

2022 NASCAR NATIONAL SERIES SCHEDULES



* **TEXAS** SUN | SEPT 25
 * **TALLADEGA** SUN | OCT 2
 * **CHARLOTTE ROVAL** SUN | OCT 9
 * **LAS VEGAS** SUN | OCT 16
 * **MIAMI** SUN | OCT 23
 * **MARTINSVILLE** SUN | OCT 30
 * **PHOENIX** SUN | NOV 6



* **TEXAS** SAT | SEPT 24
 * **TALLADEGA** SAT | OCT 1
 * **CHARLOTTE ROVAL** SAT | OCT 8
 * **LAS VEGAS** SAT | OCT 15
 * **MIAMI** SAT | OCT 22
 * **MARTINSVILLE** SAT | OCT 29
 * **PHOENIX** SAT | NOV 5



* **TALLADEGA** SAT | OCT 1
 * **MIAMI** SAT | OCT 22
 * **PHOENIX** FRI | NOV 4

*PLAYOFF RACES

ERIK JONES TAKES FIRST WIN OF 2022 AT DARLINGTON

Camaro ZL1's 16th NCS Win of 2022

Erik Jones drove his No. 43 FOCUSfactor to victory lane in the Cook Out Southern 500 at Darlington Raceway, marking his third career win in NASCAR's premier series.

The win marks the first for Chevrolet team, Petty GMS, since entering the NASCAR Cup Series.

Jones is the ninth different Chevrolet driver to score a NASCAR Cup Series victory in 2022.

In 27 NASCAR Cup Series races this season, Chevrolet has recorded a manufacturer-leading 16 wins, with Petty GMS becoming the fourth different Chevrolet team to score a victory.

The winningest brand in NASCAR Cup Series history; Chevrolet now has 830 all-time NASCAR Cup Series victories.

NASCAR CUP SERIES | DARLINGTON RACEWAY COOK OUT SOUTHERN 500 WINNER QUOTE & NOTES SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

Erik Jones does it a second time and puts Petty GMS and the 43 in Victory Lane. How about that? Of all places to do it, Erik, you put the 43 in Victory Lane at Darlington. What

does that mean to you to put Richard Petty in Victory Lane tonight?

"I get a hat. He told me I get a hat if I win.

But Richard hasn't been to Victory Lane at Darlington probably since he last won here. It's just awesome. Just so proud of these guys, Petty GMS and FOCUSfactor Crew. We've been so close all year, and I didn't think today was going to be the day. It was going to be a tough one to win, but no better fitting place. I love this track; I love this race. On that trophy twice, man. I was pumped to be on it once, but to have it on there âtwice, pretty cool."

I've got to ask you about the final few laps. How in the world did you hold off Denny Hamlin and how much were you driving out of the rear view mirror or the windshield?

"Man, I was focused forward. Honestly that's the calmest I've been in the race car going for a win ever, really. I think back to the last time winning here and I was driving my guts out; my nerves were pounding, my stomach was hurting, and today it was just business as usual.

Just feel good about this track and knew Denny (Hamlin) would run me clean. I knew it was going to be tough for him to pass. It was tough to pass all day, and we got a good restart there.

But man, so proud of everybody. Just what a dream come true.

That's all you can say."

What sort of redemption is this for you; let go by Joe Gibbs Racing, these guys took a chance on you and they put you in the 43. Now you've put them in Victory Lane.

"Well, I never lost any belief in myself through any of it. I knew I could still do it. I just knew we needed to grow the program to do it and we have. We've brought on a lot of great people in the last year. Dave Elenz (crew chief) called a great race today. His Cup win; that's pretty cool for him.

I'm excited, man. We've been talking about this day a long time, and it is redemption in a lot of ways. Very fitting that it's here at this race again. I felt like this was the race that saved my job the first time around; and coming back here with this win, I guess it puts you back on the map."

You seem almost like you're in disbelief yourself.

"Well, we had a lot of good stuff go our way. We got the lead there with the 18 (Kyle Busch) losing a motor. And man, we've got a good shot if we can just get clear. We had a good car, we just weren't quite with the pace of some of those guys up front. And I knew -- we took the lead, I'm like 20 laps, I can just run hard, and those last two I was losing the balance a lot. I had been running really hard, but it was just enough. So just really proud."



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