



ROUSH FENWAY RACING ADVANCE
Las Vegas Motor Speedway; February 27-March 1

Las Vegas Driver/Sponsor Line up...

NASCAR Sprint Cup Series

David Ragan – No. 6 UPS Ford

Greg Biffle – No. 16 3M Ford

Matt Kenseth – No. 17 USG Ford

Jamie McMurray – No. 26 Irwin Ford

Carl Edwards – No. 99 Aflac Ford

NASCAR Nationwide Series

David Ragan – No. 6 Discount Tire Ford

Greg Biffle – No. 16 CitiFinancial Ford

Carl Edwards – No. 60 Save-A-Lot Ford

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Roush Fenway Las Vegas Fast Facts...

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES

- **2009 Las Vegas Lineup** – *David Ragan/No. 6 UPS Ford; Greg Biffle/No. 16 3M Ford; Matt Kenseth/No. 17 USG Ford; Jamie McMurray/No. 26 Irwin; Carl Edwards/No. 99 Aflac Ford.*
- **HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF** - Matt Kenseth's win at Auto Club Speedway last week marked Roush Fenway's **115th Sprint Cup win**. The win gives Kenseth back-to-back wins to start the '09 season and also marked Roush Fenway's **fifth consecutive win** in February at the 2-mile oval.
- In 52 starts, Roush Fenway has six wins, 15 top-five and 29 top-10 finishes. That places them inside the top 10/55.8 percent of the time at Las Vegas in the Sprint Cup Series.
- The team's average starting position is 17.2 while their average finishing position is 13.2.
- **VIVA LAS VEGAS** – Since the inaugural race in 1998, Roush Fenway has more Sprint Cup wins at the 1.5-mile Tri-Oval than any other team. The team's **six wins** top Hendricks four. The only other team with a win is Ganassi. The six wins include – Mark Martin ('98), Jeff Burton ('99 & '00), Matt Kenseth ('03 & '04) and Carl Edwards ('08). The team has won 54.5 percent of the Cup races run there.
- **ODDS ARE** - Both Jeff Burton and Matt Kenseth have captured back-to-back wins at the track. Burton in 1999 and 2000 and Kenseth in 2003 and 2004. Will Carl Edwards be the third driver to do it for Roush Fenway in 2009? Jimmie Johnson is the only other driver to claim back-to-back wins ('05-'07).
- Mark Martin won the inaugural race at Las Vegas Motor Speedway in 1998, Roush Fenway's first win at the track. There were only two cautions for a total of nine laps and Martin led 82 of 267 laps.
- Greg Biffle captured Roush Fenway's only Sprint Cup pole at Las Vegas in 2006 with a fast lap time of 31.32 seconds. Edging out second-place Tony Stewart by just six-hundredths of a second.

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NASCAR NATIONWIDE SERIES

- **2009 Las Vegas line up** – *David Ragan/No. 6 Discount Tire Ford; Greg Biffle/No. 16 CitiFinancial Ford; Carl Edwards/No. 60 Save-A-Lot Ford.*
- **ODDS ON FAVORITE** - Roush Fenway Racing Ford's have made 28 starts in the Nationwide Series at Las Vegas Motor Speedway. Their average starting position is 11.8 and **average finishing position is 10.5**. A Roush Fenway team finishes **inside the top 10/75 percent** of the time. Their win percentage is 14.3.
- In 28 starts Roush Fenway has four wins (Mark Martin – '99 & '05 and Jeff Burton – '00 & '02), 12 top-five and 21 top-10 finishes.
- **CAN THEY HIT LUCKY NUMBER SEVEN** – Roush Fenway Ford's have been on the pole six times in the Nationwide Series (Mark Martin – '98 & '99, Jeff Burton – '02, Stanton Barrett – '03, Carl Edwards – '05 and Matt Kenseth – '06) since 1997.
- Mark Martin got Jack Roush his first Nationwide win at the track in 1999, a year after his first Cup win in the desert. Martin led 150 of 200 laps that year.
- Both Martin and Jeff Burton won the pole and the race in the same year, Martin in 1999 and Burton in 2002, in the Nationwide Series. The Roush Fenway alumni are two of three drivers to accomplish this. Jeff Green did it in 1997.

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Roush Fenway Racing Las Vegas Story Ideas...

1. **Speedway Superstars** – If there is an area of expertise for Roush Fenway Racing drivers, it is the Speedways (1-2 miles). The team has an impressive 65 wins at a Speedway in the Sprint Cup Series including Matt Kenseth's win last week at Auto Club Speedway. The team's top-three Speedway tracks – Michigan (average finishing position of 13.6), Las Vegas (average finishing position of 13.2) and Fontana (average finishing position of 13.7). As the series prepares for Las Vegas and Atlanta, two Speedways where Roush Fenway has seen tremendous success, the Ford teams will diligently work to add to the history books. For more information please contact Sheri Herrmann at (704)720-4632.
2. **Roush Fenway Racing's New "Fan of the Year"** – For the second year in a row, with close to 200,000 votes, Jon Ritt of Wheaton, Ill., emerged as the brand new Roush Fenway Racing *Fan of the Year*. Jon teaches fifth grade at Westmore Elementary School in Lombard, Ill. and incorporates racing terminology and parts into teaching kids math. Of course Roush Fenway Racing teams are an integral part of his system. Ritt and his wife Lisa will be the team's VIP guests at the 2009 Coca-Cola 600 at Lowe's Motor Speedway on Sunday, May 24, 2009. For more information please contact Sheri Herrmann at (704)720-4632.

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Las Vegas Track History (current drivers)...

Sprint Cup Series

CAR	DRIVER	STARTS	WINS	TOP-5	TOP-10	POLES	LAPS COMP	LAPS LED
6	David Ragan	2	0	0	1	0	503	0
16	Greg Biffle	5	0	1	3	1	1,093	58
17	Matt Kenseth	9	2	4	5	0	2,286	438
26	Jamie McMurray	6	0	1	2	0	1,595	0
99	Carl Edwards	4	1	1	2	0	1,071	89
TOTALS:		26	3	7	13	1	6,548	585

Nationwide Series

CAR	DRIVER	STARTS	WINS	TOP-5	TOP-10	POLES	LAPS COMP	LAPS LED
6	David Ragan	2	0	0	1	0	397	3
16	Greg Biffle	7	0	4	6	0	1,324	62
60	Carl Edwards	4	0	1	3	1	808	132
TOTALS:		13	0	5	10	1	2,529	197

COMBINED TOTALS

ENTRIES	SERIES	STARTS	WINS	TOP-5	TOP-10	POLES	LAPS COMP	LAPS LED
5	Sprint Cup	26	3	7	13	1	6,548	585
3	Nationwide	13	0	5	10	1	2,529	197
TOTALS:		39	3	12	23	2	9,077	782

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In Their Words...

Roush Fenway Racing general manager Robbie Reiser weighs in on Las Vegas, Roush Fenway's Speedway success and his thoughts on Matt Kenseth's Daytona 500 win in a short Q&A session.

Roush Fenway Racing general manager **ROBBIE REISER**:

Q: What are some of the challenges Las Vegas Motor Speedway presents?

A: It's like any larger track that we run, 1.5-mile type track. Aerodynamics play a big part in what you do and horsepower is always an issue as well as handling. It's just the same three when you run at those big race tracks between the handling, aero and horsepower side, it takes all three of those things to make it work.

Q: What does it take to win at Las Vegas?

A: Obviously it's like any other weekend, you have to have an error free weekend with no mistakes and you can't beat yourself. At those types of race tracks once you get back in the pack, it's hard to make your way back to the front. So those are some of the struggles. You want to try and qualify well and hold onto your track position and you also want to try and not make mistakes that cost you on pit road. Those are the things that will cost you and put you behind. You want to stay up front and give yourself the opportunity to win, that's basically how all those larger race tracks are.

Q: Roush Fenway has 115 Sprint Cup wins and 65 of those are at a Speedway. What do you attribute Roush's Speedway success to?

A: I think if you look back in time we've set our company up to work on the bigger race tracks. We've done most of our testing at bigger tracks. That type of race track is the one that's most on the schedule. So I think when you prepare for a season and say, 'where do we spend most of our time,' we spend most of our time on the 1.5 and 2-mile race tracks. So a lot of the testing, engineering and preparation that we put in every week goes into those larger style race tracks and that's where the success comes from.



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In Their Words continued...

Q: With two races in the books, how does Roush Fenway Racing look overall from your perspective?

A: Obviously to win the Daytona 500 is a big win. It's a different style race and to go back out to California and have all our cars basically run in the top 10 most of the night is good. The No. 26, No. 6 and No. 16 ended up making some of their own problems and two of those cars got behind, but all-in-all the speed was in the cars to run in the top 10. Without David hitting the wall and Jamie having the brake problem, we would have all five cars in the top 10. So about where we left off is about where we picked up and I think we have a lot of good things set up for this year so I think you'll see that type of performance week in and week out.

Q: What are your thoughts on Matt Kenseth's Daytona 500 win followed by a win at Auto Club Speedway?

A: Well without a doubt for Matt Kenseth and that whole 17 bunch it's pretty special to watch them win the Daytona 500 and then to come back and win at California, which is a track Matt's had success at, its unbelievable. I think Drew (Blickensderfer, crew chief) is living the dream right now. He's in with a great bunch of guys right now. There are a couple people I look back at and really admire and one is Matt Kenseth. You look back at last year and not winning a race and not making a big deal about it then coming back this year to win the first two is great. I think the guy that really needs a pat on the back is Chip Bolin (engineer). I think a lot of people don't like to necessarily step back and Chip did something that a lot of people can't do. He stepped back in time and put himself back in his old position where he wanted to work on race cars, and to go out and do the job he's done is a tribute to the whole race team. They are a team, they are what they are, they all understand that the role's got to be filled and they all understand that they have to show up at the race track and everybody's got to do their thing. The ego thing got put to the side and to watch them all go off to the race track and do their thing is a proud day for me. Obviously the 17 is to me what the 17 is and to be a part of that for all those years I was, and watch them go off and do great things, makes me feel good.

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