

RACING THIS WEEK

Zane Smith is returning with Front Row Motorsports for multiple seasons in the Cup Series after signing a deal. Staying with him is crew chief Ryan Bergenty. Front Row is where Smith won the Trucks crown in 2022.



O'REILLY SCHEDULE



2025 champ Jesse Love won the season opening United Rentals 300 at Daytona International Speedway this past February. (Getty)

2026 NASCAR O'Reilly Auto Parts (formerly Xfinity) Series

- Sat., Feb. 14, 5 p.m. ET, CW Daytona International Speedway
- Sat., Feb. 21, 5 p.m. ET, CW EchoPark Speedway (Atlanta)
- Sat., Feb. 28, 3 p.m. ET, CW Circuit of the Americas (Austin)
- Sat., Mar. 7, 7:30 p.m. ET, CW Phoenix Raceway
- Sat., Mar. 14, 5:30 p.m. ET, CW Las Vegas Motor Speedway
- Sat., Mar. 21, 5:30 p.m. ET, CW Darlington Raceway
- Sat., Mar. 28, 3:30 p.m. ET, CW Martinsville Speedway
- Sat., Apr. 4, 2:30 p.m. ET, CW Rockingham Speedway
- Sat., Apr. 11, 7:30 p.m. ET, CW Bristol Motor Speedway
- Sat., Apr. 18, 7 p.m. ET, CW Kansas Speedway
- Sat., Apr. 25, 4 p.m. ET, CW Talladega Superspeedway CW
- Sat., May 2, 3:30 p.m. ET, CW Texas Motor Speedway
- Sat., May 9, 4 p.m ET, CW Watkins Glen International
- Sat., May 16, 4 p.m. ET, CW Dover Motor Speedway
- Sat., May 23, 5 p.m. ET, CW Charlotte Motor Speedway
- Sat., May 30, 7:30 p.m. ET, CW Nashville Superspeedway
- Sat., Jun.. 13, 4 p.m. ET, CW Pocono Raceway
- Sat., Jun. 20, 5 p.m. ET, CW San Diego (Naval Base Coronado)
- Sat., Jun. 27, 5:30 p.m. ET, CW Sonoma Raceway
- Sat., Jul. 4, 5:30 p.m. ET, CW Chicagoland Speedway
- Sat., Jul. 11, 7 p.m. ET, CW EchoPark Speedway (Atlanta)
- Sat., Jul. 25, 4 p.m. ET, CW Indianapolis Motor Speedway
- Sat., Aug. 8, 5 p.m. ET, CW Iowa Speedway
- Fri.,., Aug. 28, 7:30 p.m. ET, CW Daytona International Speedway
- Sat., Sep. 5, 7:30 p.m. ET, CW Darlington Raceway
- Sat., Sep. 12, 7:30 p.m. ET, CW World Wide Technology Raceway
- Fri.,., Sep. 18, 7:30 p.m. ET, CW Bristol Motor Speedway
- Sat., Oct. 3, 7:30 p.m. ET, CW Las Vegas Motor Speedway
- Sat., Oct. 10, 4 p.m. ET, CW Charlotte ROVAL
- Sat., Oct. 17, 7:30 p.m. ET, CW Phoenix Raceway
- Sat., Oct. 24, 3:30 p.m. ET, CW Talladega Superspeedway
- Sat., Oct. 31, 4 p.m. ET, CW Martinsville Speedway
- Sat., Nov. 7, 5 p.m. ET, CW (NASCAR Championship) Homestead-Miami Speedway

CUP SCHEDULE



FOX kicks off the NASCAR Cup Series season at historic Bowman Gray Stadium in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, on Sunday, Feb. 1, at 8 p.m. ET. Chase Elliott, driver of the #9 NAPA Auto Parts Chevrolet, celebrated in Victory Lane after winning the Cook Out Clash at Bowman Gray on Feb. 2, 2025. (Sean Gardner/Getty Images)

Fox ready to kick off 2026 at Bowman Gray

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. – NASCAR last week released official start times and networks for the 2026 season for its three national series.

FOX kicks off the **NASCAR Cup Series** season at Bowman Gray Stadium (Sunday, Feb. 1, 8 p.m. ET).

Its first FS1 events are DAYTONA 500 Qualifying (Wednesday, Feb. 11, 8 p.m. ET) and the DAYTONA Duel (Thursday, Feb. 12, 7 p.m. ET) that set the field for the DAYTONA 500 on FOX (Sunday, Feb. 15, 2:30 p.m. ET).

New additions to the FOX slate include Watkins Glen International (Sunday, May 10, 3 p.m. ET on FS1) and the first NASCAR All-Star Race at Dover (Sunday, May 17, 3 p.m. ET on FS1).

Races on FOX include: EchoPark Speedway in Atlanta (Sunday, Feb. 22, 3 p.m. ET), Circuit of the Americas (Sunday, March 1, 3:30 p.m. ET), Kansas Speedway (Sunday, April 19, 2 p.m. ET) and Talladega Superspeedway (Sunday, April 26, 3 p.m. ET).

Prime Video opens its second NASCAR season at Charlotte Motor Speedway (Sunday, May 24, 6 p.m. ET). It returns to Nashville Superspeedway (Sunday, May 31, 7 p.m. ET), Michigan International Speedway (Sunday, Jun.e 7, 3 p.m. ET) and Pocono Raceway (Sunday, Jun.e 14, 3 p.m. ET).

Prime Video concludes its portion of the schedule with the new street-course event in San Diego's Naval Base Coronado (Sunday, Jun.e 21, 4 p.m. ET).

TNT Sports takes the reins at Sonoma Raceway (Sunday, Jun.e 28, 3:30 p.m. ET), kicking off the second In-Season Challenge before the NASCAR Cup Series returns to Chicagoland Speedway (Sunday, July 5, 6 p.m. ET) for the first time since 2019.

TNT will also head back to EchoPark Speedway in Atlanta (Sunday, July 12, 7 p.m. ET), broadcast the first points-paying event at North Wilkesboro Speedway (Sunday, July 19, 7 p.m. ET) since 1996,

and travel to Indianapolis Motor Speedway (Sunday, July 26, 2 p.m. ET).

USA Sports will close out the season, airing the final 14 races across USA Network, and NBC and Peacock, starting with Iowa Speedway on USA Network (Sunday, Aug. 9, 3:30 p.m. ET). After the regular season finale at DAYTONA International Speedway (Saturday, August 29, 7:30 p.m. ET) on NBC and Peacock, USA Sports is home to the entire NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs and will conclude the season on NBC and Peacock with Talladega Superspeedway (Sunday, Oct. 25, 2 p.m. ET), Martinsville Speedway (Sunday, Nov. 1, 2 p.m. ET), and the return of the NASCAR Championship to Homestead-Miami Speedway (Sunday, Nov. 8 at 3 p.m.) for the first time since 2019.

The CW Network returns following a historic first season as the exclusive destination for the **NASCAR O'Reilly Auto Parts Series** at DAYTONA International Speedway (Saturday, Feb. 14, 5 p.m. ET).

O'Reilly Auto Parts will replace Xfinity as the entitlement sponsor. Xfinity's title sponsorship concludes after an 11-year run.

Highlights of the 33-race slate include the return to Rockingham Speedway over Easter weekend (Saturday, April 4, 2:30 p.m. ET), San Diego (Saturday, Jun.e 20, 5 p.m. ET) and the championship at Homestead-Miami Speedway (Sunday, Nov. 7, 5 p.m. ET).

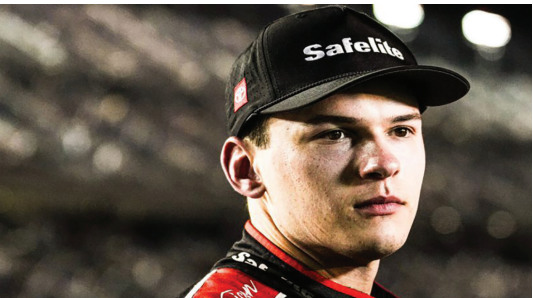
FOX Sports remains the home of the **NASCAR CRAFTSMAN Truck Series** and will broadcast 23 races on FS1. Two additional races will air on FOX, including the inaugural Grand Prix at St. Petersburg (Saturday, Feb. 28, 12 p.m. ET) and the Charlotte ROVAL Playoff race (Fri.,day, Oct. 9, 5 p.m. ET).

Announced previously, FOX will air all 20 ARCA Menards Series races between FOX, FS1 and FS2, beginning with the season opener at DAYTONA International Speedway (Saturday, Feb. 14 at 12 p.m. ET on FOX).

TRUCKS SCHEDULE

2026 NASCAR CRAFTSMAN Truck Series

- Fri., Feb. 13, 7:30 p.m. ET, FS1 Daytona International Speedway
- Sat., Feb. 21, 1:30 p.m. ET Fs1 EchoPark Speedway (Atlanta)
- Sat., Feb. 28, 12 p.m. ET, Fox Grand Prix of St. Petersburg
- Fri., Mar. 20, 7:30 p.m. ET, FS1 Darlington Raceway
- Fri., Apr. 3, 4:30 p.m. ET, FS1 Rockingham Speedway
- Fri., Apr. 10, 7:30 p.m. ET, FS1 Bristol Motor Speedway
- Fri., May 1, 8 p.m. ET, FS1 Texas Motor Speedway
- Fri., May 8, 4:30 p.m. ET, FS1 Watkins Glen International
- Fri., May 15, 5 p.m. ET, FS1 Dover Motor Speedway
- Fri., May 22, 7:30 p.m. ET, FS1 Charlotte Motor Speedway
- Fri., May 29, 8 p.m. ET, FS1 Nashville Superspeedway
- Sat., Jun. 6, 1:30 p.m. ET, FS1 Michigan International Speedway
- Fri., Jun. 19, 7 p.m. ET, FS1 San Diego (Naval Base Coronado)
- Sat., Jul.11, 1 p.m. ET, FS1 Lime Rock Park
- Sat., Jul. 18, 12:30 p.m. ET, FS1 North Wilkesboro Speedway
- Fri., Jul. 24, 8 p.m. ET, FS1 Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park
- Fri., Aug. 14, 7:30 p.m. ET, FS1 Richmond Raceway
- Sat., Aug. 22, 1:30 p.m. ET, FS1 New Hampshire Motor Speedway
- Thu., Sep. 17, 8 p.m. ET, FS1, Bristol
- Sat., Sep. 26, 1 p.m. ET, FS1, Kansas Speedway
- Fri., Oct. 9, 5 p.m. ET, Fox, Charlotte ROVAL
- Fri., Oct. 16, 7:30 p.m ET, FS1 Phoenix Raceway
- Fri., Oct. 23, 4 p.m. ET, FS1, Talladega
- Fri., Oct. 30, 6 p.m. ET, FS1 Martinsville Speedway
- Fri., Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m. ET, FS1 (NASCAR Championship) Homestead-Miami Speedway



2025 champ Corey Heim won the season opening Fresh From Florida 250 at Daytona International this past February. (Getty)

2025 CUP SERIES FINALS STANDINGS

Champion 1 + 29 as of November 2

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 Kyle Larson #5	5034	16 Josh Berry #21	2150
2 Denny Hamlin #11	5031	17 Chris Buescher #17	889
3 Chase Briscoe #19	5019	18 Ryan Preece #60	861
4 William Byron #24	5004	19 Ty Gibbs #54	783
5 Christopher Bell #20	2403	20 Brad Keselowski #6	762
6 Ryan Blaney #12	2373	21 Kyle Busch #8	737
7 Joey Logano #22	2330	22 Michael McDowell #71	734
8 Chase Elliott #9	2310	23 Carson Hocevar #77	702
9 Tyler Reddick #45	2309	24 Erik Jones #43	665
10 Ross Chastain #1	2272	25 J. H. Nemechek #42	664
11 Bubba Wallace #23	2256	26 AJ Allmendinger #16	649
12 S. v. Gisbergen #88	2192	27 Todd Gilliland #34	616
13 Alex Bowman #48	2192	28 Zane Smith #38	615
14 Austin Cindric #2	2156	29 Daniel Suárez #99	611
15 Austin Dillon #3	2152	30 Ricky Stenhouse #47	562

2025 XFINITY FINAL STANDINGS

Champion 1 + 19 as of November 1

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 Jesse Love #2	4040	11 Nicholas Sanchez #48	2198
2 Connor Zilisch #88	4034	12 Harrison Burton #25	2163
3 Justin Allgaier #7	4032	13 Christian Eckes #16	784
4 Carson Kvatil #1	4024	14 Jeb Burton #27	719
5 Brandon Jones #20	2240	15 Ryan Sieg #41	691
6 Austin Hill #21	2230	16 Dean Thompson #26	690
7 Taylor Gray #54	2228	17 Aric Almirola #19	652
8 Sammy Smith #8	2222	18 William Sawalich #18	636
9 Sheldon Creed #00	2218	19 Brennan Poole #44	608
10 Sam Mayer #41	2204	20 Daniel Dye #10	604

NEXT RACE: UNITED RENTALS 300, Daytona International, Saturday, Feb. 14, 2026, CW

2025 TRUCKS FINAL STANDINGS

Champion 1 + 19 as of October 1

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 Corey Heim #11	4040	11 Gio Ruggiero #17	703
2 Ty Majeski #98	4035	12 Ben Rhodes #99	632
3 Kaden Honeycutt #52	4034	13 Tanner Gray #15	599
4 Tyler Ankrum #18	4023	14 Connor Mosack #81	515
5 Layne Riggs #34	2297	15 Matt Crafton #88	494
6 Rajah Caruth #71	2237	16 A. Perez De Lara #44	472
7 Grant Enfinger #9	2198	17 Matt Mills #42	456
8 Chandler Smith #38	2179	18 Dawson Sutton #26	447
9 Daniel Hemric #19	2177	19 Jack Wood #91	443
10 Jake Garcia #13	2148	20 Stewart Friesen #52	397

NEXT RACE: SEASON OPENER, Daytona International Speedway, Friday, Feb. 13, 2026, FS1

CUP NOTE

Although it was announved late summer, here is a reminder that **Connor Zilisch** is moving up full-time with Trackhouse Racing in the Cup Series. The 19-year-old phenom will pilot a full-time Cup Series car for the 2026 season. Randall Burnett will join the organization and act as crew chief for the young star. Zilisch will drive the No. 88 in 2026, while Shane van Gisbergen will drive the No. 97.



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