



## NEWS RELEASE

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### CGRFS Phoenix International Raceway Advance Notes

**Race:** Subway Fresh Fit 500 on Saturday, April 12 (NSCS)  
Bashas' Supermarkets 200 on Saturday, April 11 (NNS)  
**Track:** Phoenix International Raceway (1-mile)  
**Location:** Avondale, Ariz.

#### CGRFS Media Contacts at Phoenix:

##### NASCAR Sprint Cup Series (NSCS)

Kelby Krauss, No. 40 Wrigley's™ Juicy Fruit® Dodge  
Angie Copen, No. 41 Target Dodge  
Heather Kincel, No. 42 Wrigley's™ Big Red® Dodge

##### NASCAR Nationwide Series (NNS)

Kelby Krauss, No. 40 Fastenal Dodge  
Angie Copen, No. 41 Polaroid Dodge

### NOTES

#### Dario Franchitti and the No. 40 Juicy Fruit Dodge Team (NSCS) and No. 40 Fastenal Dodge Team (NNS)

**Sweet Ride, Franchitti:** This weekend the bright and fun yellow color of Wrigley's™ Juicy Fruit® will adorn the No. 40 CGRFS Dodge. Wm. Wrigley Jr. Company became a CGRFS partner in 2007, serving as a primary sponsor in the NNS and NSCS. This year Wrigley has been serving as a primary partner sponsoring Juan Pablo Montoya and the No. 42 CGRFS NSCS team. This will be Franchitti's first time representing the Wm. Wrigley Jr. Company which is the world's largest manufacturer and marketer of chewing gum.

**Rookie Update:** Franchitti is now third in the NSCS Raybestos Rookie of the Year race, just seven points (61) behind rookie class leader Regan Smith (68). Franchitti still leads the NNS Raybestos Rookie off the Year standings. With a total of 69 points, he leads fellow CGRFS teammate Bryan Clauson (whose current tally is 52) by 17 points.

**Not His First Rodeo at PIR:** When Franchitti gets on track Thursday for NSCS first practice it won't be his first time driving a stock car on the 1-mile oval. Franchitti made his third-career NNS start at Phoenix last November, driving the No. 42 CGRFS NNS Dodge to a 29<sup>th</sup>-place finish (started eighth).

**Check out the Parrott Perspective:** Franchitti's NNS crew chief Brad Parrott is keeping fans up to date on what is going on in the world of the Fastenal Racing Team through an on-line log he is keeping throughout the 2008 NNS season. Check out the Parrott Perspective at [www.fastenalracing.com](http://www.fastenalracing.com).

**Standings Update:** In the NNS owner standings, Franchitti's No. 40 Fastenal Team advanced three positions—into 18<sup>th</sup> place—after finishing 11<sup>th</sup> in the O'Reilly 300 last weekend at Texas Motor Speedway. The team is now listed 18th overall, just 93 points outside the top 10 and 280 out of first.

#### Reed Sorenson and the No. 41 Target Dodge Team (NSCS)

**Sorenson at PIR:** Sorenson has recorded four NSCS starts at PIR, averaging a 29<sup>th</sup>-place starting position and a 26th-place finish. His best finish was earned during this same race last April when he crossed the finish line in 15<sup>th</sup> place (started 27<sup>th</sup>).

**Hometown Boy:** Target team transport driver Brian Darr is a native of Arizona, hailing from Tempe. Darr joined CGRFS last season and previously worked with Andretti-Green Racing. He's been involved in motorsports for 11 years. Darr also helps with pit support and is the gas runner on race day.

**Rankings Report:** Sorenson and the Target team currently sit 27th in the overall NSCS driver point standings. He is 267 points out of 12th place – the final cut-off position for the Chase.

#### Juan Pablo Montoya and the No. 42 Big Red Dodge Team (NSCS)

**On the hood:** The Wrigley's Big Red brand will adorn the hood of the No. 42 Dodge this weekend at Phoenix International Raceway for the eighth race of the 2008 season. This will be the third time this season the driver and team will wear the signature bold colors of Big Red.

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**Phoenix Test:** Montoya and the No. 42 team participated in the two-day NASCAR sanctioned test at PIR on Monday, March 3 and Tuesday, March 4 in preparation for this weekend's Subway Fresh Fit 500. Montoya's 27.385 second lap on day two was the quickest lap posted during the two-day open testing session. He also ran the third quickest time of the entire testing session on Monday morning when he drove around the 1-mile track in 27.454 seconds.

**PIR in '07:** Montoya raced at PIR twice last season in his rookie year. Montoya and the team struggled in the April event in 2007 finishing 33rd after qualifying 36th, but improved for the fall event where Montoya qualified 14th and finished the race in 17th.

**About last week:** Montoya drove his Dodge Charger to a 19th-place finish at Texas Motor Speedway on Sunday, earning the No. 42 team its sixth top-20 finish in seven races this season. Montoya's car was inconsistent throughout the 339-lap race and with just six caution flags and several green-flag stops; finished the event two laps down in 19th.

**2008 Standings:** Montoya and team slipped two spots in the standings to 19th following the Samsung 500 at Texas Motor Speedway. The team is still in the hunt for the "Chase to the Sprint Cup", as it sits just 135 points out of 12th heading into this weekend's race.

**He's "SIRIUS" Again:** For the second year in a row, listen to SIRIUS Satellite Radio every Monday on channel 128 for the "Juan Pablo Montoya Report." Montoya will provide exclusive updates on the No. 42 Team; give post-race downloads and share his thoughts on the events of the season. He will also chat with hosts David Poole and Mike Bagley on "The Morning Drive" every Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. ET.

### **Kyle Krisiloff and the No. 41 Polaroid Team (NNS)**

**Krisiloff at PIR:** Krisiloff has competed at PIR two times in his young NNS career. Both runs took place last season in the No. 14 car for Greg Pollex. Krisiloff earned two top-25s both times, finishing 23<sup>rd</sup> in April 2007 (started 38<sup>th</sup>) and 25<sup>th</sup> in November (started 34<sup>th</sup>). This weekend will mark his fourth NNS start of the 2008 season.

**Owner Standings Update:** Krisiloff and the No. 41 Polaroid team had a challenging day at Texas Motor Speedway last Saturday, starting 28th and finishing 33<sup>rd</sup>. The No. 41 CGRFS NNS team is now 29th in the overall NNS owner standings. With a current tally of 531 points, the team is 285 outside the top 15 and 329 outside the top 10.

## **CHASSIS INFO**

**No. 40 Juicy Fruit Dodge (NSCS):** Chassis #804. This car most recently carried Franchitti and team to a 22nd-place finish at Martinsville Speedway (started 43rd). It is also the same car the team tested at PIR last month.

**No. 41 Target Dodge (NSCS):** Chassis #811. Sorenson and the No. 41 Target crew tested chassis #811 at PIR in March during the open two-day NASCAR test on Monday, March 3 and Tuesday, March 4. Sorenson posted the fifth quickest time of the test at a speed of 130.976 mph and lapped the 1-mile track in 27.486 seconds during Monday's morning session.

**No. 42 Big Red Dodge (NSCS):** Chassis #814. Montoya and the team have not raced this chassis yet this season; however they tested chassis #814 at Phoenix International Raceway at the beginning of March. Montoya posted the fastest lap of the two-day test session with a time of 27.385 seconds.

**No. 40 Fastenal Dodge (NNS):** Chassis #754. This is the same car Franchitti raced at PIR last fall, resulting in an eighth-place start and a 29<sup>th</sup>-place finish.

**No. 41 Polaroid Dodge (NNS):** Chassis #452. This car most recently carried Krisiloff's teammate Dario Franchitti to a third-place start and 32nd-place finish at Memphis Motorsports Park last October.

## **2008 STATS**

### **NASCAR Sprint Cup Series**

	<b>Starts</b>	<b>Wins</b>	<b>Poles</b>	<b>Top 5s</b>	<b>Top 10s</b>	<b>Ave Start</b>	<b>Ave Finish</b>	<b>Pts. Pos./(Prev)</b>
<b>Dario Franchitti</b>	6	0	0	0	0	33.3	31.5	39/(38)
<b>Reed Sorenson</b>	7	0	0	1	1	27.3	26.30	29/(28)
<b>Juan Pablo Montoya</b>	7	0	0	0	0	21.0	19.0	20/(17)

## NASCAR Nationwide Series

	Starts	Wins	Poles	Top 5s	Top 10s	Ave Start	Ave Finish	Pts. Pos./ (Prev)
Dario Franchitti	6	0	0	0	1	16.5	18.5	18/(21)
Kyle Krisloff	3	0	0	0	1	28.0	33.7	29/(29)

## CAREER STATS

### NASCAR Sprint Cup Series

	Starts	Wins	Poles	Top 5s	Top 10s	Ave Start	Ave Finish
Dario Franchitti	6	0	0	0	0	33.3	31.5
Reed Sorenson	81	0	1	5	12	25.0	24.2
Juan Pablo Montoya	44	1	0	3	6	21.6	22.4

### NASCAR Nationwide Series

	Starts	Wins	Poles	Top 5s	Top 10s	Ave Start	Ave Finish
Dario Franchitti	10	0	0	0	1	14.8	23.6
Kyle Krisloff	41	0	0	1	2	32.0	28.7

## TEAM ROSTERS

John Fernandez – Managing Director

Tony Glover – Team Manager

Steve Hmiel – Director of Competition

No. 40 (NSCS)	Hometown		Hometown
Crew Chief: Steve Lane	Winston Salem, NC	Rear Tire Changer: Chuck Efaw	Big Prairie, OH
Chief Mechanic: Jim Pohlman	Oak Lawn, IL	Rear Tire Carrier: Doug Riepe	Danbury, Conn.
Front Tire Changer: Evan Clark	Carmel, NY	Gas Man: Benjy Grubbs	Richmond, VA
Front Tire Carrier: Andy Silver	Weaverville, NC	Catch Can: Jim Pohlman	Oak Lawn, IL
Jack Man: Tony Cardamone	Charleston, WV	Spotter: Mike Calinoff	Hauppauge, NY

No. 41 (NSCS)	Hometown		Hometown
Crew Chief: Jimmy Elledge	Redding, CA	Rear Tire Changer: Jason Sheets	Indianapolis, IN
Chief Mechanic: Jeff Vandermoss	Green Bay, WI	Rear Tire Carrier: Adam Mosher	Fort Mill, SC
Front Tire Changer: Mike Trower	New Hampton, Iowa	Gas Man: Randy Hildreth	Charlotte, NC
Front Tire Carrier: Adam Cooke	Zephyrhills, FL	Catch Can: Eric "Pee Wee" Hoyle	Asheville, NC
Jack Man: David Cox	Statesville, NC	Spotter: Lorin Ranier	Prestonsburg, KY

No. 42 (NSCS)	Hometown		Hometown
Crew Chief: Donnie Wingo	Spartanburg, SC	Rear Tire Changer: Rich Macco	North Syracuse, NY
Chief Mechanic: Mike Brill	Woodsville, NH	Rear Tire Carrier: Chip Goode	Statesville, NC
Front Tire Changer: Trevor Lysne	Fergus Falls, MN	Gas Man: Mike Bodick	Norwalk, CT
Front Tire Carrier: Eric Bilyeu	Waterford, MI	Catch Can: Heath Silver	Asheville, NC
Jack Man: Mark Jacobs	Fort Walton Bch, FL	Spotter: Tab Boyd	Pensacola, FL

No. 40 (NNS)	Hometown		Hometown
Crew Chief: Brad Parrott	Charlotte, NC	Rear Tire Changer: Chuck Efaw	Big Prairie, OH
Chief Mechanic: Mark Rette	Freehold, NJ	Rear Tire Carrier: Todd Drakulich	Tucson, AZ
Front Tire Changer: Evan Clark	Carmel, NY	Gas Man: Marcus Bonicelli	Colorado Springs, CO
Front Tire Carrier: Marty Forcier	Superior, WI	Catch Can: Scott Vogel song	Camp Hill, PA
Jack Man: Will Sturgill	Lexington, KY	Spotter: Mike Calinoff	Hauppauge, NY

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<b>No. 41 (NNS)</b>	<b>Hometown</b>		<b>Hometown</b>
Crew Chief: Brian Pattie	Zephyrhills, FL	Rear Tire Changer: Daryl Lockyer	Los Angeles, CA
Chief Mechanic: Dan Chivari	Erie, PA	Rear Tire Carrier: Adam Mills	High Point, NC
Front Tire Changer: Trevor Lysne	Fergus Falls, NY	Gas Man: Shane Bourgeois	Peachtree City, GA
Front Tire Carrier: Adam Cooke	Zephyrhills, FL	Catch Can: Ryan Quann	Richmond, VA
Jack Man: Mark Jacobs	Fort Walton Bch, FL	Spotter: Lorin Ranier	Prestonsburg, KY

### **Sponsor websites**

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[www.fastenalracing.com](http://www.fastenalracing.com)

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### **About Chip Ganassi Racing Teams, Inc.**

With 3 wins already in 2008, the team continues to add to its tally of 92 trips to victory lane. Chip Ganassi created his own one-car IndyCar team in 1990 and established a partnership with a new sponsor, Target. Today, his teams include two IRL IndyCars, and along with Felix Sabates he has three cars in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series, two entries in the NASCAR Nationwide Series and a Daytona Prototype in the world of Grand-Am Rolex Sports Car Series racing. Ganassi's IndyCar teams have amassed five Championships and 57 wins since 1994; his NASCAR teams have 12 wins and two Rookie-of-the-Year titles; and the Grand American team has won two Rolex Series Daytona Prototype Championships and are the three-time defending Champions of the Rolex 24 At Daytona. Chip Ganassi Racing operates out of state-of-the-art race shop facilities in Indianapolis, Ind., and Concord, N.C., with a corporate office in Pittsburgh, Pa.

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