

RACING THIS WEEK

CLASH LOOKS



Ross Chastain will drive the No. 1 Choice Privileges Chevrolet in the Cookout Clash at Bowman Gray.



Formerly Xfinity Series

Daytona International Speedway
• Sat., Feb. 14, 5 p.m. ET, CW

EchoPark Speedway (Atlanta)
• Sat., Feb. 21, 5 p.m. ET, CW

Circuit of the Americas (Austin)
• Sat., Feb. 28, 3 p.m. ET, CW

Phoenix Raceway
• Sat., Mar. 7, 7:30 p.m. ET, CW

Las Vegas Motor Speedway
• Sat., Mar. 14, 5:30 p.m. ET, CW

Darlington Raceway
• Sat., Mar. 21, 5:30 p.m. ET, CW

Martinsville Speedway
• Sat., Mar. 28, 3:30 p.m. ET, CW

Rockingham Speedway
• Sat., Apr. 4, 2:30 p.m. ET, CW

Bristol Motor Speedway
• Sat., Apr. 11, 7:30 p.m. ET, CW

Kansas Speedway
• Sat., Apr. 18, 7 p.m. ET, CW

Talladega Superspeedway
• Sat., Apr. 25, 4 p.m. ET, CW

Texas Motor Speedway
• Sat., May 2, 3:30 p.m. ET, CW

Watkins Glen International
• Sat., May 9, 4 p.m. ET, CW

Dover Motor Speedway
• Sat., May 16, 4 p.m. ET, CW

Charlotte Motor Speedway
• Sat., May 23, 5 p.m. ET, CW

Nashville Superspeedway
• Sat., May 30, 7:30 p.m. ET, CW

Pocono Raceway
• Sat., June 13, 4 p.m. ET, CW

San Diego (Naval Base Coronado)
• Sat., June 20, 5 p.m. ET, CW

Sonoma Raceway
• Sat., June 27, 5:30 p.m. ET, CW

Chicagoland Speedway
• Sat., July 4, 5:30 p.m. ET, CW

EchoPark Speedway (Atlanta)
• Sat., July 11, 7 p.m. ET, CW

Indianapolis Motor Speedway
• Sat., July 25, 4 p.m. ET, CW

Iowa Speedway
• Sat., Aug. 8, 5 p.m. ET, CW

Daytona International Speedway
• Fri., Aug. 28, 7:30 p.m. ET, CW

Darlington Raceway
• Sat., Sept. 5, 7:30 p.m. ET, CW

World Wide Technology Raceway
• Sat., Sept. 12, 7:30 p.m. ET, CW

Bristol Motor Speedway
• Fri., Sept. 18, 7:30 p.m. ET, CW

Las Vegas Motor Speedway
• Sat., Oct. 3, 7:30 p.m. ET, CW

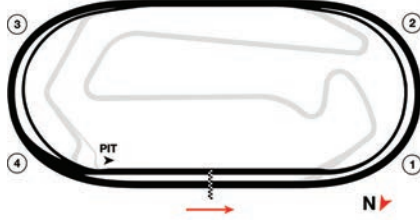
Charlotte ROVAL
• Sat., Oct. 10, 4 p.m. ET, CW

Phoenix Raceway
• Sat., Oct. 17, 7:30 p.m. ET, CW

Talladega Superspeedway
• Sat., Oct. 24, 3:30 p.m. ET, CW

Martinsville Speedway
• Sat., Oct. 31, 4 p.m. ET, CW

Homestead-Miami Speedway
• Sat., Nov. 7, 5 p.m. ET, CW
(NASCAR O'Reilly Championship)



2026 SEASON PREVIEW: TEAM PENSKE



Manufacturer: Ford

Engine: Roush Yates Engines

Driver-crew chief pairings: Austin Cindric-Brian Wilson (No. 2); Ryan Blaney-Jonathan Hassler (No. 12); Joey Logano-Paul Wolfe (No. 22)

Team outlook: For the first time since 2021, Team Penske was stifled from the Cup Series Championship as Kyle Larson went on to score his second Bill France Cup in the season finale at Phoenix Raceway. None of the Penske Fords reached the Championship 4 as past champions Blaney and Logano were eliminated in the penultimate round, while Cindric bowed out in the Round of 12. With no more playoffs or eliminations thanks to the reintroduction of The Chase, the three-team stable will need to find consistency among all of their cars to get back to the top of the sport again. It should be no problem for Blaney, but both Cindric and Logano have had roller coaster stretches over the last few years that need to be curbed entering 2026.

AUSTIN CINDRIC, NO. 2 FORD

Experience: 4 full-time seasons in Cup Series; 151 starts

2025 stats: 14th in final Cup Series standings; 1 win, two top fives, five top 10s, 0 poles, 325 laps led

Driver outlook: Year No. 5 will be a "move it or lose it" type of campaign for Cindric. Since his first full-time season in 2022, Penske has won three championships, while the No. 2 Ford driver has been a handful of steps behind his teammates. Cindric has cemented himself as one of the elite talents on superspeedways, winning at Talladega Superspeedway last spring and leading 127 laps combined at Daytona Superspeedway, Talladega and EchoPark Speedway (formerly Atlanta Motor Speedway) in 2025. This year, however, will be all about the full body of work as Cindric needs a top-16 regular season points finish to make the 10-race Chase. The young veteran has shown flashes of excellence, and if he can put it all together for a breakout year, he could be in the mix to make a title run.



RYAN BLANEY, NO. 12 FORD

Experience: 10 full-time seasons in Cup Series; 378 starts

2025 stats: 6th in final Cup Series standings; 4 wins, 15 top fives, 19 top 10s, 2 poles, 852 laps led

Driver outlook: Blaney was the closest Penske driver to making last year's Championship 4, but William Byron slammed the door shut late to send the No. 24 Hendrick Motorsports team to the final round instead. Even without a second title, you could make the case that 2025 was Blaney's best Cup campaign with career bests in wins (four), top fives (15) and laps led (852). It was a year that was all over the place for the No. 12 team, though, with eight DNFs across the season. If Blaney can avoid those in 2026, mark him down as the championship favorite in his first run at The Chase format.



JOEY LOGANO, NO. 22 FORD

Experience: 17 full-time seasons in Cup Series; 615 starts

2025 stats: 7th in final Cup Series standings; 1 win, seven top fives, 13 top 10s, 2 poles, 577 laps led

Driver outlook: All eyes will be on Logano as the notorious even-year superstar looks to make it three in a row and four of the last five in such years when it comes to hoisting the Bill France Cup. However, must do it with a much different championship format that includes just one points reset after the Daytona night race in August. All three of Logano's championships came during the playoff era, and diving into the numbers, his last two seasons piloting the No. 22 Ford have been some of his worst since joining Penske in 2013. Logano's average finish has been worse than 15th place each of the last two years, which wouldn't put him in championship contention — and could risk missing the Chase — if a rebound season isn't in the cards.



2026 SCHEDULE

Daytona International Speedway
• Fri., Feb. 13, 7:30 p.m. ET, FS1

EchoPark Speedway (Atlanta)
• Sat., Feb. 21, 1:30 p.m. ET FS1

Grand Prix of St. Petersburg
• Sat., Feb. 28, 12 p.m. ET, Fox

Darlington Raceway
• Fri., Mar. 20, 7:30 p.m. ET, FS1

Rockingham Speedway
• Fri., Apr. 3, 4:30 p.m. ET, FS1

Bristol Motor Speedway
• Fri., Apr. 10, 7:30 p.m. ET, FS1

Texas Motor Speedway
• Fri., May 1, 8 p.m. ET, FS1

Watkins Glen International
• Fri., May 8, 4:30 p.m. ET, FS1

Dover Motor Speedway
• Fri., May 15, 5 p.m. ET, FS1

Charlotte Motor Speedway
• Fri., May 22, 7:30 p.m. ET, FS1

Nashville Superspeedway
• Fri., May 29, 8 p.m. ET, FS1

Michigan International Speedway
• Sat., June 6, 1:30 p.m. ET, FS1

San Diego (Naval Base Coronado)
• Fri., June 19, 7 p.m. ET, FS1

Lime Rock Park
• Sat., July 11, 1 p.m. ET, FS1

North Wilkesboro Speedway
• Sat., July 18, 12:30 p.m. ET, FS1

Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park
• Fri., July 24, 8 p.m. ET, FS1

Richmond Raceway
• Fri., Aug. 14, 7:30 p.m. ET, FS1

New Hampshire Motor Speedway
• Sat., Aug. 22, 1:30 p.m. ET, FS1

Bristol Motor Speedway
• Thu., Sept. 17, 8 p.m. ET, FS1

Kansas Speedway
• Sat., Sept. 26, 1 p.m. ET, FS1

Charlotte ROVAL
• Fri., Oct. 9, 5 p.m. ET, Fox

Phoenix Raceway
• Fri., Oct. 16, 7:30 p.m. ET, FS1

Talladega Superspeedway
• Fri., Oct. 23, 4 p.m. ET, FS1

Martinsville Speedway
• Fri., Oct. 30, 6 p.m. ET, FS1

Homestead-Miami Speedway
• Fri., Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m. ET, FS1
(NASCAR Championship)

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, 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 Woods #91	443
10 Jake Garcia #13	2148	20 Stewart Friesen #52	397

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

CLASH SNOW SCENES

Crews were busy on Saturday clearing snow from the racing surface at Bowman Gray Stadium, where the Cook Out Clash was moved to Monday and then Wednesday (6 p.m. ET, FOX) because of the wintry weather. Their hard work gives us a chance to admire the historic racing venue located in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, in a different perspective.



SEAS THE DAY

Reel in your hunger with this fresh catch! Creamy tuna salad with chopped celery piled high on a fresh-baked roll.



TUNA SALAD sub

Country Fair