



Kevin Harvick
No. 33 Rheem Chevrolet Impala
Team Race Preview

NASCAR Nationwide Series Race 3 of 35 – Las Vegas Motor Speedway

VEGAS GAMBLE: When Harvick takes the green flag on Saturday, he will be making his 10th career Nationwide Series start at the 1.5-mile track of Las Vegas Motor Speedway. With nine previous starts at the track, Harvick has scored one win, five top-five and six top-10 finishes. He also has an average starting position of 7.9 and average finishing position of 8.1. Harvick has led 214 laps and completed 96.4 percent of laps attempted (1752 of 1817 laps).

In addition to the Nationwide Series, Harvick has nine previous starts in the Cup Series compiling two top-five and three top-10 finishes. On the truck side, Harvick has three starts with two top-10 finishes.

REDEMPTION PLEASE: For the 2009 race at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Harvick started the weekend with a strong car from the time the team unloaded. Running in front of the pack and leading 41 laps early in the race, Harvick was caught in a multi-car wreck on lap 115. The team feverishly worked to get Harvick and the No. 33 Rheem Chevy back on track. Successfully making repairs to the car, the team finished the race in the 38th position.

ALL GOOD THINGS MUST COME TO AN END: With an engine failure in last weekend's Nationwide Series race at Auto Club Speedway, Harvick ended his streak of races without a DNF (Did Not Finish) at 109 races. His last Nationwide Series DNF came at Charlotte (N.C.) Motor Speedway in October 2005.

Harvick now heads to Las Vegas Motor Speedway looking for his second Nationwide Series win and to continue his streak of no DNF's at the 1.5-mile track. Currently, Harvick has 21 starts across all three of NASCAR's top divisions without a DNF at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

WEST-COAST PAIRING: 2010 will mark the second full season that Harvick and crew chief Ernie Cope join forces in the Nationwide Series. Both west coast natives, Harvick from Bakersfield, California and Cope from Tacoma, Washington, enter the season looking to continue to bring their west coast swing to NASCAR's top ranks. During the 2009 season, the pair earned two wins, including Harvick's first win in a KHI-owned car, two poles, 14 top-five and 16 top-10 finishes in 22 starts for Harvick.

BEFORE THE RACE: QUOTES WITH DRIVER KEVIN HARVICK:
What is your favorite Las Vegas memory? "I would have to say getting my first top-10 Cup finish there in 2001. It had been a tough two weeks leading up to that race with everything that had happened. Being able to finish in the top 10 meant a lot to me and the team. The only bright spot leading into the race was getting married to DeLana and being able to share that moment with our family and friends."

QUICK NOTES

February 27, 2010
Las Vegas Motor Speedway
Sam's Town 300

Race length: 200 laps/300 miles
Banking: 20-degrees in the turns
 9-degrees on the frontstretch
 9-degrees on the backstretch
Track layout: 1.5 miles
Shape: D-shaped Oval

Pre-Race Schedule:

Friday:
 First Practice: 2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m., ET
 Final Practice: 4:40 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., ET

Saturday:
 Qualifying: 12:00 p.m., ET

TV: The Sam's Town 300 can be seen live on ESPN2 at 4:00 p.m., ET.

Radio: The Performance Racing Network (PRN) will broadcast the race live at 4:00 p.m., ET.

No. 33 Rheem Chevrolet Specs:

Chassis: 053
Engine: ECR

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Nationwide Stats at Las Vegas

<u>Year</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Finish</u>
2009	33	KHI	2	29
2008	33	KHI	10	4
2007	21	RCR	1	7
2006	21	RCR	4	3
2005	21	RCR	12	2
2004	21	RCR	11	1
2003	21	RCR	3	2
2001	2	RCR	16	12
2000	2	RCR	12	13

*KHI: Kevin Harvick Inc.

*RCR: Richard Childress Racing

Six of your nine Nationwide Series starts at Las Vegas have resulted in top-10 finishes and one victory. Describe your perfect lap around Las Vegas Motor Speedway. What is the key to success at this 1.5-mile track? “Vegas is a lot different than it used to be. It has a lot of banking now and the corner speed is really high in the Nationwide Series car. You’ve got to be able to get in the gas to make good time. I think two keys to success are being able to stay out of trouble and having a good handling car. The cars are very dry there.”

Of the other tracks on the Nationwide Series schedule, which track is most similar to Las Vegas Motor Speedway and why? “I’d have to say Chicago is the most similar track to Vegas, especially when Chicago was newer. It’s so round and has such high corner speed like Vegas. Your driving style is so similar at these two tracks.”

CHASSIS HISTORY: The No. 33 Rheem team will run chassis No. 053 for the second week. This chassis made its race debut at Auto Club Speedway and ran most of the race solidly in the top five before a failed engine ended the teams day on lap 117 of the 150 scheduled lap event. The team finished the race 38th.

PREVIOUS RACE RECAP: Harvick started the Stater Bros. 300 from the eighth position at Auto Club Speedway and quickly moved into the top five. Fighting a loose-handling car, the No. 33 team made quick adjustments on the car under the first caution. Continuing to run in the top five, Harvick ran as high as second before his day ended on lap 117 when the engine expired. The No. 33 Rheem team would be scored with a 38th-place finishing position.

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Kevin Harvick Inc. (KHI), established in 2001 by Kevin and DeLana Harvick, is an 80,000 sq. ft. facility located in Kernersville, N.C. Home of the 2009 NASCAR Camping World Truck Series championship team, KHI enters 2010 in its seventh full year of competition with two full-time Truck Series teams and one full-time Nationwide Series team. Four-time Truck Series champion Ron Hornaday returns to the helm of the No. 33 Truck team looking for his fifth title and third championship for KHI (2009 and 2007), while Sprint Cup series stars Kevin Harvick and Elliott Sadler guide the No. 2 Truck team. Two-time NASCAR Nationwide Series champion Harvick will again shine as the lead driver of the No. 33 Nationwide Series team as he continues to make his mark in motorsports and establish KHI as one of the top teams in NASCAR competition. For more information about KHI and its teams, please visit www.KevinHarvickInc.com.

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