

## Big Gains For Big Guns

One race does not a season make.

A few perennial threats in the Chase for the NASCAR Sprint Cup proved the above statement, following up subpar Daytona 500 finishes with solid Phoenix runs. Some of the notables:

**Jimmie Johnson:** This was predictable. Johnson often struggles at Daytona to open the season. Just as often, he comes back big. The proof is in the numbers. Johnson's last five Daytona 500 finishes: 39th (2007); 27th (2008), 31st (2009), 35th (2010), 27th (2011). Johnson's last five finishes in the season's second race: 3rd (2007), 2nd (2008), 9th (2009), 1st (2010), 3rd (2011). He jumped from 25th in standings after Daytona to 13th. The surge should continue – Johnson has four wins at Las Vegas, more than any other driver.

**Jeff Gordon:** Obviously he would vault up the standings; he won after all. Gordon went from 26th after Daytona to his current spot of fifth.

**Ryan Newman:** Newman had a strong Daytona leading the most laps (37) – only to finish 22nd. A fifth-place finish at Phoenix launched Newman into the top 10 in points – he's now eighth. At Las Vegas, he has four top 10s in five races.

## NASCAR Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony Moves To January Starting in 2012

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (March 2, 2011) — The National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR) announced today that the annual Induction Ceremony for the NASCAR Hall of Fame will move to January. The prestigious annual ceremony, which features presentations about each inductee from prominent members of the NASCAR community, will move from May to January starting in 2012.

The exact Induction Ceremony date will be announced at a later time. "After holding the inaugural Induction Ceremony in May of 2010, we quickly decided a move to January would give this event a life of its own and would ensure the inductees garner the appropriate amount of attention from the fans, the media and the local community," said NASCAR Chairman and CEO Brian France. "In addition to this being the right move for the inductees, we also feel like making this a standalone event will greatly benefit NASCAR fans across the country that are itching for news in the early parts of the year."

The 2011 NASCAR Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony remains unchanged and will take place on Monday, May 23 at 7 p.m. ET in the Charlotte Convention Center's Crown Ballroom at the NASCAR Hall of Fame in uptown Charlotte, N.C. The highlight of this year's event is the official induction of the 2011 Class of Inductees: Bobby Allison, Ned Jarrett, Bud Moore, David Pearson and Lee Petty.



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