

# NASCAR Thunder 2003 FAQ

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This walkthrough was originally written for NASCAR Thunder 2003 on the GC, but the walkthrough is still applicable to the PS2 version of the game.

NASCAR Thunder 2003 - Guide/ US Version  
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1-4 Players Simultaneously  
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This guide is dedicated to the victims of 9/11  
We will never forget, God Bless America  
Lets Roll!

\*Andy Kirby (1961-2002)\*  
Andy Kirby was killed in a motorcycle accident on  
July 18th, he was 40. We'll miss you Andy!

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## Version History

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Nov. 20, 2002: Tony Stewart is the 2002 NASCAR Winston Cup Champion  
Version FINAL Greg Biffle is the 2002 NASCAR Busch Grand National Champion  
Mike Bliss is the 2002 NASCAR Craftsman Truck Champion

Oct. 18, 2002: Past Winners to each tracks have been added, and Thunder  
Version 0.7 Plates section is completed.

Oct. 17, 2002: Track informations added.  
Version 0.6

Oct. 11, 2002 check out - WWW.GOLDENFOXX.COM - to copy how to get a good  
Version 0.5 time by watching the videos. The videos are done on Daytona,  
Infineon (Sears Point), Talladega, Watkins Glen.

Sept. 25, 2002 I have all of the drivers except for Bobby Hamilton Jr, Bobby  
Version 0.4 Wawak, Cale Yarborough, and that would leave 2 or 3 more left  
and I don't know who those mystery drivers are...is one of

them Harry Gant? Wally Dallenbach?

Having trouble with the "Pay at the Pump" challenge? with Jerry Nadeau? GoldenFoxy has submitted a good strategy, look under the Lightning Challenges section and look for that challenge and read on! Thanks GoldenFoxy!

Sept. 24, 2002 Got most of the Lightning Challenges down and their key.  
Version 0.3

Sept. 19, 2002 Got most of the driver's informations down and their paint  
Version 0.2 jobs down. I'm going to Dover tomorrow, look for me out there!

Aug. 31, 2002 Nothing big, just added the list of drivers that are in the  
Version 0.1: game, and the tracks as well.

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Controls  
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Menu Controls

-Control Pad/Stick Up/Down	-Highlight menu item
-Control Pad/Stick Left/Right	-Change highlighted item
-A Button	-Select/Go to next screen
-B Button	-Cancel/Return to previous screen

Gameplay

-Control Stick Left/Right	-Steer
-A Button	-Accelerate
-B Button	-Brake
-X Button	-Reverse
-Y Button	-Change view
-Z Button	-Track map/Damage Meter
-C Stick Up/Down	-Toggle rear view mirror ON/OFF
-Control Pad Up/Down	-Toggle HUD Display
-L/R Button	-Shift Up/Down
-START	-Pause game

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Modes  
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Lightning Challenge

Lightning Challenge is your chance to prove you belong on the track. If you can complete the challenges, you'll earn Thunder Plates which unlock cars, tracks, and drivers.

Thunder License

Get some experience behind the wheel as you learn every track in the country from "The King," Richard Petty, and other top NASCAR drivers.

Season

You don't have to win every race to finish the season on top. Compete consistently in a series of races in quest of a NASCAR championship and you might end up with enough points to clutch the cup.

Career

Work your way through the ranks of NASCAR as you compete for 20 consecutive seasons. Vie for the best crew, try to sign the top sponsors, and

incorporate the latest racing technology.

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Tracks  
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I got the list from Middleman13 from the NASCAR Thunder 2003 GameCube board at www.GameFAQs.com, thanks to him. Events are from the NASCAR Thunder 2003 for each tracks, and for the Past Winners, I got them from the "The Official NASCAR 2002 Preview and Press Guide" and picked some drivers that have won at the track and not listing all of them.

Atlanta Motor Speedway

Events: MBNA America 500, NAPA 500, Georgia 500  
Where: Hampton, Georgia  
Type: Speedway  
Length: 1.54 Mile  
Banking: 24 degrees (corners), 5 degrees (front & back)  
Capacity: 124,000  
Past Winners: Dale Earnhardt (9), Cale Yarborough (7), Richard Petty (6), Bobby Labonte (5), Bobby Allison (5), Bill Elliott (5), Jeff Gordon (3), Rusty Wallace (2), Mark Martin (2), Ricky Rudd (2), Ken Schrader (1), Jerry Nadeau (1), Kevin Harvick (1)

Bristol Motor Speedway

Events: Food City, 500, Sharpie 500  
Where: Bristol, Tennessee  
Type: Short Track  
Length: 0.533 Mile  
Banking: 36 degrees (corners), 16 degrees (front & back)  
Capacity: 147,000  
Past Winners: Darrell Waltrip (12), Rusty Wallace (9), Dale Earnhardt (9), Jeff Gordon (4), Cale Yarborough (9), Richard Petty (3), Terry Labonte (2), Mark Martin (2), Alan Kulwicki (2), Bobby Allison (4), Tony Stewart (1), Elliott Sadler (1)

California Speedway

Events: NAPA Auto Parts 500, California 500  
Where: Fontana, California  
Type: Speedway  
Length: 2.0 Mile  
Banking: 14 degrees (corners), 11 degrees (front), 3 degrees (back)  
Capacity: 92,000  
Past Winners: Jeff Gordon (2), Mark Martin (1), Rusty Wallace (1), Jeremy Mayfield (1)

Chicagoland Speedway

Events: Tropicana 400, Chicagoland 400  
Where: Joliet, Illinois  
Type: Speedway  
Length: 1.5 Mile  
Banking: 18 degrees (corners), 11 degrees (front), 5 degrees (back)  
Capacity: 75,000  
Past Winners: Kevin Harvick (1)

Darlington Raceway

Events: Carolina Dodge Dealers 400, Mountain Dew Southern 500,  
Darlington 400  
Where: Darlington, South Carolina  
Type: Speedway  
Length: 1.366 Mile  
Banking: 23-25 degrees (corners), 2 degrees (front & back)  
Capacity: 65,000  
Past Winners: David Pearson (10), Dale Earnhardt (9), Darrell Waltrip (5),  
Cale Yarborough (5), Bill Elliott (5), Jeff Gordon (5),  
Harry Gant (4), Ward Burton (2), Dale Jarrett (3),  
Jeff Burton (2)

#### Daytona International Speedway

Events: Daytona 500, Pepsi 400, The Shootout  
Where: Daytona Beach, Florida  
Type: SuperSpeedway  
Length: 2.5 Mile  
Banking: 31 degrees (corners), 18 degrees (front), 3 degrees (back)  
Capacity: 168,000  
Past Winners: Richard Petty (10), Cale Yarborough (8), David Pearson (5),  
Dale Earnhardt (3), Sterling Marlin (3), Jeff Gordon (4),  
Bill Elliott (4), Dale Jarrett (4), Dale Earnhardt Jr. (1)

#### Daytona Beach Course

Events: Daytona Beach 500  
Where: Daytona Beach, Florida  
Type: Speedway  
Length: 2.0 Mile  
Banking: 15 degrees (corners)  
Capacity: 136,000

#### Daytona Infield Road Course

Events: Florida 500K  
Where: Daytona Beach, Florida  
Type: Road Course  
Length: 2.175 Mile  
Corners: 9 Turns  
Capacity: 136,000

#### Dover International Speedway

Events: MBNA America 400, MBNA Platinum 400, Dover 400  
Where: Dover, Delaware  
Type: Speedway  
Length: 1.0 Mile  
Banking: 24 degrees (corners), 9 degrees (front & back)  
Capacity: 140,000  
Past Winners: Richard Petty (7), David Pearson (5), Jeff Gordon (4),  
Ricky Rudd (4), Rusty Wallace (3), Bill Elliott (4),  
Bobby Allison (7), Tony Stewart (2), Harry Gant (4)

#### Homestead-Miami Speedway

Events: Homestead 400  
Where: Homestead, Florida  
Type: Speedway  
Length: 1.5 Mile

Banking: 6 degrees (corners), 3 degrees (front & back)  
Capacity: 72,000  
Past Winners: Tony Stewart (2), Bill Elliott (1)

#### Homestead-Miami Infield Road Course

Events: Homestead-Miami 400K  
Where: Homestead, Florida  
Type: Road Course  
Length: 1.45 Mile  
Corners: 6 Turns  
Capacity: 72,000

#### Indianapolis Motor Speedway

Events: Brickyard 400  
Where: Indianapolis, Indiana  
Type: Speedway  
Length: 2.5 Mile  
Banking: 9 degrees (corners), 0 degrees (front & back)  
Capacity: 250,000  
Past Winners: Jeff Gordon (3), Dale Earnhardt (1), Dale Jarrett (2),  
Ricky Rudd (1), Bobby Labonte (1)

#### Infineon Raceway

Events: Dodge/Save Mart 350, Sonoma 350K  
Where: Sonoma, California  
Type: Road Course  
Length: 2.0 Mile  
Corners: 10 Turns  
Capacity: 98,000  
Past Winners: Jeff Gordon (3), Rusty Wallace (2), Ernie Irvan (2),  
Dale Earnhardt (1), Ricky Rudd (1), Davey Allison (1),  
Geoffrey Bodine (1), Mark Martin (1), Tony Stewart (1)

#### Kansas Speedway

Events: Protection One 400, Kansas 400  
Where: Kansas City, Kansas  
Type: Speedway  
Length: 1.5 Mile  
Banking: 15 degrees (corners), 10 degrees (front) 5 degrees (back)  
Capacity: 78,000  
Past Winners: Jeff Gordon (1)

#### Las Vegas Motor Speedway

Events: UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400, Las Vegas 400  
Where: Las Vegas, Nevada  
Type: Speedway  
Length: 1.5 Mile  
Banking: 12 degrees (corners), 9 degrees (front), 3 degrees (back)  
Capacity: 126,000  
Past Winners: Jeff Burton (2), Jeff Gordon (1), Mark Martin (1)

#### Lowe's Motor Speedway

Events: UAW-GM Quality 500, Coca-Cola Racing Family 600,  
The All-Star

Where: Concord, North Carolina  
Type: Speedway  
Length: 1.5 Mile  
Banking: 24 degrees (corners), 5 degrees (front & back)  
Capacity: 167,000  
Past Winners: David Pearson (4), Junior Johnson (2), Richard Petty (4),  
Darrell Waltrip (6), Dale Earnhardt (5), Jeff Gordon (4),  
Mark Martin (3), Dale Jarrett (3), Benny Parsons (2),  
Bobby Allison (6), Rusty Wallace (2)

#### Martinsville Speedway

Events: Virginia 500, Old Dominion 500, Martinsville 500  
Where: Martinsville, Virginia  
Type: Short Track  
Length: 0.526 Mile  
Banking: 12 degrees (corners)  
Capacity: 91,000  
Past Winners: Darrell Waltrip (11), Richard Petty (15), Fred Lorenzen (6),  
Cale Yarborough (6), Dale Earnhardt (6), Rusty Wallace (6),  
Jeff Gordon (3), Ricky Rudd (3), Geoffrey Bodine (4)

#### Michigan International Speedway

Events: Sirius Satellite Radio 400, Pepsi 400, Motor City 400  
Where: Brooklyn, Michigan  
Type: Speedway  
Length: 2.0 Mile  
Banking: 18 degrees (corners), 12 degrees (front), 5 degrees (back)  
Capacity: 136,373  
Past Winners: Cale Yarborough (8), David Pearson (9), Bill Elliott (7),  
Mark Martin (4), Rusty Wallace (5), Davey Allison (3),  
Bobby Allison (4), Bobby Labonte (3), Dale Jarrett (3)

#### New Hampshire International Speedway

Events: New England 300, New Hampshire 300  
Where: Loudon, New Hampshire  
Type: Speedway  
Length: 1.058 Mile  
Banking: 12 degrees (corners), 2 degrees (front & back)  
Capacity: 91,000  
Past Winners: Jeff Burton (4), Jeff Gordon (3), Ricky Rudd (1),  
Dale Jarrett (1), Rusty Wallace (1), Ernie Irvan (1),  
Tony Stewart (1), Joe Nemechek (1), Robby Gordon (1)

#### North Carolina Speedway

Events: Subway 400, Pop Secret Microwave Popcorn 400,  
Rockingham 400  
Where: Rockingham, North Carolina  
Type: Speedway  
Length: 1.017 Mile  
Banking: 22-25 degrees (corners), 8 degrees (front & back)  
Capacity: 60,113  
Past Winners: Richard Petty (11), David Pearson (5), Dale Earnhardt (3),  
Rusty Wallace (5), Kyle Petty (3), Jeff Gordon (4),  
Bill Elliott (4), Cale Yarborough (7)

#### Phoenix International Raceway

Events: Checker Auto Parts 500  
Where: Avondale, Arizona  
Type: Speedway  
Length: 1.0 Mile  
Banking: 9-11 degrees (corners)  
Capacity: 76,812  
Past Winners: Davey Allison (2), Jeff Burton (2), Bill Elliott (1),  
Dale Earnhardt (1), Tony Stewart (1), Rusty Wallace (1),  
Dale Jarrett (1), Ricky Rudd (1), Bobby Hamilton (1),  
Terry Labonte (1), Mark Martin (1)

#### Phoenix Infield Road Course

Events: Sandstorm 500K  
Where: Avondale, Arizona  
Type: Road Course  
Length: 1.149 Mile  
Corners: 6 Turns  
Capacity: 76,812

#### Pocono Raceway

Events: Pennsylvania 500, Pocono 500  
Where: Pocono, Pennsylvania  
Type: Speedway  
Length: 2.5 Mile  
Banking: 6-14 degrees (corners), 1 degrees (front & back)  
Capacity: 90,000  
Past Winners: Tim Richmond (4), Rusty Wallace (4), Jeff Gordon (4),  
Bobby Allison (3), Geoffrey Bodine (3), Bobby Labonte (3),  
Dale Earnhardt (2), Bill Elliott (5), Terry Labonte (2),  
Darrell Waltrip (4), Jeremy Mayfield (2)

#### Pocono Infield Road Course

Events: Keystone State 500K  
Where: Pocono, Pennsylvania  
Type: Road Course  
Length: 2.068 Mile  
Corners: 8 Turns  
Capacity: 90,000

#### Richmond International Raceway

Events: Chevrolet Monte Carlo 400, Pontiac Excitement 400,  
Richmond 400  
Where: Richmond, Virginia  
Type: Short Track  
Length: 0.75 Mile  
Banking: 14 degrees (corners), 8 degrees (front), 2 degrees (back)  
Capacity: 100,500  
Past Winners: Richard Petty (13), David Pearson (6), Darrell Waltrip (6),  
Rusty Wallace (6), Dale Earnhardt (5), Terry Labonte (3),  
Benny Parsons (2), Tony Stewart (2), Bobby Allison (7)

#### Talladega Superspeedway

Events: EA Sports 500, Aaron's 499, Alabama 500  
Where: Talladega, Alabama

Type: SuperSpeedway  
Length: 2.66 Mile  
Banking: 33 degrees (corners), 18 degrees (front), 2 degrees (back)  
Capacity: 143,000  
Past Winners: Dale Earnhardt (10), Bobby Allison (4), David Pearson (3),  
Darrell Waltrip (4), Davey Allison (2), Buddy Baker (3),  
Ernie Irvan (2), Mark Martin (2), Jeff Gordon (2),  
Bill Elliott (2), Terry Labonte (2), Sterling Marlin (2)

#### Talladega Infield Road Course

Events: Dixieland 500K  
Where: Talladega, Alabama  
Type: Road Course  
Length: 2.163  
Corners: 8 Turns  
Capacity: 150,000

#### Texas Motor Speedway

Events: Samsung/Radioshack 500  
Where: Fort Worth, Texas  
Type: Speedway  
Length: 1.5 Mile  
Banking: 24 degrees (corners), 5 degrees (front & back)  
Capacity: 154,861  
Past Winners: Jeff Burton (1), Mark Martin (1), Terry Labonte (1),  
Dale Earnhardt Jr. (1), Dale Jarrett (1)

#### Texas Infield Road Course

Events: Texas 500K  
Where: Fort Worth, Texas  
Type: Road Course  
Length: 1.374 Mile  
Corners: 6 Turns  
Capacity: 154,861

#### Tiburon International Speedway

Events: Tiburon 500  
Where: Orlando, Florida  
Type: SuperSpeedway  
Length: 3.0 Mile  
Banking: 40 degrees (corners), 15 degrees (front), 20 degrees (back)  
Capacity: 150,000

#### Watkins Glen International

Events: Sirius Satellite Radio @ The Glen, Thunder Road 220  
Where: Watkins Glen, New York  
Type: Road Course  
Length: 2.454 Mile  
Corners: 11 Turns  
Capacity: 87,000  
Past Winners: Jeff Gordon (4), Mark Martin (3), Rusty Wallace (2),  
Ricky Rudd (2), Steve Park (1), Geoffrey Bodine (1),  
Kyle Petty (1), Ernie Irvan (1), Tim Richmond (1),  
Buck Baker (1), Billy Wade (1), Marvin Panch (1)



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Drivers  
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(in alphabetical order)

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Bobby Allison (LEGEND)

#12 - Piper Aircraft                      Owner: ?  
   Team: ?  
   Make: Dodge Intrepid

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John Andretti

#43 - Cheerios                              Owner: Richard Petty  
   Team: Petty Enterprises  
   Make: Dodge Intrepid

Paintjobs:

2002 Cheerios, 2002 Grands, 2002 Honey Nut Cheerios, 2002 Chex,  
2001 Cheerios, 2001 Hamburger Helper, 2001 Honey Nut Cheerios,  
2001 Pop Secret

His uncle is the famous Mario Andretti, and his cousin is Michael Andretti,  
Mario's son. John's first win came in the 1997 Pepsi 400 in Daytona, and  
his 2nd win came in 1999 in Martinsville. He is short for a driver at 5'5,  
size doesn't matter in NASCAR though.

Year	Races	Wins	Top 5s	Top 10s	Pt. Standings
1993	4	0	0	0	50th
1994	29	0	0	0	32nd
1995	31	0	1	5	18th
1996	30	0	2	3	31st
1997	32	1	3	3	23rd
1998	33	0	3	10	11th
1999	34	1	3	10	17th
2000	34	0	0	2	23rd
2001	35	0	1	2	31st
2002	36	0	0	1	28th

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Casey Atwood

#7 - Sirius Satellite Radio                      Owner: Jim Smith  
   Team: Ultra Motorsports  
   Make: Dodge Intrepid

Paintjobs:

2002 Sirius Satellite Radio, 2002 Muppets (Rowlf)

Casey has no win, but a lot of time to develop. His best finish so far  
is 3rd, in the 2001 Homestead race, Casey was driving the #19 UAW/Dodge  
Dealers that year, he is now piloting the #7 Sirius.

Year	Races	Wins	Top 5s	Top 10s	Pt. Standings
2000	3	0	0	1	54th
2001	35	0	1	3	26th
2002	35	0	0	0	35th

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Johnny Benson

#10 - Valvoline

Owner: Nelson Bowers

Team: MBV Motorsports

Make: Pontiac Grand Prix

Paintjobs:

2002 Valvoline, 2002 Muppets (Fozzie), 2002 MLB, 2002 Maxlife, 2002 Zerex,  
2002 Eagle One, 2001 Valvoline, 2001 Eagle One, 2001 Maxlife

Johnny Benson have been racing in the Winston Cup series for quite a while and he has no win yet. Jack Roush used to be his owner when Johnny was driving the #26 Cheerios, he is currently driving in the #10 Valvoline Pontiac. Benson was the 1995 Busch Rookie of the Year and he won the champion for the same division the year after.

Year	Races	Wins	Top 5s	Top 10s	Pt. Standings
1996	30	0	1	6	21st
1997	32	0	0	8	11th
1998	32	0	3	10	20th
1999	34	0	0	2	28th
2000	33	0	3	7	13th
2001	36	0	6	14	11th
2002	29	1	3	7	29th

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Greg Biffle

#16 - Volvo Trucks/RoushRacing.com

Owner: Jack Roush

Team: Roush Racing

Make: Ford Taurus

Paintjobs:

2002 JR's Garage, 2002 TNT

Biffle made 2 appearances, Daytona and California, but he failed to qualify for the Daytona 500, he finished 13th in the California race and started 29th. This car is owned by Jack Roush. He will be in a couple more races in the #55 Square D of Bobby Hamilton while Bobby is recovering from his injuries.

Year	Races	Wins	Top 5s	Top 10s	Pt. Standings
2002	7	0	0	0	48th

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Greg Biffle (BUSCH)

#60 - Grainger

Owner: Jack Roush

Team: Roush Racing

Make: Ford Taurus

Biffle was outstanding last year, taking home 5 wins, 16 top 5s and 21 top 10s and ranked 4th in standings. He was one of the rookie candidates that year, but just 304 points behind 2001 Champion, Harvick. In 2002, it is Biffle's turn to win the championship!

BUSCH STATS-

Year	Races	Wins	Top 5s	Top 10s	Pt. Standings
2001	33	5	16	21	4th
2002	34	4	20	25	1st

Todd Bodine

#26 - Discover Card

Owner: Travis Carter

Team: Haas-Carter Motorsports

Make: Ford Taurus

Paintjobs:

2002 Discover Card

A native from New York, and the youngest of the Bodine brothers. Todd has no win in the Winston Cup yet, but he does have 14 wins in the Busch. He was going to have a full-time ride this year until K-Mart filed for bankruptcy, he has only been in several races in the #66 car. The #26 card came back with a new sponsor, Discover Card, and put Todd in the seat for the rest of the season, he is still competing in the Busch Series piloting the red and white #92 Excredrin - Chevrolet.

Year	Races	Wins	Top 5s	Top 10s	Pt. Standings
1992	1	0	0	0	?
1993	10	0	0	0	40th
1994	30	0	2	7	20th
1995	28	0	1	3	33rd
1996	10	0	0	1	40th
1997	5	0	0	0	52nd
1998	14	0	1	2	41st
1999	7	0	0	0	46th
2000	5	0	0	1	49th
2001	35	0	2	2	29th
2002	24	0	1	4	38th

Jeff Burton (BUSCH)

#9 - Gain

Owner: Jack Roush

Team: Roush Racing

Make: Ford Taurus

A veteran in the Busch Series and driver of the green #9 car owned by Jack Roush, with 1 win, 4 top 5s and 9 top 10s in only 11 starts last year, this is Jeff Burton.

BUSCH STATS-

Year	Races	Wins	Top 5s	Top 10s	Pt. Standings
2001	11	1	4	9	33rd
2002	13	5	8	9	31st

Jeff Burton

#99 - CITGO

Owner: Jack Roush

Team: Roush Racing

Make: Ford Taurus

Paintjobs:

2002 CITGO, 2002 Peelout-Reelin, 2002 Bass Master, 2001 CITGO

A native from South Boston, Virginia, the youngest Burton brothers, rookie of the year in 1994, what else? Jeff Burton has proved himself to be one of the best racers in the Winston Cup series. His first win came in Texas in 1997, he finished 4th in point standings that year, until the career best, 3rd, in 2000. Last year, Jeff has 2 wins, 8 top 5s and 16 top 10s in 36 starts, he was 10th in point standings.

Year	Races	Wins	Top 5s	Top 10s	Pt. Standings
1993	1	0	0	0	?
1994	30	0	2	3	24th
1995	29	0	1	2	32nd
1996	30	0	6	12	13th
1997	32	3	13	18	4th
1998	33	2	18	23	5th
1999	34	6	18	23	5th
2000	34	4	15	22	3rd
2001	36	2	8	16	10th
2002	36	0	5	14	12th

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Ward Burton

#22 - Caterpillar

Owner: Bill Davis

Team: Bill Davis Racing

Make: Dodge Intrepid

Paintjobs:

2002 Caterpillar, 2002 Flame, 2001 Wildlife Foundation, 2001 Tractor

2002 Daytona 500 winner Ward Burton had an up-and-down season this year, most of them are engine problems. Ward can take the car to the front if it wasn't for those. Native from South Boston and older brother of Jeff. Ward's first win came in 1995 at The Rock (Rockingham).

Year	Races	Wins	Top 5s	Top 10s	Pt. Standings
1994	26	0	1	2	35th
1995	29	1	3	6	22nd
1996	27	0	0	4	33rd
1997	31	0	0	7	24th
1998	33	0	1	5	16th
1999	34	0	6	16	9th
2000	34	1	4	17	10th
2001	36	1	6	10	14th
2002	36	2	3	8	25th

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Kurt Busch

#97 - Sharpie

Owner: Jack Roush

Team: Roush Racing

Make: Ford Taurus

Paintjobs:

2002 Rubbermaid/Sharpie, 2002 Rubbermaid, 2002 Sharpie, 2002 Little Tikes,  
2001 Sharpie/Rubbermaid

Kurt started back in 2000 in the #97 car sponsored by John Deere. He was one of the rookie candidates last year and grabbed 3rd place in rookie standings and 27th in point standings, just 1 place back behind Atwood.

Year	Races	Wins	Top 5s	Top 10s	Pt. Standings
2000	7	0	0	0	48th
2001	35	0	3	6	27th
2002	36	4	12	20	3rd

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Chad Chaffin

#16 - 31-W Insulation

Owner: Wayne Day

Team: Day Enterprises Motorsports

Make: Pontiac Grand Prix

BUSCH STATS-

Year	Races	Wins	Top 5s	Top 10s	Pt. Standings
2001	14	0	0	0	42nd
2002	26	0	0	0	35th

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Ricky Craven

#32 - Tide

Owner: Cal Wells III

Team: PPI Motorsports

Make: Ford Taurus

Paintjobs:

2002 Tide, 2002 Clean Breeze

The first NASCAR Thunder game doesn't have Ricky Craven, but he is in the second one though! I'm sure the fans of Craven are very happy and will be able to use him as their driver. A native from Maine joined PPI Motorsports and the 32 car back in 2001, which is the year Ricky won his first Winston Cup race in Martinsville.

Year	Races	Wins	Top 5s	Top 10s	Pt. Standings
1991	1	0	0	0	?
1995	31	0	0	4	24th
1996	31	0	3	5	20th
1997	30	0	4	7	19th
1998	11	0	0	1	46th
1999	24	0	0	0	41st
2000	16	0	0	0	44th
2001	36	1	4	7	21st
2002	36	0	3	9	15th

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Dale Earnhardt

#3 - GM Goodwrench

Owner: Richard Childress

Team: RCR

Make: Chevrolet Monte Carlo

The Man in Black, The Intimidator, Ironhead, whatever you call him, Dale is one of the greatest racers of all time in NASCAR history. A native from Kannapolis, North Carolina was known for his rough racing style and his sly grin. He won 76 times, which placed him 6th in the all time win list. He died in the final turn of the final lap of the 2001 Daytona 500.

Year	Races	Wins	Top 5s	Top 10s	Pt. Standings
1975	1	0	0	0	?
1976	2	0	0	0	?
1977	1	0	0	0	?
1978	5	0	1	2	43rd
1979	27	1	11	17	7th
1980	31	5	19	24	1st
1981	31	0	9	17	7th
1982	30	1	7	12	12th
1983	30	2	9	14	8th
1984	30	2	12	22	4th
1985	28	4	10	16	8th
1986	29	5	16	23	1st
1987	29	11	21	24	1st
1988	29	3	13	19	3rd
1989	29	5	14	19	2nd
1990	29	9	18	23	1st
1991	29	4	14	21	1st
1992	29	1	6	15	12th
1993	30	6	17	21	1st
1994	31	4	20	25	1st
1995	31	5	19	23	2nd
1996	31	2	13	17	4th
1997	32	0	7	16	5th
1998	33	1	5	13	8th
1999	34	3	7	21	7th
2000	34	2	13	24	2nd
2001	1	0	0	0	57th

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Dale Earnhardt Jr. (BUSCH)

#3 - Nabisco Nilla, Oreo

Owner: Richard Childress

Team: RCR

Make: Chevrolet Monte Carlo

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Dale Earnhardt Jr.

#8 - Dale Earnhardt Jr.

Owner: Teresa Earnhardt

Team: DEI

Make: Chevrolet Monte Carlo

Paintjobs:

2002 Dale Jr., 2001 Dale Jr.

The son of the late Dale Earnhardt and half brother of Kerry Earnhardt. When Dale Sr. died in the Daytona 500, Dale Jr. came back to the same track in the night race and won the race, it was one of the most

memorable races. Dale Earnhardt Jr. will be on the cover for NASCAR Thunder 2003.

Year	Races	Wins	Top 5s	Top 10s	Pt. Standings
1999	5	0	0	1	?
2000	34	2	3	5	16th
2001	36	3	9	15	8th
2002	36	2	11	16	11th

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Bill Elliott

#9 - UAW/Dodge Dealers

Owner: Ray Evernham

Team: Evernham Motorsports

Make: Dodge Intrepid

Paintjobs:

2002 Dodge Dealers, 2002 Muppets (Swedish Chef), 2001 Dodge Dealers

Awesome Bill from Dawsonville! Bill has been in the Winston Cup series for a long time and he has been voted NASCAR's most popular driver 15 times. In 2001, Bill got his first win since 1994, and finished up 15th in point standings.

Year	Races	Wins	Top 5s	Top 10s	Pt. Standings
1976	8	0	0	0	?
1977	10	0	0	2	?
1978	10	0	0	5	?
1979	13	0	1	5	?
1980	11	0	0	4	?
1981	13	0	1	7	?
1982	21	0	8	9	25th
1983	30	1	12	22	3rd
1984	30	3	13	24	3rd
1985	28	11	16	18	2nd
1986	29	2	8	16	4th
1987	29	6	16	20	2nd
1988	29	6	15	22	1st
1989	29	3	8	14	6th
1990	29	1	12	16	4th
1991	29	1	6	12	11th
1992	29	5	14	17	2nd
1993	30	0	6	15	8th
1994	31	1	6	12	10th
1995	31	0	4	11	8th
1996	24	0	0	6	30th
1997	32	0	5	14	8th
1998	32	0	0	5	18th
1999	34	0	1	2	21st
2000	32	0	3	7	21st
2001	36	1	5	9	15th
2002	36	2	6	13	13th

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James Finch (BUSCH)

#1 - Yellow Transportation

Owner: James Finch

Team: Phoenix Racing

Make: Chevrolet Monte Carlo

I really don't know who James Finch is or heard of him before, but I suppose he is the owner of the #1 Yellow Chevrolet. Jimmy Spencer is the actual driver for the 2002 season. Just recently he picked up a win at the Bristol night race.

BUSCH STATS-

Year	Races	Wins	Top 5s	Top 10s	Pt. Standings
2001	18	3	5	10	26th
2002	23	1	2	10	26th

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Coy Gibbs (BUSCH)  
#20 - ConAgra

Owner: Joe Gibbs  
Team: Joe Gibbs Racing  
Make: Pontiac Grand Prix

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Jeff Gordon  
#24 - DuPont

Owner: Rick Hendrick  
Team: Hendrick Motorsports  
Make: Chevrolet Monte Carlo

Paintjobs:

2002 Dupont, 2002 Looney Tunes (Bugs Bunny), 2002 Dupont 200th, 2002 Pepsi, 2002 Pepsi July 4th, 2001 Dupont, 2001 Looney Tunes (Bugs Bunny)

The Wonder Boy has 60 wins and 5 championships and still counting, even though he is just in his 9th year in the Winston Cup series. Most of the people know who drive the #24 DuPont and the color scheme thats on it, Jeff decided to add the flame for the 2001 year. DuPont has reached its 200th year and Jeff ran a special paint scheme for the 2002 Daytona 500, oh yeah, and he was the 1997 and 1999 Daytona 500 winner!

Year	Races	Wins	Top 5s	Top 10s	Pt. Standings
1992	1	0	0	0	?
1993	30	0	7	11	14th
1994	31	2	7	14	8th
1995	31	7	17	23	1st
1996	31	10	21	24	2nd
1997	32	10	22	23	1st
1998	33	13	26	28	1st
1999	34	7	18	21	6th
2000	34	3	11	22	9th
2001	36	6	18	24	1st
2002	36	3	13	20	4th

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Robby Gordon  
#31 - Cingular Wireless

Owner: Richard Childress  
Team: RCR  
Make: Chevrolet Monte Carlo

Paintjobs:

2002 Cingular Wireless, 2002 Looney Tunes (Pepe le Pew), 2002 Reverse-Out



A talented road racer with one win (2001 New Hampshire) came in late in the 2001 season to fill in for Mike Skinner. During the silly season Robby agreed to drive for the #31 car with a new sponsor, Cingular, what do you gotta say?

Year	Races	Wins	Top 5s	Top 10s	Pt. Standings
1991	2	0	0	0	55th
1993	1	0	0	0	94th
1994	1	0	0	0	76th
1996	3	0	0	0	57th
1997	20	0	1	1	40th
1998	1	0	0	0	67th
2000	17	0	1	2	43rd
2001	17	1	2	3	44th
2002	36	0	1	5	20th

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 Jeff Green

#30 - America Online (AOL)

Owner: Richard Childress

Team: RCR

Make: Chevrolet Monte Carlo

Paintjobs:

2002 America Online, 2002 Looney Tunes (Daffy Duck), 2001 America Online, 2001 Looney Tunes (Daffy Duck)

Green, the 2000 Busch Series champion, came into the 2002 with a full-time ride under Childress to pilot the #30 Chevrolet. Jeff is the youngest of the 3 Green brothers. David (the oldest) was the 1994 Busch Series champion.

Year	Races	Wins	Top 5s	Top 10s	Pt. Standings
1994	3	0	0	0	51st
1996	4	0	0	0	49th
1997	20	0	1	2	39th
1998	22	0	0	0	40th
1999	1	0	0	0	60th
2001	8	0	0	0	48th
2002	36	0	4	6	17th

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 Shane Hall (BUSCH)

#63 - Greased Lightning

Owner: Hubert Hensley

Team: Ken Alexander Racing

Make: Chevrolet Monte Carlo

BUSCH STATS-

Year	Races	Wins	Top 5s	Top 10s	Pt. Standings
2001	33	0	0	0	23rd
2002	24	0	0	1	29th

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 Bobby Hamilton

#55 - Square D

Owner: Andy Petree

Team: Andy Petree Racing (APR)

Make: Chevrolet Monte Carlo

Paintjobs:

2002 Schneider Electric, 2002 Looney Tunes (Marvin Martian), 2001 Square D, 2001 Square D Lightning, 2001 Looney Tunes (Marvin Martian)

Bobby was the 2001 Talladega (spring) winner, plus 3 other wins. He has a team in the Craftsman Truck Series with drivers Robert Pressley, Bill Lester and the #4 truck. Hamilton has a son, Bobby Jr., who is also in the game is now racing in the Busch Series.

Year	Races	Wins	Top 5s	Top 10s	Pt. Standings
1989	1	0	0	0	?
1990	3	0	0	0	?
1991	28	0	0	4	22nd
1992	29	0	0	2	25th
1993	15	0	0	1	37th
1994	30	0	0	1	23rd
1995	31	0	4	10	14th
1996	31	1	3	11	9th
1997	32	1	6	8	16th
1998	33	1	3	8	10th
1999	34	0	1	10	13th
2000	34	0	0	2	30th
2001	36	1	3	7	18th
2002	31	0	0	3	32nd

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Bobby Hamilton Jr.

#25 - U.S. Marine Corps

Owner: Ed Rensi

Team: Team Rensi Motorsports

Make: Ford Taurus

BUSCH STATS-

Year	Races	Wins	Top 5s	Top 10s	Pt. Standings
2001	33	0	2	5	17th
2002	34	1	6	15	8th

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Kevin Harvick

#29 - GM Goodwrench

Owner: Richard Childress

Team: RCR

Make: Chevrolet Monte Carlo

Paintjobs:

2002 GM Goodwrench, 2002 Looney Tunes (Taz), 2002 Now Sell Tires!, 2001 GM Goodwrench, 2001 Looney Tunes (Taz), 2001 America Online

Taking over the seat for the late Dale Earnhardt, Harvick has proved that he is the dominant rookie in the 2001 season with 2 wins (the 1st was on his 3rd race) and finished 9th in the point standings.

Year	Races	Wins	Top 5s	Top 10s	Pt. Standings
2001	35	2	6	16	9th

	2002		35		1		5		8		21st	
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Kevin Harvick (BUSCH)

#29 - Sonic

Owner: Richard Childress

Team: RCR

Make: Chevrolet Monte Carlo

This is Kevin Harvick's Busch car for the 2002 season, but I included his last year Busch stats and he was in the #2 ACDelco car and went on to win the 2001 Busch Series Championship, and finished 9th in the Winston Cup series.

BUSCH STATS-

Year	Races	Wins	Top 5s	Top 10s	Pt. Standings
2001	33	5	20	24	1st
2002	4	0	0	1	64th

Ron Hornaday

#26 - Dr. Pepper

Owner: Dave Carroll

Team: Carroll Racing

Make: Chevrolet Monte Carlo

Lyndon Amick was the pilot until he got released after several races, the seat was open and Hornaday jumped in to drive the #26, he was impressive in some races this year.

BUSCH STATS-

Year	Races	Wins	Top 5s	Top 10s	Pt. Standings
2001	12	0	1	3	36th
2002	30	0	5	8	18th

Dale Jarrett

#88 - UPS

Owner: Robert Yates

Team: RYR

Make: Ford Taurus

Paintjobs:

2002 UPS, 2002 Muppets (Kermit & Miss Piggy), 2001 UPS, 2001 UPS Flames

DJ has been in the Winston Cup series for almost 20 years, plus, he is a second generation driver. His dad, Ned, has 50 wins and Dale has 28 as of the end of 2001. Dale got his first win in Michigan back in 1991 in the Wood Brothers #21 car. Dale is currently driving the #88 UPS truck, I mean, CAR!

Year	Races	Wins	Top 5s	Top 10s	Pt. Standings
1984	3	0	0	0	?
1986	1	0	0	0	?
1987	24	0	0	2	26th

1988	29	0	0	1	23rd	
1989	29	0	2	5	24th	
1990	24	0	1	7	25th	
1991	29	1	3	8	17th	
1992	29	0	2	8	19th	
1993	30	1	13	18	4th	
1994	30	1	4	9	16th	
1995	31	1	9	14	13th	
1996	31	4	17	21	3rd	
1997	32	7	20	23	2nd	
1998	33	3	19	22	3rd	
1999	34	4	24	29	1st	
2000	34	2	15	24	4th	
2001	36	4	12	19	5th	
2002	36	2	10	18	9th	

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Jimmie Johnson

#48 - Lowe's Home Improvement  
Warehouse

Owner: Rick Hendrick & Jeff Gordon  
Team: Hendrick Motorsports  
Make: Chevrolet Monte Carlo

Paintjobs:

2002 Lowe's, 2002 Looney Tunes (Sylvester & Tweety), 2002 Power of Pride

One of the rookie candidates for the 2002 season, Jimmie Johnson has proved himself a better racer than Gordon, just joking. Although, it surprised me that Johnson got as high as 2nd place in standings and he is still hanging in the top 5s in the point standings. Last year, Johnson racked up 1 win, 4 top 5s and 9 top 10s in the Busch series, he ended up finishing 9th in point standings.

Year	Races	Wins	Top 5s	Top 10s	Pt. Standings	
2001	3	0	0	0	52nd	
2002	36	3	6	21	5th	

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Junior Johnson (LEGEND)

#11 - Junior Johnson

Owner: ?  
Team: ?  
Make: Chevrolet Monte Carlo

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Kasey Kahne (BUSCH)

#98 - Channellock

Owner: Robert Yates  
Team: Robert Yates Racing  
Make: Ford Taurus

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Matt Kenseth

#17 - DeWalt Power Tools

Owner: Jack Roush  
Team: Roush Racing  
Make: Ford Taurus

Paintjobs:

2002 DeWalt, 2002 AT&T, 2002 Million Dollar Challenge, 2001 DeWalt

Matt was the 200

Year	Races	Wins	Top 5s	Top 10s	Pt. Standings
1998	1	0	0	1	49th
1999	5	0	1	1	57th
2000	34	1	4	11	14th
2001	36	0	4	9	13th
2002	36	5	11	19	8th

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Frank Kimmel

#46 - Advance Auto Parts/Pork      Owner: Larry Clement  
Team: Tri-State Motorsports  
Make: Ford Taurus

Paintjobs:

2002 Advance Auto Parts

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Alan Kulwicki (LEGEND)

#7 - Alan Kulwicki      Owner: ?  
Team: ?  
Make: Ford Taurus

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Bobby Labonte

#18 - Interstate Batteries      Owner: Joe Gibbs  
Team: Joe Gibbs Racing  
Make: Pontiac Grand Prix

Paintjobs: □ 2002 Interstate Batteries, 2002 Muppets (Pepe the King Prawn),  
2001 Interstate Batteries, 2001 Jurassic Park 3, 2000 MLB All-Star Game,  
2000 Frankenstein, 1999 NASCAR Racers, 2001 MBNA, 1998 Small Soliders,  
2001 Coca-Cola Polar Bear

The younger brother of Terry also won a championship, he did it back in  
2000, with 4 wins, 19 top 5s and 24 top 10s. Bobby entered the 2002  
season with a new paint scheme, and so did his teammate, Tony Stewart  
and their owner is still Joe Gibbs.

Year	Races	Wins	Top 5s	Top 10s	Pt. Standings
1991	2	0	0	0	?
1993	30	0	0	6	10th
1994	31	0	1	2	21st
1995	31	3	7	14	10th
1996	31	1	5	14	11th
1997	32	1	9	18	7th
1998	33	2	11	18	6th
1999	34	5	23	26	2nd
2000	34	4	19	24	1st
2001	36	2	9	20	6th
2002	36	1	5	7	16th

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Terry Labonte

#5 - Kellogg's      Owner: Rick Hendrick

Team: Hendrick Motorsports  
Make: Chevrolet Monte Carlo

Paintjobs:

2002 Kellogg's, 2002 Looney Tunes (Wile E Coyote & Roadrunner),  
2001 Kellogg's, 2001 Mini Wheats,  
2001 Looney Tunes (Wile E Coyote & Roadrunner)

Texas Terry Labonte is a two-time NASCAR Winston Cup Champion, one in 1984 and another in 1996. Terry was the NASCAR Winston Cup record holder for consecutive starts with 655 which ended in 2000. He is currently driving Tony the Tiger #5 car, he used to drive the yellow and red Corn Flakes car for a while. Another one of his nickname is "The Iceman."

Year	Races	Wins	Top 5s	Top 10s	Pt. Standings
1978	5	0	1	3	39th
1979	31	0	2	13	10th
1980	31	1	6	16	8th
1981	31	0	8	17	4th
1982	30	0	17	21	3rd
1983	30	1	11	20	5th
1984	30	2	17	24	1st
1985	28	1	8	17	7th
1986	29	1	5	10	12th
1987	29	1	13	22	3rd
1988	29	1	11	18	4th
1989	29	2	9	11	10th
1990	29	0	4	9	15th
1991	29	0	1	7	18th
1992	29	0	4	16	8th
1993	30	0	0	10	18th
1994	31	3	6	14	7th
1995	31	3	14	17	6th
1996	31	2	21	24	1st
1997	32	1	8	20	6th
1998	33	1	5	15	9th
1999	34	1	1	7	12th
2000	32	0	3	6	17th
2001	36	0	1	3	23rd
2002	36	0	1	4	24th

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Elmo Langley (LEGEND)

#64 - Elmo Langley

Owner: ?  
Team: ?  
Make: Ford Taurus

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Ashton Lewis Jr. (BUSCH)

#46 - Civil Air Patrol

Owner: William Lewis  
Team: Lewis Motorsports  
Make: Chevrolet Monte Carlo

Ashton went through several races without a sponsor last year, although he did a good job not wrecking the car or else it would be a lot to pay and he wouldn't be in for the 2002 season. With Civil Air Patrol as his sponsor this year, he has nothing to worry about.

BUSCH STATS-

Year	Races	Wins	Top 5s	Top 10s	Pt. Standings
2001	32	0	2	3	20th
2002	34	0	1	7	17th

Tiny Lund (LEGEND)

55 - Tiny Lund

Owner: ?

Team: ?

Make: Dodge Intrepid

Sterling Marlin

#40 - Sterling Marlin

Owner: Chip Ganassi

Team: Chip Ganassi Racing

Make: Dodge Intrepid

Paintjobs:

2002 Sterling Marlin, 2001 Sterling Marlin

Sterling has been around in the Winston Cup series for quite a long time and he is still as good as he can be. He has never won a championship but finished 3rd twice. A two-time Daytona 500 winner (back-to-back in 1994 and 1995) collected 2 wins, 12 top 5s and 20 top 10s and finished 3rd in last year's season.

Year	Races	Wins	Top 5s	Top 10s	Pt. Standings
1976	1	0	0	0	?
1978	2	0	0	1	?
1979	1	0	0	0	?
1980	5	0	0	2	?
1981	2	0	0	0	?
1982	1	0	0	0	?
1983	30	0	0	1	19th
1984	14	0	0	2	37th
1985	8	0	0	0	37th
1986	10	0	2	4	36th
1987	29	0	4	8	11th
1988	29	0	6	13	10th
1989	29	0	4	13	12th
1990	29	0	5	10	14th
1991	29	0	7	16	7th
1992	29	0	6	13	10th
1993	30	0	1	8	15th
1994	31	1	5	11	14th
1995	31	3	9	22	3rd
1996	31	2	5	10	8th
1997	32	0	2	6	25th
1998	32	0	0	6	13th
1999	34	0	2	5	16th
2000	34	0	1	7	19th
2001	36	2	12	20	3rd
2002	29	2	8	14	18th

#6 - Pfizer

Owner: Jack Roush  
Team: Roush Racing  
Make: Ford Taurus

Paintjobs:

2002 Pfizer, 2002 Kraft Tombstone, 2001 Mark Martin

Mark Martin has never won a championship, but came 2nd 3 times. Mark leads the Busch Series in wins with 45, but he has never won a championship there either, when will he win one?

Year	Races	Wins	Top 5s	Top 10s	Pt. Standings
1981	5	0	1	2	42nd
1982	30	0	2	8	14th
1983	16	0	1	3	30th
1986	5	0	0	0	48th
1987	1	0	0	0	?
1988	29	0	3	10	15th
1989	29	1	14	18	3rd
1990	29	3	16	23	2nd
1991	29	1	14	17	6th
1992	29	2	10	17	6th
1993	30	5	12	19	3rd
1994	31	2	15	20	2nd
1995	31	4	13	22	4th
1996	31	0	14	23	5th
1997	32	4	16	24	3rd
1998	33	7	22	26	2nd
1999	34	2	19	26	3rd
2000	34	1	13	20	8th
2001	36	0	3	15	12th
2002	36	1	12	22	2nd

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Jeremy Mayfield

#19 - UAW/Dodge Dealers

Owner: Ray Evernham  
Team: Evernham Motorsports  
Make: Dodge Intrepid

Paintjobs:

2002 Dodge Dealers, 2002 Muppets (Dr. Honeydew & Beaker), 2002 Mountain Dew

Beside his funny commercials, Jeremy is a good racer with 3 wins in his career. He got released from the #12 car late in the 2001 season (Mike Wallace took over and drive the remaining races). Jeremy is also from Owensboro, Kentucky where the Green and the Waltrip brothers are from.

Year	Races	Wins	Top 5s	Top 10s	Pt. Standings
1993	1	0	0	0	?
1994	20	0	0	0	37th
1995	27	0	0	1	31st
1996	30	0	2	2	26th
1997	32	0	3	8	13th
1998	33	1	12	16	7th
1999	34	0	5	12	11th
2000	32	2	6	12	24th
2001	28	0	5	7	35th



	2002		36		0		2		4		26th	
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Mike McLaughlin (BUSCH)

#18 - MBNA

Owner: Joe Gibbs

Team: Joe Gibbs Racing

Make: Pontiac Grand Prix

BUSCH STATS-

	Year		Races		Wins		Top 5s		Top 10s		Pt. Standings	
	2001		33		1		5		12		7th	
	2002		34		0		7		17		4th	

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Jamie McMurray (BUSCH)

#27 - Williams Travel Center

Owner: Tammy Brewers

Team: Brewco Motorsports

Make: Chevrolet Monte Carlo

BUSCH STATS-

	Year		Races		Wins		Top 5s		Top 10s		Pt. Standings	
	2001		33		0		0		3		16th	
	2002		34		2		6		14		6th	

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Jerry Nadeau

#25 - UAW/Delphi

Owner: Rick Hendrick

Team: Hendrick Motorsports

Make: Chevrolet Monte Carlo

Paintjobs:

2002 UAW-Delphi, 2002 Looney Tunes (Speedy Gonzalez), 2001 UAW-Delphi

Jerry Nadeau got released from the #25 car early in the 2002 season (Nemechek is the driver now). He has only one win in his career and his first came in Atlanta in 2000 fall race, he almost won at the same place in 2001 but he ran out of fuel in the final lap. Jerry is currently driving the #44 Georgia-Pacific Dodge owned by Kyle Petty. Jerry will be driving for the MB2 Motorsports with U.S. Army, the number is yet to be known.

	Year		Races		Wins		Top 5s		Top 10s		Pt. Standings	
	1997		5		0		0		0		54th	
	1998		30		0		0		0		36th	
	1999		34		0		1		2		34th	
	2000		34		1		3		5		20th	
	2001		36		0		4		10		17th	
	2002		28		0		0		1		37th	

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Ryan Newman

#12 - ALLTEL

Owner: Roger Penske

Team: Penske Racing

Make: Ford Taurus

Paintjobs:

2002 Alltel, 2002 Mobil 1

Ryan is one of the rookie candidates for the 2002 season. He raced a couple times last year under the ALLTEL #02 car. The #12 car got shutted down and apparently it reopened during the 2001 Silly Season and Ryan is in the seat of the #12 Ford.

Year	Races	Wins	Top 5s	Top 10s	Pt. Standings
2000	1	0	0	0	70th
2001	7	0	2	2	49th
2002	36	1	14	22	6th

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Dan Pardus (BUSCH)

#32 - Outdoor Channel

Owner: Jim & Judie/Dan Pardus/Jim Gardner

Team: Jim & Judie Motorsports

Make: Chevrolet Monte Carlo

BUSCH STATS-

Year	Races	Wins	Top 5s	Top 10s	Pt. Standings
2001	6	0	0	0	61st
2002	12	0	0	0	49th

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Steve Park

#1 - Pennzoil

Owner: Teresa Earnhardt

Team: DEI

Make: Chevrolet Monte Carlo

Paintjobs:

2002 Pennzoil, 2001 Pennzoil

Beside the horrible accident and the long recovery he went through, Steve is a good racer with several wins with him (first one came at Watkins Glen). While Steve was recovering from his injuries, Kenny Wallace was substituting for him the last half of the 2001 season and the first several races in the 2002 season.

Year	Races	Wins	Top 5s	Top 10s	Pt. Standings
1997	5	0	0	0	51st
1998	17	0	0	0	42nd
1999	34	0	0	5	14th
2000	34	1	6	13	11th
2001	24	1	5	12	32nd
2002	32	0	0	2	33rd

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Benny Parsons (LEGEND)

#50 - TNT

Owner: NBC/TNT Sports

Team: ?

Make: Pontiac

Paintjobs:

2002 NBC Sports, 2002 TNT

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Kyle Petty

#45 - Sprint PCS

Owner: Pattie Petty

Team: Petty Enterprises

Make: Dodge Intrepid

Paintjobs:

2002 Sprint PCS, 2002 Charity Ride, 2001 Sprint PCS, 2001 Charity Ride

A 3rd generation driver with a famous last name, Kyle has never won a championship, but he has 8 wins in his career. He lost his son and he has been going through tough time through the 2000 and 2001 season, he came back in the 2002 season with some strong finishes, will Kyle be able to win again?

Year	Races	Wins	Top 5s	Top 10s	Pt. Standings
1979	5	0	0	1	37th
1980	15	0	0	6	28th
1981	31	0	1	10	12th
1982	29	0	2	4	15th
1983	30	0	0	2	13th
1984	30	0	1	6	16th
1985	28	0	7	12	9th
1986	29	1	4	14	10th
1987	29	1	6	14	7th
1988	29	0	2	8	13th
1989	19	0	1	5	30th
1990	29	1	2	14	11th
1991	18	1	2	4	31st
1992	29	2	9	17	5th
1993	30	1	9	15	5th
1994	31	0	2	7	15th
1995	30	1	1	5	30th
1996	28	0	0	2	27th
1997	32	0	2	9	15th
1998	33	0	0	2	30th
1999	32	0	0	9	26th
2000	19	0	0	1	41st
2001	24	0	0	0	43rd
2002	36	0	0	1	22nd

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Richard Petty (LEGEND)

#43 - STP

Owner: ?

Team: ?

Make: Dodge Intrepid

Paintjobs:

2002 STP, 2002 Petty (Driving Experience)

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Jeff Purvis (BUSCH)

#37 - Purvis

Owner: Clarence Brewers

Team: Brewco Motorsports

Make: Chevrolet Monte Carlo

BUSCH STATS-

Year	Races	Wins	Top 5s	Top 10s	Pt. Standings
2001	23	1	3	8	21st
2002	12	1	1	1	39th

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Shawna Robinson

#49 - BAM Racing

Owner: Beth Ann Morgenthau

Team: B.A.M. Racing

Make: Dodge Intrepid

Paintjobs:

2002 BAM, 2002 BAM Black

Yes, this is a SHE! and probably the first female driver ever to be in a racing game (NASCAR that is). Shawna is not the first female driver in NASCAR history, she will be in several races in the #49 Dodge and this will catch the eyes of women all across the nation that women can compete in NASCAR and not just men.

Year	Races	Wins	Top 5s	Top 10s	Pt. Standings
2002	7	0	0	0	52nd

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Ricky Rudd

#28 - Texaco Havoline

Owner: Robert Yates

Team: RYR

Make: Ford Taurus

Paintjobs:

2002 Texaco Havoline, 2002 Muppets (The Great Gonzo), 2001 Need for Speed

1977 Rookie of the Year, Ricky Rudd came so close to winning his first championship last year. With 22 wins in his career, can Ricky have another successful season and win his first championship next year? and if you didn't know, he will be driving for the #21 Ford next year.

Year	Races	Wins	Top 5s	Top 10s	Pt. Standings
1975	4	0	0	1	?
1976	4	0	0	1	?
1977	25	0	1	10	17th
1978	13	0	0	4	?
1979	28	0	4	17	9th
1980	13	0	1	3	?
1981	31	0	14	17	6th
1982	30	0	6	13	9th
1983	30	2	7	14	9th
1984	30	1	7	16	7th
1985	28	1	13	19	6th
1986	29	2	11	17	5th
1987	29	2	10	13	6th
1988	29	1	6	11	11th
1989	29	1	7	15	8th
1990	29	1	8	15	7th
1991	29	1	9	17	2nd
1992	29	1	9	18	7th

	1993		30		1		9		14		10th	
	1994		31		1		6		15		5th	
	1995		31		1		10		16		9th	
	1996		31		1		5		16		6th	
	1997		32		2		6		11		17th	
	1998		33		1		1		5		22nd	
	1999		34		0		3		5		31st	
	2000		34		0		12		19		5th	
	2001		36		2		14		22		4th	
	2002		36		1		8		12		10th	

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Elliott Sadler

#21 - Motorcraft

Owner: Glen Wood

Team: Wood Brothers Racing

Make: Ford Taurus

Paintjobs:

2002 Motorcraft, 2002 US Air Force, 2001 Motorcraft

With Rudd in the seat for the 2003 season, he will be with Yates in the #38 Ford with M&M's as their sponsor. Elliott has only one career win, which came in Bristol spring race in 2001. He have a brother, Hermie, who been in a couple races this year.

	Year		Races		Wins		Top 5s		Top 10s		Pt. Standings	
	1998		2		0		0		0		?	
	1999		34		0		0		1		24th	
	2000		33		0		0		1		29th	
	2001		36		1		2		2		20th	
	2002		36		0		2		7		23rd	

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Jay Sauter (BUSCH)

#21 - Rockwell Autmation

Owner: Richard Childress

Team: RCR

Make: Chevrolet Monte Carlo

	Year		Races		Wins		Top 5s		Top 10s		Pt. Standings	
	2001		31		0		2		7		19th	
	2002		14		0		1		4		36th	

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Johnny Sauter (BUSCH)

#2 - ACDelco

Owner: Richard Childress

Team: RCR

Make: Chevrolet Monte Carlo

BUSCH STATS-

	Year		Races		Wins		Top 5s		Top 10s		Pt. Standings	
	2001		5		0		1		1		55th	
	2002		33		1		3		6		15th	

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Tim Sauter (BUSCH)  
#19 - Un-sponsored

Owner: Alec Pinsonneault  
Team: AP Performance  
Make: Chevrolet Monte Carlo

BUSCH STATS-

Year	Races	Wins	Top 5s	Top 10s	Pt. Standings
2001	18	0	0	2	32nd
2002	34	0	0	7	13th

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Ken Schrader

#36 - M&M's

Owner: Thomas Beard  
Team: MB2 Motorsports  
Make: Pontiac Grand Prix

Paintjobs:

2002 M&M's, 2002 M&M's Vote - Multi-Color, 2002 M&M's Vote - Pink,  
2002 M&M's Vote - Teal, 2002 M&M's Vote - Purple, 2002 July 4th,  
2002 Halloween, 2002 Pedigree, 2002 Combos, 2001 M&M's, 2001 July 4th,  
2001 Halloween

Schrader does have a cool looking car and some awesome paintjobs, but he hasn't had a win in a long time. Schrader has 4 wins and came as far as finishing 4th in point standings, but that was back in 1994, will he will able to finish in the top 10 in points again?

Year	Races	Wins	Top 5s	Top 10s	Pt. Standings
1984	5	0	0	0	53rd
1985	28	0	0	3	16th
1986	29	0	0	4	16th
1987	29	0	1	10	10th
1988	29	1	4	17	5th
1989	29	1	10	14	5th
1990	29	0	7	14	10th
1991	29	2	10	18	9th
1992	29	0	4	11	17th
1993	30	0	9	15	9th
1994	31	0	9	18	4th
1995	31	0	2	10	17th
1996	31	0	3	10	12th
1997	32	0	2	8	10th
1998	33	0	3	11	12th
1999	34	0	0	6	15th
2000	34	0	0	2	18th
2001	36	0	0	5	19th
2002	36	0	0	0	30th

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Mike Skinner

#4 - Kodak Max Films

Owner: Larry McClure & Tim Morgan  
Team: Morgan-McClure Motorsports  
Make: Chevrolet Monte Carlo

Paintjobs:

2002 KODAK MAX Film, 2002 Looney Tunes (Yosemite Sam)

Skinner was the first Craftsman Truck Series champion, he took the championship in 1995 and he has 16 wins as well. He started racing full-time in the Winston Cup series back in 1997. His best year came in 1999 when he has no win, but 5 top 5s and 14 top 10s. He has never won a race, but several non-point races. Skinner and the #4 car will be switching to Pontiac next year.

Year	Races	Wins	Top 5s	Top 10s	Pt. Standings
1986	3	0	0	0	?
1990	1	0	0	0	?
1991	2	0	0	0	?
1992	2	0	0	0	?
1993	1	0	0	0	?
1994	1	0	0	0	?
1996	5	0	0	0	47th
1997	31	0	0	3	30th
1998	30	0	4	9	21st
1999	34	0	5	14	10th
2000	34	0	1	11	12th
2001	23	0	0	1	40th
2002	36	0	0	1	31st

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Jimmy Spencer

#41 - Target

Owner: Chip Ganassi

Team: Chip Ganassi Racing

Make: Dodge Intrepid

Paintjobs:

2002 Target, 2002 Muppets (Animal)

Mr. Excitement has some good finishes and he almost won the Bristol spring race in 2002. He came in the 2002 in the new Chip Ganassi owned car with Target as the sponsored of the #41 Dodge. Jimmy's first win came in Daytona night race in 1994 and another one in Talladega in the same year.

Year	Races	Wins	Top 5s	Top 10s	Pt. Standings
1989	17	0	0	3	34th
1990	26	0	0	2	24th
1991	29	0	1	6	25th
1992	12	0	3	3	33rd
1993	30	0	5	10	12th
1994	29	2	3	4	29th
1995	29	0	0	4	26th
1996	31	0	2	9	15th
1997	32	0	1	4	20th
1998	31	0	3	8	14th
1999	34	0	2	4	20th
2000	34	0	2	5	22nd
2001	36	0	3	8	16th
2002	34	0	2	6	27th

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Tony Stewart

#20 - Home Depot

Owner: Joe Gibbs

Team: Joe Gibbs Racing  
Make: Pontiac Grand Prix

Paintjobs:

2002 Home Depot, 2002 Snoopy, 2001 Home Depot, 2001 Jurassic Park 3,  
2000 Kid's Workshop, 1999 Habitat for Humanity, 2001 Coca-Cola Polar Bear

Tony is known for his temper, but he is a great racer with 15 wins in just 4 years. Stewart came in the 2002 with the same orange #20 Home Depot Pontiac, but with a different scheme. Tony is the 2002 NASCAR Winston Cup Champion, Congratulations!

Tony and his teammate, Bobby Labonte, will be switching to Chevrolet for the 2003.

Year	Races	Wins	Top 5s	Top 10s	Pt. Standings
1999	34	3	12	21	4th
2000	34	6	12	23	6th
2001	36	3	15	22	2nd
2002	36	3	15	21	1st

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Brian Vickers (BUSCH)

#40 - EMP

Owner: Ramona Vickers  
Team: BLV Motorsports  
Make: Dodge Intrepid

Year	Races	Wins	Top 5s	Top 10s	Pt. Standings
2002	21	0	0	1	30th

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Rusty Wallace

#2 - Team Rusty

Owner: Roger Penske  
Team: Penske Racing  
Make: Ford Taurus

Paintjobs:

2002 Team Rusty, 2002 Elvis, 2002 Harley-Davidson

Rusty was the 1984 Rookie of the Year. He got 54 wins and 1 championship in his long racing career. Rusty also have 2 younger brothers, Mike and Kenny. Mike is currently driving in the #14 Consecos owned by A.J. Foyt and Kenny will be in the #23 Stackers next year (full-time). At the end of 2002, his 16-year winning streak ended, but Rusty remained as one of the top drivers in NASCAR.

Year	Races	Wins	Top 5s	Top 10s	Pt. Standings
1980	2	0	1	1	?
1981	4	0	0	1	?
1982	3	0	0	0	?
1983	0	0	0	0	?
1984	30	0	2	4	14th
1985	28	0	2	8	19th
1986	29	2	4	16	6th
1987	29	2	9	16	5th



1988	29	6	19	23	2nd	
1989	29	6	13	20	1st	
1990	29	2	9	16	6th	
1991	29	2	9	14	10th	
1992	29	1	5	12	13th	
1993	30	10	19	21	2nd	
1994	31	8	17	20	3rd	
1995	31	2	15	19	5th	
1996	31	5	8	18	7th	
1997	32	1	8	12	9th	
1998	33	1	15	21	4th	
1999	34	1	7	16	8th	
2000	34	4	12	20	7th	
2001	36	1	8	14	7th	
2002	36	0	7	17	7th	

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Michael Waltrip

#15 - NAPA

Owner: Teresa Earnhardt

Team: DEI

Make: Chevrolet Monte Carlo

Paintjobs:

2002 NAPA, 2002 Stars & Stripes, 2001 NAPA

A native from Owensboro and the younger brother of Ol' DW (Darrell Waltrip). Mikey has been racing in the Winston Cup series for a long time and his first win came in the 2001 Daytona 500 while in his first race in the #15 NAPA owned by the late Dale Earnhardt, he did it again in the 2002 Pepsi 400 (Daytona) race.

Year	Races	Wins	Top 5s	Top 10s	Pt. Standings	
1985	5	0	0	0	?	
1986	28	0	0	0	19th	
1987	29	0	0	1	20th	
1988	29	0	1	3	18th	
1989	29	0	0	5	18th	
1990	29	0	5	10	16th	
1991	29	0	4	12	15th	
1992	29	0	1	2	23rd	
1993	30	0	0	5	17th	
1994	31	0	2	10	12th	
1995	31	0	2	8	12th	
1996	31	0	1	11	14th	
1997	32	0	0	6	18th	
1998	32	0	0	5	17th	
1999	34	0	1	3	29th	
2000	34	0	1	1	27th	
2001	36	1	3	3	24th	
2002	36	1	4	10	14st	

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Michael Waltrip (BUSCH)

#99 - Aaron's

Owner: Elizabeth (Buffy) Waltrip

Team: Michael Waltrip Racing

Make: Chevrolet Monte Carlo

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Bobby Wawak (LEGEND)

#? - ?

Owner: ?

Team: ?

Make: ?  
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Scott Wimmer (BUSCH)

#23 - Siemens

Owner: Gail Davis

Team: Bill Davis Racing

Make: Pontiac Grand Prix

BUSCH STATS-

Year	Races	Wins	Top 5s	Top 10s	Pt. Standings
2001	33	0	2	8	11th
2002	34	4	11	17	3rd

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Cale Yarborough (LEGEND)

#28 - ?

Owner:

Team:

Make:  
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Fantasy Drivers

Dave Alpern (#176)	Scott Brewer (#107)	Mike Brown (#109)
Audrey Clark (#111)	Dave Clark (#143)	Pete Cook (#133)
George Dennis (#112)	Rick Edwards (#101)	Sue Finch (#115)
Eli Gold (#117)	Katrina Goode (#136)	Barney Hall (#121)
Scott Hammonds (#174)	Jim Hannigan (#129)	Troi Hayes (#125)
Amy Hicks (#171)	Crissy Hillsworth (#113)	Rick Humphrey (#131)
Mark Jacobs (#132)	Jeff Jarvis (#149)	Kristi Jones (#161)
Joey Joulwan (#169)	Winston Kelley (#135)	John Killen (#175)
Cheryl King (#144)	Linda Latiuk (#145)	Mandy Misiak (#177)
Joe Moore (#127)	Josh Neelon (#178)	Dave Nichols (#147)
Trey North (#151)	Ken Patterson (#105)	Dick Paysor (#123)
Jack Rivers (#141)	Bill Sanders (#139)	Al Smith (#142)
Tom Smith (#119)	Sasha Soares (#137)	Chuck Spicer (#172)
Tim Sullivan (#103)	BC Vaught (#198)	Robin Wawak (#184)
George Williams (#199)	Daryl Wolfe (#122)	

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Game Time (Rookie)

EA Sports 500

Talladega Superspeedway

Dale Earnhardt Jr.

In the 2001 EA SPORTS 500, Dale Earnhardt Jr. emerged from the pack on the final lap to win the race and a million dollar bonus.

With 1 lap to go, get to the front and stay there!

Key: Drafting

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The Big One (Rookie)  
Aaron's 499  
Talladega Superspeedway  
Mike Skinner

Something big always seems to happen at Talladega. The spring race of 2002 was no exception. Take control of the #4 car and complete this lap without taking any damage.

Key: Brake frequently and avoid any contact with another car, leaving the race surface won't help either.

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Seasonal Domination (Rookie)  
Coca-Cola Racing Family 600  
Lowe's Motorspeedway  
Jeff Burton

Jeff Burton and Mark Martin have both had a lot of success at Lowe's Motor Speedway. Who's the best? Duel with Mark Martin to find out.

Key: Draft and Pass

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No Caution (Rookie)  
Carolina Dodge Dealers 400  
Darlington Raceway  
Dale Jarrett

In one of the biggest sponsor deals in NASCAR history, UPS became the sponsor of the #88 Ford. Dale Jarrett drove to victory in the 5th race of the season. Can you?

Key: The car is a little too loose, and it probably got old tires on, so, don't drive too hard.

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2-fer in Talladega? (Rookie)  
EA SPORTS 500  
Talladega Superspeedway  
Bobby Hamilton

With 3 laps remaining in the EA Sports 500, help Bobby Hamilton win for the second time at Talladega.

Key: Draft and Pass

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Wrecord (Rookie)  
Pontiac Excitement 400  
Richmond International Raceway  
Jeremy Mayfield

With 66 laps to go at Richmond, an incident occurs just ahead of Jeremy Mayfield. Can you steer clean of the chaos and come through

without a scratch like he did?

Key: Brake easily and avoid making contact with another car.

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The Daytona 5 (Rookie)  
Daytona 500  
Daytona International Speedway  
Ward Burton

Ward Burton won the 2002 Daytona 500 after a post caution, 3 lap  
shootout to the finish line. Now's your chance to see victory lane  
at Daytona. Stay out front and get the win!

Key: Stay out in front and use the rearview mirror to watch the other cars  
behind you, block if you have to.

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Sweet Home California (Rookie)  
NAPA Auto Parts 500  
California Speedway  
Jimmie Johnson

The first career win for Jimmie Johnson came in his home state at  
the California Speedway after a late race caution. 4 laps to go,  
you're in 2nd place. Get win #1!

Key: Stay out in front and use the rearview mirror to watch the other cars  
behind you, block if you have to.

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Daytona 900? (Rookie)  
Pepsi 400  
Daytona International Speedway  
Michael Waltrip

Michael Waltrip has already won the Daytona 500, and now he's in  
2nd place behind Dale Jr. in the Pepsi 400. Make a pass for the lead  
and get the Daytona sweep!

Key: Draft and Stay out in the front

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Turning the Tide (Veteran)  
Old Dominion 500  
Martinsville Speedway  
Ricky Craven

Ricky Craven got his first career win in the 2001 Old Dominion 500  
at Martinsville. Relive the last lap battle with Dale Jarrett and  
get Ricky into victory lane.

Key: When you get in the corners, stay in the low line to keep someone from  
passing you down there.

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Hot-lanta (Veteran)  
MBNA America 500  
Atlanta Motor Speedway  
Tony Stewart

In the 2002 MBNA America 500 at Atlanta, Tony Stewart made a late race pass for the lead and then held off Dale Jr. and Jimmie Johnson for the win. Now, it's your turn.

Key: Draft and block the inside line while in the corners.

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Rock On! (Veteran)  
Subway 400  
North Carolina Speedway  
Steve Park

In the second race of the 2001 season, Steve Park got his 2nd career win by holding off Bobby Labonte. Labonte was faster, but Park had the lead. Stay out front and win the race!

Key: Try to stay on the inside line of the corners to keep the other from passing you, if you let one go, you'll have a hard time catching up to him.

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Freedom (Veteran)  
Homestead 400  
Homestead-Miami Speedway  
Bill Elliott

In the fall of 2001, it had been a while since we last saw Bill Elliott in victory lane. But that changed after Awesome Bill made a daring late race pass. Can you do the same?

Key: Drafting and Blocking

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Dew It Again (Veteran)  
Mountain Dew Southern 500  
Darlington Raceway  
Ward Burton

With 2 laps to go in the 2001 Southern 500, Ward Burton is in the lead on a caution restart. Help him hold off Bobby Labonte and Jeff Gordon for his 2nd win at Darlington.

Key: Stay on the inside line and block if you have to.

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Happy Holidays (Veteran)  
New Hampshire 300  
New Hampshire International Speedway  
Robby Gordon

In the 2001 season finale at New Hampshire, Robby Gordon recorded his first career victory. With 3 laps to go, see if you can pass Jeff Gordon and get the victory just like Robby!

Key: Take it nice and easy in the corners so that your car doesn't drift up.

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Miracle From 38th Place (Veteran)  
Food City 500

Bristol Motor Speedway  
Elliott Sadler

In 2001, Elliott Sadler won his first career race against all odds. He's got 5 laps to go, old tires, and John Andretti coming up quick. Can you keep him out front for just a few more miles?

Key: Remember, you got old tires on, you'd most likely to swirve around a little, and try to block the inside line to keep Andretti or whoever else from passing down there.

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Lap it Up (Veteran)  
Virginia 500  
Martinsville Speedway  
John Andretti

John Andretti came from a lap down to win at Martinsville in 1999 to notch his 2nd career win. With 4 laps to go, Jeff Burton has the lead. Make the pass and win the race!

Key: Don't go coming in too fast into the corners and try to catch Jeff Burton before he cross the finish line.

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I'll Take That Flag! (Veteran)  
NAPA Auto Parts 500  
California Speedway  
Rusty Wallace

In the 2001 race at California, Rusty Wallace held off Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Jeff Gordon late in the race for the win. There are 3 laps left to go. Keep it steady and get the victory!

Key: Draft and Pass, stay out in front.

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Green is Good (Veteran)  
Pennsylvania 500  
Pocono Raceway  
Bobby Labonte

With a daring pass in the waning laps of the Pennsylvania 500, Bobby Labonte beat Dale Jr. for the win. With 5 laps to go, you'll need to do the same to get Bobby to victory lane.

Key: Draft and Pass, stay out in front.

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Memorial Day 1100 (Legend)  
Coca-Cola Racing Family 600  
Lowe's Motor Speedway  
Tony Stewart

In 2000, Tony Stewart ran 1100 miles in a race car: 500 in an Indy car, followed by 600 in his Home Depot Pontiac. Can you help Tony win the Coca Cola 600?

Key: You got Harvick and Jeff Burton out in front of you, all you have to do is get a couple good laps and catch Jeff Burton's draft to be able

to pass him.

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Pay at the Pump (Legend)  
NAPA 500  
Atlanta Motor Speedway  
Jerry Nadeau

Jerry Nadeau ran out of gas on the last lap at Atlanta and narrowly missed out on his 2nd career win. Can you conserve fuel or increase your lead enough so that he gets win #2?

Key: This is the part I'm having trouble at. Try to release the gas once in the while and try to block Bobby Labonte from passing you while doing it too.

EMAIL FROM GOLDENFOXX-----

Hey, just took a look at your strategy guide for NT03 on GameWinners.com. First off, thanks for getting a guide up so quickly (I was beginning to think no one was going to post one anytime soon).

Anyway, I was reading to see what you had to say about getting through the Pay at the Pump lightning challenge, and from what I was reading you seem to be having a similar amount of problem as to what I did. The only reason I wanted a guide about this time last week was just because I had spent two complete days trying to get through that challenge unsuccessfully. I have now done it three times once on the PS2 and twice on the X-Box (had a small problem where I accidentally saved over my previous saved slot). I致 pretty much figured out a decent strategy for this challenge if you池e still having trouble.

First off, compete with stability control on. With it off, you值1 almost always get into the corners approaching 190mph, and that wastes gas. With stability on, you值1 do good to get it up to 180mph before going into turn one. Try and ride the line around turn one each of the first three or so laps Bobby Labonte will probably catch you either coming off turn four at the end of your first full lap or on the backstretch of the second lap. Try and stay low and make anyone who tries to pass you do it on the high side. Then smack them HARD into the wall. Hopefully you can knock him enough out of control that he值1 take out a Marlin, Gordon, and Harvick who almost always seem to lurk right behind him.

By the next to last lap you值1 probably have both Bobby and Marlin trying to get around you on the low side. Go as slow as you have to around turn one without letting them by, then again, smack them on the backstretch. Hopefully, you值1 have a decent lead coming to the line for the white flag.

If you致e been hugging the line and slowing down enough to let some cars catch you JUST so you could knock them around, you shouldr雅 run out of gas until entering turn three. Try and knock SOMEONE loose on the backstretch first, and then glue yourself to the inside white line all the way around. Dale Jr, Marlin, or Michael Waltrip always seems to catch up at this point, but you can pretty easily hold them off at even 60-70 mph without gas. If they try to pass, just knock tap them as soon as you see their front quarterpanel, and then swerve up to block whoever might be trying to pass high after doing so. It sounds complicated but once you致e done it two or three times it starts to become a science. If there痴 any way to do this challenge

WITHOUT intentionally knocking the stink out of another driver, I壇 be glad to know what it is. But it痴 all about drifting through turn 1 on each lap, hugging the line off turn 4 on each lap, and making the other cars pass on the high side. And make sure when you do try and wreck someone that you don't 稚 just nudge them, because they'll 值 just correct and pass you, and once a car passes you on this challenge you AREN't 探 going to catch them. So when you smack someone, make it count.

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Star Studded (Legend)  
The All-Star  
Lowe's Motor Speedway  
Terry Labonte

Terry Labonte won his 2nd All-Star race in 1999. To do it, he had to outrace Jeff Gordon, Bobby Labonte, and Tony Stewart. Now's your chance to do the same.

Key: Get some good laps and try to catch Bobby Labonte's draft and then pass him.

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Worst to First (Legend)  
The All-Star  
Lowe's Motor Speedway  
Ryan Newman

In the 2002 All-Star race, Ryan Newman won the qualifying event and then worked his way up from last to first place. With 5 laps to go, hold off Dale Jr. and finish 1st!

Key: Block and stay out in the front.

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Enough, Already! (Legend)  
UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400  
Las Vegas Motor Speedway  
Sterling Marlin

Sterling Marlin almost started 2002 with 2 wins, but late race cautions prevented that. This time help Sterling get around Jeremy Mayfield and into first place, so he can get the win.

Key: Draft and make the pass.

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I'll Remember This! (Legend)  
Food City 500  
Bristol Motor Speedway  
Kurt Busch

Kurt Busch won the 2002 Food City 500 at Bristol with a little bit of pit strategy. On old tires, you've got 5 laps to get around Jimmy Spencer and hold off Ricky Rudd for win #1!

Key: Get some good lap time and pass Jimmy Spencer, but you have to stay in front and block the inside line to keep Rudd or someone else from passing you.

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Burn Baby, Burn (Legend)  
MBNA America 500  
Atlanta Motor Speedway  
Kevin Harvick

Win #1 for Kevin Harvick came at the Atlanta Motor Speedway in spectacular fashion. It was his 3rd career start. Relive that frantic last lap and hold off Jeff Gordon for the victory.

Key: Stay out in front and block.

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Happy Birthday (Legend)  
Brickyard 400  
Indianapolis Motor Speedway  
Jeff Gordon

A day after his 30th birthday, Jeff Gordon won his 3rd Brickyard 400. There are 3 laps to go and Sterling Marlin is right behind you. Get Jeff Gordon into victory lane.

Key: Stay out in the front and get some good lap time.

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We're Back! (Legend)  
Pocono 500  
Pocono Raceway  
Ricky Rudd

After a 2 year break, Ricky Rudd found his way back to victory lane at Pocono in 2001. You have 5 laps to pass his teammate Dale Jarrett and hang on for the win.

Key: Get some good laps and beat Dale Jarrett, the others will come soon and you'd have to try to stay out in the front.

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Freedom - Part 2 (Legend)  
Homestead 400  
Homestead-Miami Speedway  
Casey Atwood

In the closing laps of the 2001 Homestead-Miami race, Casey Atwood was passed by Bill Elliott and finished 2nd. See if you can change history and get Casey his first win.

Key: Pass and stay out in the front, block if you have to.

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Smokin' (Legend)  
The All-Star Open  
Lowe's Motor Speedway  
Johnny Benson

Johnny Benson won the 2001 All-Star Open after Ryan Newman's engine blew with 2 laps to go. This time, Ryan's motor will hold together and you need to pass him for the win.

Key: Get some good lap time and pass Newman to get the win.

Thunder Plates

You can get at least 2 or 1 card from completing a Lightning Challenge in Race Modes option. Just pick a challenge and accomplish it to get a card or two, and it can be a Legend driver, Busch driver, Sponsor, or Paint Scheme.

If you go in the Quick Race mode and when you go pick a driver, tilt your control stick to the left or right and you'll see that there are other paintjobs you can race with, some has the Muppets or the Looney Tunes on them. Half of the paintjobs on there are locked and the only way to get them is if you win at a track with a driver (say like..Ken Schrader) and you will get a new paintjob (it can be his Halloween scheme or something else). One thing is that you can't win at the same track with the same driver or else you won't get a new paintjob, but YOU CAN go to the same track at a DIFFERENT TIME (Bristol day and night, etc.)

Here is the list of Thunder Plates in order from page 1 to 19, left to right:

Page 1----- (Qualifying Position) (Rookie/Veteran/Legend)

Atlanta	Bristol	California
Chicagoland	Darlington	Daytona
Dover	Homestead-Miami	Indianapolis

Page 2----- (Qualifying Position)

Infineon	Kansas	Las Vegas
Lowe's	Martinsville	Michigan
New Hampshire	North Carolina	Phoenix

Page 3----- (Qualifying Position)

Pocono	Richmond	Talladega
Texas	Watkins	Atlanta (Night)
California (Night)	Chicagoland (Night)	Darlington (Night)

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Daytona Road Course	Dover (Night)	Homestead (Night)
Infineon (Night)	Kansas (Night)	Las Vegas (Night)
Martinsville (Night)	Michigan (Night)	Rockingham (Night)

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Pocono (Night)	Richmond (Day)	Talladega (Night)
Talladega Road Course	Tiburon Int'l Speedway	Texas Road Course
Watkins Glen (Night)	The Shootout	The All-Star

Page 6----- (Busch Drivers)

Greg Biffle	Jeff Purvis	Shane Hall
Jamie McMurray	Mike McLaughlin	Michael Waltrip
Kasey Kahne	Scott Wimmer	Jay Sauter

Page 7----- (Busch Drivers)

James Finch	Dale Earnhardt Jr.	Jeff Burton
Chad Chaffin	Tim Sauter	Coy Gibbs
Ron Hornaday	Kevin Harvick	Dan Pardus

Page 8----- (Busch and Legend Drivers)

Brian Vickers  
Dale Earnhardt  
Bobby Allison

Ashton Lewis, Jr.  
Richard Petty  
Junior Johnson

Johnny Sauter  
Benny Parsons  
Tiny Lund

Page 9----- (Legend, Fantasy and Paint Schemes)

Alan Kulwicki  
Kitt Paint  
#43 Paint Scheme #1

Elmo Langley  
#43 Paint Scheme #2

Cale Yarborough  
Fantasy Drivers  
#43 Paint Scheme #3

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#43 Paint Scheme #4  
#10 Paint Scheme #1  
#10 Paint Scheme #4

#43 Paint Scheme #5  
#10 Paint Scheme #2  
#10 Paint Scheme #5

#43 Paint Scheme #6  
#10 Paint Scheme #3  
#10 Paint Scheme #6

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#10 Paint Scheme #7  
#22 Paint Scheme #1  
#97 Paint Scheme #2

#99 Paint Scheme #1  
#22 Paint Scheme #2  
#97 Paint Scheme #3

#99 Paint Scheme #2  
#97 Paint Scheme #1  
#9 Paint Scheme #1

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#24 Paint Scheme #1  
#24 Paint Scheme #4  
#30 Paint Scheme #1

#24 Paint Scheme #2  
#24 Paint Scheme #5  
#30 Paint Scheme #2

#24 Paint Scheme #3  
#31 Paint Scheme #1  
#55 Paint Scheme #1

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#55 Paint Scheme #2  
#29 Paint Scheme #2  
#88 Paint Scheme #1

#55 Paint Scheme #3  
#29 Paint Scheme #3  
#88 Paint Scheme #2

#29 Paint Scheme #1  
#29 Paint Scheme #4  
#48 Paint Scheme #1

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#17 Paint Scheme #1  
#18 Paint Scheme #2  
#18 Paint Scheme #5

#17 Paint Scheme #2  
#18 Paint Scheme #3  
#18 Paint Scheme #6

#18 Paint Scheme #1  
#18 Paint Scheme #4  
#18 Paint Scheme #7

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#18 Paint Scheme #8  
#5 Paint Scheme #3  
#25 Paint Scheme #1

#5 Paint Scheme #1  
#6 Paint Scheme #1  
#45 Paint Scheme #1

#5 Paint Scheme #2  
#19 Paint Scheme #1  
#45 Paint Scheme #2

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#28 Paint Scheme #1  
#36 Paint Scheme #2  
#36 Paint Scheme #5

#21 Paint Scheme #1  
#36 Paint Scheme #3  
#36 Paint Scheme #6

#36 Paint Scheme #1  
#36 Paint Scheme #4  
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#36 Paint Scheme #8  
#20 Paint Scheme #1  
#20 Paint Scheme #4

#36 Paint Scheme #9  
#20 Paint Scheme #2  
#20 Paint Scheme #5

#36 Paint Scheme #10  
#20 Paint Scheme #3  
#2 Paint Scheme #1

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#15 Paint Scheme #1  
Outback Steakhouse  
Wing

All Pro  
Prestone  
Funnel

Goodyear  
CarQuest  
Wave

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Scorpion  
Pointer  
Video: 5th Champ.

Swoosh  
Mixed Up  
Video: 8th Champ.

Spikes  
Video: 1st Champ.  
31st Lightning Chlnge.

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Secrets AND Goodies  
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-----EMAIL from BraveHeart838

Im sure you know this but you can also put in, On the main entrance screen choose the Features Menu.-Go to Create-a-car and enter: first name: EXTRA last name: DRIVERS. This will give you like not real drivers, but I guess like Tribune workers and stuff.

Once you turn on the GameCube with NASCAR Thunder 2003 inside, they always have a little clip of real people saying "EA Sports, It's in the game", here are the list of people that said it.

- Richard Childress (Car Owner #29, #30, #31, and Busch cars #2 and #3)
- Jeff Gordon
- Robby Gordon
- Kevin Hamlin (Crew Chief #29)
- Bobby Labonte
- Jimmy Makar (Crew Chief #18)
- Ryan Pemberton (Crew Chief #77)
- Kyle Petty
- Richard Petty
- Robert Yates (Car Owner #88-Dale Jarrett and #28-Ricky Rudd)
- Rusty Wallace
- Crew Member of #17
- Crew Member of #97
- Crew Member (?)

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Credits  
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Nintendo - For making this game available in US

EA Sports - for developing and publishing this game.

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[- <http://thunder.m4driving.sm/thunder/index.php> -]

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[ ? ] - this could be you if you care to help me out on anything in this document. You'll receive a big pat on the back.

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