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DAYTONA

BY THE NUMBERS

COKE ZERO SUGAR 400 · THE REGULAR-SEASON FINALE · SAT, AUG 29, 2026

15 NUMBERS · EVERY CUP RACE HERE SINCE 2005 · TURNFOURRACING.COM

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AVERAGE FINISH HERE, BEST OF ANYONE
WITH 10+ DAYTONA STARTS

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Bubba Wallace is the best Daytona driver of the last 20 years.
He's **never won it.**

Since 2005 no driver with 10 or more Daytona starts has a better average finish than Wallace's 14.2. Dale Earnhardt Jr. is 2nd over that span at 15.3. He won here twice. Wallace has 18 starts, 3 runner-ups and 0 wins. Saturday, 2 points clinches his Chase spot, and a 35th-place finish does it.

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WINNERS SINCE 2005 LED 2 LAPS OR FEWER

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7 Daytona winners led exactly 1 lap.

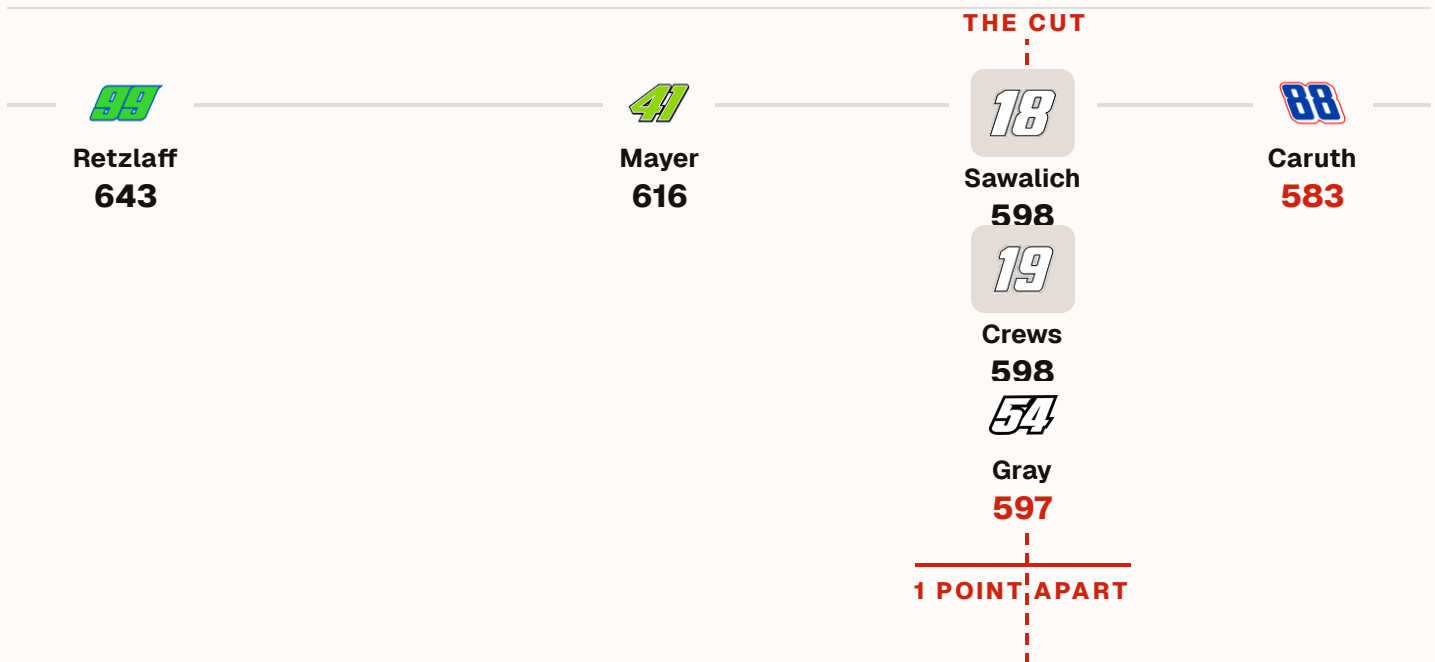
In 8 of those 9 races somebody else led between 34 and 118 laps and lost. February was the cleanest version of it: Tyler Reddick led 1 lap and won the Daytona 500 while Bubba Wallace led a race-high 40 and finished 10th.

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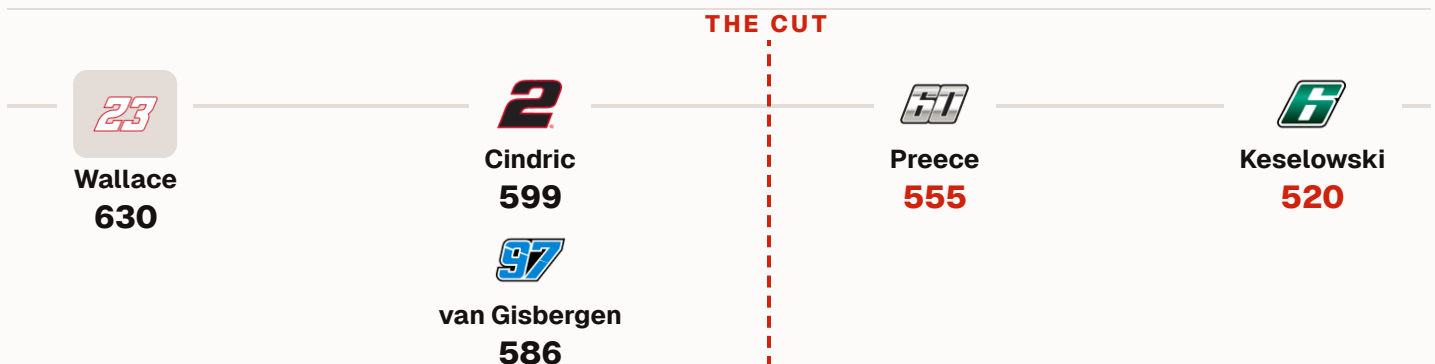
1 point decides Friday night. 31 decides **Saturday**.

Friday's Winn-Dixie 250 sets the O'Reilly Chase field: 6 drivers alive for 4 spots, William Sawalich and Brent Crews tied on 598 points and Taylor Gray 1 point behind them. Saturday sets the Cup field: 3 spots open, 13 drivers already locked in, and 5 still alive, with 31 points between van Gisbergen in the last spot and Preece in the first one out.

FRIDAY · O'REILLY SERIES 6 DRIVERS, 4 SPOTS



SATURDAY · CUP SERIES 5 DRIVERS, 3 SPOTS



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TOP-5 FINISHES IN 24 DAYTONA STARTS

Larson's trophy case is missing exactly one thing.

A Daytona finish inside the **top-5**.

32 Cup wins at 18 different tracks and two championships, and he has never finished top-5 at Daytona. 24 starts, a best of 6th, twice, a 21.0 average, 46 laps led, 0 wins. Saturday is try number 25.

NO. 05

465

HORSEPOWER, CUT FROM 510, WITH A 4-INCH SPOILER

New rules, and nobody gets a practice lap.

The rear spoiler drops from 7 inches to 4, the tapered spacer takes horsepower from 510 to roughly 465, and the splitter stuffers and drop gear change with them. Saturday is the package's first race and NASCAR is not running a Cup practice session, so qualifying Friday night is the entire sample.

SPOILER, DAYTONA		4 IN
SPOILER, UNTIL NOW		7 IN

NO. 06

4 OF 6

O'REILLY SERIES STARTS HERE THAT HE HAS WON



Austin Hill owns Friday night.

4 wins and 205 laps led in 6 Daytona starts in the O'Reilly Series, and he is entered in the Cup race Saturday as well. Friday's Winn-Dixie 250 sets that series' 12-driver Chase field, with William Sawalich and Brent Crews sitting 1 point above the line.

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10.9

CARS A RACE THAT DO NOT GO THE DISTANCE

A quarter of the field never sees the finish.

Since 2015 an average of 10.9 cars per Daytona Cup race have come home with less than 95% of the winner's laps. That is 27.1% of the field. At the other Cup tracks it is 5.1 cars and 13.3%.

DAYTONA		27.1%
TALLADEGA		21.3%
EVERY OTHER TRACK		13.3%

NO. 09

23.5%

OF DRAFTKINGS POINTS HERE COME FROM POSITIONS GAINED

Daytona is the place-differential race of the year.

DraftKings pays 3 ways: where you finish, how many spots you gained from your starting slot, and laps led plus fastest laps. Here the middle one carries 23.5% of all scoring against 14.6% at every other Cup track, and domination pays 9.7% against 15.4%. Start deep and the finishing position barely changes; the score nearly triples.

STARTED 1-5		12.6
STARTED 6-15		16.3
STARTED 16-25		23.5
STARTED 26+		34.7

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A career gets made here.

9 drivers have taken their first career Cup win at Daytona since 2005, from Trevor Bayne to Harrison Burton. These 5 are the winless men in Saturday's field, and between them they have started 997 Cup races without one. Ryan Preece is on that list twice over: he also needs the win to make The Chase.

10 306 STARTS Ty Dillon	50 248 STARTS Preece	34 169 STARTS Gilliland
42 138 STARTS Nemechek	4 136 STARTS Gragson	

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CAREER CUP WINS, ALL AT DAYTONA OR TALLADEGA

Stenhouse only wins at the drafting tracks.

Daytona in July 2017, Talladega in May 2017, the Daytona 500 in 2023, Talladega again in October 2024. 28 Daytona starts, 2 of them wins, and 27th in the standings this year. He is +2800 on DraftKings Saturday.

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45%

OF THE BOARD COVERED BY THE 5 SHORTEST PRICES

The favorites barely cover half this race.

At a typical oval this season DraftKings prices its 5 favorites at a combined 79% chance of winning. At Daytona that number is 45%, and at Talladega 42%. Those 3 tracks are the only races all year under 55%. The shortest price Saturday, Ryan Blaney and William Byron at +850, is worth about 10.5%.

DAYTONA		45%
TALLADEGA		42%
A TYPICAL OVAL		79%

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685

LAPS LED HERE, MOST IN SATURDAY'S FIELD

Hamlin leads the most laps and averages 18.3.

3 wins in 41 Daytona starts and more laps led than anyone else entered, against a career average finish of 18.3. All 3 wins are Daytona 500s; he has never won the summer race. Across this year's 4 drafting races the regular-season champion has no top-10s and a 17.8 average.

NO. 13

2 drivers won 3 of the 4 drafting races this year.

Tyler Reddick took the Daytona 500 and Atlanta in February, Carson Hocevar won Talladega, Ryan Blaney won Atlanta in July. Reddick averages a 6.0 finish across the 4 and Hocevar 6.5. Nobody else entered Saturday is under 8.0.

45	77	12
2 WINS Reddick	1 WIN Hocevar	1 WIN Blaney

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DIFFERENT WINNERS IN 43 RACES HERE SINCE 2005

Nobody owns this place for long.

16 different drivers have won the last 23 Daytona Cup races. Only 4 have won here 3 or more times in the whole span: Tony Stewart with 4, then Jimmie Johnson, Denny Hamlin and William Byron with 3 each. Byron got all 3 of his since 2020.

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POINTS OF HEAD START BETWEEN THE 5TH AND 8TH SEEDS

The drivers already in are racing for seeding.

The Chase resets everybody: 2,100 points for the top seed, 2,075 for 2nd, 2,065 for 3rd, then 5 points a seed down to 2,000 for the 16th. 31 points currently separate Christopher Bell in 5th from Chase Elliott in 8th, and Larson and Elliott are 1 point apart. Saturday moves that ladder.

NO. 1 SEED		+100
NO. 5 SEED		+55
NO. 8 SEED		+40
NO. 16 SEED		+0

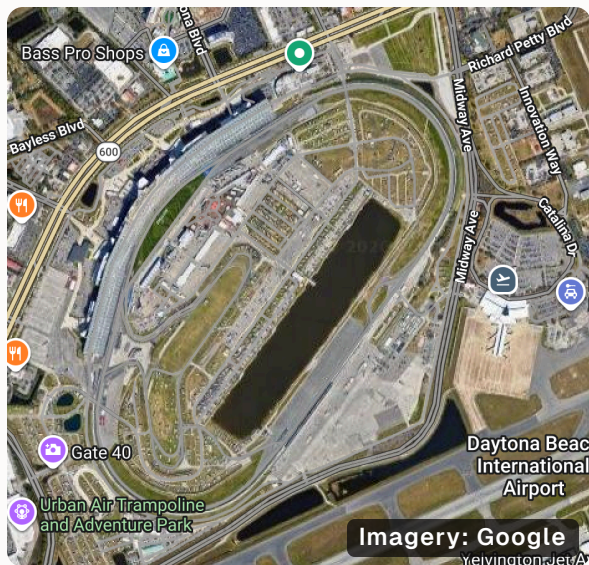
THE NEXT STEP

Projections for the full field, all 3 series, Thursday morning.

The full Daytona slate, both series, free in your inbox before qualifying. No card, no catch.

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Daytona International Speedway · Daytona Beach, Florida
2.5-mile tri-oval · 31° in the corners, 18° through the tri-oval, 3° on the backstretch · opened 1958
O'Reilly Series Friday night · Cup Saturday, Aug 29, 7:30 p.m. ET

THE RECORD BOOK · SATURDAY'S FIELD AT DAYTONA

COKE ZERO SUGAR 400 ENTRY LIST · DAYTONA CUP RECORDS SINCE 2005

DRIVER	CAR	STARTS	WINS	TOP 5	TOP 10	AVG FIN	LAPS LED
John Hunter Nemechek	42	7		1	2	13.1	26
Bubba Wallace	23	18		5	7	14.2	106
Alex Bowman	48	20		2	7	17.1	53
Chris Buescher	17	21	1	5	11	17.7	58
Ty Gibbs	54	8		1	2	17.8	
Denny Hamlin	11	41	3	11	12	18.3	685
Joey Logano	22	35	1	9	12	18.3	413
Ryan Blaney	12	22	2	5	9	18.6	260
Zane Smith	38	6			1	18.7	9
Austin Dillon	3	26	2	4	9	18.8	89
Cody Ware	51	10		1	2	19.1	25
Chase Elliott	9	21		4	7	19.7	176
Christopher Bell	20	13		3	3	19.7	97
Ty Dillon	10	17		1	3	19.8	26
Erik Jones	43	19	1	3	5	19.9	71
Austin Cindric	2	10	1	2	3	20.0	128
Gray Gaulding	66	1				20.0	
Chase Briscoe	19	11		2	3	20.5	107
A.J. Allmendinger	16	25		3	8	20.6	40
Michael McDowell	71	30	1	3	8	20.6	75
Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	47	28	2	4	5	20.6	154
Cole Custer	41	9		1	1	20.8	8
Ross Chastain	1	16			3	20.9	72
William Byron	24	17	3	4	5	20.9	115
Kyle Larson	5	24			6	21.0	46
Josh Berry	21	6			2	21.3	10
Tyler Reddick	45	14	1	4	4	21.3	15
Brad Keselowski	6	34	1	5	9	21.7	356
Casey Mears	62	24		2	6	21.8	19
Riley Herbst	35	6			2	22.8	
Noah Gragson	4	8		1	2	22.9	7
Austin Hill	33	3				23.0	
Ryan Preece	60	13		1	3	24.3	14
Daniel Suarez	7	18		1	2	24.6	44
Joey Gase	44	9				25.3	
Carson Hocevar	77	5				26.6	3
Todd Gilliland	34	9				27.8	22
Corey Heim	67	1				28.0	8
Shane van Gisbergen	97	4				28.5	9
Connor Zilisch	88	1				33.0	
Daniel Dye	78						

THE RECORD BOOK · EVERY DAYTONA CUP WINNER SINCE 2005

43 RACES · 27 DIFFERENT WINNERS · WHERE EACH ONE STARTED AND HOW MANY LAPS HE LED

RACE	WINNER	STARTED	LED
Feb 2005	Jeff Gordon	15	29
Jul 2005	Tony Stewart	1	151
Feb 2006	Jimmie Johnson	9	24
Jul 2006	Tony Stewart	2	86
Feb 2007	Kevin Harvick	34	4
Jul 2007	Jamie McMurray	15	3
Feb 2008	Ryan Newman	7	8
Jul 2008	Kyle Busch	9	31
Feb 2009	Matt Kenseth	39	7
Jul 2009	Tony Stewart	1	86
Feb 2010	Jamie McMurray	13	2
Jul 2010	Kevin Harvick	1	28
Feb 2011	Trevor Bayne	32	6
Jul 2011	David Ragan	5	15
Feb 2012	Matt Kenseth	4	50
Jul 2012	Tony Stewart	42	22
Feb 2013	Jimmie Johnson	9	17
Jul 2013	Jimmie Johnson	8	94
Feb 2014	Dale Earnhardt Jr.	9	54
Jul 2014	Aric Almirola	15	14
Feb 2015	Joey Logano	5	31
Jul 2015	Dale Earnhardt Jr.	1	96
Feb 2016	Denny Hamlin	11	95
Jul 2016	Brad Keselowski	5	115
Feb 2017	Kurt Busch	8	1
Jul 2017	Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	6	17
Feb 2018	Austin Dillon	14	1
Jul 2018	Erik Jones	29	1
Feb 2019	Denny Hamlin	10	30
Jul 2019	Justin Haley	34	1
Feb 2020	Denny Hamlin	21	79
Aug 2020	William Byron	6	24
Feb 2021	Michael McDowell	17	1
Aug 2021	Ryan Blaney	6	7
Feb 2022	Austin Cindric	5	21
Aug 2022	Austin Dillon	21	10
Feb 2023	Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	31	10
Aug 2023	Chris Buescher	11	2
Feb 2024	William Byron	18	4
Aug 2024	Harrison Burton	20	1
Feb 2025	William Byron	5	10
Aug 2025	Ryan Blaney	1	27
Feb 2026	Tyler Reddick	26	1