



AARON'S 499 NASCAR HOTPASS LINEUP

Ride Along with Johnson, Truex, Earnhardt and Edwards at Talladega on DIRECTV

Event:	Aaron's 499
Previous Winner:	Jimmie Johnson (beat Clint Bowyer by .002 of a second on April 17, 2011)
Date / Time:	Sunday, May 6, at 1 p.m. EDT
Track:	Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway
Configuration:	2.66-mile oval (188 laps = 500 miles)
Banking in Turns:	33 degrees
Banking on Frontstretch:	16.5 degrees
Banking on Backstretch:	2 degrees
Frontstretch:	4,300 feet
Backstretch:	4,000 feet
First Sprint Cup Series Race:	September 14, 1969 – Talladega 500 (Winner – Richard Brickhouse)
Grandstand Seating Capacity:	143,231

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The NASCAR HOTPASS lineup for the Aaron's 499 at Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway is as follows:

DIRECTV Channel 795:

Jimmie Johnson and the No. 48 Lowe's Chevrolet team of Hendrick Motorsports

Jimmie Johnson will make his 373rd career NASCAR Sprint Cup Series start and his 21st at Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway ... Has two wins (May 2006 and April 2011), two poles (April and October 2002) and nine top-10 finishes in 20 starts at Talladega ... The 36-year-old El Cajon, Calif., native has 55 wins and 231 top-10 finishes in 372 Sprint Cup starts ... 2012 marks Johnson's 11th full year in Sprint Cup and he has five championships (2006-2010) ... Started 27th and finished sixth last week at Richmond (Va.) International Raceway ... Ranks sixth in Sprint Cup Series points with seven top-10 finishes.

DIRECTV Channel 796:

Martin Truex Jr., and the No. 56 NAPA Auto Parts Toyota team of Michael Waltrip Racing

Martin Truex Jr., will make his 235th career NASCAR Sprint Cup Series start and his 15th at Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway ... Has four top-10 finishes in 14 career Sprint Cup starts at Talladega ... The 31-year-old Mayetta, N.J., native has one win and 62 top-10 finishes in 234 Sprint Cup starts ... 2012 marks Truex's seventh full year in Sprint Cup with a career-best points finish of 11th in 2007 ... Won 2004 and 2005 NASCAR Nationwide Series championships ... Started eighth and finished 25th last week at Richmond (Va.) International Raceway ... Ranks fifth in Sprint Cup Series points with six top-10 finishes.

DIRECTV Channel 797:

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

Dale Earnhardt Jr., will make his 445th career NASCAR Sprint Cup Series start and his 25th at Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway ... Has five wins (October 2001, April and October 2002, April 2003 and October 2004) and 12 top-10 finishes in 24 starts at Talladega ... The 37-year-old Kannapolis, N.C., native has won 18 races and has 169 top-10 finishes in 444 Sprint Cup starts ... Won 1998 and 1999 NASCAR Nationwide Series championships ... 2012 marks Earnhardt's 13th full year in Sprint Cup with a career-best points finish of third in 2003... Started 10th and finished second last week at Richmond (Va.) International Raceway ... Ranks second in Sprint Cup Series points with seven top-10 finishes.

DIRECTV Channel 798:

Carl Edwards and the No. 99 Fastenal Ford team of Roush Fenway Racing

Carl Edwards will make his 275th career NASCAR Sprint Cup Series start and his 16th at Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway ... Has four top-10 finishes in 15 Sprint Cup starts at Talladega ... The 32-year-old Columbia, Mo., native has won 19 races and has 150 top-10 finishes in 274 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 second and finished 10th last week at Richmond (Va.) International Raceway ... Ranks ninth in Sprint Cup Series points with six top-10 finishes.

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