

"Racing"

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camping gear from Coleman, a leather jacket from Goodwin, and a two-week hunting trip from car owner Richard Childress.

His career began on short tracks of his native Wisconsin. He has been a test driver for Richard Childress Racing, served as a test driver for the International Race of Champions (IROC), and also won three Busch Series races.

Dale, Jr. wins Busch race with a #3 Oreo car

It was a different series and a different car, but it was the same old Dale Earnhardt Jr. as he won the GNC 200 NASCAR Busch Series race Saturday at Daytona International Speedway.

Dale Jr. drove a car built and prepared by Richard Childress Racing, and was serviced during pit stops by the crew from his No. 14 Dale Earnhardt Inc. (DEI) Budweiser Winston Cup team.

Earnhardt Jr., a two-time Busch Champion (1998 and 1999) grabbed his 14th career Busch victory with a dominating performance, leading four times for 59 laps in the 120-lap event.

Finishing order: 1. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 2. Michael Waltrip, 3. Matt Kenseth, 4. Jason Keller, 5. Shane Hmiel, 6. Scott Riggs, 7. Jack Sprague, 8. Kevin LePage, 9. Andy Houston, 10. Kenny Wallace, 11. Jamie McMurray, 12. Scott Sumner, 13. Chad Little, 14. Larry Foyt, 15. Kelly Denton, 17. Johnny Sauter, 18. David Green, 19. Lyndon Amick, 20. Stacy Compton, 21. Jeff Purvis, 22. Greg Biffle, 23. Casey Means, 24. Steadman Marlin, 25. Jeff Green, 26. Tim Sauter, 27. Ricky Hendrick, 28. Jimmy Spencer, 29. Jeff Fulcr, 30. Bobby Hamilton Jr., 31. Kirk Shelmerdine, 32. Shane Hall, 33. Ashton Lewis, 34. Tony Raines, 35. Hank Parker Jr., 36. Christian Elder, 37. Andy Kirby, 38. Mike McLaughlin, 39. Jeff Spraker, 40. Chad Chaffin, 41. Kerry Earnhardt, 42. Jeff Fuller, 43. Joe Nemechek.

Top-10 Busch Series points leaders after 1 of 34 events: 1. Earnhardt Jr.-185, 2. Waltrip-175, 3. Kenseth-165, 4. Keller-160, 5. Hmiel-155, 6. Riggs-150, 7. Sprague-146, 8. LePage-142, 9. Houston-138, 10. K. Wallace-134.

Pressley claims first track race

Robert Pressley claimed victory in his first Craftsman Truck Series race for Bobby Hamilton Racing in the Florida Dodge Dealers 250 at Daytona International Speedway on Friday. Finishing order: 1. Robert Pressley, 2. Ted Musgrave, 3. Brian Rose, 4. Joe Ruttman, 5. Rick Carlisle, 6. Terry Cook, 7. David Starr, 8. Carlos Contreras, 9. Jason Small, 10. Lance Norrick, 11. Jason Leffler, 12. Ron Hornaday, 13. Brendan Gaughan, 14. Randy McDonald, 15.

Brian Sockwell, 16. Matt Mullins, 17. Butch Miller, 18. Bill Lester, 19. Ricky Sanders, 20. Travis Kvapil, 21. John Wood, 22. Lance Hooper, 23. Matthew Crafton, 24. Rick Crawford, 25. Donnie Nuenberger, 26. Randy Briggs, 27. Tim Pedewe, 28. Coy Gibbs, 29. Tom Powers, 30. Mike Wallace, 31. Larry Guseman, 32. Steve Portenga, 33. Mike Bliss, 34. Dennis Setzer, 35. Phil Bonifield, 36. Bobby Dotter.

The top-10 Craftsman Truck Series points leaders after 1 of 23 events: 1. Pressley-185, 2. Musgrave-175, 3. Rose-170, 4. Ruttman-165, 5. Carlisle-160, 6. Cook-155, 7. Starr-151, 8. Contreras-142, 9. Small-138, 10. Leffler-135.

WEEKEND RACING: The Winston Cup and Busch series are at North Carolina Speedway, Rockingham, NC. The Craftsman Truck series will not race again until March 16.

Saturday, Feb. 23, NASCAR Busch Series RICHMOND 200, event 2 of 34 events: Starting time: 1 p.m.; TV: Fox; Distance: 200 miles/197 laps; Defending champion: Todd Bodine, Chevrolet; Sunday, Feb. 24 Winston Cup Subway 400: Starting time: 12:30 p.m.; TV: Fox; Distance: 400 miles/393 laps; Defending champion: Steve Park, Chevrolet.

North Carolina Motor Speedway Track Information: Size: 1.017 mile oval; Banking in turns 1-2: 22 degrees; turns 3-4: 25 degrees; Banking on straights: 8 degrees; Length of Frontstretch: 1,300 feet; backstretch: 1,367 feet; Grandstand capacity: 65,000.

Rating Trivia Question: Which Winston Cup team does rookie Jimmie Johnson drive for?

Answer to last week's question: Dale Earnhardt Jr. finished second behind teammate Michael Waltrip in the 2001 Daytona 500.

SOUND OFF: If you have an opinion about NASCAR or Sunday's Winston Cup racing and want to be heard, call us within one hour after the end of the race at 1-800-726-7022. The call is free, and if we use your comments in our next column, we will send you a photo of your favorite driver.

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Shawna Robinson takes a big step for women

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Shawna Robinson didn't win Sunday's Daytona 500, but her debut in this year's race had a special meaning for her. According to

Robinson, Daytona is one of the most elite tracks in all of motorsports and symbolizes NASCAR racing. She has been a trailblazer before in racing and will be so again. Even though she failed to make the field for Sunday's Daytona 500 through performance in her 125-mile qualifying race, she did gain a spot based on her qualifying speed.

She was the second woman to start in the Daytona 500. Janet Guthrie was the first in 1977, finishing 12th after starting 39th. Guthrie was also the most recent, having competed in the 1980, 500.

"The guys on the team earned it," Robinson said. "We came here with a plan and a program and my job was to come here focused on what I need to do and that's drive the race and not get distracted by what other people think and other people feel."

"When I walk through this garage area, I walk with my head high."

Robinson said she was disappointed with her performance in her 125-mile qualifying race, when she was involved in an accident, but proud her team had performed well enough in qualifying to still make the field.

"There was nothing I could do in the 125, no where I could go on the track," she said. "If I had come out of here without making this race I would have still held my head high and gone on to Las Vegas."

Now that she has raced in her first Daytona 500, some of the pressure is off.

"It was the first day of the rest of my life," she said. "Making the Daytona 500 is the security blanket on my career. I am confident this BAM Racing team is ready for combat. We tested at Daytona with a logical approach. We took a car specific to NASCAR rules and specifications. We didn't want to get caught up trying to run the fastest speeds and give the team false hope. We wanted to emulate qualifying conditions and we were successful in doing so."

"I believe the components are in place to make the rest of the season a success, although she has experience in drafting at both the Daytona and Talladega tracks in the NASCAR Busch Series and the ARCA Series. Sunday was the first time where each lap and the entire lap she relied on staying nose-to-tail with the other cars around her."

The 37-year-old mother of two has competed in the ARCA ReMax Series since 1999. Her best finish was second at Daytona in '99. A veteran of the NASCAR Busch Series from 1991-95, she was also the first female driver to qualify for the pole in Busch competition at Atlanta in 1994.

"She competed in the NASCAR, Goody's Dash Series, and GATR Truck Series."

She ran her first race at Toledo Speedway, 1980.



RMS 6th grade cheerleaders Beth Rehner, Leslie Burdette, Ashley Marcum, Courtney Bustle, Whitney Fry and Laura Childress would like to congratulate the 6th grade boys on a great year.



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