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# Bojangles' Southern 500 NASCAR HotPass Lineup

*Ride Along with Harvick, Edwards, Johnson and Earnhardt at Darlington on DIRECTV*

<b>Event:</b>	Bojangles' Southern 500
<b>Previous Winner:</b>	Regan Smith (beat Carl Edwards by .196 of a second on May 7, 2011)
<b>Track:</b>	Darlington (S.C.) Raceway
<b>Date / Time:</b>	Saturday, May 12, at 7 p.m. EDT
<b>Configuration:</b>	1.366-mile egg-shaped oval (367 laps = 501.332 miles)
<b>Banking in Turns 1 &amp; 2:</b>	25 degrees
<b>Banking in Turns 3 &amp; 4:</b>	23 degrees
<b>Banking on Frontstretch:</b>	3 degrees
<b>Banking on Backstretch:</b>	2 degrees
<b>Frontstretch:</b>	1,229 feet
<b>Backstretch:</b>	1,229 feet
<b>First Sprint Cup Series Race:</b>	Sept. 4, 1950 – Southern 500 (Winner – Johnny Mantz)
<b>Grandstand Seating Capacity:</b>	70,000

NASCAR HOTPASS™ on DIRECTV is back, and it's **FREE** to all DIRECTV customers. Four dedicated driver channels offering viewers multiple camera angles, real-time statistics and audio of the network broadcast augmented by live communication between the drivers and their pit crews are available for all 36 points-paying races during the 2012 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series season.

The NASCAR HOTPASS lineup for the Bojangles' Southern 500 at Darlington (S.C.) Raceway is as follows:

#### **DIRECTV Channel 795:**

##### ***Kevin Harvick and the No. 29 Budweiser Chevrolet team of Richard Childress Racing***

Kevin Harvick will make his 405<sup>th</sup> career NASCAR Sprint Cup Series start and his 16<sup>th</sup> at Darlington (S.C.) Raceway ... Has five top-10 finishes in 15 career Sprint Cup starts at Darlington ... The 36-year-old Bakersfield, Calif., native has 18 wins and 179 top-10 finishes in 404 Sprint Cup starts ... Won 2001 and 2006 NASCAR Nationwide Series championships ... 2012 marks Harvick's 12<sup>th</sup> full year in Sprint Cup with a career-best points finish of third in 2010 ... Started 20<sup>th</sup> and finished 25<sup>th</sup> last week at Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway ... Ranks fifth in Sprint Cup points with five top-10 finishes.

#### **DIRECTV Channel 796:**

##### ***Carl Edwards and the No. 99 Ford EcoBoost Fusion Ford team of Roush Fenway Racing***

Carl Edwards will make his 276<sup>th</sup> career NASCAR Sprint Cup Series start and his ninth at Darlington (S.C.) Raceway ... Has five top-10 finishes in eight career Sprint Cup starts at Darlington ... The 32-year-old Columbia, Mo., native has won 19 races and has 150 top-10 finishes in 275 Sprint Cup starts ... Won 2007 NASCAR Nationwide Series title ... 2012 marks Edwards' eighth full year in Sprint Cup with a career-best points finish of second in 2008 and 2011 ... Started seventh and finished 31<sup>st</sup> last week at Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway ... Ranks 11<sup>th</sup> in Sprint Cup points with six top-10 finishes.

#### **DIRECTV Channel 797:**

##### ***Jimmie Johnson and the No. 48 Lowe's / Kobalt Tools Chevrolet team of Hendrick Motorsports***

Jimmie Johnson will make his 374<sup>th</sup> career NASCAR Sprint Cup Series start and his 14<sup>th</sup> at Darlington (S.C.) Raceway ... Has two wins (March and November 2004) and nine top-10 finishes in 13 career Sprint Cup starts at Darlington ... The 36-year-old El Cajon, Calif., native has 55 wins and 231 top-10 finishes in 373 Sprint Cup starts ... 2012 marks Johnson's 11<sup>th</sup> full year in Sprint Cup and he has five championships (2006-2010) ... Started 19<sup>th</sup> and finished 35<sup>th</sup> last week at Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway ... Ranks eighth in Sprint Cup points with seven top-10 finishes.

#### **DIRECTV Channel 798:**

##### ***Dale Earnhardt Jr., and the No. 88 Diet Mountain Dew / National Guard Chevrolet team of Hendrick Motorsports***

Dale Earnhardt Jr., will make his 446<sup>th</sup> career NASCAR Sprint Cup Series start and his 18<sup>th</sup> at Darlington (S.C.) Raceway ... Has seven top-10 finishes in 17 career Sprint Cup starts at Darlington ... The 37-year-old Kannapolis, N.C., native has won 18 races and has 170 top-10 finishes in 445 Sprint Cup starts ... Won 1998 and 1999 NASCAR Nationwide Series championships ... 2012 marks Earnhardt's 13<sup>th</sup> full year in Sprint Cup with a career-best points finish of third in 2003... Started 18<sup>th</sup> and finished ninth last week at Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway ... Ranks third in Sprint Cup points with eight top-10 finishes.

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