

Special Guests

Dale Earnhardt, Jr., a member of the National Guard NASCAR racing team, is a third-generation driver in a family forever connected to the sport of stock-car racing. While his innate ability behind the wheel comes from Earnhardt DNA, his competitive driving style is all his own, propelling him to become one of the most popular figures in sports today. Race fans have selected him six consecutive times as the winner of NASCAR's Most Popular Driver Award. The 2009 season marks Dale Jr.'s tenth in NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Competition, amassing 18 victories. He is the son of racing great and fan favorite, Dale Earnhardt, who won seven Winston Cup Championships and tied for most all-time championships with Richard Petty. His grandfather Ralph Earnhardt was the 1958 NASCAR Sportsman Champion and Dale Jr.'s father and grandfather were selected among NASCAR's 50 greatest drivers of all time. All together, the three Earnhardts account for 10 NASCAR Championships.



Dale Earnhardt, Jr.



Dan Wheldon

Dan Wheldon recently joined the Panther Racing open-wheel team as driver of the National Guard IndyCar. After winning 15 races, a league championship and the Indianapolis 500, Wheldon is now proud to represent the men and women who make up the National Guard. At a recent recruiter's conference in Florida during the off-season, he had his first opportunity to meet many members of the Guard. When asked to sign a handful of autographs during the end of the conference, Wheldon grabbed a pen and started signing. Four hours later, he was still there, vowing not to leave until every single service member who wanted an autograph got one, plus a handshake from their newest pilot. After winning the 2008 Corn Indy 250, he donated his winnings to help the victims of the recent tornadoes and flooding in Iowa, joining the efforts of the Iowa National Guard in providing assistance. He is a National Spokesperson for the National Guard Youth Foundation.