



Ricky Stenhouse, Jr. – NNS ADVANCE

Team: No. 16 3M Ford Fusion
Crew Chief: Eddie Pardue
Chassis: RK-356 (finished 32nd at Nashville in June)

Fast Facts:

- This is Ricky Stenhouse, Jr.'s fourth race at Iowa Speedway. He raced in the track's USAC National Sprint and Midget events in 2007 and in the ARCA Re/MAX Series race last season. He also tested the No. 16 Ford Fusion there last year.
- Stenhouse, Jr. finished fourth in ARCA Re/MAX Series points last season; amassing three poles, two wins, 10 top-five and 14 top-10 finishes.
- Stenhouse, Jr. has one top-five and two top-10s in five NNS starts this season.
- Stenhouse, Jr. has seven NNS races on his schedule this year; both Nashville events, Kentucky, Milwaukee, Gateway, Iowa and Memphis.

Stenhouse, Jr. on racing at Iowa Speedway: “Everyone talks about the bump in one and two. It's pretty big and it's actually gotten worse since I raced there last year. That's another reason you run up a groove, groove-and-a-half, because the bump isn't as big when you get up into the second and third groove. If you can get through there, you're in pretty good shape. I think that's the most unique characteristic about the track.”

Stenhouse, Jr. on his season so far: “It started out rough and got better. We've definitely been more competitive and more consistent here lately. We had a little bad luck at the last race at Gateway. I think we had a top 10 car until we got wrecked there towards the end. Overall I've made a lot of laps and learned a lot.

“I think it's all starting to click for me. I've been able to gel with Eddie Pardue and all the guys on the team and it's definitely getting easier. I think I'm about where I thought I'd be but of course I would like to have a win in there. Our goal was to run in the top 10 knowing that if we did that the top-five finishes would come. So far I have a top-five and couple top-10s. I would have liked to have more top-10s so it's a little disappointing from that perspective but overall I think it's going okay.”