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# QUICKEN LOANS 400 NASCAR HOTPASS LINEUP

*Ride Along with Stewart, Biffle, Menard and Earnhardt at Michigan on DIRECTV*

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| <b>Event:</b>                        | Quicken Loans 400   |
| <b>Previous Winner:</b>              | Denny Hamlin (beat Matt Kenseth by .281 seconds on June 19, 2011) |
| <b>Date / Time:</b>                  | Sunday, June 17, at 1 p.m. EDT                                    |
| <b>Track:</b>                        | Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn                       |
| <b>Configuration:</b>                | 2-mile D-shaped oval (200 laps = 400 miles)                       |
| <b>Banking in Turns:</b>             | 18 degrees  |
| <b>Banking on Frontstretch:</b>      | 12 degrees  |
| <b>Banking on Backstretch:</b>       | 5 degrees   |
| <b>Frontstretch:</b>                 | 3,600 feet  |
| <b>Backstretch:</b>                  | 2,242 feet  |
| <b>First Sprint Cup Series Race:</b> | June 15, 1969 – Motor State 500 (Winner – Cale Yarborough)        |
| <b>Grandstand Seating Capacity:</b>  | 85,000  |

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 Quicken Loans 400 at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn is as follows:

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

***Tony Stewart and the No. 14 Office Depot/Mobil 1 Chevrolet team of Stewart-Haas Racing***

Tony Stewart will make his 479<sup>th</sup> career NASCAR Sprint Cup Series start and his 27<sup>th</sup> at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn ... Has one win (June 2000) and 18 top-10 finishes in 26 starts at Michigan ... The 41-year-old Columbus, Ind., native has won 46 races and has 272 top-10 finishes in 478 Sprint Cup starts ... 2012 marks Stewart's 14<sup>th</sup> full year in Sprint Cup and he won the points championship in 2002, 2005 and 2011 ... Started 22<sup>nd</sup> and finished third last week at Pocono (Pa.) Raceway ... Ranks eighth in Sprint Cup Series points with two wins and six top-10 finishes.

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

***Greg Biffle and the No. 16 3M - Salute Ford team of Roush Fenway Racing***

Greg Biffle will make his 345<sup>th</sup> career NASCAR Sprint Cup Series start and his 19<sup>th</sup> at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn ... Has two wins (August 2004 and June 2005), one pole (August 2011) and 10 top-10 finishes in 18 starts at Michigan ... The 42-year-old Vancouver, Wash., native has 17 wins and 131 top-10 finishes in 344 Sprint Cup starts ... 2012 marks Biffle's 10<sup>th</sup> full year in Sprint Cup with a career-best points finish of second in 2005 ... Won 2000 NASCAR Camping World Truck Series title and 2002 NASCAR Nationwide Series championship ... Started 13<sup>th</sup> and finished 24<sup>th</sup> last week at Pocono (Pa.) Raceway ... Ranks third in Sprint Cup Series points with one win and eight top-10 finishes.

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

***Paul Menard and the No. 27 Menards/Duracell Chevrolet team of Richard Childress Racing***

Paul Menard will make his 198<sup>th</sup> career NASCAR Sprint Cup Series start and his 12<sup>th</sup> at the Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn ... Has one top-10 finish in 11 starts at Michigan ... The 31-year-old Eau Claire, Wis., native has one win and 20 top-10 finishes in 197 Sprint Cup starts ... 2011 marks Menard's ninth season with at least one Sprint Cup Series start and he finished a career-best 17<sup>th</sup> in points in 2011 ... Started third and finished ninth last week at Pocono (Pa.) Raceway ... Ranks 13<sup>th</sup> in Sprint Cup Series points with four top-10 finishes.

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

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

Dale Earnhardt Jr., will make his 450<sup>th</sup> career NASCAR Sprint Cup Series start and his 26<sup>th</sup> at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn ... Has one win (June 2008), two poles (August 2000 and August 2002) and eight top-10 finishes in 25 career Sprint Cup starts at Michigan ... The 37-year-old Kannapolis, N.C., native has won 18 races and has 173 top-10 finishes in 449 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 eighth and finished eighth last week at Pocono (Pa.) Raceway ... Ranks second in Sprint Cup Series points with 11 top-10 finishes.

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