

# RACING THIS WEEK

**TRUCKS NOTE:** Rackley W.A.R. has named **Chad Kendrick** as crew chief for Dawson Sutton and the No. 26 Rackley Roofing / W.A.R. Shocks Chevrolet Silverado for the 2025 NASCAR CRAFTSMAN Truck Series (NCTS) season. Kendrick returns to the organization after spending a year in the Xfinity Series, where he scored two poles, two top 5s and four top 10s.



## Staff moves for Spire

Spire Motorsports announced two key appointments to its competition staff.

Veteran crew chief Matt McCall has been named Director of Vehicle Performance and accomplished race engineer Dax Geringer has been named Technical Director for the Mooresville organization's three-car NASCAR Cup Series teams.

McCall comes to Spire Motorsports from RFK Racing, where he spent the last three seasons serving as crew chief for 2012 Cup Series Champion and RFK co-owner Brad Keselowski. The Denver, N.C., native is an 11-year-veteran crew chief in NASCAR's premier division and has called race wins for both Keselowski and 2004 Cup Series titlist Kurt Busch.

Geringer carved out nine seasons with Stewart-Haas Racing where he most recently served as lead race engineer supporting the No. 4 team's Cup Series' efforts.

McCall and Geringer will be tasked with working across Spire Motorsports Cup Series teams and directly with Competition Director Ryan Sparks on competitive development, R&D and further fortifying the team's relationship with Chevrolet and General Motors. Both will service all three teams and provide additional resources for crew chiefs Rodney Childers, Luke Lambert and Travis Peterson.

In its initial season as a full-time three-car operation in NASCAR's premier division, Spire Motorsports collected four top-five and 13 top-10 finishes with drivers Justin Haley, Corey LaJoie, Zane Smith and 2024 Sunoco Rookie of the Year Carson Hocevar.

Over the course of 11 seasons calling Cup Series races, the University of North Carolina at Charlotte alumnus, has tallied two poles, four wins, 47 top-five and 134 top-10 finishes.

McCall's most recent win came in May's Goodyear 500 at Darlington, where Keselowski led the race's final eight circuits to capture the checkered flag. During his three seasons leading RFK's No. 6 squad, the McCall/Keselowski duo posted one pole, one win, 17 top-five and 26 top-10 finishes while pacing the field for 881 laps.

Prior to RFK, McCall spent seven seasons with Chip Ganassi Racing where he handled pit boss chores for Busch and Jamie McMurray and led the organization to playoff berths in six of the seven years he was with the team.

Separate from his positions as a crew chief and race engineer, McCall had a successful driving career, earning over 60 late-model stock car wins. He has also made seven starts in the NASCAR Xfinity Series and two in the NASCAR CRAFTSMAN Truck Series.

Geringer, who holds a master's degree in engineering from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, spent the last nine seasons with Stewart-Haas Racing alongside Childers as Lead Engineer for the No. 4 team with 2014 Cup Series Champion Kevin Harvick and most recently Josh Berry.

From 2016-2022, the Gibsonville, N.C., native collected 29 wins including back-to-back victories (2019-2020) at the famed Brickyard 400.

He began his professional career at Bill Davis Racing where he worked closely with drivers Dave Blaney, Jeremy Mayfield, Michael Waltrip and Scott Wimmer.

## SPEED GENERATIONS

### A holiday celebration of father-son racing duos

By Marco Buscaglia

Here are eleven famous father-son duos in racing, including the years they raced and their notable achievements:

#### Bobby Allison and Davey Allison

**Allison: NASCAR**

- Bobby Allison (Raced 1961-1988)
- NASCAR Cup Series Championships: 1 (1983)
- Cup Series wins: 84 (Tied for 4th all-time)
- Daytona 500 wins: 3 (1978, 1982, 1988)
- Allison was one of NASCAR's most successful and versatile drivers in an era with drivers like Richard Petty and Cale Yarborough.
- Davey Allison (Raced 1985-1993)
- Cup Series wins: 19
- Daytona 500 wins: 1 (1992)
- Allison was a rising star in NASCAR during the late 1980s and early 1990s before his life was tragically cut short in a helicopter crash in 1993.

#### Mario Andretti and Michael Andretti

**Andretti: IndyCar and Formula 1**

- Mario Andretti (Raced 1968-1982 in F1, 1964-1994 in IndyCar)
- Formula 1 World Champion: 1978
- IndyCar Series Champion: 1965, 1966, 1969, 1984
- Indianapolis 500 winner: 1969
- One of the most versatile drivers, competing in Formula 1, IndyCar, NASCAR, and endurance racing.
- Michael Andretti (Raced 1984-2003 in IndyCar, 1993 in F1)
- IndyCar Series Champion: 1991
- Finished 3rd in the Indianapolis 500 several times.
- Michael had a brief and less successful stint in Formula 1, but excelled in IndyCar.

#### Buck Baker and Buddy Baker

**NASCAR**

- Buck Baker (Raced 1949-1976)
- NASCAR Cup Series Championships: 2 (1956, 1957)
- Cup Series wins: 46
- Baker was one of NASCAR's earliest stars and the first driver to win back-to-back Cup Series championships.
- Buddy Baker (Raced 1959-1994)
- Cup Series wins: 19
- Daytona 500 wins: 1 (1980)
- Baker was the first driver to break the 200 mph barrier at Talladega. After retiring, Buddy enjoyed a successful career as a TV commentator.

#### Dale Earnhardt and Dale Earnhardt Jr.

**NASCAR**

- Dale Earnhardt (Raced 1975-2001)
- NASCAR Cup Series Championships: 7 (1980, 1986, 1987, 1990, 1991, 1993, 1994)
- Cup Series wins: 76
- Daytona 500 wins: 1 (1998)
- Earnhardt, nicknamed the Intimidator for his aggressive driving style, is regarded as one of the greatest drivers in NASCAR history.
- Dale Earnhardt Jr. (Raced 1999-2017)
- NASCAR Xfinity Series Championships: 2 (1998, 1999)
- Cup Series wins: 26
- Daytona 500 wins: 2 (2004, 2014)
- Most Popular Driver award: 15 consecutive years (2003-2017)
- Earnhardt Jr. became one of the most popular drivers in NASCAR history.

#### Graham Hill and Damon Hill

**Formula 1**

- Graham Hill (Raced 1958-1975)
- Formula 1 World Champion: 1962, 1968
- Indianapolis 500 winner: 1966
- 24 Hours of Le Mans winner: 1972
- Monaco Grand Prix winner: 5 times
- The only driver to win the Triple Crown of Motorsport (Monaco GP, Indy 500, Le Mans).
- Damon Hill (Raced 1992-1999)
- Formula 1 World Champion: 1996
- First son of a Formula 1 World Champion to win the title himself.



#### Ned Jarrett and Dale Jarrett

**NASCAR**

- Ned Jarrett (Raced 1953-1966)
- NASCAR Cup Series Championships: 2 (1961, 1965)
- Cup Series wins: 50
- Jarrett was known for his smooth, steady driving style and consistency. He later became a popular television commentator.
- Dale Jarrett (Raced 1984-2008)
- NASCAR Cup Series Championships: 1 (1999)
- Cup Series wins: 32
- Daytona 500 wins: 3 (1993, 1996, 2000)
- Jarrett was known for his skill on superspeedways. He won three Daytona 500s.

#### Nigel Mansell and Leo Mansell

**Formula 1 / Endurance Racing**

- Nigel Mansell (Raced 1980-1995)
- Formula 1 World Champion: 1992
- CART IndyCar Champion: 1993
- Known for his aggressive driving and dramatic races.
- Leo Mansell (Raced 2006-2011)
- Competed in sports car and endurance racing but did not achieve the same success as his father.

#### Richard Petty and Kyle Petty

**NASCAR**

- Richard Petty (Raced 1958-1992)
- NASCAR Cup Series Champion: 7 times (1964, 1967, 1971, 1972, 1974, 1975, 1979)
- Daytona 500 winner: 7 times
- Known as "The King" of NASCAR with 200 race wins, the most in NASCAR history.
- Kyle Petty (Raced 1979-2008)
- 8 NASCAR Cup Series wins
- Although not as successful as his father, Kyle became a respected driver and commentator in NASCAR.

#### Keke Rosberg and Nico Rosberg

**Formula 1**

- Keke Rosberg (Raced 1978-1986)
- Formula 1 World Champion: 1982
- Known for his aggressive driving style and speed in qualifying.
- Nico Rosberg (Raced 2006-2016)
- Formula 1 World Champion: 2016
- Retired after winning his title.

#### Michael Schumacher and Mick Schumacher

**Formula 1**

- Michael Schumacher (Raced 1991-2012)
- Formula 1 World Champion: 7 times (1994, 1995, 2000-2004)
- Holds many Formula 1 records, including most world championships—tied with Lewis Hamilton.
- Mick Schumacher (Raced 2021-2022 in F1, current reserve driver)
- Formula 2 Champion: 2020
- Mick is following in his father's footsteps, with potential for future success.

#### Bobby Unser and Al Unser Jr.

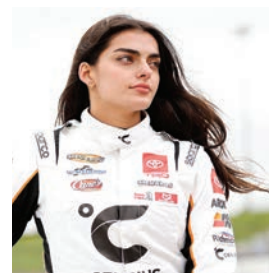
**IndyCar**

- Bobby Unser (Raced 1955-1983)
- Indianapolis 500 winner: 1968, 1975, 1981
- USAC National Champion: 1968, 1974
- Part of the famous Unser family racing dynasty.
- Al Unser Jr. (Raced 1983-2007)
- Indianapolis 500 winner: 1992, 1994
- IndyCar Series Champion: 1990, 1994
- Known for being a dominant force in IndyCar racing during the 1990s.

## Toni Breidinger to drive Trucks full-time for TRICON Garage

Toni Breidinger will drive full-time for TRICON Garage in the NASCAR CRAFTSMAN Truck Series in 2025, the team announced.

With sponsorship from long-time partners Raising Cane's, CELSIUS and Sunoco, Breidinger, 25, will be behind the wheel of the No. 5 Toyota Tundra TRD Pro, joining teammates Corey Heim and Tanner Gray. Heim finished second in the 2024 Truck Series standings behind champion Ty Majeski.



"Racing full-time with TRICON is a dream for me," said Breidinger, who made three Truck Series starts in 2023 and one this year. "It's been a 15-year process to get here, but I'm so excited for this moment and ready to capitalize on it."

"I wouldn't have this opportunity if it wasn't for Toyota, Raising Cane's, CELSIUS, and Sunoco. I'm beyond grateful to have these partners and team in my corner to take this next step in my career."

With 65 starts in the ARCA Menards Series, the San Francisco native already has an extensive racing resume. Driving for Venturini Motorsports, she finished fourth in the final ARCA standings in 2024, with 11 top 10s and a best result of sixth (twice), at Berlin, Mich., and Springfield, Ill.

At Kansas Speedway in 2023, Breidinger finished 15th in her first Truck Series start, a best-ever result for a female driver in her series debut.

In the Drive for Diversity Awards ceremony for 2021, Breidinger was recognized with the Developmental Series Driver Award as the first Arab-American woman to compete in a NASCAR-sanctioned event.

Racing isn't the only discipline in which Breidinger excels. She also maintains a successful modeling career, with representation from IMG Models, Roman Empire Management and Loop Legal.

With campaigns for GAP, Victoria's Secret and Free People already on her resume, Breidinger recently posed for the Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Issue.

"It's an honor to be featured in the 2025 @SI\_Swimsuit @SInow issue," Breidinger posted on the "X" social media site. "It's very surreal to be in this issue alongside so many inspiring athletes."

### 2024 CUP SERIES FINAL STANDINGS

Top 30 (w/ Champion in bold) as of Nov. 10

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 J. Logano Ford	5040	16 H. Burton Ford	2122
2 R. Blaney Ford	5035	17 C. Buescher Ford	930
3 W. Byron Chevrolet	5034	18 D. Wallace Jr. Toyota	878
4 T. Reddick Toyota	5031	19 R. Chastain Chevrolet	852
5 C. Bell Toyota	2413	20 Ky. Busch Chevrolet	766
6 K. Larson Chevrolet	2378	21 C. Hocevar Chevrolet	686
7 C. Elliott Chevrolet	2343	22 T. Gilliland Ford	630
8 D. Hamlin Toyota	2329	23 M. McDowell Ford	624
9 A. Bowman Chevrolet	2319	24 N. Gragson Ford	612
10 M. Truex Jr. Toyota	2258	25 R. Stenhouse Chevy	590
11 A. Cindric Ford	2248	26 R. Preece Ford	584
12 D. Suárez Chevrolet	2226	27 J. Berry Ford	579
13 B. Keselowski Ford	2209	28 E. Jones Toyota	516
14 C. Briscoe Ford	2184	29 D. Hemric Chevrolet	515
15 T. Gibbs Toyota	2169	30 Z. Smith Chevrolet	505

### 2024 XFINITY SERIES FINAL STANDINGS

Top 20 (w/ Champion in bold) as of Nov. 9

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 Justin Allgaier #7	4035	11 Sammy Smith #8	2185
2 Cole Custer #00	4029	12 Shane v Gisbergen #97	2157
3 AJ Allmendinger #16	4028	13 Ryan Sieg #28	856
4 Austin Hill #21	4027	14 Brandon Jones #9	696
5 Chandler Smith #81	2314	15 Anthony Alfredo #5	641
6 Sheldon Creed #18	2264	16 Brennan Poole #44	572
7 Riley Herbst #98	2254	17 Aric Almirola #20	560
8 Jesse Love #2	2247	18 Josh Williams #11	515
9 Sam Mayer #1	2205	19 Jeb Burton #22	512
10 Parker Kligerman #48	2190	20 Jeremy Clements #51	477

**NEXT RACE:** UNITED RENTALS 300, Daytona International, Saturday, Feb. 15, 2025, CW

### 2024 TRUCK SERIES FINAL STANDINGS

Top 20 (w/ Champion in bold) as of Nov. 8

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 Ty Majeski #98	4065	11 Layne Riggs #38	605
2 Corey Heim #11	4055	12 Stewart Friesen #52	557
3 Christian Eckes #19	4048	13 Tanner Gray #15	550
4 Grant Enfinger #9	4042	14 Matt Crafton #88	524
5 Nicholas Sanchez #2	2280	15 Chase Purdy #77	513
6 Taylor Gray #17	2247	16 Dean Thompson #5	469
7 Rajah Caruth #71	2213	17 Jake Garcia #13	459
8 Tyler Ankrum #18	2183	18 Bayley Currey #41	392
9 Ben Rhodes #99	2150	19 Kaden Honeycutt #45	384
10 Daniel Dye #43	2141	20 Bret Holmes #32	360

**NEXT RACE:** FRESH FROM FLORIDA 250, Daytona International, Friday, Feb. 14, 2025, FS1



NASCAR announced that **The Clash at Bowman Gray Stadium** in Winston-Salem, NC, on Sunday, Feb. 2, 2025, is sold out as fans anticipate the return of the NASCAR Cup Series to this historic venue, NASCAR'S first and longest running weekly track, for the first time since 1971.

NASCAR also announced expanded action on Feb. 1 with the Madhouse Classic, an exhibition race from Bowman Gray Stadium's Weekly Modified Division, along with Cup Series on-track activity. Participation for competing in the Madhouse Clash is by invitation only, based on the top 20 from the 2024 Bowman Gray Stadium Modified points standings. Saturday's schedule will include a practice session, single-car qualifying, and 125-lap feature race.

The Clash will be broadcast live on FOX on Feb. 2 at 8 p.m. ET. To learn more, visit [bowmangrayracing.com](http://bowmangrayracing.com).

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