



Statistical Advance:

Analyzing the New Hampshire 100 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (Sept. 8, 2008) – The New Hampshire 100 will be the second and final appearance in 2008 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway for the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour. The 12th race of the season will go green on Saturday, Sept. 13.

At New Hampshire Motor Speedway:

- Since New Hampshire Motor Speedway opened in 1990 there have been 47 NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour events at the track.
- In the first NWMT event at NHMS in 1990, **George Kent** won the pole and **Mike McLaughlin** took the checkered flag.
- There have been 15 different race winners at NHMS, led by **Tony Hirschman's** seven victories.
- There have been 20 different pole winners at NHMS ... **Ted Christopher** and **Jan Leaty** are tied for the lead with seven apiece.
- Current drivers Christopher, **Chuck Hossfeld**, **Reggie Ruggiero**, **Mike Stefanik** and **Todd Szegedy** have reached Victory Lane at NHMS before.
- Hossfeld won the June NWMT race in a photo finish with Ted Christopher ... The two NWMT races at NHMS have been swept in three of the previous four seasons (Christopher in 2004 and 2005 and the late **John Blewett III** in 2006) ... Ruggiero (1993) and Hirschman (1999) have also accomplished a season sweep.
- Ruggiero holds the record for successive wins at NHMS with five from 1992-94.

New Hampshire Motor Speedway Data

Race # 12 of 16 (9-13-08)

Track Layout: 1.058-mile oval

- Opened in 1990 and is the largest asphalt oval in New England.
- Has held a total of 47 NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour races.
- Is the largest track at which the NWMT competes.
- This is the second of two races that the NWMT will have at NHMS in 2008.

Qualifying/Race Data

2007 pole winner: Todd Szegedy (128.135 mph, 29.725 sec.)

2007 race winner: Todd Szegedy (106.391 mph, 44 min., 45 sec.)

Track qualifying record: Mike Ewanitsko (132.743 mph, 28.693 sec., 7-20-01)

Track race record (100 L): Mike Ewanitsko (108.979 mph, 58 min, 15 sec., 10-27-02)

NWMT Active Win Leaders at NHMS

1. Reggie Ruggiero.....	6
Mike Stefanik	6
3. Ted Christopher	4
4. Chuck Hossfeld	3
5. Todd Szegedy	1

NWMT Active Pole Leaders at NHMS

1. Ted Christopher.....	7
2. Mike Stefanik	3
3. Rick Fuller.....	2
4. Ed Flemke Jr.	1
Charles Pasteryak	1
Reggie Ruggiero.....	1
Todd Szegedy	1
Jamie Tomaino	1

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Season Recap:

- **Todd Szegedy** won the last time out at Thompson (Conn.) International Speedway ... It was his first win of 2008, and 13th of his career.
- **Ted Christopher** assumed the season points lead for the first time at Mansfield (Ohio) Motorsports Park when he captured the Whelen 150 ... He also won the Tech-Net Spring Sizzler earlier this year at Stafford (Conn.) Motor Speedway.
- **Chuck Hossfeld**, who led in points for eight straight races, is now 63 points behind Christopher... He has victories at SMS (5/23) and New Hampshire Motor Speedway (6/28).
- **Ronnie Silk** has two wins this year, both at TIS.
- **Jimmy Blewett** won back-to-back races at Riverhead Raceway (8/2) and SMS (8/8).
- **Ed Flemke Jr.** captured the season-opener at TIS (4/6), his first victory since 2004.
- **Matt Hirschman** earned his first career NWMT victory at Spencer Speedway on July 12.
- **James Civali, Bobby Grigas III and Ryan Preece** have earned their first career poles in 2008.

Last Time Out – Thompson, Sept. 7:

- **Todd Szegedy** reached Victory Lane for the first time in 2008 ... The win moved him from sixth to fourth in the season standings.
- **Ted Christopher** extended his season points lead to 63 over **Chuck Hossfeld**.
- Christopher led the first 124 laps ... Combined with his 157 laps led the previous race at MMP, his streak reached 281 laps run up front.
- Part-time driver of the No. 28, **Doug Coby** recorded his second third place finish in as many starts.
- **Reggie Ruggiero** and **Rick Fuller** finished in the top five for the first time in 2008.
- Part-time driver **Bobby Santos** finished in the top 10 for the fourth time in five starts in 2008.
- **Billy Pauch Jr.** recorded his first top 10 of the season with a seventh place finish.

2008 Statistical Leaders

Driver Points

1. Ted Christopher	1625
2. Chuck Hossfeld	1562
3. Matt Hirschman	1556
4. Todd Szegedy	1509
5. Ronnie Silk	1508

Wins

1. Ted Christopher	2
Jimmy Blewett	2
Chuck Hossfeld	2
Ronnie Silk	2
5. Ed Flemke Jr.	1
Matt Hirschman	1
Todd Szegedy	1

Top-Five Finishes

1. Ted Christopher	7
2. Chuck Hossfeld	6
Ronnie Silk	6
4. Eric Beers	5
Mike Stefanik	5

Top-10 Finishes

1. Ted Christopher	8
Mike Stefanik	8
3. Eric Beers	7
Matt Hirschman	7
Ronnie Silk	7
Todd Szegedy	7

Laps Led

1. Ted Christopher	553
2. Todd Szegedy	164
3. Ryan Preece	135
4. Bobby Grigas III	118
5. Chuck Hossfeld	115

Laps Completed

1. Matt Hirschman	1481 (all)
2. Rowan Pennink	1455
3. Todd Szegedy	1449
4. Ken Heagy	1422
5. Mike Stefanik	1408

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Selected Driver Highlights:

Eric Beers (No. 46 Chevrolet)

- Has two wins and eight poles in 123 career starts.
- Has five top-five finishes in 10 starts this year.
- Finished fourth in June's New England 100.

Jimmy Blewett (No. 19 Chevrolet)

- Has four wins and one pole in 57 career starts.
- Earned his first NWMT wins at Riverhead on Aug. 2, and at SMS on Aug. 8.
- Is ninth in the NWMT season standings and was 13th in last week's NASCAR Whelen All-American Series Top 500 before adding a win at Thompson International Speedway on Sunday.

Ted Christopher (No. 36 Chevrolet)

- Has 29 wins and 13 poles in 256 career starts.
- Has a 63-point lead in the season standings over Chuck Hossfeld.
- Has 2008 wins at Mansfield Motorsports Park (Aug. 23) and Stafford Motor Speedway (April 27).
- Has at least one victory in 10 consecutive seasons.
- Has led 553 of 1481 (37%) total laps this year, three times as many as any other driver.
- Was runner-up in the June race at NHMS ... Is the all-time, all-divisions, wins leader at NHMS with nine ... Has four NWMT wins at the track.

Doug Coby (No. 28 Chevrolet)

- Will drive the No. 28 of Don King this week ... Shares the ride with Woody Pitkat.
- Has one win, 12 top fives and 24 top 10s in 78 career starts.
- Has two starts in 2008 and has finished third in both.

Ed Flemke Jr. (No. 10 Chevrolet)

- Won the season-opener at TIS.
- Has 17 wins and 16 poles in 365 career starts.
- Has made a record 306 consecutive starts ... The last time he did not start an NWMT race was on July 22, 1992 at Riverside Park Speedway.

Rick Fuller (No. 77)

- 1993 NWMT Champion ... Was honored on Sept. 7 at TIS.
- Has 20 wins and 11 poles in 435 career starts ... Last won at Waterford in May, 2003.
- Finished 14th in the June NHMS race ... Has four career runner-up finishes at NHMS.

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Matt Hirschman (No. 59 Chevrolet)

- Has a win and 26 top 10s in 50 career starts ... Earned his first NWMT win at Spencer on July 12.
- Has finished on the lead lap in 28 consecutive races, the most among all drivers ... Is the only driver to complete all 1481 laps this year.
- Has top-10s in seven of the last nine races and is third in the standings.
- Will also compete in the NASCAR Camping World Series East race on Friday at NHMS for Gillett Evernham Motorsports in the No. 9 car ... It will be his debut in that series.

Chuck Hossfeld (No. 4 Dodge)

- Trails Ted Christopher by 63 points in the season standings ... Maintained the points lead for eight weeks before Christopher passed him at MMP.
- Finished in the top four in each of the season's first six races ... Last five outings have resulted in finishes ranging from 15th to 28th.
- Won the first NWMT race this year at NHMS ... Has three career wins at the track.
- Has also won this year at SMS.
- Has seven wins, 42 top fives and 61 top 10s in 106 career starts.

Ryan Newman (No. 7 Chevrolet)

- NASCAR Sprint Cup Series veteran will make his NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour debut in the No. 7 JR Motorsports Modified owned by Kevin Manion, crew chief of Martin Truex Jr.
- Has eight NSCS top 10s in 2008, including a win in the Daytona 500.
- Jeff Fuller drove this car in the June race and finished ninth after starting last (38th).

Rowan Pennink (No. 93 Chevrolet)

- Is eighth in the season standings, the highest ranking this year.
- Has four top 10s in 11 starts in 2008 and five total in 25 career starts.
- Has completed 1455 laps this year, second only to Matt Hirschman's 1481 (all).

Woody Pitkat (No. 88 Chevrolet)

- Shares the No. 28 with Doug Coby ... The No. 88 he will drive is a re-numbered No. 28 car.
- Had four top 10s in 12 career NWMT starts ... This will be his fourth start of 2008.
- Was 10th in last week's NASCAR Whelen All-American Series national rankings with six wins.

Ryan Preece (No. 3 Chevrolet)

- Has one pole and seven top 10s in 25 career starts.
- Currently ranks 11th in the season standings with five top 10s in 11 starts.
- Recorded best career finish, third, at MMP.
- Has led 135 laps this year, third among all drivers.

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Glen Reen (No. 17 Chevrolet)

- Top-ranking rookie ... Is 14th in the season standings and first in rookie points.
- Has three top 10s in 11 starts with best finishes of sixth at Spencer Speedway and TIS.

Bobby Santos (No. 98 Chevrolet)

- Has four top 10s in five starts in 2008 ... Finished sixth and led a lap at NHMS in June.
- Has a win, five top fives and 12 top 10s in 25 career NWMT starts.

Ronnie Silk (No. 79 Pontiac)

- Has won two races in 2008, both at TIS.
- Is fifth in the standings ... Has top-10 finishes in seven of the last eight races, including two wins.
- Has three wins and 20 top-10s in 50 career NWMT starts ... All three wins have come at TIS.

Mike Stefanik (No. 16 Pontiac)

- Seven-time NWMT Champion ... Was honored at SMS on May 23.
- Has a NWMT record 68 victories in 376 career starts.
- Has eight top 10s in 2008 and is sixth in the season standings.
- Has six career NWMT wins at NHMS, and eight overall, which ranks second.

Todd Szegedy (No. 2 Ford)

- The 2003 NWMT Champion ... Will be honored prior to this race.
- Has 13 wins in 105 career starts, the best start-to-victory ratio (8:1) of any active driver.
- Registered his first 2008 win last week at TIS ... Is the defending New Hampshire 100 winner.

Jamie Tomaino (No. 99 Chevrolet)

- The 1990 NWMT Champion ... Was honored at Spencer on July 12.
- Has missed only four of the 498 races in the history of the NWMT (1985-pr.).
- Is one of three drivers (Rick Fuller, Carl Pasteryak) to make a start in all 24 years of the NWMT.

Upcoming Milestones/Benchmarks:

- **Jamie Tomaino** will extend his own series record by making his 495th career start.
- **Ed Flemke Jr.** is expected to extend his record consecutive starts streak to 307.
- With the completion of the New Hampshire 100, the Made In American Whelen 300 at Martinsville (Va.) Speedway on Sept. 20 will be the 500th all-time race in NWMT history.

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