# Statistical Advance: Analyzing The F.W. Webb 100 At New Hampshire Motor Speedway

**DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (Sept. 15, 2010)** – The 12th race of the 2010 NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour season is slated for Saturday, Sept. 18 with the F.W. Webb 100 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway.

## **At New Hampshire Motor Speedway:**

#### History

- Groundbreaking for New Hampshire International Speedway was Aug. 13, 1989.
- The official opening was June 5, 1990 and the first NASCAR event was a NASCAR Nationwide Series race on July 15, 1990.
- The first NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour race was held on Sept. 2, 1990.
- The track was renamed New Hampshire Motor Speedway in 2008.
- NHMS is the largest racing oval and the largest sports facility overall – in New England.

#### Notebook

- There have been 51 NWMT races all-time at NHMS, the most of any facility outside the state of Connecticut.
- There have been 16 different race winners, led by **Tony Hirschman's** seven.
- There have been 21 different pole winners, led by Ted Christopher and Jan Leaty with seven apiece.
- Mike McLaughlin won the first NWMT race at NHMS in 1992 ... He also won the inaugural NASCAR K&N Pro Series East race that same day.

# **New Hampshire Motor Speedway Data**

Race: #12 of 14 overall, #2 of 2 at NHMS

Track Layout: 1.058-mile oval

**Banking:** Variable between 2-7 degrees

in the turns

Race Length: 100 laps/105.8 miles

## **Qualifying/Race Data**

2009 pole winner: Ryan Preece (127.962

mph, 29.765 seconds)

2009 race winner: Ron Silk (74.058 mph,

1:25.43)

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

## **NWMT Win Leaders at NHMS**

Fony Hirschman	7
Reggie Ruggiero / Mike Stefanik	6
Fed Christopher	5
John Blewett III / Steve Park	4

## **NWMT Pole Leaders at NHMS**

Ted Christopher/Jan Leaty
Mike Ewanitsko
Tim Connolly / Tony Hirschman
Steve Park / Mike Stefanik
Jeff Fuller / Rick Fuller2

- Ryan Preece and Ron Silk are the defending pole and race winners of this event.
- Ryan Newman was the pole and race winner in the NWMT's first appearance at NHMS this year.
- Among the probable race entries, six have won at NHMS including: Mike Stefanik (6), Christopher (5), Chuck Hossfeld (3), Newman (1), Silk (1) and Todd Szegedy (1).

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# **Up to Speed, NWMT:**

- **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 SMS. Prior to the race, Santos also earned the Coors Light Pole Award.
- Santos earned his third win in four outings when he captured the Martinsville Speedway checkered flag on June 6. **Mike Stefanik** was the pole winner.
- NASCAR Sprint Cup Series driver Ryan Newman captured the pole and the race win in the New England 100 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway on June 26.
- Todd Szegedy earned the pole and led all but four laps in the inaugural race at Lime Rock Park on July 3, but Dale Quarterley wound up with the checkered flag.
- In the NWMT's first trip to Monadnock Speedway since 1990, Christopher edged pole winner **Erick Rudolph** for the checkered flag on July 17.
- Rowan Pennink earned his first career NWMT win at Riverhead Raceway on July 31 while
   George Brunnhoelzi III also captured his first career Coors Light Pole Award.
- Szegedy ended the longest winless drought of his career when he took the checkered flag at SMS on Aug. 6. **Ron Silk** earned his first career SMS pole prior to the race.
- Christopher won for the third time in 2010 with his triumph at TIS on Aug. 12. He also earned the pole award prior to the race.
- Newman returned to Victory Lane last time out at Bristol Motor Speedway. **Justin Bonsignore** earned his first career pole prior to the race.
- Santos brings a 32-point lead on Christopher in the season standings to NHMS.

#### **Selected Driver Highlights:**

# Eric Beers (No. 76 John Blewett Inc./Ling Trucking Chevrolet)

- Has two wins, nine poles and 60 top 10s in 151 career starts.
- Is ninth in points with six top 10s in 11 races.
- Has seven top 10s, a best finish of third and an average finish of 15th in 16 career starts at New Hampshire Motor Speedway.

# Justin Bonsignore (No. 51 M3 Technology Chevrolet)

- A Sunoco Rookie of the Year candidate ... Has six top 10s in 13 career starts.
- Is 10th in points with four top 10s ... Best finish was second at Martinsville Speedway.
- Finished 12th in his first career start NHMS in June.

# Mike Christopher (No. 82 Connecticut Trailers Dodge)

- Has 14 top 10s in 72 career starts.
- Has four top 10s, a best finish of second and an average finish of 23rd in 19 starts at NHMS.

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## Ted Christopher (No. 36 Al-Lee Installations Chevrolet)

- The 2008 NWMT champion ... Has 37 wins and 22 poles in 291 career starts ... His 37 wins rank third all-time and his 22 poles are ninth ... Has at least one win in 12-straight seasons.
- Is 32 points behind Bobby Santos in the standings with three wins and seven top fives.
- Has five wins, seven poles, 24 top 10s and an average finish of 13th in 41 career starts at NHMS.
- Has 10 total wins at NHMS, the most of any driver in track history ... Other five came in 34 NASCAR K&N Pro Series East starts ... Also has a combined nine starts at NHMS in the NASCAR Sprint Cup and NASCAR Nationwide Series.

## **Doug Coby (No. 12 T.S. Haulers Chevrolet)**

- Has a win, two poles and 33 top 10s in 98 career starts ... Earned the June 2009 pole at NHMS.
- Has a pair of top 10s in six starts this year.
- Has five top 10s, an average finish of 19th and a best finish of fourth in 13 starts at NHMS.
- Will compete as a teammate to Ron Silk at NHMS in a car powered by the SPEC engine.

# Eric Goodale (No. 58 JT's Lumber/Perimeters for the Home Chevrolet)

- The 2009 NWMT Sunoco Rookie of the Year ... Has nine top 10s in 26 career starts.
- Is eighth in points with five top 10s ... Has finished in the top 10 in four-straight races.
- Has an average finish of 15th and a best finish of 11th in three career starts at NHMS.

## **Chuck Hossfeld (No. 59 Ed Bennett Properties Chevrolet)**

- Has seven wins, nine poles and 71 top 10s in 124 career starts.
- Is 11th in points with five top 10s and a best finish of sixth at Stafford Motor Speedway in April.
- Has three wins and an average finish of 11th in 14 career starts at NHMS.
- His win in June 2008 at NHMS is the closest margin of victory (0.001 seconds) in NWMT history.

# Ryan Newman (No. 7 Aggressive Hydraulics/Menards Chevrolet)

- Made NWMT debut with a pole and a 20th-place finish at NHMS in September 2008.
- This will be his seventh career NWMT start ... Four previous races were at NHMS with two at Bristol Motor Speedway ... All NWMT starts have come in the No. 7 owned by Kevin Manion.
- Has won both of his starts this year at NHMS and BMS ... Also earned the pole at NHMS in June.
- Has 22 career NASCAR national series wins ... First career NSCS win came at NHMS in 2002 ...
   Also recorded NSCS win there in 2005.

#### Rowan Pennink (No. 93 Monk Mechanics Hand Cleaner Chevrolet)

- Has a win and 23 top 10s in 54 career starts.
- Has four top 10s highlighted by his first career win at Riverhead Raceway in 11 starts this year and is 12th in points.
- Has two top 10s, a best finish of fifth and an average finish of 20th in seven starts at NHMS.

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## Ryan Preece (No. 3 Cape Cod Copper/Mizzy Construction Chevrolet)

- Has four poles, three wins and 27 top 10s in 54 career starts ... Has one pole at NHMS.
- Is sixth in points with six top 10s ... Best finish of the year was second at Riverhead.
- Has four top 10s, a best finish of third and an average finish of 11th in seven starts at NHMS.

## **Dale Quarterley (No. 52 Furnace & Duct Supply Chevrolet)**

- Has two top 10s in four career starts ... Had a DNF at NHMS in June 2008.
- Won at Lime Rock Park in July and finished seventh overall at BMS.
- Has a win, a pole and 14 top 10s in 27 career NKNPS East starts at NHMS.

## Erick Rudolph (No. 98 Mohawk Northeast/Original Pizza Logs Chevrolet)

- Has a win, a pole and 18 top 10s in 32 career starts.
- Is seventh in points with six top 10s ... Best finish was second at Monadnock Speedway.
- Has two top 10s, a best finish of fourth and an average finish of 19th in four starts at NHMS.

# Bobby Santos (No. 4 "Mystic Missile" Dodge)

- Has four wins, three poles and 21 top 10s in 40 career starts.
- Has led in points through 10 of the first 11 races ... Has three wins, three poles and nine top 10s.
- Has four top 10s, a best finish of fourth and an average finish of 18th in seven starts at NHMS.

# Ron Silk (No. 6 T.S. Haulers/Calverton Tree Farm Chevrolet)

- Has four wins, two poles and 37 top 10s in 78 career starts.
- Is fifth in points with seven top 10s.
- Has a win, seven top 10s and an average of 13th in 12 NHMS starts.

#### Mike Stefanik (No. 16 Diversified Metals/R.B. Enterprises Pontiac)

- The 1989, 1991, 1997, 1998, 2001, 2002 and 2006 NWMT champion.
- Holds NWMT records for most titles (7), wins (70), poles (43), top fives (208) and top 10s (273).
- Is third in points with nine top 10s.
- Has six wins, three poles, 27 top 10s and an average finish of 10th in 43 starts at NHMS

# Todd Szegedy (No. 2 Wisk/Snuggle Ford)

- The 2003 NWMT champion ... Has 14 wins, seven poles and 86 top 10s in 134 career starts.
- Is fourth in points with eight top 10s, highlighted by a win at SMS in August.
- Has a win, a pole, 11 top 10s and an average finish of ninth in 15 starts at NHMS.

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