

Colin Braun - NNS ADVANCE

Team: No. 16 Roush Fenway Racing Ford Fusion

Race: Sam's Town 300 at Las Vegas Motor Speedway

Crew Chief: Eddie Pardue

Chassis: RK-372

#### FAST FACTS:

**BRAUN AT LAS VEGAS** - Colin Braun will make his NASCAR Nationwide Series Las Vegas Motor Speedway debut driving the No. 16 Roush Fenway Racing Ford Fusion this weekend in the Sam's Town 300. While this is his first visit to the 1.5-mile track in the Nationwide Series, Braun has made two starts at Las Vegas in the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series with an average start of 3.5, average finish of 14.5 and six laps led.

**ROOKIE COOK OFF** - Braun will join fellow rookie of the year candidates at the ESPN Zone Las Vegas on February 25 to showcase their culinary skills in a pseudo Iron Chef competition. After receiving instruction from the ESPN Zone culinary team, Braun and the other rookies will cook a meal which will be judged by kids from the Boys and Girls Club of Las Vegas. After the competition, the drivers will join the kids in the ESPN Zone's interactive Sports Arena. The event will take place from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

**OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE WITH RFR ROOKIES** - Roush Fenway Racing's history of developing championship drivers is second-to-none. The team has claimed 11 Raybestos Rookie of the Year awards and four of their development drivers have gone on to win championships (Biffle - '00 Truck and '02 Nationwide, Kenseth - '03 Cup, Busch - '04 Cup and Edwards - '07 Nationwide). Braun looks to add to this storied history in 2010. While Con-way Freight is signed on for half of the season, Braun will again pilot a white race car in Las Vegas, as Roush Fenway looks to add new partners to their already strong line-up in 2010.

**STILL SEARCHING FOR 400** - Like his Roush Fenway Racing teammates, Braun is hoping to become the driver who can give Jack Roush his 400th win this weekend at Las Vegas. Roush has amassed 399 victories across his many starts in road racing and NASCAR's top series' and is looking for win number 400 in the NASCAR Nationwide or Sprint Cup Series.

**ROOKIE OF THE YEAR POINT STANDINGS** - After his 18th place finish at California, Braun continues to hold onto the third spot in the Raybestos Rookie of the Year standings behind leader James Buescher and second place Brian Scott.

**CHASSIS SELECTION** - Crew chief Eddie Pardue has selected RK-372 this weekend for the Sam's Town 300 at Las Vegas Motor Speedway. This car was raced at Texas last November by Matt Kenseth where the veteran

started from the pole and finished fourth.

Braun, on heading to Las Vegas:

“I’ve been to Las Vegas a couple of times in the Truck Series and ran pretty well. I’m excited to get back there in a car this time and see what we can do and how I can improve. We didn’t get the finish we were hoping for last weekend at California, but I learned so much at during the race and I want to try and apply that this weekend. We unloaded fast and had good practice sessions, but we just couldn’t seem to hit on the balance during the race. I think we know now that’s something we need to focus on heading to Vegas. All we want to do is keep improving and we definitely have an opportunity for that this weekend.”

Crew chief Eddie Pardue, on running at Las Vegas:

“We unloaded a really fast car at California and really thought we were headed for a better finish until that last restart where things got a little bottled up. But the good thing about a race like that is the fact that we were able to learn so much from it. Having a fast car is great, but we understand now that we need to focus on finding the balance and feel Colin needs for the race. Las Vegas doesn’t have as many lines as California and so achieving that balance is critical. One of the biggest challenges we will face are the bumps in turns one and two, but I think having been there before in the truck series will help Colin with that. I’m just excited to get to the track to use what we learned last week and put together a good, solid finish.”