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Statistical Advance: Analyzing the Toyota/Save Mart 350

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (June 22, 2015) – Below is a look at some of the top statistical performers at Sonoma Raceway in Sonoma, California going into the Toyota/Save Mart 350 on June 28.

SONOMA-SPECIFIC STATISTICS

Clint Bowyer (No. 15 5-hour ENERGY Toyota)

- One win, five top fives, seven top 10s
- Average finish of 9.2
- Average Running Position of 14.0, fifth-best
- Driver Rating of 95.0, fifth-best
- 35 Fastest Laps Run, eighth-most
- Series-high 591 Green Flag Passes
- Average Green Flag Speed of 89.760 mph, fifth-fastest
- 583 Laps in the Top 15 (58.5%), ninth-most
- 240 Quality Passes (passes of cars in the top 15 under green), fifth-most

Kurt Busch (No. 41 Haas Automation Chevrolet)

- One win, six top fives, six top 10s; one pole
- Average finish of 15.7
- Series-best Average Running Position of 10.1
- Series-best Driver Rating of 106.5
- 58 Fastest Laps Run, third-most
- Series-best Average Green Flag Speed of 89.999 mph
- Series-high 845 Laps in the Top 15 (76.3%)
- 221 Quality Passes, sixth-most

Kyle Busch (No. 18 M&M's Crispy Toyota)

- One win, one top five, two top 10s
- Average finish of 20.9
- Driver Rating of 85.3, 11th-best
- 50 Fastest Laps Run, sixth-most
- 540 Laps in the Top 15 (48.8%), 11th-most

2015 Chase Grid Outlook

Pos.	Drivers	Wins	Points	Chase Bonus Pts
1	Jimmie Johnson	506	4	12
2	Kevin Harvick	576	2	6
3	Kurt Busch	426	2	6
4	Martin Truex Jr.	561	1	3
5	Joey Logano	520	1	3
6	Dale Earnhardt Jr.	508	1	3
7	Brad Keselowski	480	1	3
8	Matt Kenseth	456	1	3
9	Denny Hamlin	412	1	3
10	Carl Edwards	401	1	3
11	Jamie McMurray	464	0	0
12	Kasey Kahne	447	0	0
13	Jeff Gordon	434	0	0
14	Paul Menard	421	0	0
15	Aric Almirola	401	0	0
16	Ryan Newman	400	0	0
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17	Clint Bowyer	388	0	0
18	Kyle Larson	361	0	0
19	Danica Patrick	357	0	0
20	Greg Biffle	351	0	0
21	Casey Mears	339	0	0
22	AJ Allmendinger	321	0	0
23	Austin Dillon	314	0	0
24	David Ragan	299	0	0
25	Sam Hornish Jr.	273	0	0
26	Tony Stewart	269	0	0
27	Trevor Bayne	263	0	0
28	Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	262	0	0
29	David Gilliland	262	0	0
30	Justin Allgaier	251	0	0
	Green = Locked into the Chase, provided they attempt to qualify for the remaining regular season races and finish in the top 30 in points after race No. 26.			
	Yellow = Have a win, inside the current Chase Grid's top 16 - Currently in the Chase, not locked in			
	Orange = No wins, Inside the current Chase Grid's top 16 - Currently in the Chase, not locked in			
	Red = Inside the current top 30 in points, outside of the Chase cutoff			

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STATISTICAL ADVANCE

Carl Edwards (No. 19 STANLEY Toyota)

- One win, three top fives, five top 10s
- Average finish of 14.1
- Average Running Position of 14.7, seventh-best
- Driver Rating of 90.1, sixth-best
- 33 Fastest Laps Run, ninth-most
- 572 Green Flag Passes, fourth-most
- Average Green Flag Speed of 89.670 mph, ninth-fastest
- 627 Laps in the Top 15 (56.6%), seventh-most
- 208 Quality Passes, eighth-most

Jeff Gordon (No. 24 AARP Member Advantages Chevrolet)

- Five wins, 14 top fives, 18 top 10s; five poles
- Average finish of 8.0
- Average Running Position of 12.1, fourth-best
- Driver Rating of 103.4, second-best
- 70 Fastest Laps Run, second-most
- 555 Green Flag Passes, eighth-most
- Average Green Flag Speed of 89.932 mph, third-fastest
- 768 Laps in the Top 15 (69.4%), fourth-most
- 266 Quality Passes, third-most

Kevin Harvick (No. 4 Folds Of Honor / Outback Steakhouse / Budweiser Chevrolet)

- Three top fives, five top 10s
- Average finish of 15.9
- Average Running Position of 14.8, eighth-best
- Driver Rating of 84.6, 12th-best
- 32 Fastest Laps Run, 10th-most
- 540 Green Flag Passes, 12th-most
- Average Green Flag Speed of 89.638 mph, 11th-fastest
- 644 Laps in the Top 15 (58.2%), sixth-most
- 194 Quality Passes, 10th-most

Jimmie Johnson (No. 48 Lowe's Pro Services Chevrolet)

- One win, four top fives, eight top 10s
- Average finish of 12.9
- Average Running Position of 12.0, third-best
- Driver Rating of 98.8, fourth-best
- 56 Fastest Laps Run, fourth-most
- Average Green Flag Speed of 89.727 mph, eighth-fastest
- 819 Laps in the Top 15 (74.0%), second-most
- Series-high 277 Quality Passes

Wins Tracker

NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Winners List:

Winner

1. Joey Logano
2. Jimmie Johnson
3. Kevin Harvick
4. Kevin Harvick
5. Brad Keselowski
6. Denny Hamlin
7. Jimmie Johnson
8. Matt Kenseth
9. Kurt Busch
10. Dale Earnhardt Jr.
11. Jimmie Johnson
12. Carl Edwards
13. Jimmie Johnson
14. Martin Truex Jr.
15. Kurt Busch

Track

- Daytona International Speedway
- Atlanta Motor Speedway
- Las Vegas Motor Speedway
- Phoenix International Raceway
- Auto Club Speedway
- Martinsville Speedway
- Texas Motor Speedway
- Bristol Motor Speedway
- Richmond International Raceway
- Talladega Superspeedway
- Kansas Speedway
- Charlotte Motor Speedway
- Dover International Speedway
- Pocono Raceway
- Michigan International Speedway

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STATISTICAL ADVANCE

Kasey Kahne (No. 5 Great Clips Chevrolet)

- One win, two top fives, four top 10s; two poles
- Average finish of 19.1
- Average Running Position of 15.9, 10th-best
- Driver Rating of 85.5, 10th-best
- 37 Fastest Laps Run, seventh-most
- Average Green Flag Speed of 89.617 mph, 12th-fastest
- 610 Laps in the Top 15 (55.1%), eighth-most
- 242 Quality Passes, fourth-most

Jamie McMurray (No. 1 CESSNA Chevrolet)

- Two top fives, two top 10s; three poles
- Average finish of 16.7
- Average Running Position of 16.0, 11th-best
- Driver Rating of 87.8, eighth-best
- 20 Fastest Laps Run, 12th-most
- Average Green Flag Speed of 89.742 mph, sixth-fastest
- 540 Laps in the Top 15 (48.8%), 11th-most

Ryan Newman (No. 31 WIX Filters Chevrolet)

- Two top fives, five top 10s
- Average finish of 12.9
- Average Running Position of 14.2, sixth-best
- Driver Rating of 88.4, seventh-best
- 543 Green Flag Passes, 11th-most
- Average Green Flag Speed of 89.652 mph, 10th-fastest
- 656 Laps in the Top 15 (59.3%), fifth-most
- 209 Quality Passes, seventh-most

Tony Stewart (No. 14 Mobil 1 / Bass Pro Shops Chevrolet)

- Two wins, five top fives, nine top 10s; one pole
- Average finish of 12.4
- Average Running Position of 12.0, second-best
- Driver Rating of 98.8, third-best
- Series-high 79 Fastest Laps Run
- 568 Green Flag Passes, sixth-most
- Average Green Flag Speed of 89.993 mph, second-fastest
- 773 Laps in the Top 15 (69.8%), third-most
- 274 Quality Passes, second-most

4-4-4-4**STATISTICAL ADVANCE****Martin Truex Jr. (No. 78 Furniture Row/Visser Precision Chevrolet)**

- One win, one top five, two top 10s
- Average finish of 18.7
- Driver Rating of 86.1, ninth-best
- 52 Fastest Laps Run, fifth-most
- 583 Green Flag Passes, second-most
- Average Green Flag Speed of 89.770 mph, fourth-fastest
- 183 Quality Passes, 11th-most

The NASCAR Sprint Cup Series 2015 Top 16 at Sonoma Raceway

	Driver	Races	Poles	Wins	Top Fives	Top 10s	DNFs	Average Finish	Driver Rating
1	Kevin Harvick	14	0	0	3	5	0	15.9	84.6
2	Martin Truex Jr.	9	0	1	1	2	1	18.7	86.1
3	Joey Logano	6	1	0	0	2	0	15.8	79.4
4	Dale Earnhardt Jr.	15	0	0	1	1	1	20.3	72.1
5	Jimmie Johnson	13	0	1	4	8	1	12.9	98.8
6	Brad Keselowski	5	0	0	0	1	1	20.0	73.9
7	Jamie McMurray	12	3	0	2	2	0	16.7	87.8
8	Matt Kenseth	15	0	0	0	1	1	22.1	75.4
9	Kasey Kahne	11	2	1	2	4	0	19.1	85.5
10	Jeff Gordon	22	5	5	14	18	1	8.0	103.4
11	Kurt Busch	14	1	1	6	6	0	15.7	106.5
12	Paul Menard	7	0	0	1	1	0	19.0	65.4
13	Denny Hamlin	9	0	0	1	2	1	23.2	77.4
14	Carl Edwards	10	0	1	3	5	0	14.1	90.1
15	Aric Almirola	4	0	0	0	0	0	24.8	56.7
16	Ryan Newman	13	0	0	2	5	0	12.9	88.4

* – Based on last 10 races at Sonoma Raceway.

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STATISTICAL ADVANCE

At Sonoma Raceway:

History

- The track opened as a 2.52-mile road course and drag strip in 1968.
- The first NASCAR Sprint Cup race was held on June 11, 1989 – won by **Ricky Rudd** at a speed of 76.088 mph.
- The first nine races were 300 kilometers and switched to a 350k format in 1998.
- The track was reconfigured to 1.949 miles in 1998 with the installation of an 890-foot chute between the original Turns 4 and 7.
- The track was reconfigured to 2.0 miles in 2001 and re-measured at 1.99 miles in 2002.

Notebook

- There have been 26 NASCAR Sprint Cup races at Sonoma Raceway since the first race there in 1989 – one race per season.
- 198 drivers have competed in at least one NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race at Sonoma Raceway; 137 in more than one.
- **Jeff Gordon** leads the series in starts at Sonoma with 22; **Tony Stewart** is the next active driver with 16 starts.
- **Rusty Wallace** won the inaugural Coors Light pole at Sonoma in 1989 with a speed of 90.041 mph.
- 15 drivers have Coors Light poles at Sonoma, led by **Jeff Gordon** with five.
- Three drivers have won consecutive Coors Light poles at Sonoma **Ricky Rudd**, **Jeff Gordon** (1998, '99 and 2004, '05) and **Jamie McMurray** (2013, '14). Ricky Rudd holds the record for most consecutive poles at Sonoma with three; fall 1990 through 1992.
- Youngest Sonoma pole winner: **Joey Logano** (06/26/2011 – 21 years, 1 month, 2 days).
- Oldest Sonoma pole winner: **Rusty Wallace** (06/25/2000 – 43 years, 10 months, 11 days).
- There have been 10 different winners in the last 10 races at Sonoma Raceway.

Sonoma Raceway Data

Season Race #: 16 of 36 (06-28-15)

Track Size: 1.99-miles

Number of Turns: 12

Race Length: 110 laps / 219 miles / 350 Kilometers

Top 10 Driver Ratings at Sonoma

Kurt Busch.....	106.5
Jeff Gordon	103.4
Tony Stewart	98.8
Jimmie Johnson	98.8
Clint Bowyer	95.0
Carl Edwards.....	90.1
Ryan Newman.....	88.4
Jamie McMurray.....	87.8
Martin Truex Jr.	86.1
Kasey Kahne.....	85.5

Note: Driver Ratings compiled from 2005-2014 races (10 total) among active drivers at Sonoma Raceway.

Qualifying/Race Data

2014 pole winner:

Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet
96.350 mph, 74.354 secs. 06-20-14

2014 race winner:

Carl Edwards, Ford
76.583 mph, (02:51:30), 06-22-14

Track qualifying record:

Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet
96.350 mph, 74.354 secs. 06-20-14

Track race record:

Clint Bowyer, Toyota
83.624 mph, (02:39:55), 06-24-12

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STATISTICAL ADVANCE

- 18 different NSCS drivers have won at Sonoma Raceway, led by **Jeff Gordon** with five wins. **Tony Stewart** has the second most wins (two) among active drivers at Sonoma; eight other active drivers have a single win.
- **Jeff Gordon** leads the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series in road course wins with nine (Sonoma, five; Watkins Glen, four); **Tony Stewart** has the second most road course wins all-time with seven (Watkins Glen, five; Sonoma, two).
- NASCAR Hall of Famer **Bobby Allison** holds the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series record for the most wins (six) at a single road course track - Riverside International Raceway.
- **Jeff Gordon** is the only driver to post consecutive wins (three total) at Sonoma Raceway (1998 and 1999 each from the pole and 2000 from the fifth starting position).
- Youngest Sonoma winner: **Kyle Busch** (06/22/2008 – 23 years, 1 month, 20 days).
- Oldest Sonoma winner: **Ricky Rudd** (06/23/2002 – 45 years, 9 months, 11 days).
- Hendrick Motorsports has the most wins at Sonoma in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series with six: **Jeff Gordon** (five) and **Jimmie Johnson** (one).
- Six different manufacturers have won in the NSCS at Sonoma; led by **Chevrolet** with 10 victories; followed by **Ford** with seven, **Toyota** (three), Dodge (three), Pontiac (two) and Buick (one).
- Five of the 26 (19.2%) NASCAR Sprint Cup Series races at Sonoma have been won from the Coors Light pole; the most recent was **Jeff Gordon** in 2004. Gordon is the only NSCS driver to win from the pole at Sonoma more than once (1998, 1999 and 2004).
- The Coors Light pole position is the most proficient starting position in the field, producing more wins (five) than any other starting position at Sonoma Raceway.
- Eight of the 26 (30.7%) NASCAR Sprint Cup Series races at Sonoma have been won from the front row: five from the pole and three from second-place.
- 19 of the 26 (73%) NASCAR Sprint Cup races at Sonoma have been won from a top-10 starting position.
- Seven of the 26 (26.9%) NASCAR Sprint Cup Series races at Sonoma have been won from a starting position outside the top 10.
- Two of the 26 (7.6%) NASCAR Sprint Cup Series races at Sonoma have been won from a starting position outside the top 20.
- The deepest in the field that a race winner has started at Michigan was 32nd, by **Juan Pablo Montoya** in 2007.
- **Jeff Gordon** and **Mark Martin** leads the series in runner-up finishes at Sonoma with four; followed by **Tony Stewart** with three.
- **Jeff Gordon** leads the series in top-five finishes at Sonoma with 14; followed by **Ricky Rudd** with 10.
- **Jeff Gordon** leads the series in top-10 finishes at Sonoma with 18; followed by **Mark Martin** with 13.

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STATISTICAL ADVANCE

- **Jeff Gordon** leads the series in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series in average starting position at Sonoma with a 7.818.
- **Jeff Gordon** leads all active drivers in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series in average finishing position at Sonoma with a 7.955. **Clint Bowyer** (9.222) is the only other active driver with an average finish in the top 10.
- **Carl Edwards** competed at Sonoma Raceway 10 times before before visiting Victory in Lane; the longest span of any the 10 active NASCAR Sprint Cup Series winners.
- **Matt Kenseth** and **Dale Earnhardt Jr.** lead the series among active drivers with the most NASCAR Sprint Cup Series starts at Sonoma without visiting Victory Lane at 15 each.
- Since the advent of electronic scoring the closest margin of victory (MOV) in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series at Sonoma Raceway was the June 27, 1999 race won by **Jeff Gordon** over **Mark Martin** with a MOV of 0.197 second.
- There have been three NASCAR Sprint Cup Series races resulting with a green-white-checked finish at Sonoma Raceway (Scheduled No. of Laps/Actual No. of Laps): 2008 (110/112); 2009 (110/113) and 2012 (110/112).
- None of the 24 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series races at Sonoma Raceway have been shortened due to weather conditions.
- Qualifying has never been cancelled in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series at Sonoma Raceway.
- **Boris Said** posted his first career NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Coors Light pole at Sonoma Raceway (6/22/2003).
- **Juan Pablo Montoya** posted his first career NASCAR Sprint Cup Series win at Sonoma Raceway (6/24/2007).
- **Jeff Gordon** leads all active drivers in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series in laps led at Sonoma with 457 laps led in 22 starts.
- **Danica Patrick** is the only female driver in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series to compete at Sonoma Raceway.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Driver</u>	<u>Starting Position</u>	<u>Finishing Position</u>	<u>Driver Rating</u>
6/23/2013	Danica Patrick	31	29	43.0
6/22/2014	Danica Patrick	11	18	69.6

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NASCAR in California

- There have been 138 NASCAR Sprint Cup races at 15 tracks in California.

<u>Track Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>NSCS</u>
Riverside International Raceway	Riverside	48
Auto Club Speedway	Fontana	26
Sonoma Raceway	Sonoma	26
Ontario Motor Speedway	Ontario	9
California State Fairgrounds	Sacramento	6
Carrell Speedway	Gardena	4
Ascot Stadium	Los Angeles	3
Bay Meadows Race Track	San Mateo	3
Marchbanks Speedway	Hanford	3
Oakland Stadium	Oakland	3
Redwood Speedway	Eureka	2
Willow Springs Speedway	Lancaster	2
Capitol Speedway	Sacramento	1
Merced Fairgrounds	Merced	1
Santa Clara Fairgrounds	San Jose	1

- 431 drivers in NASCAR national series history have their home state recorded as California.

<u>Driver</u>	<u>NSCS</u>	<u>NXS</u>	<u>NCWTS</u>
Jeff Gordon	92	5	0
Jimmie Johnson	74	1	0
Kevin Harvick	30	46	14
Marvin Panch	17	0	0
Ernie Irvan	15	3	0
Dick Rathmann	13	0	0
Dan Gurney	5	0	0
Eddie Gray	4	0	0
Parnelli Jones	4	0	0
Eddie Pagan	4	0	0
Robby Gordon	3	1	0
Ray Elder	2	0	0
Danny Letner	2	0	0
Marvin Porter	2	0	0
AJ Allmendinger	1	2	0
Dick Brooks	1	0	0
Marvin Burke	1	0	0
Jim Cook	1	0	0
Lou Figaro	1	0	0
Danny Graves	1	0	0
Johnny Mantz	1	0	0
Casey Mears	1	1	0
Bill Norton	1	0	0
John Soares	1	0	0
Danny Weinberg	1	0	0
Ron Hornaday Jr	0	4	51
Kyle Larson	0	2	1
Jason Leffler	0	2	1
David Gilliland	0	1	0
Ryan Reed	0	1	0
Joe Ruttman	0	1	13
Boris Said	0	1	1
Mike Skinner	0	1	28
Matt Crafton	0	0	8
Cole Custer	0	0	2
Tyler Reddick	0	0	2
Justin Lofton	0	0	1
Scott Speed	0	0	1
Brandon Whitt	0	0	1

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STATISTICAL ADVANCE

MILESTONES – SONOMA RACEWAY

DRIVER	HAS	NEEDS	MILESTONE
Brad Keselowski	299	1	300th Consecutive NSCS Start - Keselowski is 15th on the active consecutive NSCS starts list.
Jimmie Johnson	74	2	76th NSCS Win - Jimmie Johnson is eighth on the all-time NSCS wins list, two wins behind NASCAR Hall of Famer Dale Earnhardt in seventh (76 wins).
Tony Stewart	48	2	50th NSCS Win - Stewart is 13th on the all-time NSCS wins list, two wins behind NASCAR Hall of Famer Ned Jarrett in 12th (50 wins).
Matt Kenseth	32	1	33rd NSCS Win - Kenseth is tied with Dale Jarrett for 22nd on the all-time NSCS wins list, one win behind Fireball Roberts in 21st (33 wins).
Dale Earnhardt Jr.	24	1	25th NSCS Win - Earnhardt Jr. is tied with Carl Edwards for 30th on the all-time NSCS wins list, one win behind Joe Weatherly and Denny Hamlin in 29th (25 wins).
Carl Edwards	24	1	25th NSCS Win - Edwards is tied with Dale Earnhardt Jr. for 30th on the all-time NSCS wins list, one win behind Joe Weatherly and Denny Hamlin in 29th (25 wins).
Kevin Harvick	10	1	11th NSCS Top-2 Finish in the first 16 races of the season - Harvick is tied with NASCAR Hall of Famers Cale Yarborough (1977) and Richard Petty (1971 and 1974) for the most top-2 finishes (10) in the first 15 races of the season. If Harvick finishes in the top-2 this weekend at Sonoma he will tie Bobby Allison (1972), as the only two drivers in series history to have 11 top-2 finishes in the first 16 races of the NSCS season.
Kevin Harvick	124	1	125th NSCS Top-Five Finish - Harvick is 27th on the all-time NSCS top fives list, 10 top-fives behind Jeff Burton, Bobby Isaac and Dale Earnhardt Jr. in 26th (134 each).
Jeff Gordon	24,826	174	25,000 NSCS Laps Led - Gordon can become the sixth driver in NSCS history to lead 25,000 laps.
Matt Kenseth	9,597	403	10,000 NSCS Laps Led - Kenseth can become the 16th driver in series history to lead 10,000 or more laps.
Dale Earnhardt Jr.	7,954	46	8,000 NSCS Laps Led - Earnhardt can become the 23rd driver in series history to lead 8,000 or more laps.
#43 car	199	1	200 NSCS Wins - The No. 43 car is second on the all-time NSCS wins list, five wins behind the No. 11 car in first (204).