

Watkins Glen Nuggets

Starting Up Front at Watkins Glen

- All 25 races at Watkins Glen have been won from **18th or better**.
- **10 of the 25** races at Watkins Glen were won from the front row. (40 percent).
- **The last four races** at Watkins Glen have been won from a top-10 starting position.
- The lowest starting position of a race winner at Watkins Glen is **18th – Steve Park** in 2000.

Watkins Glen History

- **The 25-year history** of “Grand National” racing at Watkins Glen is broken into three time frames: 1957, 1964–65 and 1986–2007.
- **Buck Baker** won the first “Grand National” race at Watkins Glen in 1957.
- The next Grand National race at the Glen came in July 1964 and was won by **Billy Wade**. That victory was Wade’s fourth victory in a row. Wade won at Old Bridge, Bridgehampton, Islip and the Glen, all in July 1964. Ironically the Glen was the last victory of his brief 71-race career.
- There was no “Cup” racing at the Glen from 1966–1986, **a 21-year absence**.
- **Mark Martin** (1993, 1994 and 1995) and **Jeff Gordon** (1997, 1998 and 1999) each won three consecutive races at Watkins Glen, the only drivers to do so.

Watkins Glen Starters

- **226 different drivers** have competed at Watkins Glen since 1957.
- **Ricky Rudd** competed in **55 races** at Watkins Glen, the most among all drivers.
- **Terry Labonte, Michael Waltrip, Ricky Rudd and Dale Jarrett** all competed in **21 races** at Watkins Glen, more than any other drivers.
- **Tony Stewart** leads all drivers with more than two starts with a **5.1 starting average** in nine races at the Glen.
- **Dale Earnhardt (Sr.)** and **Mark Martin** have each scored **three poles** at Watkins Glen, leading all drivers.
- **Tony Stewart** has posted **six straight top-10 starts** at Watkins Glen, the longest current streak.
- **Jimmie Johnson** has posted top-10 starts in **his last four races** at the Glen.
- **Stewart** has posted **top-15 starts** in all nine of his races at Watkins Glen.
- **Kevin Harvick** has posted top-15 starts in **his last seven races** at the Glen.
- **Kurt Busch** has posted top-15 starts in **his last six races** at the Glen.
- **Ryan Newman** has posted top-15 starts in **his last six races** at the Glen.

Would you Believe?

- **Robby Gordon** has scored top-five finishes in his last three races at Watkins Glen. He finished fifth there in 2007. Gordon has scored seven top-10 finishes in nine races at the Glen, **all were top-fives**.

Coors Light Pole Winners at Watkins Glen

- There have been **14 different Coors Light Pole winners** in the 25 races at Watkins Glen since the inaugural race there in 1957.
- **Mark Martin** and **Dale Earnhardt (Sr.)** lead all drivers, each scoring **three poles** at Watkins Glen.
- Qualifying was **cancelled five times** due to weather in the 25 races, including **this race one year ago**.
- The race was won from the pole **eight times (32 percent)**, but only once in the last nine races.
- **Tony Stewart** won there in 2007 from the fifth-place starting position.

Close... But No Cigar

- **Dale Earnhardt (Sr.)** finished **third three times** in 15 races at Watkins Glen but never won there.
- **Wally Dallenbach Jr.** finished **second twice** in nine races at Watkins Glen but never won there.
- **Ron Fellows** finished **second twice** in 10 races at Watkins Glen but never won there.
- **Terry Labonte** finished **second twice** in 21 races at Watkins Glen but never won there.
- **Bobby Labonte** finished **fifth twice** in 15 races at Watkins Glen but never won there.

Race Winner (s) at Watkins Glen

- **Tony Stewart** and **Jeff Gordon** lead all drivers, each with **four Watkins Glen victories**.
- Gordon's last Watkins Glen victory came in **2001**.
- **Stewart's last NSCS victory** came at the Glen in this race one year ago.

Leading The Way at Watkins Glen

- **Jeff Gordon** has led **227 laps** in 15 races at Watkins Glen, the most of all drivers.

Predictor?

- **Joe Gibbs Racing** has won four of the last six races at Watkins Glen, all by Stewart.
- **Stewart** has finished **first or second** in five of his last six races at Watkins Glen.
- **Kyle Busch** has scored top-10 finishes in his last two races at The Glen.
- **Denny Hamlin** scored top-10 finishes in his last two races at The Glen.
- Hamlin finished second behind teammate and race winner Stewart one year ago.
- A **Chevrolet** has **won the last five races** at Watkins Glen.
- A **Dodge** has never won at Watkins Glen.
- A **Ford** has not won in the last 11 races at Watkins Glen.
- A **Toyota** has not won a point race at Watkins Glen but leads all manufacturers with **eight victories** in 21 races in 2008.

Watkins Glen Standouts/Streaks

- **Denny Hamlin** has a **6.0 finishing average** at Watkins Glen, the best of all active drivers.
- **Tony Stewart** has scored **top-five finishes** in his **last four** races at Watkins Glen.
- **Scott Pruett** has scored **top-10 finishes** in his **last four** races at Watkins Glen.
- **Robby Gordon** has scored **top-five finishes** in his **last three** races at Watkins Glen.
- **Kyle Busch, Carl Edwards, Denny Hamlin** each scored top-10 finishes in the last two races at Watkins Glen.

Owner Wins at Watkins Glen

- **Hendrick Motorsports** has **won six races** at Watkins Glen, the most of all owners.

Their last Watkins Glen victory came in 2001 by Jeff Gordon.

- Hendrick Motorsports' six Watkins Glen victories were scored by three different drivers: **Jeff Gordon** (4), **Tim Richmond** (1) and **Ricky Rudd** (1).

2008 Owner Points

Rank CAR Owner PTS Ahead 36th
30. 41 Chip Ganassi +142

31. 7 Robby Gordon +115

32. 01 Teresa Earnhardt +87

33. 55 Michael Waltrip +63

34. 77 Roger Penske +34

35. 66 Joe Custer +4

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Rank CAR Owner PTS BEHIND 35th

36. 00 Rob Kauffman -4

37. 84 Dietrich Mateschitz -38

38. 96 Jeffrey Moorad -196

39. 10 George Gillett -211

40. 45 Kyle Petty -242

Ones to Watch

- **Mark Martin** has been **running at the finish in all 19** of his races at Watkins Glen.
- **Jeremy Mayfield** has been **running at the finish in all 11** of his races at Watkins Glen.
- **Tony Stewart** has been **running at the finish in all 9** of his races at Watkins Glen.
- **Kevin Harvick** has been **running at the finish in all 7** of his races at Watkins Glen.

Season Notes

- There have been **10 different race winners** in 2008. One year ago after 21 races there were **14 different winners**.
- **17 of the 21 races** in 2008 have been won from a top-10 starting position. The four races in 2008 that were not won from a top-10 starting position were at Richmond when Clint Bowyer won from the 31st starting position, then at Infineon with Kyle Busch winning from 30th, at Loudon with Kurt Busch winning from 26th and at second Pocono with Carl Edwards winning from 15th.
- After 21 races, **five of the top-13 drivers** have **no DNFs** in 2008 (Earnhardt Jr., Kahne, Bowyer, Harvick and Kenseth).

The Race to The Chase

- **Five races remain** to grab one of the 12 positions in the Chase.
- **91 points separate the seven drivers** ranked from 7th to 13th in points.
- **19 points separate 11th to 13th** in points.
- **46 points separate 14th to 12th** in points.

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