," Larson said. "It feels really good to close one

out like this. To the delight of his many

good as we've been here the past couple races, but it was a good day overall. It's all offense for us from this point forward."

As expected, Hamlin was greeted by a thunderous round of boos and jeers during the pre-race introductions.

In stoic fashion, Hamlin responded with a simple "Thank you."

Saturday's technical drama offered a big contrast from the chaotic tire-degradation marathon in the spring BMS race.

Goodyear officials actually brought back the same tire used in the spring. The biggest difference from the two races was the cold weather in the spring compared to the warm conditions Saturday night.

Ty Gibbs, Martin Truex Jr., Brad Keselowski and Harrison Burton failed to advance into the next round of the Playoffs.

Truex was forced to the rear of the field on lap 335 for speeding on pit road. Truex had been running in the top five most of the night, but never recovered from his penalty.

"We had a good car and we got a lot of points in the first two stages," Truex said. "I guess we needed to run second and third to make it to the next round, but we didn't get a chance to see if we could have done it."

"I'm just gutted for my team. We all put in a lot of work the last three weeks and all season long. I guess we're just snakebit."

Gibbs was also doomed by a speeding penalty late in the race.

"We were really good in practice and qualifying but

were just a little too loose in the race," Gibbs said. "That speeding penalty was on me. It's unfortunate, but I'm proud of my guys."

Wallace was also greeted with a chorus of boos during introductions. He reacted by smiling, blowing kisses and wishing the University of Tennessee football team good luck in Saturday's game against Oklahoma.

"We have to go to work to figure out how we can be two spots better," Wallace said. "But all-in-all, we were best in class in multiple categories."

"I just appreciate the effort. It stings, running this well when you are not in the Playoffs, but it just makes you hungrier for next year."

Alex Bowman, who had led of total three laps in his BMS career before Saturday, started from the pole and controlled the first 32 laps before Larson stormed to the front. Bowman finished in the No. 9 spot.

There were only 23 cars remaining lap the lead lap after 115 circuits.

The first caution came on lap four when the car driven by John Hunter Nemechek smacked the outside wall following a spin.

Except for the stage 1 break, there was not another caution period until lap 243 when Joey Logano was forced into the pits after his car slammed into the inside wall.

Fans rose to their feet on lap 329 when the Corey LaJoie car hit the outside wall following contact from Josh Berry.

There were a total of five cautions on the night for 36 laps. ♦

Bass Pro Shops Night Race Results

Bristol Motor Speedway, Bristol, Tenn.

(Start position in parentheses)

1. (2) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 500 laps, 60 points.
2. (10) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 500, 38.
3. (11) Bubba Wallace, Toyota, 500, 40.
4. (8) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 500, 46.
5. (6) Christopher Bell, Toyota, 500, 46.
6. (22) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 500, 33.
7. (14) Ryan Preece, Ford, 500, 30.
8. (5) Chase Briscoe, Ford, 500, 36.
9. (1) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 500, 41.
10. (12) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 500, 27.
11. (18) Michael McDowell, Ford, 499, 26.
12. (16) Noah Gragson, Ford, 499, 25.
13. (27) Austin Cindric, Ford, 499, 24.
14. (17) Chris Buescher, Ford, 499, 23.
15. (13) Ty Gibbs, Toyota, 499, 25.
16. (33) Zane Smith, Chevrolet, 499, 21.
17. (3) William Byron, Chevrolet, 499, 26.
18. (7) Carson Hocevar, Chevrolet, 499, 19.
19. (21) Daniel Hemric, Chevrolet, 499, 18.
20. (15) Tyler Reddick, Toyota, 499, 24.
21. (30) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 499, 16.
22. (26) Justin Haley, Ford, 499, 15.
23. (19) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 499, 0.
24. (4) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 499, 29.
25. (29) Kyle Busch, Chevrolet, 498, 12.
26. (23) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 497, 11.
27. (31) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Chevrolet, 497, 10.
28. (20) Joey Logano, Ford, 496, 9.
29. (25) Josh Berry, Ford, 496, 8.
30. (32) Erik Jones, Toyota, 496, 7.
31. (35) Daniel Suárez, Chevrolet, 496, 6.
32. (24) Todd Gilliland, Ford, 496, 5.
33. (28) John H. Nemechek, Toyota, 491, 4.
34. (37) Josh Billicki, Ford, 467, 0.
35. (34) Harrison Burton, Ford, 422, 2.
36. (9) Corey LaJoie, Chevrolet, accident, 330, 1.
37. (36) Kaz Grala, Ford, garage, 296, 1.

Average Speed of Race Winner: 101.277 mph.

Time of Race: 2 hours, 37 minutes, 53 seconds.

Margin of Victory: 7.088 seconds.

Caution Flags: 5 for 36 laps.

Lead Changes: 8 among 4 drivers.

Lap Leaders: A.Bowman 0-32; K.Larson 33-129; A.Bowman 130; K.Larson 131-244; A.Bowman 245; T.Reddick 246-248; K.Larson 249-332; B.Wallace 333; K.Larson 334-500

Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): K.Larson, 4 times for 462 laps; A.Bowman, 3 times for 34 laps; T.Reddick, 1 time for 3 laps; B.Wallace, 1 time for 1 lap.

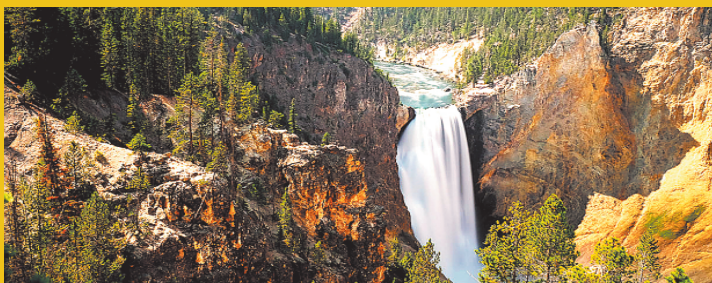
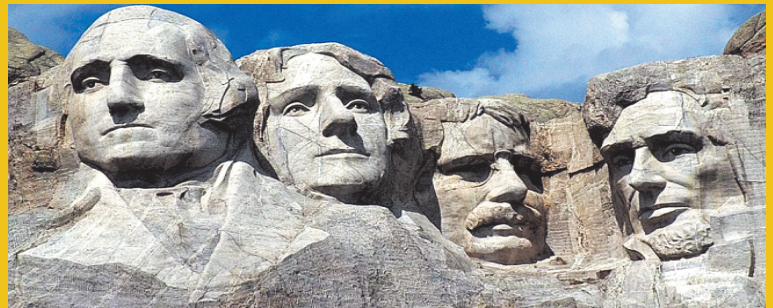
Top 16 in Points: 1. C.Bell, 2089; 2. A.Cindric, 2086; 3. J.Logano, 2084; 4. A.Bowman, 2084; 5. D.Suárez, 2079; 6. T.Reddick, 2073; 7. C.Elliott, 2073; 8. R.Blaney, 2072; 9. K.Larson, 2069; 10. W.Byron, 2068; 11. C.Briscoe, 2049; 12. T.Gibbs, 2049; 13. D.Hamlin, 2043; 14. B.Keselowski, 2037; 15. M.Trux, 2035; 16. H.Burton, 2029.





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NASCAR 2025

Cup Series Season Results



William Byron

DAYTONA 500

William Byron avoided a chaotic last lap overtime incident to emerge with his second straight Daytona 500



Christopher Bell

win. Denny Hamlin spun from the lead after contact from Cole Custer, opening the door for Byron's Chevrolet. The Toyotas of Tyler Reddick and Jimmie Johnson finished second and third, respectively.

ATLANTA

Christopher Bell led just one lap at Atlanta but it was enough to claim his tenth

career victory. Bell held off the Chevrolets of Carson Hocevar and Kyle Larson in a wild, three-wide overtime finish.

COTA

Christopher Bell earned his second consecutive series win, taking the lead from Kyle Busch and then withstanding a late race charge from William Byron on the Texas road course. Polesitter Tyler Reddick finished third.

PHOENIX

Christopher Bell maintained his early season hot streak, holding off teammate Denny Hamlin in a two-lap shootout to win the spring Phoenix race for the second straight year. Bell led 103 of 312 circuits. Kyle Larson scored his second podium finish with a third-place run.

LAS VEGAS

Josh Berry emerged from a late race battle with Daniel Suarez to claim his first Cup Series victory and the 101st for the Wood Brothers at Las Vegas. Suarez held on for second while Ryan Preece ran third.

HOMESTEAD

Kyle Larson earned his first win of the season and 30th of his career after polesitter Alex Bowman made contact with the wall with six laps remaining. Bowman held on to finish second, with Bubba Wallace in third.



Joey Logano

The Chevrolet pilot led 243 of 297 laps but couldn't hold off Hamlin on an overtime restart. Byron was second and Christopher Bell third.

MARTINSVILLE

Denny Hamlin dispensed with polesitter Christopher Bell on the final restart to collect his first 2025 victory. Hamlin led 274 of the race's final 275 laps and won Martinsville for the sixth time. Bell finished second and Bubba Wallace was third.

DARLINGTON

Denny Hamlin won back-to-back races, claiming the top



Denny Hamlin

spot at Darlington after a late race duel with William Byron.

BRISTOL

Kyle Larson was never seriously challenged in the Food City 500, leading 411 laps and besting second-place Denny Hamlin by 2.2 seconds. Ty Gibbs recorded his best finish of the season, running third.

TALLADEGA

Austin Cindric passed Ryan Preece on the final lap and locked himself into the playoffs by edging out his fellow Ford driver. NASCAR subsequently disqualified Preece and third-place Joey Logano, advancing Kyle Larson and William Byron to podium finishes.

TEXAS

Joey Logano bounced back from his Talladega DQ to pass race leader Michael McDowell

then emerged out front after an overtime restart. Ross Chastain finished second and Ryan Blaney third. All the top three drivers started outside the top 20.



Ross Chastain

KANSAS

Kyle Larson turned in a dominant performance, leading 221 of 267 laps to win the spring Kansas race for the second consecutive year. Christopher Bell started third and finished second, one spot better than Ryan Blaney.

CHARLOTTE



Ryan Blaney

NIGHT MOVES

Ross Chastain overcame long odds, starting a backup Chevrolet in the rear of the Coca-Cola 600 field then passing race leader William Byron with just five laps to go then holding on for the win. Byron led 283 of 400 laps but settled for second with Chase Briscoe third.

NASHVILLE

Ryan Blaney became the third Penske driver to win over a six-week stretch, punching his playoff ticket by leading 139 of 300 laps under the lights at Nashville. Rookie Carson Hocevar finished second and Denny Hamlin was third.

MICHIGAN

Denny Hamlin earned his third win of the season, winning a fuel mileage battle on the 2-mile Michigan Speedway. Chris Buescher finished second, 1.09 seconds



Chase Briscoe

behind with Ty Gibbs third in another JGR Toyota.

MEXICO CITY

Shane Van Gisbergen put on a master class in the Cup Series first race outside the U.S., in 50 years, besting second place Christopher Bell by a massive 16.5 seconds. Chase Elliott finished third.

POCONO

Chase Briscoe earned his first victory for Joe Gibbs Racing, midway through his first season there, taking a tense fuel-mileage contest. Briscoe led 72 laps and held off Denny Hamlin and Ryan Blaney to collect the trophy.

ATLANTA

Chase Elliott, in the midst of an amazingly consistent



Shane Van Gisbergen

season, finally broke into victory lane with a last-lap pass of Brad Keselowski to

make the home state crowd happy. Keselowski finished second and Alex Bowman third in a race with 46 lead changes

among 13 drivers.

CHICAGO

Shane Van Gisbergen won on the Chicago street course for the second time in three years, this time after qualifying on the pole. The race finished under caution after Cody Ware's car was hung up in a tire barrier. Ty Gibbs finished second and

Tyler Reddick third.

SONOMA

Another road course another win for Shane Van Gisbergen. The Cup Series rookie again won from the pole in his first trip to northern California. He led 97 laps but withstood a late race restart to triumph over Chase Briscoe and Chase Elliott.

DOVER

Denny Hamlin held off teammate Chase Briscoe on two-lap overtime restart to claim his fourth victory of

2025. Briscoe was second for the second straight week with Alex Bowman in third.

INDIANAPOLIS

Bubba Wallace overcame a late race shower and a pair of overtime restarts to earn the Brickyard 400 victory. Kyle Larson finished second, 0.222 seconds behind Wallace, while 23XI team co-owner Denny Hamlin was third.

IOWA

William Byron notched his first victory since the Daytona 500, conserving enough fuel to win at the Iowa Speedway. Pole winner Chase Briscoe finished second while Brad Keselowski narrowly missed out another shot at victory to finish third.

WATKINS GLEN

Shane Van Gisbergen blazed

through the field after his final pit stop, pushing his Chevrolet to his fourth straight road course victory, winning by over 11 seconds over second-place Christopher Bell. Chris Buescher placed third.

DAYTONA

Ryan Blaney raced from twelfth to first in the final three laps to win in a three-wide photo finish over challengers Daniel Suarez and Justin Haley. A win by any of



the second through fifth-place drivers would have locked them into the playoffs.

DARLINGTON

Chase Briscoe kicked off the NASCAR playoffs with a dominant performance to win the Southern 500 at Darlington, S.C. The winner led 309 of 367 laps, outlasting Tyler Reddick and Erik Jones over the closing laps. ♦

RICHMOND

Austin Dillon claimed victory under the lights at the Richmond Raceway for the second straight year, this time without the controversy surrounding his 2024 victory. Dillon was unstoppable, leading 107 laps to win over Alex Bowman and Ryan Blaney.



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Bristol Motor Speedway Track Facts

Track Dimensions:

0.533-mile concrete oval

Degree of banking in corners: Variable, 24 to 28 Degrees

Degree of banking on frontstretch: 5 to 9 degrees

Degree of banking on backstretch: 4 to 8 degrees

Straightaways: 650 feet

Concrete racing surface is 40 feet wide

BMS Nicknames:

"World's Fastest Half-Mile"

"The Last Great Colosseum"

"Thunder Valley"

"Holy Grail of Short Tracks"

Race Distances:

NASCAR Cup Series event: 500 laps (266.5 miles)

NASCAR Xfinity Series event: 300 laps (159.9 miles)

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2024 RACE RECAP

Custer gets “unbelievable” Food City 300 victory

Allen Gregory
Bristol Herald Courier

It was a night to remember for Cole Custer at Bristol Motor Speedway.

In the opening moments of the Food City 300 NASCAR Xfinity Series race, the defending series champion smacked the outside wall due to a flat tire.

By the end of night, Custer had earned his 15th career victory and the Xfinity regular season title.

“Man, this is unbelievable,” Custer said. “Our confidence was going down this past month, so to get this win and momentum is huge.”

With the help of his crew, Custer rallied from his early misfortune to take the lead from Sam Mayer on lap 150 and he improved steadily from there.

Custer led for a total of 104 laps, including the final 91.

“This win is a testament to my guys,” Custer said. “We had a really hard month, but everybody in our shop kept their heads in it.

“We had a great car all night, and now we are ready to get to the playoffs.”

Sheldon Creed, Chandler Smith, Jesse Love and Ryan Truex rounded out the top five finishers.



Emily Ball / Bristol Herald Courier

It was the second straight runner-up finish for Creed and 13th of his career.

“I was trying everything at the end,” Creed said. “I was bouncing the car off the wall, trying to run the middle and staying out of the rubber.

“I don’t care how many second place finishes I have at this point. It’s cool to run this

well every week.”

Justin Allgaier was dealt several doses of bad luck. After leading the first 60 laps, the series veteran lost the rear bumper cover on his car following a collision with the Austin Green machine.

When the race resumed on lap 65, Allgaier was 24th.

Allgaier assured his crew

over the team radio that he would charge back through the field and that’s exactly what he did. Allgaier was running third on lap 154 when he was involved in another spin. This time, Allgaier’s car suffered heavy damage.

The night became even more frustrating for Allgaier

on lap 202 when he spun for a tire issue.

Allgaier entered the race with a 43-point margin over Custer atop the regular season standings, but he was forced to settle for the No. 30 finishing spot.

How will Allgaier be able to

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out Friday's nightmare behind him?

"That's a great question," Allgaier said. "I don't really have any words for tonight, to be honest. It started with us getting damage from a wreck in front of us.

"Then we tried to get as many points as possible, but I'm just really bummed about tonight. It was frustrating."

Allgaier is still atop the Xfinity standings, but that wasn't enough to cheer him up late Friday.

"No real comfort from that," Allgaier said. "It was very obvious at the beginning of the race that we had the best car, and there's nothing to show for it."

To the delight of the many Earnhardt fans at the track, Jeffrey Earnhardt qualified sixth with his uncle Dale Earnhardt Jr in the No. 11 spot.

While Jeffrey raced inside the top five over the first 35 laps, Dale Jr. became agitated early in the race due to a problem with his radio.

Unable to communicate with his trusty spotter T.J. Majors over the entire first run, Dale Jr. dropped back to the No. 27 spot by lap 38. When Dale Jr. attempted to adjust the radio inside the car, his glasses fell into his helmet. Somehow, he was able to salvage a seventh-place finish.

"I had fun," Earnhardt said. "I was worried because things were headed in the wrong direction early, but I did my best. We tried to not to lose any laps and we tried to get things right. It's just fun to be able to come out and run with these kids tonight."

Will Dale Jr. attempt another

race in the future?

"I feel like I really need to focus on my work in the (television) booth," Earnhardt said. "But maybe I will sign up for something in 2026."

Jeffrey sputtered to the No. 35 finishing spot.

Parker Kligerman and Sammy Smith earned the final final two spots into the 12-driver playoff field.

Jeremy Clements, who entered the night ranked in the No. 21 spot in points, captured the second stage.

It was the first career stage win at BMS for Clements and the first stage win of the season for the personable driver from Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Stefan Parsons, who drives in the Truck Series for the Abingdon-based Henderson Motorsports team, experienced engine problems in his Alpha Prime Racing entry and was unable to enter the race until lap 14.

It was the Xfinity season debut for Parsons, who worked for the No. 33 finishing spot.

Knoxville's Chad Finchem finished in the No. 32 position.

Chandler Smith earned his fifth Xfinity career pole Friday afternoon with a time of 15.810 seconds at 121.366 mph in the No. 81 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota.

Dawson Cram was the only driver who failed to qualify.

The race was slowed by a total of seven cautions for 57 laps, including four cautions over the first 122 laps. ♦



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18. (34) Shane Van Gisbergen, Chevrolet, 299, 19.
19. (19) Joe Graf Jr, Toyota, 299, 19.
20. (22) Josh Billicki, Chevrolet, 299, 17.
21. (32) Josh Williams, Chevrolet, 299, 16.
22. (33) Blaine Perkins, Ford, 299, 15.
23. (36) Kyle Sieg, Ford, 299, 14.
24. (26) Ryan Ellis, Chevrolet, 299, 13.
25. (25) Jeb Burton, Chevrolet, 299, 12.
26. (9) Kyle Weatherman, Chevrolet, 298, 11.
27. (35) Logan Bearden, Ford, 298, 10.
28. (30) Carson Ware, Chevrolet, 295, 9.
29. (38) Greg Van Alst, Chevrolet, 292, 8.
30. (4) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 290, 7.
31. (31) Leland Honeyman, Chevrolet, 290, 6.
32. (18) Chad Finchem, Ford, 280, 5.
33. (23) Stefan Parsons, Chevrolet, 276, 0.
34. (24) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, 275, 3.
35. (6) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Toyota, accident, 205, 0.
36. (37) Garrett Smithley, Ford, reargear, 113, 1.
37. (27) Parker Retzlaff, Chevrolet, accident, 51, 1.
38. (28) Austin Green, Chevrolet, accident, 50, 1.

Race Statistics

Average Speed of Race Winner: 79.341 mph.

Time of Race: 2 hours, .0 minutes, 55 seconds.

Margin of Victory: 0.896 seconds.

Caution Flags: 7 for 57 laps.

Lead Changes: 11 among 9 drivers.

Lap Leaders: C.Smith 0; J.Allgaier 1-60; C.Smith 61-89; J.Love 90; R.Sieg 91-95; S.Mayer 96-150; C.Custer 151-155; D.Earnhardt 156; J.Clements 157-173; C.Custer 174-180; S.Creed 181-208; C.Custer 209-300

Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): C.Custer, 3 times for 104 laps; J.Allgaier, 1 time for 60 laps; S.Mayer, 1 time for 55 laps; C.Smith, 2 times for 29 laps; S.Creed, 1 time for 28 laps; J.Clements, 1 time for 17 laps; R.Sieg, 1 time for 5 laps; J.Love, 1 time for 1 lap; D.Earnhardt, 1 time for 1 lap.

Top 16 in Points: 1. C.Custer, 911; 2. J.Allgaier, 908; 3. C.Smith, 889; 4. A.Hill, 825; 5. S.Creed, 814; 6. A.Allmendinger, 812; 7. J.Love, 773; 8. R.Herbst, 752; 9. P.Kligerman, 726; 10. S.Smith, 684; 11. R.Sieg, 648; 12. S.Van Gisbergen, 625; 13. S.Mayer, 597; 14. B.Jones, 545; 15. A.Alfredo, 514; 16. B.Poole, 451.





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Spring winner Smith

hopes to sweep 2025 BMS truck races

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Chandler Smith entered the 2025 NASCAR Truck Series playoffs with a sense of confidence.

There's a good reason for that.

"I feel like this first round is our strong suit, especially going back to Bristol," Smith said during a recent press conference.

The driver of the No. 38 Front Row Motorsports Ford earned his sixth career win in the April 11 Weather Guard Truck race at Bristol Motor Speedway.

There was nothing routine about Smith's accomplishment as he held off race favorite Kyle Larson following a restart with seven laps remaining.

Flash forward to the playoff opener at Darlington Speedway on Aug. 30.

Due to an early crash, the native of Talking Rock, Georgia, finished in the No. 30 spot.

The next two races are the UNOH 200 at Bristol on Sept. 11 and the Sept. 20 event at New Hampshire Motor Speedway.

"We had that win at Bristol earlier this year, and New Hampshire is

one of my favorite racetracks. It's got a lot of similarities and I consider it a short track," Smith said. "Given my background, I feel like these races fit into our narrative."

Front Row teammate and fellow playoff contender Layne Riggs went to victory lane last September in the UNOH 200.

Smith actually led the opening 10 laps at Darlington before his truck hit the outside wall on lap 11.

Due to tire damage, the Smith machine slammed into the outside wall one lap later and his hopes of victory were doomed by suspension damage.

Does Smith feel pressure entering another race weekend at Bristol?

"With Bristol and New Hampshire, we're trying to get checkered flags and make sure we advance ourselves to the next round,"



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to make it to the final four."

Counting the Xfinity series, Smith has advanced to the NASCAR playoffs five times.

"With that, I've gained a lot of experience and knowledge on how to manage each race and each round. Because at the end of the day, the goal is to make it to Phoenix to have a shot at winning the championship," Smith said.

"This playoff system doesn't necessarily reward the guy that's got seven wins for the season. It awards the guy who makes it to Phoenix and beats the other three once you get there."

According to Smith, the key to mounting a playoff run comes down to the basics.

"The biggest challenge is probably just execution on the racetrack, between the pit crew and between pit calls," Smith said. "We just have to make sure we all execute and we're all rowing the boat in the same direction."

"I'm confident with all of the things that we've got and all of the resources that Ford provides us with, that we have everything right here at our disposal to at least make it to Phoenix." ♦

Smith said. "Round two is kind of the haymaker round. You've got the Charlotte Roval, Talladega and Martinsville.

"A lot can happen

between Charlotte Roval and Talladega and then even Martinsville. Hopefully, we can just make it to that round and we can execute there and try



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Riggs aims for

BMS repeat, this time as title contender

Allen Gregory
Bristol Herald Courier

NASCAR Truck Series driver Layne Riggs solved the Bristol Motor Speedway puzzle last September as a spoiler.

This week, the second-generation racer from Bahama, North Carolina, will try to double his Bristol fun as a championship contender. "Of course, there's a lot of pressure, but I feel like I'm ready for it," said Riggs in a recent press conference.

Flash back to the second event of the 2024 NASCAR Truck series playoffs at Bristol.

Despite not qualifying for the playoff round, Riggs won the opening event at the Milwaukee Mile. The next stop was BMS and UNOH 200.

After passing Corey Heim for the lead on lap 121, Riggs stormed to his second career victory.

Entering this year's UNOH 200, Riggs trails only Heim in the playoff standings by a 59-point margin.

"I was wishing I was in it last year, but I still had the opportunity and got a couple of wins," Rigg said. "I'm glad the points worked out this season and I'm glad we got some wins before the playoffs this year."

According to Riggs, he has all the essentials with his No.



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34 Front Row Motorsports Ford led by crew chief Dylan Capello.

"I know what it takes to go fast and to put everything together to make a championship run," Riggs said. "I'm just very grateful that I got the opportunity to go for it now and try to do the same thing I did last year."

The Sept. 20 race at New Hampshire will serve as the cut-off event for opening round of the Truck series playoffs.

"New Hampshire is very similar to the Milwaukee Mile," Riggs said. "Our goal is to maximize our days to gain more of a points buffer."

Following New Hampshire,

races will follow at the Charlotte Motor Speedway Roval, Talladega and Martinsville before the Oct. 31 finale at Phoenix Raceway.

"Hopefully heading into a Talladega and a Martinsville that is such a wildcard, we will have enough points buffer to say, 'Hey, let's just have a good, solid day. If you're in the

hornet's nest, back out a little bit."

"No Hail Mary's in the playoffs. That's the goal for us," Riggs said.

Qualifying for the UNOH 200 presented by Ohio Logistics, is scheduled at 4:10 p.m., on Sept. 11 with the green flag set to wave at about 8 p.m. ♦

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Sawalich claims

second straight Bush's Beans 200

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Another prodigy has earned a passing grade at one of the toughest tracks in motorsports.

Defending race winner William Sawalich, 17, captured Thursday's ARCA Series Bush's

with just four laps remaining. Sawalich held off Landen Lewis (Ocean Isle Beach, N.C.) in the two-lap dash for the trophy.

"We had to be cautious around the lapped cars tonight. And there were lots

laps.

Sawalich, won eight ARCA races this season, has support from the Joe Gibbs Racing empire and from ARCA series veteran Frank Kimmell.

Lewis is another rising star with VIP connections.

his teammate Andres Perez (Mexico City, Mexico) in fourth and Dean Thompson from Venturini Motorsports next in line. Perez is the ARCA national points leader.

Meanwhile a perfect day turned into a nightmarish night for 18-year-old Connor Zilisch.

Entering the race, the four-time race winner needed only to finish among the top 12 to clinch the ARCA East championship with his Pinnacle Racing Group team.

Zilisch earned the pole with a lap of 123.777 mph, with Sawalich in second.

The nightmare sequence came on lap 65 when Zilisch slammed into the spinning car of female racer Logan Misuraca. Zilisch was unable to return to the track and finished in the No. 26 position.

"It's frustrating to end a season like that and lose a championship in that way, but we've had a hell of a year and we have nothing to hang our heads about," Zilisch said. "When you have an eight-race championship, any one race can take you out of contention."

The Sawalich crew informed their driver of the championship implications shortly after the Zilisch crash.

"That was kind of a surprise in the middle of the race," Sawalich said. "The news made me happy and gave me the drive to go after the win."

Sprint Car sensation Corey Day (Clovis, Calif.) finished seventh in his second career ARCA start. NASCAR Cup Series title contender Kyle Larson is one of the biggest supporters of Day and he supplied a pit box and several Cup Series crewmen for Day in Thursday's event.

Amber Balcaen knows frustration. The series regular from Winnipeg, Manitoba, has worked with six different crew chiefs this season struggled to a 25th place effort Thursday.

The race featured a familiar face in Peterson Motorsports rookie driver Mitch Gibson, a King University graduate now living in Weyers Cave, Virginia. He finished in the No. 30 spot after qualifying 24th.

Gibson served as a crewman in all three of the top NASCAR series, including stints with the Abingdon-based Morgan-McClure Motorsports and Henderson Motorsports teams. He has competed in numerous Late Model races at tracks across the south. ♦



Beans 200 at Bristol Motor Speedway.

The first-generation racer from Eden Prairie, Minnesota, clinched the ARCA East championship in the process.

The race was slowed by a record 13 cautions for 76 laps, including six stoppages over the first 100 laps.

The final caution came

of restarts, so I had plenty of chances to work on them," Sawalich said. "I can't thank (Lewis) enough for racing me clean. We've been friends for a while and it's great racing with him here."

Navigating around slower cars and mastering the high-speed turns like a veteran, Sawalich led a total of 103

He drives for the Kevin Harvick, Inc. team and has guided the development of Harvick's 11-year-old son Keelan in the Legends car ranks. NASCAR Hall of Famer Ron Hornaday, who was in the BMS pits Thursday, serves as the driving coach for Lewis.

Rev Racing driver Lavar Scott finished third, with

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2024 RACE RECAP

Riggs playsplayoff spoiler, snags UNOH 200 trophy

Allen Gregory
Bristol Herald Courier

Layne Riggs wanted to be a spoiler in the 2024 NASCAR Truck Series playoffs.

Mission accomplished. Relying on old tires, the second-generation racer earned his second straight series win in Thursday's UNOH 200 at Bristol Motor Speedway.

Riggs, the 22-year-old son of former NASCAR competitor Scott Riggs, claimed his first career Truck Series victory on Aug. 25 at the historic Milwaukee Mile.

"We have just learned so much together with the cars and trucks," Riggs said. "My crew chief (Dylan Cappello) is bad ass, and the average age on our team is in the 20s."

Riggs struggled badly over the first half of the season in the No. 38 Front Row Motorsports Ford. He exorcised his frustration with his charge at Milwaukee, and then dislocated his shoulder in the post-race celebration.

"To be running the way we were and all of sudden go back-to-back in the Playoffs is so amazing," Riggs said. "Man, I wish we were in the Playoff mix because I think we would be a real threat to win the

championship."

Defending race winner Corey Heim finished second, with Rajah Caruth, Christian Eckes and Nick Sanchez next in line.

"We had a great truck and great pit stops," Heim said. "We just didn't have it at the end when the (track) grooves started to move around. It was a still solid points day, and that's what you need for the Playoffs."

Caruth, who entered the night below the Playoff cutoff line, earned his first career stage win to open the race and mounted a consistent finish in his Hendrick Cars. com entry.

"We just executed the race and I'm really proud of my team," Carruth said. "I'm happy for Layne. He deserved the win. We just fell short at the end."

Spire Motorsports driver Connor Zilisch, 18, won the pole with a near flawless effort of 15.325 seconds at 125.207 mph. Zilisch led the first 41 laps but managed just a 19th playoff place finish. Bristol marked the third career Truck start and second pole for Zilisch.

"A lot of great people help



to make this all happen, from Chevrolet to Scott Speed and everyone at Spire Motorsports," said Zilisch shortly after his pole run. "Driving fast cars makes me look good and I'm thankful to be in the position I am with the teams I get to work with."



The first of four caution periods came on the final lap of the second stage when the Zilisch truck spun after a tap from Nick Sanchez.

Heim emerged as the winner of the second stage. Following an extended period of track cleanup, 29 laps remained when the drama resumed with Riggs at the front.

Fans rose to their feet on lap 181 for a spin involving the Jack Wood truck. Wood was bumped from behind by Ben

Rhodes.

With 13 laps left, Riggs maintained the lead on the restart by going to the high side of the track.

"I wasn't scared to throw it against the fence tonight," Riggs said. "I'm so glad they didn't put the PJ1 on the track."

It was so much fun. Even at the very end you could run the bottom or the top and make equal lap times."

Stefan Parsons qualified in the No.13 spot for the Abingdon-based Henderson Motorsports team. After falling back to 25th to begin the third stage, Parsons came home in the No. 16 spot.

Former IndyCar racer Marco Andretti and Justin Carroll were the only drivers who failed to qualify. ♦

UNOH Results

Bristol Motor Speedway, Bristol, Tenn.

(Start position in parentheses)

1. (18) Layne Riggs, Ford, 200 laps, 50 points.
2. (2) Corey Heim, Toyota, 200, 54.
3. (3) Rajah Caruth, Chevrolet, 200, 52.
4. (8) Christian Eckes, Chevrolet, 200, 50.
5. (6) Nicholas Sanchez, Chevrolet, 200, 44.
6. (11) Matt Crafton, Ford, 200, 34.
7. (9) Chase Purdy, Chevrolet, 200, 33.
8. (19) Ty Majeski, Ford, 200, 29.
9. (5) Stewart Friesen, Toyota, 200, 38.
10. (14) Tyler Ankrum, Chevrolet, 200, 27.
11. (4) William Sawalich, Toyota, 200, 34.
12. (16) Taylor Gray, Toyota, 200, 25.
13. (28) Bret Holmes, Chevrolet, 200, 24.
14. (17) Dean Thompson, Toyota, 200, 25.
15. (26) Bayley Currey, Chevrolet, 200, 22.
16. (13) Stefan Parsons, Chevrolet, 200, 21.
17. (15) Grant Enfinger, Chevrolet, 200, 20.
18. (22) Corey Day, Chevrolet, 200, 19.
19. (1) Connor Zilisch, Chevrolet, 200, 0.
20. (20) Connor Mosack, Chevrolet, 200, 17.
21. (21) Jake Garcia, Ford, 200, 16.
22. (27) Timmy Hill, Toyota, 200, 15.
23. (10) Tanner Gray, Toyota, 200, 14.
24. (29) Lawless Alan, Ford, 199, 13.
25. (30) Matt Mills, Chevrolet, 199, 12.
26. (24) Jack Wood, Chevrolet, 199, 11.
27. (25) Ben Rhodes, Ford, 198, 10.
28. (35) Justin Mondeik, Chevrolet, 198, 0.
29. (31) Spencer Boyd, Chevrolet, 198, 8.
30. (12) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 198, 7.
31. (32) Mason Maggio, Ford, 196, 6.
32. (7) Daniel Dye, Chevrolet, 194, 6.
33. (34) Keith McGee, Ford, 194, 4.
34. (33) Tyler Tomassi, Chevrolet, 192, 3.
35. (36) Kaden Honeycutt, Chevrolet, accident, 157, 2.
36. (23) Conner Jones, Ford, overheating, 126, 1.

Race Statistics

Average Speed of Race Winner: 79.542 mph.

Time of Race: 1 hour, 20 minutes, 24 seconds.

Margin of Victory: 1.096 seconds.

Caution Flags: 4 for 39 laps.

Lead Changes: 8 among 5 drivers.

Lap Leaders: C.Zilisch 0-41; C.Heim 42-51; R.Caruth 52-59; C.Heim 60; T.Hill 61-65; C.Heim 66-99; R.Caruth 100; C.Heim 101-120; L.Riggs 121-200

Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): L.Riggs, 1 time for 80 laps; C.Heim, 4 times for 65 laps; C.Zilisch, 1 time for 41 laps; R.Caruth, 2 times for 9 laps; T.Hill, 1 time for 5 laps.

Top 16 in Points: 1. C.Eckes, 2090; 2. T.Majeski, 2074; 3. C.Heim, 2071; 4. N.Sanchez, 2064; 5. T.Gray, 2043; 6. T.Ankrum, 2043; 7. D.Dye, 2039; 8. G.Enfinger, 2032; 9. B.Rhodes, 2030; 10. R.Caruth, 2028; 11. T.Gray, 436; 12. L.Riggs, 405; 13. S.Friesen, 395; 14. M.Crafton, 395; 15. C.Purdy, 369; 16. J.Garcia, 349.



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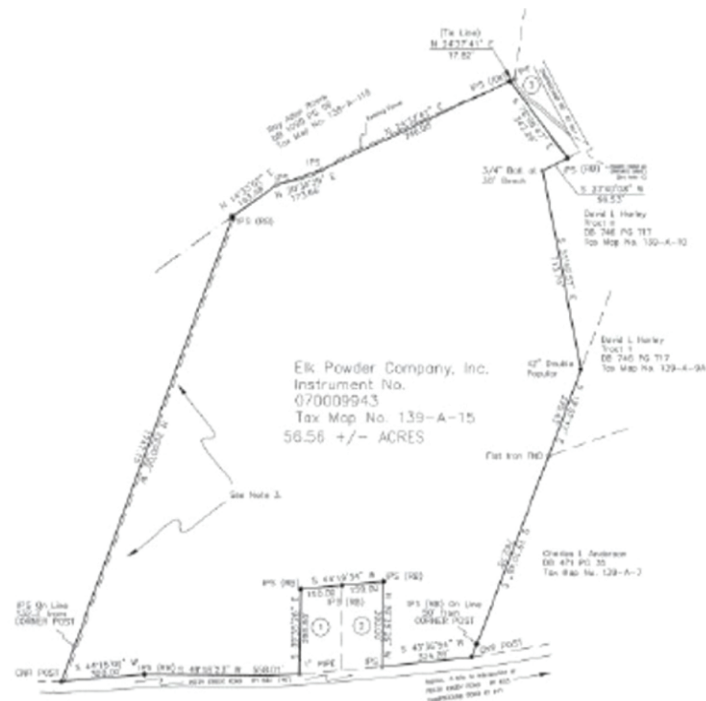
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Allgaier wants to

again taste victory in Food City 300

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The formula for success at Bristol Motor

Speedway involves a blend of intelligence, aggression and patience.

NASCAR Xfinity Series veteran Justin Allgaier knows the path.

In 25 career Xfinity starts at the high-banked 0.533-mile short track, the 39-year-old native of Riverton, Illinois, has recorded two wins and 12 top-five finishes.

"Bristol is a special place for me," Allgaier said. "There's just something about the track that suits my driving style."

Just how special is Bristol to Allgaier?

Consider that he earned his first Xfinity Series victory at BMS in 2010 and posted his best Cup Series performance with an eighth-place effort in the 2015 Night Race.

"Bristol has always been one of my favorite tracks on the schedule," Allgaier said. "I've felt comfortable from the day I turned my first laps there, and we've had extremely strong cars."

Entering the SciAps 300 earlier this April at BMS, Allgaier had led 60 laps or more in the last eight Bristol events. He had also led the



most laps in five of the last six races en route to winning eight of the last 16 stages.

Allgaier finished third in that April event, with Kyle Larson and Carson Kvapil taking the top two spots.

Following the Aug. 30 Xfinity event at Portland International Raceway, Allgaier trailed only eight-time race winner Connor Zilisch in points.

Allgaier and the 19-year-old Zilisch are teammates on the powerful JR Motorsports team.

Saturday's Food City 300 at Bristol will serve as the opening event in the Round of 12 Xfinity playoff schedule.

Allgaier hopes his proven formula for Bristol can translate into another joy ride in the mountains of Northeast Tennessee.

He has an average finish of 11.4 at BMS with 1,183 laps led.

"Bristol is that place where every driver wants to win," Allgaier said.

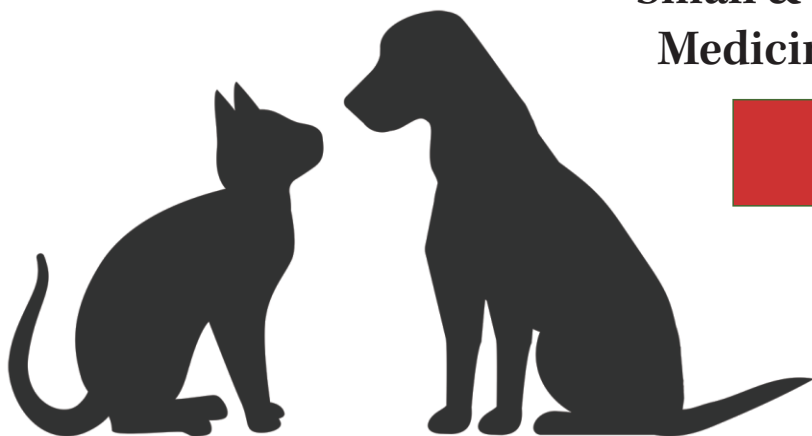
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Night Race

sparks some unforgettable moments

Under the lights at Bristol Motor Speedway, NASCAR transforms into something otherworldly—a thunderous Last Great Colosseum of speed, sparks and sheer drama. The Bass

controversial—as this one. With the 1999 Night Race winding down, Terry Labonte nudged his way past Earnhardt for the lead, but the Intimidator wasn't having it. On the final lap, Earnhardt applied the bumper of his

it all: carnage, chaos and a storybook ending on a then--new and controversial concrete surface. Veteran Darrell Waltrip, driving for his own Western Auto-backed team, led nearly half the race and bested Dale Earnhardt by a half-lap for the victory. It was Waltrip's 83rd and final Cup win, his record 12th Bristol victory.

3. Jeff Gordon vs. Rusty Wallace – Bump and Run

With laps winding down in the 2002 Night Race, Rusty Wallace had the lead and a shot at his first win in over a year. But Jeff Gordon wasn't going to wait politely. He executed a textbook bump-and-run – similar to the 1997 Food City 500 – nudging Wallace just enough to steal the win. Gordon's precision and Wallace's frustration made this moment unforgettable. While the victory was Gordon's fifth Cup Series triumph at Bristol, it was his lone win in the crown jewel Night Race.

4. Texas Terry holds on to win 1995 Night Race

Terry Labonte passed Earnhardt for the lead late in the 1995 Night Race and the Intimidator stalked Labonte until turn four on the final lap and made his move. He put the nose of his No. 3 Chevy to the rear of Labonte's No. 5 Chevy and

sent the "IceMan" spinning on a wild ride across the finish line. Labonte's out of control car impacted the outside wall twice before coming to a stop. The images of his heavily damaged race car smoking and leaking fluids in victory lane is a timeless capture after what transpired on the track. Labonte famously said in Victory Lane, "I hadn't put a scratch on it all night right there until the end, but that's just the way it goes."

5. Kyle Busch Sweeps the Weekend (2010 and 2017)

Love him or hate him, Kyle Busch's dominance in August 2010 was jaw-dropping. He became the first driver in NASCAR history to sweep all three national series races at the same track on the same weekend—Truck, Xfinity, and Cup—all under the lights of Bristol. It wasn't just history; it was total domination. The feat solidified Busch's reputation as one of the sport's most talented drivers. Busch showed that his 2010 effort was no fluke by repeating the effort in 2017. Busch remains the only Cup Series driver in history to win all three NASCAR races in a weekend.

6. NASCAR goes primetime on ESPN in 1985

The 1985 Night Race was the first primetime telecast

of a NASCAR race in history. ESPN carried the race and the fans watching from home and at the track were treated to an awesome showdown as rivals Dale Earnhardt and Tim Richmond battled door-handle to door-handle throughout the race. Earnhardt used his patented bump and run maneuver to eventually get past the talented Richmond on lap 482 and hung on to the lead with Richmond second all the way to the checkered flag. Earnhardt called it "good, close racing" and a frustrated Richmond said it was Earnhardt's "typical tactics" after the race. The race, which offered amazing action from two of the greatest to ever drive a stock car, is often pointed to as one that helped solidify NASCAR as a major national sport.

7. Dale Jr. shouts It's Bristol Baby! In 2004 Night Race victory

Dale Earnhardt Jr. won the 2004 Night Race, his only Cup Series victory at the challenging bullring. When the television reporter asked him why the win was so special, he blurted out "It's Bristol, baby!" and from that time on the phrase took on a life of its own. Today, it continues to be one of the track's main mantras, and also serves as the track's



Pro Shops Night Race isn't just another date on the calendar; it's a 500-lap spectacle where tempers flare, sheet metal crunches, and legends are made. Over the years, this race has given fans unforgettable moments.

Here are 10 spine-tingling memories that make America's Night Race a must-watch year after year.

1. Dale Earnhardt vs. Terry Labonte – "I Didn't Mean to Wreck Him, Just Meant to Rattle His Cage"

Few finishes in NASCAR history are as iconic—or

car to the rear bumper of Labonte's car and sent the No. 5 Chevrolet spinning in turn two. Earnhardt then rolled on to the victory – his ninth and final one here. The crowd erupted—half in cheers, half in boos—as chaos unfolded on pit road. Earnhardt's post-race explanation became legend when he said "I didn't mean to wreck him, just meant to rattle his cage though."

2. Darrell Waltrip tames concrete in last victory lane visit

The 1992 Night Race had

social media handle on nearly every platform. That weekend Earnhardt Jr. also won the Xfinity race on Friday night, giving him the first double win in Bristol history.

8. Tony Stewart's Helmet Throw

This moment didn't feature an on-track winner, but it remains one of the most memorable in Night Race lore. In the 2012 Night Race, Matt Kenseth and Tony Stewart were racing hard for the lead in the middle of the race, but made contact coming off turn 4. Both cars spun down the frontstretch. While Kenseth was able to continue, Stewart's car had to be picked up by the wrecker. A furious Stewart waited on

pit road until Kenseth's Ford approached then delivered a perfect strike – sending his helmet bouncing off Kenseth's hood – then motioning to the cheering crowd as he climbed into the ambulance.

9. Carl Edwards and Kyle Busch battle during, after

In the 2008 Night Race Carl Edwards bumped Kyle Busch out of the way with 30 laps remaining and then raced away from his rival to claim the checkered flag. After the race Busch retaliated and bumped Edwards in the cool down lap... then Edwards moved back down the track and returned the post-race bump to Busch, turning his car around. NASCAR then called Busch to the pits while



Edwards performed his winning backflip at the start-finish line.

10. The Water Bottle Toss

Another confrontation to come out of the wild and crazy 1995 Night Race, won by Terry Labonte, was a very hot-

tempered Rusty Wallace going after Earnhardt in the pit area on pit road. Both had started near the back and discussed working together. But on the race's fourth lap Earnhardt spun Wallace out exiting turn four. An unhappy Wallace

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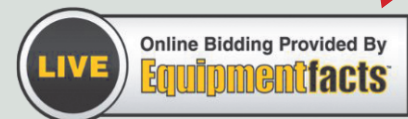
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Country Star Chris Janson

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Award-winning and multi-platinum selling singer-songwriter Chris Janson will perform the pre-race concert for the Bass Pro Shops Night Race at Bristol Motor Speedway.



Janson is in the middle of his 2025 nationwide tour and his latest studio album, *Wild Horses*, dropped on August 1. The first release from the album and current radio single, "Me & A Beer," has become a hit summertime anthem.

Janson, known for his five No. 1 hits, which include "Buy Me a Boat," "Fix a Drink," "Good Vibes," "All I Need is You," and "Done," has been called one of the most electrifying live

performers in country music and is sure to have the crowd on their feet all night.

Janson will take the stage in the BMS infield at 5 p.m. during the Crav'n Flavor Pre-Race Infield Experience presented by Food City. His

tunes will lead into the popular Bass Pro Shops Night Race Cup Series driver introductions, where each driver enters The Last Great Colosseum to their own selected music.

Fans who purchase the Crav'n Flavor Pre-Race Infield Experience presented by

Food City ticket upgrade will receive a seat to the Janson concert and the driver intros.

Crav'n Flavor and Food City were recently named sponsors of Bristol's popular Pre-Race Infield Experience.

"We can't wait to hear Chris Janson rock the Crav'n Flavor Pre-Race Infield, and we know the fans will love it too," said Steve Smith, Food City President and CEO, who carries the Crav'n Flavor brand. "Fans at Bristol Motor

Speedway have big cravings for events like this, and this is a great way to showcase the brand's partnership with such an exciting talent."

It will be the third NASCAR pre-race performance for the Grand Ole Opry member. Janson previously played at Nashville Superspeedway in 2021 and prior to the Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte Motor Speedway in 2022.

"Looking forward to a rowdy good time at Bristol Motor Speedway for the Bass Pro Night

Race pre-race concert brought to you by my friends at Crav'n Flavor," Janson said. "It's going to be an awesome night of fast driving and some good country music. The energy is going to be off the charts and can't wait to see y'all there!"

Janson is the latest country star to perform at Bristol Motor Speedway. The roster of

past performances includes Tim McGraw, Jake Owen, Morgan Wallen, Kenny Chesney, Eric Church, Hank Williams Jr., Brooks & Dunn, Jelly Roll, Jason Aldean, Cody Johnson, HARDY, Megan Moroney, Baily Zimmerman, Midland, Randy Houser, Travis Tritt, Joe Nichols, The Band Perry, Old Dominion, Radney Foster, Trace Adkins, Lonestar, Cody Jinks, Larry Fleet and ERNEST, among others.

"We are thrilled to have Grand Ole Opry member Chris

Janson to rev up our fans in the pre-race concert before the Bass Pro Shops Night Race," said Jerry Caldwell, president and general manager of Bristol Motor Speedway.

"Chris is a crown jewel performer in the country music industry, so it makes perfect sense to have him at The Last Great Colosseum to perform at one of NASCAR's crown jewel events, America's Night Race." ♦

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