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Statistical Advance: Analyzing the Auto Club 400

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (March 12, 2019) – Below is a look at some of the top statistical performers at Auto Club Speedway in Fontana, California going into the Auto Club 400 this Sunday, March 17 at 3:30 p.m. ET on FOX, MRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio.



2019 Driver Standings - Top 30

Rank	Drivers	Points	Starts	Wins	Stage Wins	Playoff Pts	Top 5s	Top 10s	DNFs	Poles	G/L
1	Kyle Busch	177	4	1	2	7	3	4	0	0	3
2	Joey Logano	171	4	1	1	6	2	3	0	0	-1
3	Kevin Harvick	168	4	0	2	2	2	3	1	1	-1
4	Denny Hamlin	165	4	1	0	5	2	3	0	0	-1
5	Martin Truex Jr.	140	4	0	0	0	2	3	1	0	3
6	Kyle Larson	138	4	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0
7	Aric Almirola	134	4	0	0	0	1	3	1	1	4
8	Brad Keselowski	133	4	1	0	5	2	2	0	0	-3
9	Kurt Busch	126	4	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	1
10	Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	123	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	-3
11	Clint Bowyer	118	4	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	2
12	Ryan Blaney	113	4	0	2	2	1	1	1	1	3
13	Chase Elliott	108	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
14	Erik Jones	106	4	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	-5
15	Jimmie Johnson	98	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
16	Alex Bowman	94	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	-4
17	Ryan Newman	92	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
18	William Byron	82	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	-2
19	Paul Menard	81	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
20	Daniel Suarez	77	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	-2
21	Austin Dillon	76	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22	Ty Dillon	74	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
23	Chris Buescher	73	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
24	Matt DiBenedetto	57	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
25	Daniel Hemric	53	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4
26	David Ragan	49	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
27	Corey LaJoie	48	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
28	Ryan Preece	47	4	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	-3
29	Bubba Wallace	42	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
30	Michael McDowell	41	4	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	-4

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AUTO CLUB-SPECIFIC STATISTICS

(Driver stats below are from 2005 – Present)

Ryan Blaney (No. 12 Team Penske Ford Mustang)

- Two top 10s
- Average finish of 17.333, 11th-best
- Average Running Position of 14.307, ninth-best
- Driver Rating of 84, 12th-best
- 13 Fastest Laps Run, third-best
- 391 Laps in the Top 15 (64.4), eighth-most
- 169 Quality Passes, 12th-most

Clint Bowyer (No. 14 Stewart-Haas Racing Ford Mustang)

- Three top fives, eight top 10s
- Average finish of 13.5, fifth-best
- Average Running Position of 13.248, seventh-best
- Driver Rating of 89.6, eighth-best
- 81 Fastest Laps Run, eighth-best
- 2321 Laps in the Top 15 (58), 10th-most
- 724 Quality Passes, sixth-most

Kyle Busch (No. 18 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota Camry)

- Three wins, nine top fives, 14 top 10s; one pole
- Average finish of 9.684, third-best
- Average Running Position of 8.423, third-best
- Driver Rating of 109.6, second-best
- 298 Fastest Laps Run, 11th-best
- 3582 Laps in the Top 15 (83.4), third-most
- 963 Quality Passes, series-most

Kurt Busch (No. 1 Chip Ganassi Racing Chevrolet Camaro ZL1)

- One win, seven top fives, 12 top 10s; four poles
- Average finish of 13.55, seventh-best
- Average Running Position of 15.317, 12th-best
- Driver Rating of 88.1, ninth-best
- 149 Fastest Laps Run, seventh-best
- 2797 Laps in the Top 15 (62.1), ninth-most
- 847 Quality Passes, third-most

Auto Club Speedway Data

Season Race #: 5 of 36 (03-17-19)

Track Size: 2-miles

Banking/Turns 1 & 2: 14 degrees

Banking/Turns 3 & 4: 14 degrees

Banking/Frontstretch: 11 degrees

Banking/Backstretch: 3 degrees

Frontstretch Length: 3,100 feet

Backstretch Length: 2,500 feet

Race Length: 200 laps / 400 miles

Stage 1 & 2 Length: 60 laps (each)

Final Stage Length: 80 laps

Top 10 Driver Rating at Auto Club

Jimmie Johnson	115.6
Kyle Busch	109.6
Erik Jones	101.0
Kevin Harvick.....	95.5
Chase Elliott.....	95.2
Denny Hamlin	92.7
Kyle Larson	91.9
Clint Bowyer.....	89.6
Kurt Busch	88.1
Joey Logano	87.8

Note: Driver Ratings compiled from 2005-2018 races (20 total) among active drivers at Auto Club Speedway

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Chase Elliott (No. 9 Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet Camaro ZL1)

- Two top 10s
- Average finish of 10.667, fourth-best
- Average Running Position of 9.346, fourth-best
- Driver Rating of 95.2, fifth-best
- 26 Fastest Laps Run, 10th-best
- 482 Laps in the Top 15 (79.4), fourth-most
- 171 Quality Passes, 11th-most

Denny Hamlin (No. 11 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota Camry)

- Two top fives, six top 10s; three poles
- Average finish of 17.529, 12th-best
- Average Running Position of 12.854, fifth-best
- Driver Rating of 92.7, sixth-best
- 84 Fastest Laps Run, second-best
- 2614 Laps in the Top 15 (68.9), sixth-most
- 736 Quality Passes, fifth-most

Kevin Harvick (No. 4 Stewart-Haas Racing Ford Mustang)

- One win, six top fives, 11 top 10s
- Average finish of 13.5, sixth-best
- Average Running Position of 13.057, sixth-best
- Driver Rating of 95.5, fourth-best
- 238 Fastest Laps Run, ninth-best
- 3101 Laps in the Top 15 (68.8), seventh-most
- 847 Quality Passes, fourth-most

Jimmie Johnson (No. 48 Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet Camaro ZL1)

- Six wins, 13 top fives, 17 top 10s; one pole
- Average finish of 7, series-best
- Average Running Position of 7.073, second-best
- Driver Rating of 115.6, series-best
- 533 Fastest Laps Run, 13th-best
- 3988 Laps in the Top 15 (88.5), second-most
- 912 Quality Passes, second-most

Auto Club Speedway MENCS Race Winners

Race Winners	Date
Martin Truex Jr	3/18/2018
Kyle Larson	3/26/2017
Jimmie Johnson	3/20/2016
Brad Keselowski	3/22/2015
Kyle Busch	3/23/2014
Kyle Busch	3/24/2013
Tony Stewart	3/25/2012
Kevin Harvick	3/27/2011
Tony Stewart	10/10/2010
Jimmie Johnson	2/21/2010
Jimmie Johnson	10/11/2009
Matt Kenseth	2/22/2009
Jimmie Johnson	8/31/2008
Carl Edwards	2/25/2008
Jimmie Johnson	9/2/2007
Matt Kenseth	2/25/2007
Kasey Kahne	9/3/2006
Matt Kenseth	2/26/2006
Kyle Busch	9/4/2005
Greg Biffle	2/27/2005
Elliott Sadler	9/5/2004
Jeff Gordon	5/2/2004
Kurt Busch	4/27/2003
Jimmie Johnson	4/28/2002
Rusty Wallace	4/29/2001
Jeremy Mayfield	4/30/2000
Jeff Gordon	5/2/1999
Mark Martin	5/3/1998
Jeff Gordon	6/22/1997

Auto Club Speedway Race Data:

Track race record (250 Laps):

Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet
155.012 mph (3:13:32); 06-22-97

Track race record (200 Laps):

Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet
150.849 mph (2:39:06); 03-27-11

2018 race winner:

Martin Truex Jr., Toyota
147.526 mph, (02:42:41), 03-18-18

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Erik Jones (No. 20 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota Camry)

- One top 10
- Average finish of 9.5, second-best
- Average Running Position of 6.871, series-best
- Driver Rating of 101, third-best
- 4 Fastest Laps Run, 12th-best
- 393 Laps in the Top 15 (97.8), series-most
- 109 Quality Passes, 13th-most

Kyle Larson (No. 42 Chip Ganassi Racing Chevrolet Camaro ZL1)

- One win, three top fives, three top 10s; one pole
- Average finish of 14, eighth-best
- Average Running Position of 13.792, eighth-best
- Driver Rating of 91.9, seventh-best
- 51 Fastest Laps Run, fifth-best
- 729 Laps in the Top 15 (71.3), fifth-most
- 224 Quality Passes, 10th-most

Joey Logano (No. 22 Team Penske Ford Mustang)

- Five top fives, six top 10s
- Average finish of 14, ninth-best
- Average Running Position of 14.957, 11th-best
- Driver Rating of 87.8, 10th-best
- 61 Fastest Laps Run, sixth-best
- 1413 Laps in the Top 15 (56.5), 11th-most
- 471 Quality Passes, eighth-most

Martin Truex Jr (No. 19 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota Camry)

- One win, two top fives, six top 10s; one pole
- Average finish of 18.167, 13th-best
- Average Running Position of 16.601, 13th-best
- Driver Rating of 85.3, 11th-best
- 172 Fastest Laps Run, series-best
- 2057 Laps in the Top 15 (51.4), 13th-most
- 632 Quality Passes, seventh-most

Auto Club Speedway MENCS Pole Winners

<u>Pole Winners</u>	<u>Date</u>
Martin Truex Jr	3/18/2018
Kyle Larson	3/26/2017
Austin Dillon	3/20/2016
Kurt Busch	3/22/2015
Matt Kenseth	3/23/2014
Denny Hamlin	3/24/2013
Denny Hamlin	3/25/2012
Juan Pablo Montoya	3/27/2011
Jamie McMurray	10/10/2010
Jamie McMurray	2/21/2010
Denny Hamlin	10/11/2009
Brian Vickers	2/22/2009
Jimmie Johnson	8/31/2008
Kurt Busch	9/2/2007
Jeff Gordon	2/25/2007
Kurt Busch	9/3/2006
Kurt Busch	2/26/2006
Carl Edwards	9/4/2005
Kyle Busch	2/27/2005
Brian Vickers	9/5/2004
Kasey Kahne	5/2/2004
Steve Park	4/27/2003
Ryan Newman	4/28/2002
Bobby Labonte	4/29/2001
Mike Skinner	4/30/2000
Jeff Gordon	5/3/1998
Joe Nemechek	6/22/1997

Auto Club Speedway Qualifying Data:

Track qualifying record:

Denny Hamlin, Toyota
188.511 mph, 38.194 secs. 03-18-16

2018 pole winner:

Martin Truex Jr., Toyota
188.567 mph, 38.592 secs. 03-16-18

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The Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series 2019 Top 16 at Auto Club Speedway

	Driver	Races	Poles	Wins	Top Fives	Top 10s	DNFs	Average Finish	Driver Rating
1	Kyle Busch	20	1	3	9	14	1	10.4	109.6
2	Joey Logano	12	0	0	5	6	0	14.0	87.8
3	Kevin Harvick	25	0	1	6	11	2	15.8	95.5
4	Denny Hamlin	17	3	0	2	6	3	17.5	92.7
5	Martin Truex Jr	18	1	1	2	6	2	18.2	85.3
6	Kyle Larson	5	1	1	3	3	1	14.0	91.9
7	Aric Almirola	11	0	0	0	0	3	25.8	58.0
8	Brad Keselowski	10	0	1	3	4	0	15.6	83.2
9	Kurt Busch	25	4	1	7	12	0	12.8	88.1
10	Ricky Stenhouse	6	0	0	1	1	0	19.0	69.1
11	Clint Bowyer	18	0	0	3	8	1	13.5	89.6
12	Ryan Blaney	3	0	0	0	2	1	17.3	84.0
13	Chase Elliott	3	0	0	0	2	0	10.7	95.2
14	Erik Jones	2	0	0	0	1	0	9.5	101.0
15	Jimmie Johnson	24	1	6	13	17	0	7.2	115.6
16	Alex Bowman	3	0	0	0	0	0	22.7	53.1

* – Based on last 20 races at Auto Club Speedway (2005 – 2018).

The Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Top Five Loop Data Leaders:

Auto Club Speedway

Driver Rating		Average Running Position		Laps in The Top 15	
Drivers	Driver Rating	Drivers	Avg. Running Pos.	Drivers	Laps in Top 15
Jimmie Johnson	115.6	Erik Jones	6.871	Jimmie Johnson	3,988 (88.5%)
Kyle Busch	109.6	Jimmie Johnson	7.073	Kyle Busch	3,582 (83.4%)
Erik Jones	101.0	Kyle Busch	8.423	Kevin Harvick	3,101 (68.8%)
Kevin Harvick	95.5	Chase Elliott	9.346	Kurt Busch	2,797 (62.1%)
Chase Elliott	95.2	Denny Hamlin	12.854	Denny Hamlin	2,614 (68.9%)

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At Auto Club Speedway:

History

- Groundbreaking for California Speedway, as Auto Club Speedway was originally known, took place in November of 1995 in Fontana, California.
- The first race at Auto Club Speedway was a NASCAR K&N Pro Series West race won by **Ken Schrader** on June 21, 1997.
- The first Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series race was held on June 22, 1997 and won by **Jeff Gordon** driving the Hendrick Motorsports No. 24 Chevrolet.
- September 2004 was the first night race at Auto Club Speedway and that also was the first year both the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup and NASCAR Xfinity Series ran two races in a season there.
- The track name was changed to Auto Club Speedway (ACS) in February of 2008.
- There have been 29 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series races at Auto Club Speedway, the track hosted one race a season from 1997-2003, then two races per season from 2004-2010. In 2011, Auto Club Speedway returned to a single-race season.

Starts

- In total 152 different drivers have competed in at least one Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series race at Auto Club Speedway; 126 have competed in more than one.
- NASCAR Hall of Famer **Jeff Gordon** leads the Monster Energy Series in starts at Auto Club Speedway with 26.
- **Kevin Harvick** and **Kurt Busch** lead all active Monster Energy Series drivers in starts at Auto Club Speedway with 25 each – with a start this weekend both drivers will tie **Jeff Gordon** for the series most starts at ACS.
- A total of six drivers have made their first series career start at Auto Club Speedway - **Chris Buescher** (2015), **Kevin Conway** (2010), **J.J. Yeley** (2004), **Shane Hmiel** (2004), **Greg Biffle** (2002) and **Mike Dillon** (1998).
- **Patrick Carpentier** (three starts) leads the series in average starting position at Auto Club Speedway with a 5.0.
- **Erik Jones** leads all active drivers in the series in average starting position at Auto Club Speedway with a 9.0.

Top Five in Average Starting Position at Auto Club Speedway (All-Time & Active)

Rank	All-Time Drivers	Average Starting Position	Starts	Rank	Active Drivers	Average Starting Position	Starts
1	Patrick Carpentier	5.000	3	1	Erik Jones	9.000	2
2	Erik Jones	9.000	2	2	Kyle Larson	10.400	5
3	Kyle Larson	10.400	5	3	Kyle Busch	10.500	20
4	Kyle Busch	10.500	20	4	Denny Hamlin	11.471	17
5	Denny Hamlin	11.471	17	5	Austin Dillon	11.600	5

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Poles

- A total of 19 different Monster Energy Series drivers have won the Busch Pole Award at Auto Club Speedway.
- **Kurt Busch** leads the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series in Busch Pole Awards at Auto Club Speedway with four (2015, 2007 and 2006 sweep).
- **Joe Nemechek** won the inaugural Monster Energy Series Busch Pole Award at Auto Club Speedway in 1997 with a speed of 183.015 mph (39.341 secs).
- Five Monster Energy Series drivers have won multiple poles at Auto Club Speedway – **Kurt Busch** (four), **Denny Hamlin** (three), **Brian Vickers** (two), **Jamie McMurray** (two) and **Jeff Gordon** (two).
- **Denny Hamlin** (2012, 2013), **Jamie McMurray** (2010 sweep) and **Kurt Busch** (2006 sweep) are the only three drivers to win consecutive poles at Auto Club Speedway.
- Youngest Auto Club Speedway Busch Pole Award winner: **Kyle Busch** (Feb. 27, 2005 – 19 years, 9 months, 25 days).
- Oldest Auto Club Speedway Busch Pole Award winner: **Mike Skinner** (April 30, 2000 – 42 years, 10 months, 2 days).
- Three drivers have posted their first Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series career Busch Pole Award at Auto Club Speedway: **Carl Edwards** (9/4/2005), **Kyle Busch** (2/27/2005) and **Joe Nemechek** (6/22/1997).
- Five different Manufacturers have won the Busch Pole Award in the Monster Energy Series at Auto Club Speedway; led by **Chevrolet** with 14 poles and followed by **Toyota** (six), **Dodge** (four), **Ford** (two) and **Pontiac** (one).

Auto Club Speedway Busch Pole Winners

<u>Pole Winners</u>	<u>Poles</u>
Kurt Busch	4
Denny Hamlin	3
Brian Vickers	2
Jamie McMurray	2
Jeff Gordon	2
Austin Dillon	1
Bobby Labonte	1
Carl Edwards	1
Jimmie Johnson	1
Joe Nemechek	1
Juan Pablo Montoya	1
Kasey Kahne	1
Kyle Busch	1
Kyle Larson	1
Martin Truex Jr	1
Matt Kenseth	1
Mike Skinner	1
Ryan Newman	1
Steve Park	1

Wins

- A total of 17 different Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series drivers have won at Auto Club Speedway.
- Seven-time champ **Jimmie Johnson** leads the Monster Energy Series in wins at Auto Club Speedway with six victories (2016, Spring 2010, Fall 2009, Fall 2008, Fall 2007 and 2002).
- The inaugural Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series race at ACS was held on June 22, 1997 and won by **Jeff Gordon** (No. 24 Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet; 155.012 mph).
- Five drivers have posted multiple Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series wins at Auto Club Speedway: **Jimmie Johnson** (six), **Jeff Gordon**, **Kyle Busch** and **Matt Kenseth** each have three wins, **Tony Stewart** has two.
- **Jimmie Johnson** (2009-2010) and **Kyle Busch** (2013-2014) are the only two drivers to win consecutive Monster Energy Series races at Auto Club Speedway.

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Wins

- A total of 11 different organizations have won at Auto Club Speedway in Monster Energy Series, led by **Hendrick Motorsports** with 10 victories, followed by **Roush Fenway Racing** with seven and **Stewart-Haas Racing, Joe Gibbs Racing** and **Team Penske** each have two.
- Youngest Auto Club Speedway winner: **Kyle Busch** (Sept. 4, 2005 – 20 years, 4 months, 2 days).
- Oldest Auto Club Speedway winner: **Rusty Wallace** (April 29, 2001 – 44 years, 8 months, 15 days).
- **Jimmie Johnson** (2002) and **Kyle Busch** (2005) are the only two drivers to post their first series career win at Auto Club Speedway.
- 15 of the 17 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series drivers who have won at Auto Club Speedway participated in at least two or more races at the track before visiting Victory Lane - **Jeff Gordon** (1997 – inaugural event) and **Jimmie Johnson** (2002) are the only drivers to win at ACS in their first appearance.
- **Tony Stewart** competed at Auto Club Speedway 18 times before winning in the fall of 2010; the longest span of any the 17 winners. Only Stewart (18), **Kevin Harvick** (17) and **Martin Truex Jr.** (17) have made 10 or more attempts before their first win at Auto Club Speedway.
- **Ryan Newman** leads all active drivers with the most Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series starts at Auto Club Speedway without visiting Victory Lane at 24.
- Four reigning Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series champions have gone on to win at Auto Club Speedway the following season: **Tony Stewart** (2012), **Jeff Gordon** (1999), **Jimmie Johnson** - the only driver to do it multiple times (2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010) and **Martin Truex Jr.** (2018).
- Two drivers have won at Auto Club Speedway and the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series championship in the same season: **Jeff Gordon** (1997) and **Jimmie Johnson** (2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2016).
- Only three car numbers have produced three or more Auto Club Speedway Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series wins:

Car Number – Drivers – (Years)

- **No. 48** – Jimmie Johnson (2002, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2016)
- **No. 17** – Matt Kenseth (2006, 2007 and 2009)
- **No. 24** – Jeff Gordon (1997, 1999 and 2004)

**Auto Club Speedway
Race Winners**

Race Winners	Wins
Jimmie Johnson	6
Jeff Gordon	3
Kyle Busch	3
Matt Kenseth	3
Tony Stewart	2
Brad Keselowski	1
Carl Edwards	1
Elliott Sadler	1
Greg Biffle	1
Jeremy Mayfield	1
Kasey Kahne	1
Kevin Harvick	1
Kurt Busch	1
Kyle Larson	1
Mark Martin	1
Martin Truex Jr	1
Rusty Wallace	1

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Wins

- Three drivers have won from the pole in the Monster Energy Series at Auto Club Speedway **Jimmie Johnson** (2008), **Kyle Larson** (2017) and **Martin Truex Jr.** (2018).
- Four of the 29 (13.8%) Monster Energy Series races at Auto Club Speedway have been won from the front row, two are by seven-time Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series champion **Jimmie Johnson**, Fall 2008 (pole); and Fall 2007 (second-place); **Kyle Larson**, 2017 (pole); **Martin Truex Jr.** 2018 (pole).

MENCS Wins by Starting Positions at Auto Club Speedway

Starting Position	Wins	Winning %	Starting Position	Wins	Winning %
1	3	10.34%	14	1	3.45%
2	1	3.45%	16	2	6.90%
3	3	10.34%	17	1	3.45%
4	2	6.90%	19	2	6.90%
5	2	6.90%	22	1	3.45%
7	1	3.45%	24	3	10.34%
8	1	3.45%	25	2	6.90%
9	3	10.34%	31	1	3.45%

Stats	Winning %	Wins
Winning from the Pole:	10.34%	3
Winning from the Front Row:	13.79%	4
Winning from a Top-Five Starting Position:	37.93%	11
Winning from a Top-10 Starting Position:	55.17%	16
Winning After Starting Outside the Top 10:	44.83%	13
Winning After Starting Outside the Top 20:	24.14%	7

- The most recent driver to win after starting outside the top 20 was **Kevin Harvick** (24th) in 2011.
- The deepest in the field that a race winner has started is 31st, by **Matt Kenseth** in the spring of 2006.
- The most proficient starting position at Auto Club Speedway is pretty random; four starting positions (first, third, ninth and 24th) have all produced three winners each.
- Four different manufacturers have won in the Monster energy Series at Auto Club Speedway; led by **Chevrolet** with 14 wins, followed by **Ford** (11), **Toyota** (three) and **Dodge** (one).

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Additional Finishing Position

- A total of 16 different drivers have finished runner-up at Auto Club Speedway.
- **Jimmie Johnson** leads the Monster Energy Series in runner-up finishes at Auto Club Speedway with five second-place finishes.

Top Five in Runner-Up Finishes at Auto Club Speedway (All-Time & Active)

Rank	All-Time Drivers	Runner-Ups	Rank	Active Drivers	Runner-Ups
1	Jimmie Johnson	5	1	Jimmie Johnson	5
2	Jeff Gordon	4	2	Kevin Harvick	3
3	Kevin Harvick	3	3	Kyle Larson	2
4	Bobby Labonte	2	4	Brad Keselowski	1
	Dale Earnhardt Jr	2		Clint Bowyer	1
	Greg Biffle	2		Kurt Busch	1
	Kyle Larson	2		Kyle Busch	1

- A total of 36 different drivers in the Monster Energy Series have finished in the top-five at Auto Club Speedway.
- **Jimmie Johnson** leads the series in top-five finishes at Auto Club Speedway with 13.

Top Five in Top-Five Finishes at Auto Club Speedway (All-Time & Active)

Rank	All-Time Drivers	Top Fives	Rank	Active Drivers	Top Fives
1	Jimmie Johnson	13	1	Jimmie Johnson	13
2	Jeff Gordon	10	2	Kyle Busch	9
3	Kyle Busch	9	3	Kurt Busch	7
4	Matt Kenseth	9	4	Kevin Harvick	6
5	Carl Edwards	8	5	Joey Logano	5
				Ryan Newman	5

- A total of 65 different drivers in the Monster Energy Series have finished in the top-10 at Auto Club Speedway.
- **Jimmie Johnson** leads the series in top-10 finishes at Auto Club Speedway with 17.

Top Five in Top-10 Finishes at Auto Club Speedway (All-Time & Active)

Rank	All-Time Drivers	Top 10s	Rank	Active Drivers	Top 10s
1	Jimmie Johnson	17	1	Jimmie Johnson	17
2	Carl Edwards	15	2	Kyle Busch	14
3	Matt Kenseth	15	3	Kurt Busch	12
4	Kyle Busch	14	4	Kevin Harvick	11
5	Tony Stewart	13	5	Ryan Newman	9

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Additional Finishing Position

- **Jimmie Johnson** leads the Monster Energy Series in average finishing position at Auto Club Speedway with a 7.208.
- **Jimmie Johnson** (7.2) and **Erik Jones** (9.5) are the only two active drivers with an average finish inside the top 10 at Auto Club Speedway.

Top 10 in Average Finishing Position at Auto Club Speedway (All-Time & Active)

Rank	All-Time Drivers	Avg. Finish	Starts	Rank	Active Drivers	Avg. Finish	Starts
1	Jimmie Johnson	7.21	24	1	Jimmie Johnson	7.208	24
2	Carl Edwards	8.68	19	2	Erik Jones	9.500	2
3	Erik Jones	9.50	2	3	Kyle Busch	10.400	20
4	Kyle Busch	10.40	20	4	Chase Elliott	10.667	3
5	Chase Elliott	10.67	3	5	Kurt Busch	12.840	25
6	Jeff Gordon	11.77	26	6	Clint Bowyer	13.500	18
7	Matt Kenseth	12.08	25	7	Joey Logano	14.000	12
8	Kurt Busch	12.84	25	8	Kyle Larson	14.000	5
9	Clint Bowyer	13.50	18	9	Austin Dillon	14.400	5
	Dale Earnhardt	13.50	4	10	Daniel Suarez	15.000	2
	Tony Stewart	13.50	24		William Byron	15.000	1

Track / Specific Event

- Since the advent of electronic scoring in 1993, the closest margin of victory in the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series at Auto Club Speedway was the March 27, 2011 race won by **Kevin Harvick** with a MOV of 0.144 second over **Jimmie Johnson**.

Top Five Closest Margins of Victory in the Monster Energy Series at Auto Club Speedway

Margin of Victory	Race Winners	Runner-Up Finishers	Date
0.144	Kevin Harvick	Jimmie Johnson	3/27/2011
0.214	Kyle Busch	Kyle Larson	3/23/2014
0.231	Greg Biffle	Jimmie Johnson	2/27/2005
0.263	Elliott Sadler	Kasey Kahne	9/5/2004
0.270	Rusty Wallace	Jeff Gordon	4/29/2001

- There have been six finishes at Auto Club Speedway resulting in NASCAR Overtime:

Date	Scheduled No. of Laps	Actual No. of Laps	NASCAR Overtime Laps	Winner	Runner-Up
3/26/2017	200	202	2	Kyle Larson	Brad Keselowski
3/20/2016	200	205	5	Jimmie Johnson	Kevin Harvick
3/22/2015	200	209	9	Brad Keselowski	Kevin Harvick
3/23/2014	200	206	6	Kyle Busch	Kyle Larson
2/26/2006	250	251	1	Matt Kenseth	Jimmie Johnson
9/4/2005	250	254	4	Kyle Busch	Greg Biffle

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Track / Specific Event

- The Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series race at Auto Club Speedway has only been postponed to another date due to weather once – the 2008 February race – Scheduled date: 2/24/08; Actual Date: 2/25/08.
- Monster Energy Series Qualifying has been cancelled due to weather at Auto Club Speedway twice - 1999 and 2008 (Spring) races.
- Only once has a Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series race at Auto Club Speedway been shortened to due to weather – 2012.

Date	Scheduled No. of Laps	Actual No. of Laps	Fewer Laps	Winner	Runner-Up
3/25/2012	200	129	-71	Tony Stewart	Kyle Busch

- A total of 78 different drivers in the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series have led at least one lap at Auto Club Speedway.
- **Jimmie Johnson** leads the series in laps led at Auto Club Speedway with 980.

Top 10 Monster Energy Series Lap Leaders at Auto Club Speedway (All-Time & Active)

Rank	All-Time Drivers	Laps Led	Laps Completed	Rank	Active Drivers	Laps Led	Laps Completed
1	Jimmie Johnson	980	5,506	1	Jimmie Johnson	980	5,506
2	Kyle Busch	673	4,499	2	Kyle Busch	673	4,499
3	Jeff Gordon	648	6,101	3	Kurt Busch	298	5,750
4	Matt Kenseth	571	5,786	4	Kevin Harvick	237	5,674
5	Tony Stewart	332	5,486	5	Martin Truex Jr	233	3,577
6	Mark Martin	324	5,069	6	Denny Hamlin	139	3,585
7	Kurt Busch	298	5,750	7	Kyle Larson	110	863
8	Greg Biffle	297	4,783	8	Joey Logano	54	2,488
9	Kasey Kahne	269	4,740	9	Clint Bowyer	47	3,983
10	Kevin Harvick	237	5,674	10	Brad Keselowski	39	1,998

- The most laps led in a single MENCS race at Auto Club Speedway was 228 by **Jimmie Johnson** in 2008 – Johnson won the race.
- The most laps led in a single MENCS race at Auto Club Speedway by a driver that didn't win was 168 by **Greg Biffle** who finished 42nd in 2006.

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Female Competitors

- Two female drivers have competed at Auto Club Speedway in the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series: **Shawna Robinson** and **Danica Patrick**.
- ****Note:** Robinson first attempted to qualify for a race at Auto Club Speedway on April 29, 2001 but failed to make the event.

Female Competitor MENCS Performances: Auto Club Speedway

Driver	Starting Position	Finishing Position	Season
Danica Patrick	22	26	2017
Danica Patrick	31	38	2016
Danica Patrick	22	19	2015
Danica Patrick	27	14	2014
Danica Patrick	40	26	2013
Averages	28.4	24.6	

Driver	Starting Position	Finishing Position	Season
Shawna Robinson	43	42	2002

NASCAR in California

- There has been a total of 201 NASCAR national series races among 17 different tracks in the state of California.

Track Name	City	Monster Energy	Xfinity	Gander Outdoors	Total Races	First Year
Auto Club Speedway	Fontana	29	29	13	71	1997
Riverside International Raceway	Riverside	48	0	0	48	1958
Sonoma Raceway	Sonoma	30	0	4	34	1989
Mesa Marin Raceway	Bakersfield	0	0	9	9	1995
Ontario Motor Speedway	Ontario	9	0	0	9	1971
California State Fairgrounds	Sacramento	6	0	0	6	1956
Carrell Speedway	Gardena	4	0	0	4	1951
Ascot Stadium	Los Angeles	3	0	0	3	1957
Bay Meadows Race Track	San Mateo	3	0	0	3	1954
Marchbanks Speedway	Hanford	3	0	0	3	1951
Oakland Stadium	Oakland	3	0	0	3	1951
Redwood Speedway	Eureka	2	0	0	2	1956
Willow Springs Speedway	Lancaster	2	0	0	2	1956
Capitol Speedway	Sacramento	1	0	0	1	1957
Merced Fairgrounds	Merced	1	0	0	1	1956
Santa Clara Fairgrounds	San Jose	1	0	0	1	1957
Saugus Speedway	Saugus	0	0	1	1	1995
Totals		145	29	27	201	

- The first Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series race held in California was at Carrell Speedway on April 8, 1951; the event was won by **Marshall Teague**.

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California in NASCAR

- A total of 442 drivers in NASCAR national series history have their home state recorded as California.
- A total of 40 drivers with their home state recorded as California have won at least one race in NASCAR's three national series.
- 26 of the 40 Californian drivers have won in the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series; led by **Jeff Gordon** with 93 wins.

Drivers from California

Driver	Monster Energy	Xfinity	Gander Outdoors	National Series Combined
1 Jeff Gordon	93	5	0	98
2 Jimmie Johnson	83	1	0	84
3 Kevin Harvick	45	47	14	106
4 Marvin Panch	17	0	0	17
5 Ernie Ivan	15	3	0	18
6 Dick Rathmann	13	0	0	13
7 Dan Gurney	5	0	0	5
8 Kyle Larson	5	12	2	19
9 Eddie Gray	4	0	0	4
10 Parnelli Jones	4	0	0	4
11 Eddie Pagan	4	0	0	4
12 Robby Gordon	3	1	0	4
13 Ray Elder	2	0	0	2
14 Danny Letner	2	0	0	2
15 Marvin Porter	2	0	0	2
16 AJ Allmendinger	1	2	0	3
17 Dick Brooks	1	0	0	1
18 Marvin Burke	1	0	0	1
19 Jim Cook	1	0	0	1
20 Lou Figaro	1	0	0	1
21 Danny Graves	1	0	0	1
22 Johnny Mantz	1	0	0	1
23 Casey Mears	1	1	0	2
24 Bill Norton	1	0	0	1
25 John Soares	1	0	0	1
26 Danny Weinberg	1	0	0	1
27 Ron Hornaday Jr	0	4	51	55
28 Tyler Reddick	0	3	3	6
29 Cole Custer	0	2	2	4
30 Jason Leffler	0	2	1	3
31 Ryan Reed	0	2	0	2
32 David Gilliland	0	1	0	1
33 Justin Marks	0	1	0	1
34 Joe Ruttman	0	1	13	14
35 Boris Said	0	1	1	2
36 Mike Skinner	0	1	28	29
37 Matt Crafton	0	0	14	14
38 Justin Lofton	0	0	1	1
39 Scott Speed	0	0	1	1
40 Brandon Whitt	0	0	1	1
Totals	308	90	132	530

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Monster Energy Series - Achievable Milestones

Starts

Ryan Newman	Has:	624	Needs:	1
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To become the 26th driver all-time in the Monster Energy Series to make 625 starts or more.

Denny Hamlin	Has:	474	Needs:	1
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To become the 48th driver all-time in the Monster Energy Series to make 475 starts or more.

Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	Has:	224	Needs:	1
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To become the 121st driver all-time in the Monster Energy Series to make 225 starts or more.

Wins

Jimmie Johnson	Has:	83	Needs:	1
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To tie Bobby Allison and Darrell Waltrip for fourth on the all-time series wins list.

Kyle Busch	Has:	52	Needs:	2
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To tie Lee Petty for 10th on the all-time series wins list.

Kevin Harvick	Has:	45	Needs:	1
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To tie Buck Baker for 16th on the all-time series wins list.

Denny Hamlin	Has:	32	Needs:	1
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To tie Fireball Roberts for 23rd on the all-time Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series wins list.

Kurt Busch	Has:	30	Needs:	1
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To tie Denny Hamlin for 25th on the all-time Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series wins list.

Brad Keselowski	Has:	28	Needs:	2
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To tie Kurt Busch for 26th on the all-time Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series wins list.

Joey Logano	Has:	22	Needs:	1
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To tie Ricky Rudd for 34th on the all-time Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series wins list.

Busch Poles

Ryan Newman	Has:	51	Needs:	3
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Tie Bill Elliott for eighth on the all-time Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series poles list.

Jimmie Johnson	Has:	35	Needs:	1
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To tie Rusty Wallace and Rex White for 18th on the all-time series poles list.

Kyle Busch	Has:	31	Needs:	1
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To tie Fonty Flock for 23rd on the all-time Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series poles list.

Denny Hamlin	Has:	30	Needs:	1
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To tie Kyle Busch for 24th on the all-time Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series poles list.

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Monster Energy Series - Achievable Milestones

Laps Led

Jimmie Johnson	Has:	18,707	Needs:	293
To become the ninth driver in the series to lead 19,000 laps.				
Kyle Busch	Has:	16,076	Needs:	924
To become the 10th driver in the series to lead 17,000 laps.				
Kevin Harvick	Has:	13,214	Needs:	786
To become the 11th driver in the MENCS all-time to lead 14,000 laps.				
Kurt Busch	Has:	9,545	Needs:	455
To become the 18th driver in the MENCS all-time to lead 10,000 laps.				
Denny Hamlin	Has:	9,260	Needs:	740
To become the 18th driver in the MENCS all-time to lead 10,000 laps.				
Martin Truex Jr.	Has:	7,539	Needs:	461
To become the 26th driver in the MENCS all-time to lead 8,000 laps.				
Brad Keselowski	Has:	6,365	Needs:	635
To become the 30th driver in the MENCS all-time to lead 7,000 laps.				
Joey Logano	Has:	5,216	Needs:	784
To become the 36th driver in the MENCS all-time to lead 6,000 laps.				