

THE LINEUP

2016 Daytona 500

Pos.	Car #	Driver
1	24	Chase Elliott
2	20	Matt Kenseth
3	88	Dale Earnhardt Jr
4	18	Kyle Busch
5	17	Ricky Stenhouse Jr
6	48	Jimmie Johnson
7	21	Ryan Blaney
8	3	Austin Dillon
9	19	Carl Edwards
10	11	Denny Hamlin
11	41	Kurt Busch
12	22	Joey Logano
13	13	Casey Mears
14	5	Kasey Kahne
15	31	Ryan Newman
16	27	Paul Menard
17	95	Ty Dillon
18	2	Brad Keselowski
19	43	Aric Almirola
20	16	Greg Biffle
21	1	Jamie McMurray
22	44	Brian Scott
23	42	Kyle Larson
24	93	Matt DiBenedetto
25	59	Michael McDowell
26	7	Regan Smith
27	83	Michael Waltrip
28	34	Chris Buescher
29	10	Danica Patrick
30	32	Bobby Labonte
31	47	AJ Allmendinger
32	6	Trevor Bayne
33	46	Michael Annett
34	15	Clint Bowyer
35	38	Landon Cassill
36	26	Robert Richardson
37	98	Cole Whitt
38	35	David Gilliland
39	23	David Ragan
40	30	Josh Wise
41	40	Reed Sorenson
42	78	Martin Truex Jr
43	4	Kevin Harvick
44	14	Brian Vickers

DAYTONA 500 PREVIEW

A ROOKIE

IN THE POLE POSITION

WITH BIG SHOES TO FILL, CHASE ELLIOTT WINS DAYTONA POLE

Chase Elliott, the son of famous NASCAR driver Bill Elliott, could be forgiven if he had a rocky start to his first-ever season driving Sprint Cup cars.

After all, he has big shoes to fill, replacing NASCAR legend Jeff Gordon in the No. 24 Chevrolet for Hendrick Motorsports — a lot of pressure for a rookie.

Elliott handled that pressure superbly by doing exactly what Gordon did last year: wrestling the 24 car around Daytona faster than any other driver in qualifying to land pole position for the race on Sunday.

“It’s such a special day, a great way to start 2016 for our team,” Elliott said. “Daytona 500 qualifying day is such an opportunity for the teams to really, I feel like, show what they’ve done in the off-season. ... That’s what

it’s all about today. I don’t feel like it’s about me.”

Despite his demurring, it was a drive for the record books for the young Elliott. At 20 years, two months and 17 days, he became the youngest driver ever to win pole position at a Daytona 500. His age supplanted the record held by Austin Dillon, who started on pole at Daytona two years ago at age 23.

“I don’t think I completely wrapped my head around it or let it completely sink in that we were even going to be competing at the Daytona 500 today, much less have a shot and go out and sit on the pole,” Elliott said.



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Digital Dash Debuts

For the first time ever, NASCAR Sprint Cup cars will be fitted with a high-tech digital dashboard rather than analog gauges. The new displays will more closely mirror the digital systems in today’s street cars and give drivers more accurate and reliable data, NASCAR says.

The digital dash includes 16 fully customizable displays that drivers can configure in different sizes and layouts to suit their needs on the track, letting them choose between numerals, bar graphs, color LEDs or graphical gauges. It can also display their lap times, position on the track and engine diagnostics.