



## **ROUSH FENWAY RACING ADVANCE**

*Talladega Superspeedway; April 24-26*

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### Talladega/Kansas Driver/Sponsor Line up...

#### NASCAR Sprint Cup Series

David Ragan – No. 6 UPS Ford

Greg Biffle – No. 16 3M Ford

Matt Kenseth – No. 17 DEWALT Ford

Jamie McMurray – No. 26 Crown Royal Ford

Carl Edwards – No. 99 Claritin Ford

#### NASCAR Nationwide Series

David Ragan – No. 6 Discount Tire Ford

Matt Kenseth – No. 16 CitiFinancial Ford

Carl Edwards – No. 60 Save-A-Lot Ford

#### NASCAR Camping World Truck Series

Colin Braun – No. 6 Con-way Freight F-150

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### Roush Fenway Talladega/Kansas Fast Facts...

#### NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES

- **2009 Talladega Lineup** – *David Ragan/No. 6 UPS Ford; Greg Biffle/No. 16 3M Ford; Matt Kenseth/No. 17 DEWALT Ford; Jamie McMurray/No. 26 Crown Royal; Carl Edwards/No. 99 Claritin Ford.*
- Roush Fenway Racing has 142 Sprint Cup starts at the 2.66-mile oval. In 142 starts, the team has accrued two wins, two poles, 23 top five and 51 top 10 finishes.
- **FIRST OF TWO** - Mark Martin was the first Roush Fenway driver to win at Talladega back in the spring of 1995. Starting from the third position, Martin led the most laps (88) that day to beat out Jeff Gordon for the win.
- Roush Fenway's second win came in the spring of 1997 once again with Mark Martin behind the wheel of the No. 6 Ford. That marked the last time Roush Fenway won a Sprint Cup race at Talladega Superspeedway. Martin also won the Nationwide race that same weekend.
- Roush Fenway has six total restrictor plate wins – two at Talladega and the other four at Daytona. The team's most recent restrictor plate win came earlier this year when Matt Kenseth won the Daytona 500 in February.
- In addition to claiming Roush Fenway's only two Cup wins at Talladega, Mark Martin also lays claim to the team's only two poles. In 1989 Martin won the pole for both the spring and fall races.
- **IT'S GOOD TO BE YOUNG** - In 2008 David Ragan emerged as Roush Fenway's Talladega star. The Unadilla, Ga.-native was the only Roush Fenway driver to complete every lap run at Talladega last year. The up-and-comer finished fourth in the spring and third in the fall also making him the only Roush Fenway driver to finish both races inside the top 10.

#### NASCAR NATIONWIDE SERIES

- **2009 Talladega line up** – *David Ragan/No. 6 Discount Tire Ford; Matt Kenseth/No. 16 CitiFinancial Ford; Carl Edwards/No. 60 Save-A-Lot Ford.*
- Roush Fenway has 23 starts at Talladega in the Nationwide Series. In 23 starts the team has one win, two top five and six top 10 finishes.
- **THE ONE AND ONLY** - Roush Fenway's only Nationwide win came in 1997 with Mark Martin piloting the No. 60 machine. Martin led 62 laps on his way to a .1 second win over Steve Park. The following day Martin also claimed the Sprint Cup victory – sweeping the weekend.

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### Roush Fenway Talladega/Kansas Fast Facts continued...

#### NASCAR NATIONWIDE SERIES continued

- In 69 restrictor plate starts, Mark Martin's win in 1997 remains the team's sole Nationwide restrictor plate win.
- **100 DOWN** - After 17 years and 840 starts, Roush Fenway claimed Nationwide win number 100 last weekend at Phoenix with Greg Biffle and the No. 16 CitiFinancial team. Of note: Mark Martin's Talladega win in 1997 marked Nationwide win number 25 for the team.
- Roush Fenway's 100 wins are divided between just five drivers (Martin – 40, Carl Edwards – 20, Greg Biffle – 17, Jeff Burton – 16 and Matt Kenseth – 7).
- The number 60 has 72 wins (divided between Martin, Biffle and Edwards); the number 9 has 18 wins (all of Burton's wins and two with Martin in the seat); Kenseth has all seven wins for the number 17; and Biffle now has three wins in the number 16.

#### NASCAR CAMPING WORLD TRUCK SERIES

- **2009 Kansas line up** – Colin Braun/No. 6 Con-way Freight F-150
- In 18 Truck Series starts at the 1.5-mile tri-oval, the team has three wins, seven top five and 11 top 10 finishes. The team's average starting position is 10.1 while the average finishing position is 11.3.
- **CAREER FIRST** - Erik Darnell garnered his first career Truck Series win at Kansas in 2007 when he dominated the 167-lap race to beat out Rick Crawford by over 10 seconds. The driver of the No. 99 F-150 led 92 laps that day.
- Jon Wood posted Roush Fenway's first Truck win in Kansas in 2003 then in front of a hometown crowd, then rising star Carl Edwards, racked up the team's second win in 2004.
- **EXCUSE ME, COMING THROUGH** - Roush Fenway trucks finish inside the top 10/61.1 percent of the time at Kansas Speedway.
- Colin Braun posted his best career Truck finish in Kansas last year when he crossed the line third.

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### Roush Fenway Talladega/Kansas Story Ideas...

1. **100<sup>th</sup> Win** – In addition to a birthday, Jack Roush hit another milestone last weekend during the Nationwide race at Phoenix International Raceway. Roush claimed Nationwide win number 100 with Greg Biffle and the No. 16 CitiFinancial team. The team's laundry list of wins began with Mark Martin's win at Rockingham in 1993 and has span 16 years – a historic run that includes many memories and stories. The win brought Roush Fenway's total wins to 389. For more information please contact Sheri Herrmann at (704)720-4632.
2. **Roush Fenway Celebrates Earth Day** – As America celebrates Earth Day on April 22, Roush Fenway Racing has increased their pledge to be more sustainable. Through the team's current efforts, they recycle almost 96 percent of every race car. In 2008, the team recycled over 66 tons of waste (plastic, paper and metal); reduced the overall amount of waste produced by more than 11 tons; reduced storm water run off by 1.51M gallons; and saved 2.10M gallons of water by not using potable water for irrigation. As a next step, Roush Fenway Racing pledges to meet or exceed its corporate environmental target of an overall 10% improvement in indoor air quality; reduction of water consumption; increase in waste reduction and recycling; and improvement in energy usage over the next 18 months. For more information please contact Sheri Herrmann at (704)720-4632.
3. **Virginia Natives** – In today's racing landscape, a lot of a team's success depends on the relationship between the crew chief and engineer. In the case of the No. 16 CitiFinancial team, they have found their stride winning in Fontana earlier this year and running consistently in the top 10. Although racing isn't all that crew chief Eddie Pardue and engineer Joey Cohen have in common. They are both Virginia natives (Pardue is from Hampton and Cohen from Chesapeake) who are eagerly anticipating their return to Richmond in a few weeks. Together they hope to bring home a Nationwide owner's championship for Roush Fenway in 2009. For more information please contact Stephanie Killian at (704)720-4850.

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## Talladega Track History (current drivers)...

### Sprint Cup Series

PTS	DRIVER	STARTS	WINS	TOP-5	TOP-10	POLES	LAPS COMP	LAPS LED
8 <sup>th</sup>	Carl Edwards	9	0	1	3	0	1,395	11
12 <sup>th</sup>	Matt Kenseth	18	0	3	6	0	3,158	136
14 <sup>th</sup>	Greg Biffle	12	0	0	0	0	2,016	21
24 <sup>th</sup>	Jamie McMurray	13	0	3	4	0	2,320	107
30 <sup>th</sup>	David Ragan	4	0	2	2	0	716	12
<b>TOTALS:</b>		<b>56</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9,605</b>	<b>287</b>

### Nationwide Series

PTS	DRIVER	STARTS	WINS	TOP-5	TOP-10	POLES	LAPS COMP	LAPS LED
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Carl Edwards	4	0	0	2	0	380	12
3 <sup>rd</sup>	David Ragan	2	0	1	1	0	231	1
n/a	Matt Kenseth	5	0	1	3	0	566	40
<b>TOTALS:</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,177</b>	<b>53</b>

### COMBINED TOTALS

ENTRIES	SERIES	STARTS	WINS	TOP-5	TOP-10	POLES	LAPS COMP	LAPS LED
5	Sprint Cup	56	0	9	15	0	9,605	287
3	Nationwide	11	0	2	6	0	1,177	53
<b>TOTALS:</b>		<b>67</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,782</b>	<b>340</b>

### Camping World Truck Series

PTS	DRIVER	STARTS	WINS	TOP-5	TOP-10	POLES	LAPS COMP	LAPS LED
21 <sup>st</sup>	Colin Braun	1	0	1	1	0	167	0

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### In Their Words...

*Roush Fenway Racing Sprint Cup drivers discuss the differences between the two restrictor plate races, challenges at Talladega and how they feel their 2009 season is going so far.*

No. 6 UPS Ford driver DAVID RAGAN on Talladega:

"Talladega is a much wider track and is much smoother than Daytona. You can run three and four wide at Talladega, where Daytona is much more narrow and not as smooth so that isn't possible, which is why you'll see much tighter packs at Talladega this weekend than you saw at Daytona.

"The major challenge is getting caught up in a big wreck. Another problem is finding a partner to draft with.

"Things have not gone as well as we had hoped. We just haven't been very fast and when we are fast we seem to have mechanical trouble. Heading into this summer stretch we really need some top-five and top-10 finishes and to not have any more issues."

No. 16 3M Ford driver GREG BIFFLE on Talladega:

"Daytona is bumpy and more of a handling racetrack. The heat is also more of a factor in Daytona. Since it was repaved Talladega is really smooth which allows for faster speeds. Wrecks happen so quickly there because everyone is so bunched up. Talladega is just more of a mental game for drivers.

"Again, things happen so fast there because it is such a fast track. One thing teams do is to try and avoid a wreck on pit road. That is, a lot of teams will choose to come in second time by.

"Surviving Talladega would be the first step and then a good finish at Richmond would definitely get us into the top 12. We're only 16 points out now which is a huge gain from where we were just a few weeks ago. The biggest disappointment is that we haven't won yet. There have been at least three races where we were in contention and it just didn't happen."

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No. 17 DEWALT Ford driver MATT KENSETH on Talladega:

“Daytona has much tighter corners and a worn out surface, so at Daytona handling is very important. Talladega is more like going to a 200mph go-kart track. Everyone’s car handles there and you run wide open all day, it’s more about drafting and getting in the right position.

“The biggest challenge is not getting in a wreck. Next to that is having your car in the right place with the right cars so you don’t get hung out and lose positions.

“The first two weeks were just un-believable; I never dreamed we would win the first two races. Since then it has been basically a disaster. We have to get cars running better and be much more consistent on pit road to even have a shot at making the ‘Chase’”.

No. 26 Crown Royal Ford driver JAMIE MCMURRAY on Talladega:

“The biggest difference is that Talladega is not a handling racetrack. Basically at Talladega you just try to take the car with the most speed and whatever you can do to make your car run fast is the key to success at Talladega. The track’s so wide that you just need to make sure you have a fast car.

“The biggest key to Talladega is having a car that sucks up good in the draft as well as staying out of trouble for the length of the race.

“Actually we have run a little under our team’s expectations. We’ve raced really well so far this season, but we just haven’t had the finishes to show for our efforts. We just need to keep running well every week and we just need to not put ourselves in bad positions.”

No. 99 Claritin Ford driver CARL EDWARDS on Talladega:

“The biggest challenge Talladega presents is that you’re stuck right there with everyone else. No matter what, you can’t get away. You’re in this pack of cars just waiting for something to happen. That’s probably the biggest challenge, to make it through the race without being a part of any of the accidents.

“I think so far we have performed fairly well this season. We don’t have a win yet, but we have been running well. The Aflac team was great on pit road in Phoenix, so I think we have a lot to look forward to in the pits, which would be a great change of pace for us. If we can keep running the way we are we will be in good shape heading into the ‘Chase’.”

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