



JR MOTORSPORTS TEAM PREVIEW:

TRACK: Richmond Raceway

RACE: Virginia529 College Savings 250 (250 laps / 187.5 miles)

DATE: Friday, Sept. 8, 2017

Broadcast Information – TV: 7:30 p.m. ET on NBCSN / Radio: 7 p.m. ET on MRN and Sirius XM Ch. 90

Elliott Sadler
No. 1 OneMain Financial Chevrolet



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- This weekend in his home state of Virginia, Elliott Sadler has the opportunity to clinch the NASCAR Xfinity Series regular season points championship. To do so, Sadler needs to hold a 61-point lead over teammate William Byron following Friday night's event.
- The Emporia, Va. native, has earned four top-five and 13 top-10 finishes in 28 NXS starts at Richmond Raceway.
- While competing at Richmond with JR Motorsports, Sadler has earned an average finished of 4.6.

Michael Annett
No. 5 Pilot Flying J Chevrolet



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- In 10 NASCAR Xfinity Series starts at Richmond, Annett has one top five and three top 10s, with a best finish of fifth (fall 2012).
- Earlier this season, Annett finished eighth in his first JRM start on the .750-mile D-shaped oval.
- Over his last four starts at Richmond, Annett's average finish is a stout 8.5, with his top-five run plus two top 10s.
- Annett is currently ninth in series points, but 11th on the playoff grid. He has 23 points in hand over the cutoff with two races left before the playoff field is set.

Justin Allgaier
No. 7 Hellmann's Chevrolet



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- Justin Allgaier has three top-five and five top-10 finishes in 13 NXS starts at Richmond.
- The Illinois native's best finish of second at the short track came earlier this year when he led 157 of 254 laps in the spring race. Allgaier raced inside the top six for the entire event.
- In 43 NXS starts on tracks measuring less than 1 mile in length, the 31-year-old driver has one win (Bristol 2010), 10 top-five and 22 top-10 finishes.

William Byron
No. 9 Axalta Chevrolet



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- William Byron will make his second NXS start at Richmond Raceway on Friday. He started ninth in the spring and finished 30th after being involved in an on-track incident on lap 249.
- The 19-year-old has one previous start at the .750-mile track in the K&N Pro Series East where he started from the pole and finished sixth.
- Byron remains second in the NXS point standings and continues to lead the Rookie of the Year standings by 59 points over Daniel Hemric.

Dale Earnhardt Jr.
No. 88 Degree Deodorant Chevrolet



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- In April 2016, Dale Earnhardt Jr. led 128 of 149 laps at Richmond Raceway en route to his first win driving for JR Motorsports.
- Earnhardt owns four NXS victories in six career starts at Richmond, including his past three starts dating back to 1999. He has led 733 of 1,399 total laps in those six races.
- At Richmond, Earnhardt has only started outside the top four once in the NXS. On that occasion in 1999, he started 20th and led eight laps to claim his second win at the track.

Driver Quotes

“Richmond is a special place to race at for me. I was close to getting my first win at Richmond this spring. We were running second and gaining on the lead with 10 laps to go when a caution came out for fluid. We're going to give it all we have this weekend to try and get the OneMain Financial Chevrolet to Victory Lane and finish these next two races as the regular-season champion.” - **Elliott Sadler**

“After the run we had at Road America and a decent showing at Darlington, we are focused on getting into the playoffs at Richmond. We finished in the top 10 in the spring race, and if we can do that again, we will look pretty good heading to Chicagoland for the cutoff race. Jason (Stockert, crew chief) and the guys are giving me great cars, and if I can qualify a little better, we'll be in really good shape.” - **Michael Annett**

“I'm really looking forward to heading to Richmond Raceway. We led a lot of laps there in the spring and came so close to winning. It would be great to go back there and get this No. 7 Hellmann's team to Victory Lane. We definitely feel like we let one get away from us there and it would be great to get another win under our belts before the playoffs get underway in Kentucky in a couple of weeks.” - **Justin Allgaier**

“Richmond is always an exciting race and I am ready to get back to the track on Friday. We are racing under the lights, which is always a fun event for the fans. Our team has been working hard on this new composite body car and I think we will get a good feel for the car on Friday morning in practice. Hopefully we can grab another win before the regular season ends next week.” - **William Byron**

“JR Motorsports has been very strong at Richmond for the last handful of years, so it's always at the top of the list when it comes to which races I want to run. Our cars led a lot of laps there in the spring race this year with Justin (Allgaier) and Elliott (Sadler), so we've got a good baseline setup going into the weekend. I look forward to seeing what we're able to bring to the track and expect to have an opportunity to run well.”
- **Dale Earnhardt Jr.**

Sadler 2017 Stats (NXS)		Annett 2017 Stats (NXS)		Allgaier 2017 Stats (NXS)		Byron 2017 Stats (NXS)		Earnhardt Jr. 2017 Stats (NXS)	
Starts	24	Starts	24	Starts	24	Starts	24	Starts	1
Wins	0	Wins	0	Wins	1	Wins	3	Wins	0
Top 5s	9	Top 5s	1	Top 5s	6	Top 5s	8	Top 5s	0
Top 10s	17	Top 10s	6	Top 10s	11	Top 10s	16	Top 10s	0
Laps Led	111	Laps Led	8	Laps Led	480	Laps Led	160	Laps Led	0
Avg. Finish	10.0	Avg. Finish	17.2	Avg. Finish	14.4	Avg. Finish	10.3	Avg. Finish	13.0
Points	1 st (+91)	Points	9 th (-368)	Points	3 rd (-119)	Points	2 nd (-91)	Points	N/A

JRM Team Updates

- **JRM at Richmond:** In 51 NXS starts at Richmond Raceway, JR Motorsports has three wins, 17 top fives and 29 top 10s. Kevin Harvick scored JRM it's first victory at the track in 2014 and Chase Elliott followed that up with a win in 2015. Dale Earnhardt Jr. earned the team's most recent win at the track, taking the checkered flag in the spring of 2016. Overall, JRM's entries have combined to lead 695 laps and earn an average finish of 11.7.
- **Allgaier, Annett and Byron at NXS Autograph Session:** JRM teammates Justin Allgaier, Michael Annett and William Byron will participate in the NXS autograph session at Richmond Raceway on Friday, Sept. 8 from 1:45 – 2:30 p.m. ET at the amphitheater.
- **Sadler at Xfinity Zone:** Elliott Sadler will make an appearance at the Xfinity Zone at Richmond Raceway on Friday, Sept. 8 at 2:30 p.m. ET