

Statistical Advance: Analyzing The Made In America Whelen 200
At Martinsville Speedway

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (June 2, 2010) – The first venture for the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour outside of New England in 2010 will take place this weekend at Martinsville (Va.) Speedway with the Made In America Whelen 200.

At Martinsville Speedway:

History

- Martinsville Speedway opened in 1947.
- There have been 34 NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour races at Martinsville.
- Martinsville has welcomed the NWMT in all but six years (1993-96, 2003-04) of the Tour's 26-year history.
- From 2005-09 the race at Martinsville was run in combination with the NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour.
- There have been 123 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series, 34 NASCAR Nationwide Series and 23 NASCAR Camping World Truck Series races at Martinsville.

Notebook

- There have been 16 different NWMT winners in 34 races at Martinsville ... **Mike Stefanik** won last year to take the all-time lead in wins at the track with five.
- There have been 21 different NWMT pole winners in those 34 previous events ... **Jeff Fuller, Jan Leaty** and Stefanik lead with four apiece ... **Ron Silk** earned the 2009 pole.
- In addition to Stefanik (1989, 2-1991, 1992, 2009), other active drivers with career wins at Martinsville include: **Jimmy Blewett** (2006), **Ted Christopher** (2005) and **Ryan Preece** (2008).
- A NWSMT driver since 2006, **L.W. Miller** also has a career win at Martinsville from 2002 when he was a NWMT competitor ... He is entered for this race.

Martinsville Speedway Data

Race: #4 of 14

Track Layout: .526-mile oval

Banking: 12 degrees in the turns

Race Length: 200 laps/105.2 miles

Qualifying/Race Data

2009 pole winner: Ron Silk (99.965 mph, 18.994 seconds)

2009 race winner: Mike Stefanik (68.091 mph, 1:32.42)

Track qualifying record: Greg Sacks (101.014 mph, 18.746 sec., 3-23-86)

NWMT Martinsville Race Win Leaders

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| 1. Mike Stefanik | 5 |
| 2. Mike Ewanitsko | 4 |
| Jeff Fuller | 4 |
| Reggie Ruggiero | 4 |
| 5. Charlie Jarzombek | 3 |

NWMT Martinsville Pole Win Leaders

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| 1. Jeff Fuller | 4 |
| Jan Leaty | 4 |
| Mike Stefanik | 5 |
| 4. Greg Sacks | 2 |
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Up to Speed:

- **Bobby Santos** opened the 2010 season with a win in the Icebreaker at Thompson International Speedway on April 11 ... He established a track record in qualifying as he earned the pole.
- Santos also set the track-record in qualifying at Stafford Motor Speedway for the Spring Sizzler on April 24 ... The race was postponed to May 1, and was won by **Ted Christopher**.
- Santos was back in Victory Lane in the third race of the season on May 28 at Stafford ... Prior to the race Santos also earned the Coors Light Pole Award.
- On the strength of his two wins, Santos leads **Mike Stefanik** by 64 points in the season standings after three races.
- Following the Made In America Whelen 200, the next race will be the New England 100 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway on June 26.

Selected Driver Highlights:

Jimmy Blewett (No. 14 Chevrolet)

- Has five wins, one pole and 24 top 10s in 73 career NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour starts ... Earned at least one win in four straight seasons entering 2010.
- Earned first career win at Martinsville in 2006 ... Finished 29th there in 2007 and 20th in 2008 ... Did not participate in the 2009 race.
- Is seventh in points after three races ... Best finish was second at Stafford on May 28.

George Brunnhoelzl III (No. 46 Chevrolet)

- Is 17th in NWMT points after two races ... Best finish was ninth at Stafford on May 28.
- The 2009 NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour champion ... Has earned six wins, seven poles and 27 top 10s in 40 career NWSMT starts.
- Has an average overall finish of 12th in three Martinsville starts as a NWSMT representative.

Ted Christopher (No. 36 Chevrolet)

- The 2008 NWMT champion ... Has 35 wins and 21 poles in 282 career starts ... His 35 wins are tied for third all-time and his 21 poles rank ninth ... Won at Martinsville in 2005.
- With his win at Stafford on May 1, he has at least one win in 12 consecutive seasons.
- Is third in points after three races.
- Four of seven career starts at Martinsville have resulted in top-five finishes ... Has an average finish of eighth in those seven races, highlighted by the 2005 win.

James Civali (No. 79 Pontiac)

- Has four wins and 26 top 10s in 50 career NWMT starts.
- Is 22nd in points after three races ... Best finish was eighth at Stafford on May 1.
- Has an average overall finish of seventh in three career starts at Martinsville.
- Is the NWSMT points leader after three races ... Won at South Boston on April 3.

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Ed Flemke Jr. (No. 10 Chevrolet)

- Has 17 wins and 16 poles in 384 career starts ... Has made a record 327 consecutive starts ... The last time he did not start a race was on July 22, 1992 at Riverside Park.
- Is 25th in points after two races ... Best finish was 11th at Stafford on May 1.
- Has an average finish of 19th in 18 career starts at Martinsville with a best finish of seventh twice.

Chuck Hossfeld (No. 59 Chevrolet)

- Has seven wins, eight poles and 68 top 10s in 116 career starts.
- Is 15th in points after three races ... Best finish was sixth at Stafford on May 1.
- Made NWMT debut at Martinsville in 1999 ... Has an average overall finish of 26th in five Martinsville starts.

Brian Loftin (No. 23 Chevrolet)

- The 2008 NWSMT champion ... Has 11 wins, eight poles and 40 top 10s in 59 career NWSMT starts.
- Is eighth in points after three NWSMT races ... Best finish was fourth at Caraway Speedway.
- Has an average overall finish of 24th in five previous Martinsville starts ... Was credited with wins in 2005 and 2008 as the highest NWSMT finisher in those combination races.

L.W. Miller (No. 30 Pontiac)

- The 2007 NWSMT champion ... Has 10 wins, three poles and 41 top 10s in 48 career NWSMT starts.
- Is fourth in points after three NWSMT races ... Was runner-up at Caraway and South Boston.
- Has recorded a win, a pole and 10 top 10s in 73 career NWMT starts ... Win came at Martinsville in 2002 ... Was a NWMT regular before resuming his racing career in the NWSMT in 2006.
- Has an average overall finish of 15th in seven combined starts at Martinsville between the NWMT and NWSMT ... Was credited with a win in 2007 as the highest NWSMT finisher in that combination race.
- Finished 27th in a 2003 NASCAR Camping World Truck Series race at Martinsville.

Burt Myers (No. TBA Ford)

- Has six wins, a record 21 poles and 51 top 10s in 64 career NWSMT starts.
- Is ninth in points after three NWSMT races ... Best finish was sixth at Caraway.
- Has an average overall finish of 23rd in eight combined starts at Martinsville between the NWMT and NWSMT ... Was credited with a win in 2009 as the highest NWSMT finisher in that combination race.
- Has made four career NWMT starts, including three at Martinsville.

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Jason Myers (No. TBA Ford)

- Has one win and 45 top 10s in 64 career NWSMT starts.
- Is 11th in points after three NWSMT races ... Best finish was seventh at Atlanta.
- Has an average overall finish of 22nd in four combination race starts at Martinsville.

Rowan Pennink (No. 93 Chevrolet)

- Has 21 top 10s in 46 career starts, including 12 of the last 14 races dating back to 2009.
- Is eighth in points after three races ... Best finish was fourth at Stafford on May 1.
- Has an average overall finish of sixth in the three previous combo races at Martinsville.

Ryan Preece (No. 3 Chevrolet)

- Has four poles, three wins and 23 top 10s in 46 career starts ... Won at Martinsville in 2008.
- Is sixth in points after two races ... Has finished in the top five in 10 of the last 12 races.
- Has finished 28th, first and third in three previous starts at Martinsville.

Bobby Santos (No. 4 Dodge)

- Has three wins, three poles and 15 top 10s in 32 career NWMT starts.
- Leads in points after three races ... Won the opener at Thompson, finished second in the second race at Stafford and won the third race, also at Stafford ... His 64-point lead is the largest after three races to start a season since 1989 when Mike McLaughlin led Reggie Ruggiero by 71.
- Earned the pole in all three races so far ... The last time a driver earned more than three-straight poles was Mike Stefanik in 1993 when he set the record at six ... Set track records during qualifying for the first two races of the season.
- Has led 37-percent (179 of 487) of all completed laps so far in 2010.
- Has one previous start at Martinsville in 2007, when he finished 32nd overall.

Andy Seuss (No. 70 Chevrolet)

- Has three top 10s in 18 career NWMT starts.
- Is 27th in points after three races ... Best finish was 10th at Stafford on May 28.
- Is second in NWSMT points after three races, highlighted by a win at Caraway.
- Has seven wins, two poles and 25 top 10s in 36 career NWSMT races.
- Has finished 30th and 21st overall in the previous two combination races at Martinsville as an NWSMT representative.

Ron Silk (No. 6 Chevrolet)

- Has four wins, two poles and 31 top 10s in 70 career NWMT starts.
- Is 11th in points after two races ... Best finish was eighth in the opener at Thompson.
- Has an average finish of 20th in four career starts at Martinsville ... Earned the pole in 2009.

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Mike Stefanik (No. 16 Pontiac)

- The 1989, 1991, 1997, 1998, 2001, 2002 and 2006 NWMT champion.
- Has 70 wins, 42 poles and 267 top 10s in 394 career starts ... Holds NWMT records for most championships, wins, poles, top fives and top 10s.
- Is second in points after three races ... Started the season with third-place finishes at Thompson and Stafford, and was seventh last time out at Stafford.
- Has a record five NWMT wins at Martinsville, including last year ... Has competed in 26 of the 34 all-time races at Martinsville and has an average finish of 11th.
- Finished 12th in the NCWTS race at Martinsville in 1999.

Todd Szegedy (No. 2 Ford)

- The 2003 NWMT champion ... Has 13 wins, six poles and 81 top 10s in 126 career starts.
- Is fourth in points after three races ... One of two drivers along with Bobby Santos to finish in the top five in all three races ... Best finish was third at Stafford on May 28.
- Has an average overall finish of 13th in six starts at Martinsville.

Jamie Tomaino (No. 99 Chevrolet)

- The 1990 NWMT champion ... Has three wins, six poles and 236 top 10s in 514 career starts.
- Has missed only five of the 519 races in the history of the NWMT (1985-present) and is currently the only driver to record starts in each of the 26 years of the NWMT.
- Is 28th in points after two races ... Best finish was 14th at Stafford on May 28.
- Has participated in all 34 previous NWMT races at Martinsville ... Has an average finish of 14th with a best finish of second on two occasions.

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