



# GEICO 400 NASCAR HOTPASS LINEUP

*Ride Along with Patrick, Hamlin, Stewart, and Earnhardt at Chicagoland on DIRECTV*

<b>Event:</b>	Geico 400
<b>Previous Winner:</b>	Tony Stewart (beat Kevin Harvick by .941 of a second on Sept. 19, 2011)
<b>Date / Time:</b>	Sunday, Sept. 16, at 2 p.m. EDT
<b>Track:</b>	Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet, Ill.
<b>Configuration:</b>	1.5-mile oval (267 laps = 400.5 miles)
<b>Banking in Corners:</b>	18 degrees
<b>Banking on Backstretch:</b>	5 degrees
<b>Banking on Tri-Oval:</b>	11 degrees
<b>Frontstretch:</b>	2,400 feet
<b>Backstretch:</b>	1,700 feet
<b>First NASCAR Race:</b>	July 15, 2001 – Tropicana 400 (Winner – Kevin Harvick)
<b>Grandstand Seating Capacity:</b>	75,000

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The NASCAR HOTPASS lineup for the Geico 400 at Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet, Ill., is as follows:

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

##### ***Danica Patrick and the No. 10 GoDaddy.com Chevrolet team of Tommy Baldwin Racing***

Danica Patrick will make her fifth career NASCAR Sprint Cup Series start and her first at Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet, Ill. ... The 30-year-old Roscoe, Ill., native is running a 10-race Sprint Cup Series schedule in 2012 in preparation for a full-time campaign in 2013 ... Finished fourth in a NASCAR Nationwide Series race in March 2011 at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, the best-ever finish by a woman in a NASCAR national stock-car series, topping a fifth-place run by Sarah Christian in a Sprint Cup race in 1949 at Heidelberg (Pa.) Raceway ... Became the first woman to win a major-league open-wheel race in a North American series in April 2008 by winning the IZOD IndyCar Series Indy Japan 300 at the Twin Ring Motegi oval in Japan ... Started 23<sup>rd</sup> and finished 29<sup>th</sup> in her last Sprint Cup Series event two weeks ago at Atlanta Motor Speedway.

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

##### ***Denny Hamlin and the No. 11 FedEx Ground Toyota team of Joe Gibbs Racing***

Denny Hamlin will make his 250<sup>th</sup> career NASCAR Sprint Cup Series start and his seventh at Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet, Ill. ... Has two top-10 finishes in six starts at Chicagoland ... The 31-year-old Chesterfield, Va., native has 21 wins and 124 top-10 finishes in 249 Sprint Cup starts ... 2012 marks Hamlin's seventh full year in Sprint Cup with a career-best points finish of second in 2010 ... Started seventh and finished 18<sup>th</sup> last week at Richmond (Va.) International Raceway ... Ranks first in Sprint Cup Series points with four wins and 13 top-10 finishes.

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

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

Tony Stewart will make his 491<sup>st</sup> career NASCAR Sprint Cup Series start and his 12<sup>th</sup> at Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet, Ill. ... Has three wins (2004, 2007 and 2011), one pole (2003) and nine top-10 finishes in 11 starts at Chicagoland ... The 41-year-old Columbus, Ind., native has won 47 races and has 278 top-10 finishes in 490 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 28<sup>th</sup> and finished fourth last week at Richmond (Va.) International Raceway ... Ranks third in Sprint Cup Series points with three wins and 12 top-10 finishes.

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

##### ***Dale Earnhardt Jr., and the No. 88 AMP Energy/7-Eleven/National Guard Chevrolet team of Hendrick Motorsports***

Dale Earnhardt Jr., will make his 462<sup>nd</sup> career NASCAR Sprint Cup Series start and his 12<sup>th</sup> at Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet, Ill. ... Has one win (2005) and four top-10 finishes in 11 starts at Chicagoland ... The 37-year-old Kannapolis, N.C., native has won 19 races and has 179 top-10 finishes in 461 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 on the pole and finished 14<sup>th</sup> last week at Richmond (Va.) International Raceway ... Ranks seventh in Sprint Cup Series points with one win and 17 top-10 finishes.

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