

"Track"

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Parsons, and Shena Swinney ran a great race and finished 4th overall in 1:57.

The 400-meter relay team consisting of Emma, Chere, Sarah, and Tara ran very well and placed 4th with a time of 35.7 seconds.

The 1200-meter relay team of Jessica, Danielle, Kayla, and 7th grader Morgan Kincer ran an exceptional race and finished 5th overall in 1:14.18.

The 1600-meter relay team of Jessica, Danielle, Morgan, and sixth grader Morgan Thacker ran an awesome race and finished 11th in 2:04.4.

The boys' teams also had an outstanding meet and finished 11th overall against some unbelievable competition.

Freshman Brandon Cole and sophomore Andrew Nelson led Rockcastle with outstanding performances in the distance events. In the 1600-meter run, Andrew captured 5th place with a spectacular effort and a personal best time of 4:55.5. Brandon was far behind and finished 11th with an equally "sizzling" effort of 4:57.5. In the 3200-meter run, both boys performed even better. Brandon took top team honors this time with an awesome 4th place finish in 10:53.9; a new "RCHS" record by nearly six seconds. Andrew also broke the previous record with a 5th place finish in an amazing 10:56.5.

Senior Josh Hale sought to continue the dominance he displayed in winning the indoor state title in the 400-meter dash. Despite slipping and falling at the beginning due to the lack of traction, Josh rebounded with an awesome 2nd place finish and a personal best effort of 54.5 seconds. He would have easily won the race had he not fallen. Josh also competed in the 800-meter run for continuing purposes. Despite not training for the event, Josh ran extremely well and finished 7th overall in 2:17.2.

Senior Andrew Hammond quickly returned to old form in the high jump competition. He placed 2nd overall with a spectacular effort of 5'10", despite limited practice time this far this season.

Coty Reams ran extremely well in the 100-meter dash. He finished 15th

overall against a talented field of competitors with a time of 12.9 seconds.

The teams next compete in the Lake Cumberland Classic at Somerset this Saturday. More than twenty-five teams are expected to attend.

"Racing"

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caution on lap 188. Harvick then rammed Gibbs' rear bumper and spun him exiting turn 2.

NASCAR black-flagged Harvick and parked him for the day. Harvick, who had been on probation since a post-race incident with Greg Biffle in the Busch Series since March 23 was suspended.

Kenny Wallace replaced Harvick in the No. 29 Goodwrench Chevrolet for Sunday's race.

Car-owner Richard Childress gave his opinion of the NASCAR penalty.

"NASCAR had to do something in response to Kevin's actions during the Truck race yesterday, but I think their response was completely wrong. I have not seen the clip of Kevin's actions during the Truck race so I can't comment on what he did. "He has had problems in the

Busch and Truck Series and had been on probation for his actions, but the decision to 'park' him during the Winston Cup race is wrong. NASCAR should keep the actions and punishments separate to each series. This should be Kevin's punishment only, but what NASCAR is doing is punishing the tens of thousands of race fans who probably didn't know until they got to the track this morning that Kevin won't be allowed to race to day.

"NASCAR is also punishing the entire No. 29 team and all of Rick and Childress Racing for one person's actions. NASCAR is also punishing GM Goodwrench Service, who has been nothing but loyal to RCR and the sport for many years. This is only my opinion."

What are your opinions? What the penalty to Harvick? So, what other actions could NASCAR have considered?

P. G. Bolton, NC "NASCAR did right. They need to calm Harvick down."

J. P. Susquehanna, PA "NASCAR did the right thing. He is a danger to the other drivers. Maybe this will wise him up."

Setzer takes Auto Parts 250
MARTINSVILLE, Va. - Dennis Setzer, who started Saturday's Craftsman Truck Series Auto Parts 250 from 33rd position, held off Mike Bliss to gain his first win of the season.

Other Race Results
Scott Riggs wins his first Busch race

GLADEVILLE, Tenn. - Scott Riggs is only his seventh NASCAR Busch Series start won Saturday's Pepsi 300 at Nashville Superspeedway.

Finishing order: 1. Scott Riggs, 2. Jack Sprague, 3. Bobby Hamilton Jr., 4. Scott Wimmer, 5. Jason Keller, 6. Randy LaJoie, 7. Jamie McMurray, 8. Kerry Earnhardt, 9. -Stacy Compton, 10. Tim Salter, 11. Kenny Wallace, 12. Johnny Sauter, 13. Jeff Purvis, 14. Shane Hall, 15. Jay Sauter, 16. Kevin Grubb, 17. Brad Baker, 18. Todd Bodine, 19. Shane Hmiel, 20. Mike McLaughlin, 21. Butch Miller, 22. Ron Hornaday Jr., 23. Casey Mears, 24. Brad Teague, 25. Larry Foyt, 26. Jeff Fultz, 27. Steadman Marlin, 28. Lyndon Amick, 29. Andy Kirby, 30. Tony Raines, 31. Brian Weber, 32. Dan Pardus, 33. Greg Biffle, 34. Hank Parker Jr., 35. Richard Mitchell, 36. Jason Schuler, 37. Ashton Lewis Jr., 38. Darrell Gape, 39. Chad Chaffin, 40. Dion Ciccarelli, 41. Mike Harmon, 42. Jimmy Kitchen, 43. Jason White.

Top-10 points leaders after 7 of 34 events: 1. Sprague-1045.2, 2. LaJoie-967, 3. Keller-962, Riggs-962, 5. K. Wallace-926, 6. Biffle-916, 7. Green-893, 8. Hamilton Jr.-886, 9. McLaughlin-875, 10. Wimmer-840.

Weekend Racing: The Winston Cup and Busch Series' are at Talladega Superspeedway. The Craftsman Trucks are off until May 5.

Saturday, April 20: Busch Series Talladega 300, event 8 of 34 events. Starting time: 1:30 p.m. (EST); TV: Fox; Distance: 113 laps/300 miles; Defending champion: Mike McLaughlin, Pontiac.

Sunday, April 21: Winston Cup Talladega 500, event 9 of 36 events; Starting time: 1:30 p.m. (EST); TV: Fox; Distance: 188 laps/500 miles; Defending champion: Bobby Hamilton Jr., Chevrolet.

Talladega Superspeedway track information: Size: 2.66 miles; Banking in turns: 33 degrees; Banking on tri-oval: 18 degrees; Banking on backstretch: 2 degrees; Length of tri-oval: 4,300 feet; backstretch: 4,000 feet; Grandstand Capacity: 160,000.

Racing Trivia Question: Which is the only track on the Winston Cup circuit that has been part of NASCAR since the very beginning?
Answer: To Last Week's Question: Junior Johnson was Jimmy Spencer's car owner in 1994 when he won the Winston Cup races.

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New format and purse for The Winston

There's a record purse, with 20 additional laps added to The Winston, NASCAR's annual all-star event at Lowe's Motor Speedway in Charlotte, May 18.

The Winston will be 90 laps total and consists of three segments of 40, 30 and 20 laps. The field will be inverted (either four, six, eight or 10 positions) for the final segment as determined by fan voting.

At present, the field for The Winston will be 26 cars - 19 race winners from 2001, two race winners from 2002, one NASCAR Winston Cup champion not otherwise exempt, one previous winner of The Winston not otherwise exempt, one car owner (No. 33 - Andy Petree) not otherwise exempt, the Winston Open winner and the No Bull Sprint winner.

The first segment will be 40 laps. Teams must make a mandatory green-flag, four-tire pit stop at some point during this segment. All restarts will be double-file. All laps count including caution laps. If a

late-segment caution occurs, every effort will be made to ensure a green-flag finish.

The top-20 finishers from the first segment will advance to the second segment.

The winner of the first segment will earn \$50,000.

There will be a 10-minute break following the first segment, at which time teams may change tires and make chassis adjustments without losing track position.

The field will be inverted (either four, six, eight or 10 positions) as determined by fan voting.

The third and final segment will be 20 laps.

The top-10 finishers in the second segment will compete in the third and final segment with the field inverted as determined by voting by the fans.

The start of the field segment will be double file. Only green flag laps count.

The winner of the final segment will earn \$750,000.

Only the top-10 finishers in the second segment will advance to the final segment.

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