



ROUSH FENWAY RACING ADVANCE

Darlington Raceway; May 7-9

Darlington 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 Aflac “UP Ford

NASCAR Nationwide Series

Erik Darnell – No. 6 Northern Tool + Equipment Ford

Matt Kenseth – No. 16 CitiFinancial Ford

Carl Edwards – No. 60 Miracle-Gro Liquafeed Ford

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Roush Fenway Darlington Fast Facts...

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES

- **2009 Darlington 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 Aflac “UP” Ford.
- Roush Fenway Racing has 123 Sprint Cup starts at the “Lady in Black”. In 123 starts, the team has five wins, four poles, 33 top-five and 61 top-10 finishes.
- Roush Fenway drivers have an average starting position of 16.3 and an average finishing position of 14.8 at Darlington. The team also finishes inside the top 10/49.6 percent of the time.
- In the No. 6 Valvoline Ford, Mark Martin garnered Roush Fenway’s first Southern 500 win in the fall of 1993. Martin led 178 laps on his way to the win over Brett Bodine.
- **BACK-TO-BACK...TWICE** - In addition to Martin’s Southern 500 win, Jeff Burton claimed two victories for Roush Fenway, both in 1999 and both finishing under caution. Greg Biffle also has back-to-back Cup wins in ’05 and ’06. Kurt Busch almost won Roush Fenway their third Southern 400 in 2003 but Ricky Craven edged out the No. 97 Ford by a mere .002 seconds, the closest margin of victory in NASCAR history.
- **18 MPH** - Mark Martin won Roush Fenway’s first Sprint Cup pole at Darlington in only his third start at the track in the spring of 1989. Martin’s Ford was clocked at 161 miles per hour while Carl Edwards, the most recent pole winner at the track, was clocked at 179 miles per hour in 2008.
- Roush Fenway’s four poles are divided between three drivers. Mark Martin won the pole in the spring of 1989 and 1998. Kurt Busch won the pole for the Southern 500 in 2001 (Rain cancelled qualifying in the fall of 2004 placing Busch in the first starting position in the No. 97 Roush Fenway Ford). Greg Biffle is the team’s most recent pole winner at Darlington claiming the pole last year with a fast lap time of 27.405 seconds.

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NASCAR NATIONWIDE SERIES

- **2009 Darlington line up** – Erik Darnell/No. 6 Northern Tool + Equipment Ford; Matt Kenseth/No. 16 CitiFinancial Ford; Carl Edwards/No. 60 Miracle-Gro Liquefeed Ford.
- **TOO TOUGH TO TAME?...NAH** - In the Nationwide Series, Roush Fenway Racing has certainly seemed to tame the “Lady in Black”. Roush Fenway’s 14 wins puts this team at the top of the charts for most wins.
- Roush Fenway has more Nationwide wins at Darlington than any other track with 14. The team has 10 wins at Charlotte and Rockingham and eight at Richmond.
- Roush Fenway’s 14 wins break down as follows: Mark Martin fall '93, fall and spring '94, fall '95, spring '96, fall '99, spring and fall '00; Jeff Burton fall '97, fall '01, spring and fall '02; Greg Biffle spring '04; Matt Kenseth '05.
- Carl Edwards is the most recent Nationwide pole winner at Darlington claiming the title in 2008 with a fast lap time of 27.784 seconds. Stanton Barrett won the pole in 2003, Greg Biffle in the fall of 2002, and Jeff Burton claimed two poles under the Roush Fenway umbrella in the spring of 1998 and 2002. Mark Martin holds the most poles for Roush Fenway with a total of six (spring '94, fall '96, fall '97, spring '99, spring and fall '00).
- **CHANCES ARE GOOD** - In 51 starts, the team has 14 wins, nine poles, 29 top-five and 34 top-10 finishes. The team finds themselves in victory lane 27.5 percent of the time, inside the top five 56.9 percent of the time and inside the top 10 a whopping 66.7 percent of the time.
- Roush Fenway has an average starting position of 8.9 and an average finishing position of 11 in the Nationwide Series.
- **COVER TO COVER A STORYBOOK ENDING** - Four times Roush Fenway drivers have started on the pole and gone on to win a Nationwide race at the track “Too Tough To Tame”. Mark Martin in 1994 and 2000 (both races that year) and Jeff Burton in 2002.

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Roush Fenway Darlington Story Ideas...

1. **“Up”** – The No. 99 Aflac Ford will take on a different look at Darlington. The No. 99 Ford, driven by Carl Edwards, will sport a special paint scheme in support of Disney Pixar’s upcoming release, “Up”. “Up” is a comedy adventure about 78 year old balloon salesman Carl Fredrickson and his lifelong dream of taking a fantastic adventure. For more information please contact LeAnne Howell at (704)720-4832.
2. **Roush Fenway Has Tamed Darlington in the Nationwide Series** – With 14 wins in the Nationwide Series, Roush Fenway Racing has more wins at the track dubbed “Too Tough To Tame”, than any other team. Darlington is where Roush Fenway as a team, has the most Nationwide wins. Tied for second are Charlotte and Rockingham followed by Richmond with eight. Can Roush Fenway tame the “Lady in Black” again this weekend locking in Nationwide win number 102? For more information please contact Sheri Herrmann at (704)720-4632.
3. **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. Activities and displays are planned for both days. Roush Fenway is also planning a canned food drive in conjunction with the event. For more information please contact Sheri Herrmann (704)720-4632.

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Darlington Track History (current drivers)...

Sprint Cup Series

PTS	DRIVER	STARTS	WINS	TOP-5	TOP-10	POLES	LAPS COMP	LAPS LED
9 th	Carl Edwards	5	0	2	4	0	1,752	37
12 th	Matt Kenseth	15	0	1	6	0	4,781	138
11 th	Greg Biffle	8	2	2	3	1	2,655	522
25 th	Jamie McMurray	8	0	2	3	0	2,644	79
26 th	David Ragan	2	0	1	1	0	730	2
TOTALS:		38	2	8	17	1	12,562	778

Nationwide Series

PTS	DRIVER	STARTS	WINS	TOP-5	TOP-10	POLES	LAPS COMP	LAPS LED
2 nd	Carl Edwards	4	0	1	2	1	444	0
n/a	Erik Darnell	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
n/a	Matt Kenseth	14	2	8	11	0	2,001	323
TOTALS:		18	2	9	13	1	2,445	323

COMBINED TOTALS

ENTRIES	SERIES	STARTS	WINS	TOP-5	TOP-10	POLES	LAPS COMP	LAPS LED
5	Sprint Cup	38	2	8	17	1	12,562	778
3	Nationwide	18	2	9	13	1	2,445	323
TOTALS:		56	4	17	30	2	15,007	1,101

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In Their Words...

Roush Fenway Racing's Spring Cup drivers comment on why Darlington is special, some of the challenges that Darlington presents, what it takes to win there, and the best gift they gave their Mom for Mother's Day.

No. 6 UPS Ford driver DAVID RAGAN on Darlington:

"Darlington is so special because it's got a lot of history and has been around for years.

"Darlington has two completely different turns. Turns one and two are sweeping and there's more room to race than turns three and four. In three and four you run up by the wall and it is hard to pass.

"To win at Darlington you need to finish the race with the right side intact and all four tires straight.

"Giving mom a day around the house that involves no race track is a good gift. Just helping her cook and enjoy family time with no racing involved is a gift in itself."

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

"Well, I've won there three times so that makes it pretty special to me. Aside from that, I think the fact that the track has a lot of history in the sport makes it special to most drivers. We grew up watching the legends in the sport race at Darlington, so to get to race there now is pretty incredible.

"Darlington is the hardest place we race. We run inches off the wall at speeds we run at mile and a half track. Any second it'll reach out and bite you and that's why they call it the 'Lady in Black'. It is also very hard to pass there which obviously adds another challenge.

"It takes a lot of luck, a good car, no mistakes and good pit stops to win at Darlington. Track position is so important there because it is so hard to pass that you need to qualify well and not have any mistakes on pit road.

"One of the crystal palm tree trophies from Darlington."

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In Their Words continued...

No. 17 DEWALT Ford driver MATT KENSETH on Darlington:

"The history and unique layout make Darlington special.

"It's very fast and narrow; the biggest challenge is getting around there fast without hitting the wall.

"It is different since they paved it. Today you need a real fast car and have to have the track position at the end of the race.

"Katie and I got my mom a new Ford Taurus one year; that was a cool day and gift."

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

"When you go to Darlington, you always have to be aware of the 'Darlington stripe' which is the name that we got when cars would scrape the wall and scratch up the paint and decals. We have to run so close to the wall because of the speed we get there. Before they repaved the track, it used to be a pretty rough surface, but last year was the first time we raced on the new track surface and it was very smooth and seemed even a little faster.

"Darlington is one of the older tracks that we race at on the Sprint Cup circuit and with that history; you always want to do well here. It's a track that you can feel the history at and even with the new track surface they put down last year, it's still a wild Saturday night race that's relatively close to home for all of us.

"I don't have any specific Mother's Day memories that really stand out, but I always equate Mother's Day with racing so it's been wonderful that we're able to celebrate our mom's at Darlington before the race. My mom always makes sure that she comes to this race every year and it's just really cool to be introduced with her before the race."

No. 99 Aflac "UP" Ford driver CARL EDWARDS on Darlington:

"Darlington is one of my favorite tracks. It's challenging because you're running so close to the wall at such high speeds it's not hard to get a 'Darlington stripe'. It's also tough to pass there but I think some of the best racing has happened there. It would mean a lot to get a win.

"I think Mother's Day is special to all of us, but being in Darlington with our Mother's is great. It's real cool to race in front of your Mother. It's great for her to meet the other driver's moms. It's a fun event. To win on Mother's Day would be very special to me.

"The best gift I ever gave my mother was a Ford Mustang for Mother's Day. She had never had a new car in her life and I bought her a new Ford Mustang and Jack (Roush) put the stage three Roush package on it and she loves it."

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