

RACING THIS WEEK

BONUS ROLEX PIC: Felipe Nasr and Matt Campbell battle in the closing laps in the Rolex 24 at Daytona International Speedway.



Penske Porsche drivers celebrate in Victory Lane at Daytona after winning the Rolex 24.
(Alejandro Alvarez/NASCAR)

Nasr, Porsche Penske claim back-to-back Rolex 24 wins

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. – History was made on several levels this past weekend in the 63rd Rolex 24 At Daytona to kick off the 2025 IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship season.

Porsche Penske Motorsport won its second consecutive Rolex 24, the third overall for team owner Roger Penske and fourth for the team, with the No. 7 Porsche 963 driven by Felipe Nasr, Nick Tandy and Laurens Vanthoor claiming the overall and Grand Touring Prototype (GTP) class triumph.

Nasr is the only member of the trio who was part of last year's winning entry, with a reshuffled lineup. Tandy moved from the team's No. 6 car, and with the win is the first driver globally to have won all four major 24-hour endurance sports car races in Daytona, Le Mans, Spa-Francorchamps and the Nürburgring overall. Vanthoor was part of last year's FIA World Endurance Championship-winning lineup with Penske.

The win is Nasr's third (2024 in GTP/overall, 2022 in Grand Touring Daytona Pro), Tandy's second (2014 GT Le Mans) and Vanthoor's first.

The team nearly completed a 1-2 sweep, but a late pass by Tom Blomqvist delivered his second straight runner-up finish. Blomqvist co-drove the No. 60 Acura Meyer Shank Racing w/Curb Agajanian Acura ARX-06, and got around Matt Campbell's No. 6 Porsche 963.

History was also made in the two Grand Touring classes, as two iconic brands – Mustang and Corvette – both won.

Tower Motorsports ascended to the top of Le Mans Prototype 2 (LMP2), in the hands of Sebastien Bourdais, John Farano, Sebastian Alvarez and Job Van Uitert sharing the No. 8 ORECA LMP2 07. The Rolex win is Bourdais' third in as many IMSA class (Prototype/Overall in 2014 and GT Le Mans in 2017).

All other winners – the three Ford drivers, all four AWA Corvette drivers and the remaining three Tower LMP2 drivers – secured their first Rolex 24 victories and the custom Rolex Daytona timepieces.

NASCAR superstars Shane van Gisbergen, Conor Zilisch and Austin Cindric represented the stock-car racing world in the premier event, with the former two teaming in the No. 91 Trackhouse Racing Chevrolet Corvette Z06 GT3 and the 2022 Daytona 500 winner in the No. 64 Ford Mustang GT3, subbing for an injured Ben Barker. Both entries competed in the GTD Pro division, with the No. 64 landing third (19th overall) and the No. 91 finishing ninth (25th overall).

UP AND AWAY 5 rising stars of NASCAR

By Marco Buscaglia

The world of NASCAR is constantly in motion, thanks to high-octane races and a fervent fan base that spans generations. While seasoned drivers like Denny Hamlin, Kevin Harvick and Kyle Busch continue to make headlines, a new wave of talent is steadily climbing the ranks, poised to take the sport by storm. These young drivers embody skill, determination and a fresh perspective, making them the ones to watch as NASCAR gears up for its next era.

Ty Gibbs

Born into NASCAR royalty, Ty Gibbs is the grandson of legendary team owner Joe Gibbs. At just 21 years old, Ty has already proven that he's more than capable of carving out his own legacy. Winning the 2022 NASCAR Xfinity Series championship solidified his reputation as a force to be reckoned with. His smooth driving style and an aggressive edge when necessary have made him a standout talent.

Now competing in the NASCAR Cup Series, Ty has faced challenges but continues to display the adaptability and maturity of a seasoned veteran. Driving the No. 54 Toyota for Joe Gibbs Racing, he's balancing the weight of expectations with the hunger to prove himself on racing's biggest stage.



Corey Heim

Corey Heim has emerged as a dominant figure in the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series. Representing Tricon Garage, Heim has turned heads with precision and calculated aggression on the track. In 2023, he secured the Truck Series regular-season championship, a testament to his consistency and skill.

Many industry experts see Heim as a future star in the Cup Series. His ability to perform under pressure and deliver results in high-stakes situations positions him as a driver to watch. With a smooth transition into the upper echelons of NASCAR seemingly inevitable, Heim's rise is just beginning.



Carson Hocevar

Carson Hocevar, a 20-year-old from Portage, Michigan, is known for his grit and determination. Driving for Niece Motorsports, he has made significant strides in the Truck Series. His aggressive driving style and knack for taking calculated risks have earned him a growing fan base.

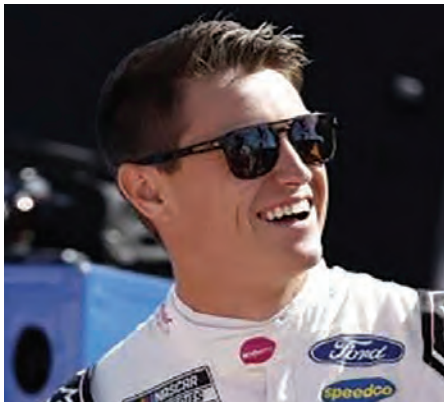
What sets Carson apart is his ability to learn and improve rapidly. Each race seems to add a layer to his growing skill set. While he's still finding his footing, Hocevar's potential to make waves in the Xfinity and Cup Series is undeniable.



Zane Smith

Zane Smith is no stranger to success. The California native clinched the NASCAR Truck Series championship in 2022 and has been a perennial contender. Driving for Front Row Motorsports, Smith has shown remarkable consistency, often finishing in the top 10 and competing for wins.

His transition to part-time races in the Cup Series has been met with promise, showcasing his adaptability to different racing styles. Zane's calm demeanor and calculated approach to racing make him a formidable competitor who's ready to take the next step in his career.



Sam Mayer

At just 21 years old, Sam Mayer is already making waves in the NASCAR Xfinity Series. Driving for JR Motorsports, Mayer clinched his first Xfinity Series win in 2023 and has been a consistent presence near the front of the pack. His ability to handle pressure and make bold moves has earned him respect among his peers.

Mayer's youthful energy and relentless drive to succeed are qualities that fans and teams admire. As he continues to refine his skills, Mayer is well on his way to becoming a household name in NASCAR.



Bowman Gray ready for action this weekend

Crews have been working hard for months to get Bowman Gray Stadium in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, ready for its next generation of racing, which begins with The Clash this weekend. The facility is now prepared for a future that includes the return of Cup Series racing to its historic quarter-mile oval for the first time since 1971. Improvements include:

A brand-new Musco lighting system that is custom designed to improve track lighting and visibility, reduce energy consumption, enhance the overall experience for drivers and fans, and provide the necessary illumination for nationally-televised racing events, beginning with the 2025 NASCAR Clash on FOX.

Installation of SAFER barrier, the innovative and life-saving steel and foam energy reduction system, and new catch fences featured at every NASCAR national series racetrack.

Crews began preparing Bowman Gray Stadium for SAFER barrier installation on Oct. 21 with the removal of the previous guardrail system.

"Part of being good stewards of Bowman Gray Stadium includes preparing it to host compelling events that rightfully place it in the national spotlight," said Ben Kennedy, NASCAR Executive Vice President, Chief Venue and Racing Innovation Officer.

About Bowman Gray Stadium: Built in 1937, Bowman Gray Stadium, a quarter-mile short track, holds a special place in NASCAR history as the longest-running weekly racetrack. The racetrack hosted 29 NASCAR Grand National, now NASCAR Cup Series, races from 1958 to 1971 and hosted several East Series races from 2011 to 2015.

For more, visit bowmangrayracing.com.

2024 CUP SERIES FINAL STANDINGS

Top 30 (w/ Champion in bold) as of Nov. 10, 2024

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, 2024

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, CW

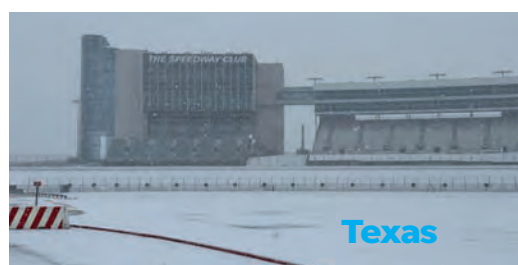
2024 TRUCK SERIES FINAL STANDINGS

Top 20 (w/ Champion in bold) as of Nov. 8, 2024

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, FS1

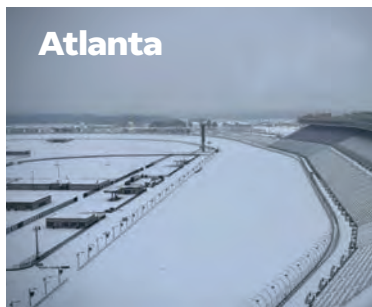
2025 SNOW SHOTS



Talladega



Atlanta



Soup & Sandwich

COMBO

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12 oz. Soup & 1 Sandwich
\$7.99

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