



**ROUSH FENWAY RACING ADVANCE**

*Lowe's Motor Speedway; May 21-24*

## Charlotte Sponsor Line up...

### NASCAR Sprint Cup Series

David Ragan – No. 6 UPS Ford

Greg Biffle – No. 16 3M/Red Cross Ford

Matt Kenseth – No. 17 R+L Carriers Ford

Jamie McMurray – No. 26 Irwin/Vise-Grip Ford

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### NASCAR Nationwide Series

David Ragan – No. 6 Discount Tire Ford

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## Roush Fenway Charlotte Fast Facts...

### NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES

- **2009 Charlotte Lineup** – David Ragan/No. 6 UPS Ford; Greg Biffle/No. 16 3M/Red Cross Ford; Matt Kenseth/No. 17 R+L Carriers Ford; Jamie McMurray/No. 26 Irwin/Vise-Grip; Carl Edwards/No. 99 Aflac Ford.
- Roush Fenway Fords have made 144 Sprint Cup starts at Lowe's Motor Speedway. The team has accrued seven wins, two poles, 35 top-five and 58 top-10 finishes.
- As a team, Roush Fenway drivers have an overall average starting position of 20 and an average finishing position of 16.4 in the Sprint Cup Series. In 71 Coke 600 starts, the team has an average finishing position of 20.7.
- Mark Martin captured Roush Fenway's first victory at the 1.5-mile quad-oval in the fall of 1992. Martin won by 1.88 seconds over Alan Kulwicki.
- Roush Fenway's seven victories break down as follows – Mark Martin (fall '92, fall '95, fall '98, spring '02); Jeff Burton (spring '99, '01); and Matt Kenseth (spring '00).
- **AN UNPRECEDENTED FOUR IN A ROW** - Of their seven wins, Roush Fenway drivers have won four consecutive Coca-Cola 600's. The team won all four races from 1999 – 2002. This continues to be a modern-era record. Hendrick won three consecutive Coca-Cola 600's between 2003 – 2005 but no one else has come close.
- **FIRST TIME AT LOWE'S** - Two of Roush Fenway's five drivers obtained their first career Sprint Cup win at Lowe's Motor Speedway. Matt Kenseth won the Coke 600 in 2000 and Jamie McMurray won in the fall of 2002 (he was with Ganassi Racing at the time).
- Four of Roush Fenway Racing's five drivers finished inside the top-12 in last year's Coca-Cola 600 (Greg Biffle – second, Matt Kenseth – seventh, Carl Edwards – ninth, and David Ragan – 12<sup>th</sup>). In fact, a Roush Fenway Ford finishes inside the top 10/40.3 percent of the time.
- Mark Martin holds both Sprint Cup poles for Roush Fenway Racing. Martin swept both the spring and fall pole positions in 1991.
- **LEADER OF THE PACK** - All of Roush Fenway's current Sprint Cup drivers have led laps at Lowe's Motor Speedway (LMS) in the Sprint Cup Series. Of the five drivers racing this weekend, four of them have a win in either Cup or Nationwide at LMS.

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### NASCAR NATIONWIDE SERIES

- **2009 Charlotte line up** – *David Ragan/No. 6 Discount Tire Ford; Greg Biffle/No. 16 CitiFinancial Ford; Carl Edwards/No. 60 Miracle-Gro Moisture Control Ford.*
- With 68 starts, Roush Fenway Racing Nationwide teams have more starts at Lowe's Motor Speedway than any other track (except for Richmond where they have 68 starts as well).
- In 68 starts, the team has 10 wins, nine poles, 26 top-five and 38 top-10 finishes. The team's average starting position is 10.5 and their average finishing position is 13.4.
- **10 AND COUNTING** - Roush Fenway Nationwide teams know how to get it done in Charlotte. When ranking the tracks the team has the most wins at, Darlington ranks first with 15. Charlotte and Rockingham are tied with 10 wins followed by Richmond where the group has eight wins. Five of the 10 wins have come during the spring Nationwide race.
- Mark Martin garnered Roush Fenway's first Nationwide win at Lowe's Motor Speedway in the fall of 1993. He then went on to win three straight, fall 1995 and a sweep in 1996, followed by wins in the spring of 1998 and 1999.
- Martin has posted the most Nationwide wins for Roush Fenway for a total of six. Jeff Burton has two wins (spring '00 and fall '02) while Greg Biffle took home a win in the fall of 2001 and Carl Edwards is the most recent Roush Fenway Nationwide winner in the spring of 2006.
- **FAST TIME** - The team swept all four poles in 2006 and 2007 between Kenseth, Biffle and Edwards. Roush Fenway's Nationwide poles break down as follows – Mark Martin (fall '94, spring '97), Jeff Burton (fall '01), Greg Biffle (spring '04, fall '07), Matt Kenseth (spring '06, '07), Carl Edwards (fall '06), and Jamie McMurray (fall '08).

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## Roush Fenway Charlotte Story Ideas...

1. **Roush Fenway To Host Fan Days** – As NASCAR plans to settle into the Charlotte area for the 2009 Speedweeks, Roush Fenway is planning their annual Fan Day event to be held at their corporate headquarters in Concord, N.C. on May 21 and 22. All eight of Roush Fenway's drivers plus Jack Roush himself will sign autographs on Thursday, May 21 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. The Sprint Cup teams will participate in a pit stop exhibition on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and activities and displays are planned for both days. Roush Fenway is also hosting a canned food drive to help the local Cabarrus County food pantries. For more information please contact Sheri Herrmann (704)720-4632.
2. **Roush Fenway "Fan of the Year"** – For the second year in a row, and with close to 200,000 votes, Roush Fenway Racing fans have voted on their "Fan of the Year". This year's winner is Jon Ritt of Wheaton, Ill. who uses his love of Roush Fenway Racing and NASCAR to help teach his students in Wheaton. Ritt was selected as the winner via online voting. Ritt will be attending the race festivities this weekend and is available for interviews. For more information please contact Sheri Herrmann (704)720-4632.

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

### Sprint Cup Series

PTS	DRIVER	STARTS	WINS	TOP-5	TOP-10	POLES	LAPS COMP	LAPS LED
9 <sup>th</sup>	Greg Biffle	12	0	2	5	0	3,630	43
10 <sup>th</sup>	Matt Kenseth	19	1	5	8	0	6,275	253
12 <sup>th</sup>	Carl Edwards	8	0	3	6	0	2,923	34
24 <sup>th</sup>	Jamie McMurray	13	1	3	6	0	4,378	139
32 <sup>nd</sup>	David Ragan	4	0	0	1	0	1,184	3
<b>TOTALS:</b>		<b>56</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18,390</b>	<b>472</b>

### Nationwide Series

PTS	DRIVER	STARTS	WINS	TOP-5	TOP-10	POLES	LAPS COMP	LAPS LED
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Carl Edwards	8	1	3	3	1	1,508	201
n/a	David Ragan	5	0	0	2	0	904	29
n/a	Greg Biffle	15	2	5	9	2	2,690	442
<b>TOTALS:</b>		<b>28</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5,102</b>	<b>672</b>

### COMBINED TOTALS

ENTRIES	SERIES	STARTS	WINS	TOP-5	TOP-10	POLES	LAPS COMP	LAPS LED
5	Sprint Cup	56	2	13	26	0	18,390	472
3	Nationwide	28	3	8	14	3	5,102	672
<b>TOTALS:</b>		<b>84</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>23,492</b>	<b>1,144</b>

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## In Their Words...

*Roush Fenway Racing's Spring Cup drivers comment on how Lowe's Motor Speedway changes from day to night; how the track drives; and what it takes to win the longest race of the year.*

No. 6 UPS Ford driver DAVID RAGAN on Charlotte:

"Lowe's changes more than any other track on the schedule from day to night. The overall speed will pick up from afternoon to night and the track will gain grip and all the cars will pick up speed.

"Going into turn one there is a hump that sends you soaring into turn two. Turn two comes up quick and going into turn three you have to make a late entry. Turn four is always slick and is the most important turn of the track.

"It takes a lot of patience to run 600 miles without any mistakes. You have to make the right choice of set-up to adjust on the car throughout the afternoon and night to be there at the end."

No. 16 3M/Red Cross Ford driver GREG BIFFLE on Charlotte:

"Charlotte is a breed of its own. Most of the time it tightens up a little bit but at the same time it gets more grip as the track cools down.

"It (the Coke 600) takes a lot of patience. It's such a long race and it requires a totally different mind set. It's kind of like two races. The first half is survival and the second half is making sure the car will handle well into the night and then making your way to the front if you're not already there."

No. 17 R+L Carriers Ford driver MATT KENSETH on Charlotte:

"The track will change a lot as the sun goes down and you have to have your car setup where you can keep up with the track with different adjustments when needed. You'll have to keep up with the track conditions and that usually means altering your setup throughout the race.

"If you are by yourself, then you will try and run the low line, which has always been a good line at Lowe's. The top has been better and the middle worked for us pretty good during the All-Star race. The thing you have to remember is that as aero tight as these new cars are, you have to be able to run a line that the guy in front of you is not, so you can get as much clean air as possible.

"Track position is key. With the newer smooth surface, you can go a long way on tires, and clean air and track position are worth a lot. It's a long race. You obviously have to stay out of trouble and on the lead lap, you need that position at the end to make a run for it."

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No. 26 Irwin/Vise-Grip Ford driver JAMIE MCMURRAY on Charlotte:  
"Racing at Charlotte and going from day to night gives us a pretty slick track during the day when the sun is overhead, but as soon as the sun begins to set, we get a lot more grip back in our cars typically. This track is very temperature sensitive and as the race progresses into the night, the team that can adjust their car the best, will be up front. This is such a long race that you have to be patience in the early going and remember that you don't need to over adjust your car because you need it to be strong later in the night.

"The Coca-Cola 600 is the longest race we run during the season and it's just become a Memorial Day tradition for all of us. We had a great weekend last week after we raced our way into the All-Star Race. I know that the IRWIN VISE-GRIP team is taking what we learned during the Showdown and the All-Star Race and applying it to Sunday's race, so I'm really looking forward to this weekend."

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