

## Edwards Stretches Fuel For Texas Win



Carl Edwards

**By Gerald Hodges**  
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FT. WORTH, Texas - "Amazing," is the way Carl Edwards' crew chief Bob Osborne described his driver's win Sunday in the Dickies 500 at Texas Motor Speedway. But it was Osborne's decision to keep Edwards and his No. 99 Office Depot Ford on the track, while everyone else pitted for a splash of fuel late in the race.

The strategy paid off as Edwards went 69 laps on the last tank of fuel and was able to gain 77 points on the Chase leader Jimmie Johnson, who finished 15th.

"I don't know what to say, my guys did a great job," said Edwards. "We probably made the wrong call on the last pit stop by taking on four tires, but Bob came up with a way to win this thing, anyway."

"First, he said, 'We're two-tenths of a lap short, so conserve.' Then he came back on and said, 'No, we're four laps short, just go real hard and we'll pit.' The next time he came back and said, 'Conserve.' Just by default I knew he wasn't too sure about it."

"I'm really glad it worked out and we were able to gain some ground on Jimmie."

Johnson and crew chief Chad Knaus were really never able to get the handle where they wanted it on Johnson's No. 48. He went a lap down, and at one time was running 30th.

"We got the car back where it was competitive, like it would run in the top 5 or top 10, but we just couldn't get up to the top handling speed," said Johnson. "I'm frustrated because I thought we were better than that."

Polesitter Jeff Gordon finished second.

"Hey, this was like a win for us," said Gordon. "It was a crazy day. We were good at the beginning, but fell back to fifth. We tried to free it up, and one time I got too loose and lost all my track position and had to fight my way back on the lead lap."

Late in the race, David Gilliland got into the No. 42 car driven by Juan Montoya. Montoya and Gilliland had bumped each other several times earlier. With 70 laps to

go in the 334-lap race, Gilliland cut down on the rear of the No. 42, sending it and Montoya hard into the outside wall.

"I had slid up in front of him earlier, and he jacked my rear wheels up," said Gilliland. "We were going down the back straightaway and he got into me again. I had let him go, but I got a good run off the corner and misjudged and got into him."

Montoya's car was too damaged to continue and NASCAR parked Gilliland and the No. 38 for the remainder of the race.

Top-10 finishers: 1. Carl Edwards, 2. Jeff Gordon, 3. Jamie McMurray, 4. Clint Bowyer, 5. Greg Biffle, 6. Kyle Busch, 7. Kevin Harvick, 8. Martin Truex Jr., 9. Matt Kenseth, 10. David Reutimann

Top-10 Chase contenders with two races to go: 1. Johnson-6366, 2. Edwards-6260, 3. Biffle-6223, 4. Burton-6154, 5. Gordon-6111, 6. Bowyer-6099, 7. Harvick-6087, 8. Kenseth-5973, 9. Stewart-5962, 10. Kyle Busch-5938, 11. Earnhardt-5937, 12. Hamlin-5935

Top-10 Nationwide Series drivers after 33 of 35: 1. Bowyer-4817, 2. Edwards-4726, 3. Keselowski-4524, 4. Ragan-4310, 5. Bliss-4250, 6. Reutimann-4194, 7. Kyle Busch-4126, 8. M. Wallace-3881, 9. Leffler-3881, 10. Ambrose-3830

Top-10 Craftsman Truck Series drivers after 23 of 25: 1. Benson-3489, 2. Hornaday-3483, 3. Bodine-3266, 4. Darnell-3136, 5. Crafton-3133, 6. Skinner-3123, 7. Crawford-3113, 8. Setzer-2924, 9. Sprague-2910, 10. Cook-2804

### ARCA RE/MAX releases 2009 schedule

The ARCA Re/Max Series has released its 2009 schedule. The 22-race slate will include 13 states and Canada.

Feb. 7-Daytona Int'l. Speedway; Apr. 5-Salem, Ind.; Apr. 19-Rockingham, N.C.; Apr. 24-Talladega Superspeedway; May 9-Kentucky Speedway, Sparta, Ky.; May 17-Toledo Speedway, Toledo, Ohio; June 6-Pocono Raceway, Long Pond, Pa.; June 12-Michigan Int'l. Speedway, Brooklyn, Mich.; June 20-Music City Motorplex, Nashville, Tenn.; June 28-Cayuga Motor Speedway, Hagersville, ON; July 11-Iowa Speedway, Newton, Iowa; July 18-Kentucky Speedway, Sparta, Ky.; July 25-Berlin Raceway, Marne, Mich.; Aug. 1-Pocono Raceway, Long Pond, Pa.; Aug. 23-Illinois State Fairgrounds, Springfield, Ill.; Aug. 28-Chicagoland Speedway, Joliet, Ill.; Sept. 4-Toledo Speedway, Toledo, Ohio; Sept. 9-DuQuoin State Fairgrounds, DuQuoin, Iowa; Sept. 13-New Jersey Motorsports Park, Millville, N.J.; Sept. 19-Salem Speedway, Salem, Ind.; Oct. 1-Kansas Speedway, Kansas City, Kan.; Oct. 11-Rockingham Speedway, Rockingham, N.C.

### Where's the Chase excitement?

NASCAR racing isn't about to die on the vine, but more and more fans feel like the excitement of the actual racing isn't what it used to be.

The core of NASCAR should be the race itself. Not the first 26 or the last 10 races, but all of them. Exciting on-track racing is what makes a person want to see more.

The 10-race Chase for the Championship was designed to bring excitement at the end of the racing season. NASCAR wanted a way to hold its ground and attract new fans during the final three months of the season. That's more difficult since Jimmie Johnson won the last two championships and is turning this year's playoffs into a blowout.

Fans I talk with say that if NASCAR would pay more attention to their gripes, they could improve some of the boring stuff.

"Why does there always seem to be a couple cautions for debris during the last 10-20 laps of a race," said B. W. of Dover, Del. "I think they are more concerned about putting on a show like the World Wrestling Federation, than promoting good side-by-side racing."

"It's gotten so that the only time you see real competitive racing is during the last 25 laps of a race. Watching the end of a race is about all that's interesting to me."

I agree with you B. W. Somewhere along the way NASCAR has lost some of its ability to keep fans glued to the TV on race day.

During the Atlanta race weekend, four-time NASCAR Cup champion Jeff Gordon pitched NASCAR racing in one of his interviews.

"I think that there is only one reason why you watch NASCAR racing and that's because it's exciting," Gordon said.

Everyone knows by now that NASCAR has been on a fast track for the past decade, but the economy is slowing it down. Dale Earnhardt Jr. said it will never happen, but the current 36-race schedule should be reduced to 28.

"What happens is we've saturated the market, with race after race," said Earnhardt. "When the race was a 28-race schedule, the sport was giving you just enough to get really excited about."

"But we've already passed the point of no return. We're driven by the ability to make another dollar and there's no way we would ever trim it down."

Certainly NASCAR has gotten bigger and more polished, but is that reason enough to put corporate executives ahead of the fans?

Maybe the season is too long. Maybe the sheer amount of racing that is available to race fans is causing an overload.

NASCAR has repeatedly said they believe the sport is in good health and has no plans to either reduce the size of the fields or alter the present rules.

I don't have the answer, but it's NASCAR's responsibility to provide the fan with exciting racing.

This is a hard time for many NASCAR fans. I think the powers-that-be need to examine every facet of their operation to see how it can be made better.

Next week: NASCAR is still sound.

Weekend racing: All three of NASCAR's major series will be out West at the 1.0-mile Phoenix (Arizona) Raceway.

Friday, November 7, Craftsman Truck Series Lucas Oil 150; starting time: 7:30 p.m. (EST); TV: Speed Channel.

Saturday, November 8, Nationwide Series Hefty Odor Block 200; starting time: 4 p.m. (EST); TV: ESPN2.

Sunday, November 9, Sprint Cup Series Checker Auto Parts 500; starting time: 3 p.m. (EST); TV: ABC.

Racing trivia question: What year did Rusty Wallace win his Cup championship?

Last week's question: Will Greg Zipadelli, the current crew chief for Tony Stewart, leave Joe Gibbs Racing at the end of the season along with Stewart? Answer: No. He will stay with Joe Gibbs Racing as crew chief for Joey Logano.

You may contact the Racing Reporter at: hodgesnews@earthlink.net.

## Girls Volleyball

North Star 3, McConnellsburg 0

McConnellsburg pos-season play came to a halt Thursday night during the championship round of District 5-A playoffs against North Star. North Star clinched the district title with a 3-0 win after winning the matches 25-14, 25-18 and 25-18. For the Lady Spartans, A'Leese Dickerson rallied for 15 kills and two blocks. Teammates Michelle Baker totalled four kills and five digs, while Brittany Ott had 14 assists and four digs. Megan Eichelberger finished with 11 digs.

McConnellsburg 3, Berlin 2

Even though they found themselves behind on the scoreboard on several occasions last Tuesday, McConnellsburg narrowly slipped by Berlin 3-2 in the semifinal round of District 5-A playoffs. A'Leese Dickerson managed 26 kills and three aces, while Brittany Ott finished with seven kills, 45 assists, 11 digs and three aces. Michelle Baker added 13 kills and 19 digs, and Megan Eichelberger had seven kills and 10 digs. Lisa DeShong and Valerie Green contributed 19 digs and seven digs respectively.

## Field Hockey

Indian Valley 7, Forbes Road 0

Competition ruled the first half of last Wednesday's District 6-AA championship game but the second half was a total blow out with Indian Valley running away with a 7-0 victory. For the Forbes Road Cardinals, who closed out the season with a 12-6 record, goalkeeper Gabrielle McIntire totalled 16 saves.

## Photo License Centers To Be Closed For Veterans Day

Driver licensing, motor vehicle services available online

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation announced that all driver license and photo centers, including its full-service center in Harrisburg, will be closed on Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

Customers may still obtain a variety of driver and vehicle products and services online through PennDOT's Driver and Vehicle Services Web site: www.dmv.state.pa.us.

Driver and vehicle online services are available 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week and include driver's license and photo ID renewals, vehicle registration renewal, driver history services, change of address and exam scheduling.

There are no additional fees for using online services.

## Senior Center Lunch Menu

Fulton County Senior Center lunch menu for the week is as follows:

Monday: chicken leg and thigh, sweet potatoes, corn, wheat bread, banana pudding.

Tuesday: center closed.

Wednesday: kielbasa, baked potato, succotash, sausage roll, fruit mix.

Thursday: meat lasagna, tossed salad, Italian dressing, mixed veggies, Italian bread, orange.

Friday: ham slice, lima beans, parsley potatoes, wheat bread, peaches.

To reserve a dinner, please write name on the sheet at the appropriate center or call before 1:30 p.m. on the day before: McConnellsburg - 485-5613; Hustontown - 987-3770; Warfordsburg - 294-6020.

Suggested donation is \$2.

## Girls Win Harvest Classic



Pictured above are McConnellsburg u10 girls soccer team who won the Harvest Classic held in Chambersburg on October 18 and 19. The girls went 6-0 and did not allow a goal all weekend long. Team members are front row, left: Carly Swope, Emma Kendall, Morgan Kendall, Morgan Smith, Michaela Kendall; back row: Mike Kendall (head coach), Tara Cutshaw, Savannah Kerlin, Bronwynne Mellott, MacKenzi Garlock, Morgan Daniels, Dawn Hammond (asst. coach).

## Racing Roundup

By Brad Vores

The World of Outlaws brought the curtain down on its 2008 racing season with the VAULT World Finals at the Dirt Track at Lowe's Motor Speedway over the weekend.

Five different features saw five different winners along with two series champions crowned in front of the sellout crowd on a great weekend in Charlotte.

Winners on the Late Model series included Chris Madden, Scott Bloomquist and Josh Richards while it was Brooke Tatnell and Donny Schatz scoring wins on the 410 Sprint car tour.

Madden turned back a last lap challenge from Shannon Babb to win the big \$16,150 paycheck in Wednesday night's Armour Vienna Sausages Showdown which was rescheduled from a few weeks ago. Madden won over Babb, who came from 14th, Dale McDowell, Scott Bloomquist and Shane Clanton. York's Rick Eckert finished in the 11th spot.

Bloomquist led flag-to-flag to win Friday night's event, which was his first WoO win of the 2008 season. He won over McDowell, Babb, Tim McCreadie and Matt Miller. Danville's Jeff Rine finished 16th and Eckert 17th.

Young Josh Richards won a thrilling battle in front of a national TV audience on SPEED for a Saturday night win that pushed him into the second-place finish in points for the season. Richards held off Earl Pearson Jr., McDowell, Donnie Moran and Steve Francis. Eckert finished 12th and Rine was 27th.

Despite no top-five finishes during the weekend, Darrell Lanigan clinched a career first World of Outlaw Late Model title.

Subbing for injured driver Craig Dollansky, Tatnell captured his first WoO win of the year in Friday night's World of Outlaws 410 Sprint car feature. Tatnell led all the way in his win over Schatz, Terry McCarl, Steve Kinser and Red Lion's Cody Darrah, who turned in an outstanding run. Fred Rahmer was ninth, Lucas Wolfe 15th, Greg Hodnett 20th, while Mark Smith, Brian Leppo, Alan Cole, Lance Dewease and Niki Young failed to qualify from the Keystone state.

It was all Schatz in Saturday's live broadcast with his 18th win of the season on the Outlaw tour and he also captured his third straight WoO sprint championship.

Schatz won over Kraig Kinser, Jason Meyers, Daryn Pittman and Jason Sides, while Darrah returned from an early race incident to finish ninth with Rahmer 12th, Hodnett

16th, Cole 20th and Smith 23rd. Dewease, Leppo, and Young did not transfer.

Don't forget the rescheduled Octoberfest 350 is on tap this weekend at Hagerstown Speedway featuring the Late Models, 410 Sprints, big block and small block modifieds. Racing begins both days at noon.

That's a wrap on this week as we enjoyed our first-ever visit to Charlotte for the World Finals and looking forward to Penn State's next three weekends of games, which hopefully turns into a January 8 trip to the BCS Championship in Miami. So until next time, e-mail reaches me at Bvores@aol.com.

## 2009 Tree Seedling Cost Sharing Available

Glatfelter Pulp Wood Co., Spring Grove, Pa., will once again share the cost of tree seedlings with interested landowners. Counties included in the program are Adams, Bedford, Berks, Blair, Centre, Chester, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Mifflin, Northumberland, Perry, Schuylkill, Snyder, Union and York.

The Glatfelter firm purchases pulpwood in the state to supply wood fiber to the Glatfelter Co.'s pulp and paper mill in Spring Grove, Pa. Since 1951, this program has helped provide landowners the opportunity to purchase seedlings at substantial savings.

White pine tree seedlings are available under this year's program.

The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation & Natural Resources furnishes all seedlings. Orders will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Glatfelter Pulp Wood Co. imposes no restrictions of any kind, but landowners must comply with state regulations regarding the planting of these trees. Pennsylvania regulations include:

Trees may not be used for Christmas trees, decorative or ornamental uses, or for windbreaks.

The minimum acceptable order is for 500 seedlings, which will plant three-quarter acre.

All trees become the property of the landowner, who may harvest them at a future date for any wood product.

The Glatfelter program has an overall dollar limitation. Seedling orders will be accepted and cost shared until that dollar limit is reached. After that, full payment for orders will be the responsibility of the landowner.

For information about placing your order, see the Bureau of Forestry district office at 717-485-3148 or write directly to Glatfelter Pulp Wood Co., Spring Grove, PA 17362 or call 717-225-4711.

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