



News & Notes



The Race ... The Heluva Good! 125 is the 11th of 13 races on the 2008 NASCAR Camping World Series East schedule. It is the second appearance of the series at the track this year. Eddie MacDonald won the June 27 event.

The Procedure ... The starting field is a maximum of 40 cars including provisionals. Starting positions 1-36 will be determined by time trials. The remaining four spots will be determined through the provisional process. The race's scheduled distance is 125 laps (132.25 miles).

The Track ... At 1.530 miles in length, NHMS is the largest oval track on which the series competes. It has hosted 48 previous NASCAR Camping World Series events since 1990.

The Records ... Qualifying: Brian Hoar, July 18, 2002, 127.141 mph, 29.892 seconds. 125-lap race: Ted Christopher, May 12, 2001, 108.476 mph, 1 hour, 13 minutes, 9 seconds.

The Milestones ... **Mike McLaughlin** won the first NASCAR Camping World Series East event run at NHMS on Sept. 2, 1990. It was the first of four career wins in the series at the track. That same day, McLaughlin also won the first NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour race at the track. **Steve Park** and **Mike Stefanik** have also won in both divisions at the track. McLaughlin will be honored Saturday prior to the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour event as part of NASCAR's celebration of 60 Years of Modified Champions. ... Three-time NASCAR Camping World Series East champion **Jamie Aube** finished second to McLaughlin in the first East Series event back in 1990. Aube has served as 2008 East Series crew chief for rookie **Dustin Delaney (No. 39 Delaney Motorsports Chevrolets)**. Delaney enters this week's NHMS event 16th in series points.

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The Wisconsin-based **Paul Davis Restoration/Racin' For A Cure Ford**, driven by **Derek Thorn**, was instantly competitive in joining the NASCAR Camping World Series East in 2008. (Photo courtesy www.pdrestoration.com)

Paul Davis Restoration Team Competitive From Start

Wisconsin has long been known for producing great stock-car racing talent for generations. From Dick Trickle to Alan Kulwicki to Steve Carlson to Matt Kenseth and Travis Kvapil, The Badger State has turned out champions.

So when the new team of driver **Derek Thorn** showed up at the 2008 NASCAR Camping World Series East season-opening event in Greenville, S.C., in April, they quickly asserted their Wisconsin-bred competitiveness.

Thorn posted the sixth-fastest qualifying time in a field of 39 and drove the **No. 80 Racin' For A Cure Ford** to contention for the lead late in the event. After being snared in late-race fireworks, the 24th-place finish wasn't pleasing. But their ability to compete in NASCAR boosted their confidence.

Thorn and the **Shawn Keep**-owned team matched their best qualifying effort of sixth at Mans-

field, Ohio, in August and finished seventh. Their best finish to date was fifth at Music City Motorplex in Nashville in July.

Their next start will be at New Hampshire Motor Speedway for the Heluva Good! 125 Sept. 12. They will attempt to improve on their 24th-place finish at NHMS in June.

The team attracted the primary sponsor, Paul Davis Restoration and Remodeling of Southwest Wisconsin in an unusual way. It walked in team manager **Scott Pfeiffer's** front door.

PDI southwest Wisconsin franchisee Dan Drum did some remodeling in Pfeiffer's home as part of PDI's "Restoring America" initiative. Pfeiffer developed Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease in 2007 and requires the use of a wheelchair.

Pfeiffer has established Racin' For A Cure, which is aligned with the ALS Association/Wisconsin Chapter. Racin' For A Cure raises awareness and research funds for the ALSA.

The Jacksonville, Fla.-based Paul Davis Restoration, Inc. is a leader in residential and commercial loss mitigation, reconstruction and restoration services with 230 locations nationwide.



Derek Thorn

2008 SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE YEAR STANDINGS



Driver	Points
1. Austin Dillon	86
2. Ricky Carmichael	78
3. Trevor Bayne	77
4. Craig Goess	58
5. Dustin Delaney	55

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