

Colin Braun - NNS ADVANCE

Team: No. 16 Con-way Freight Ford Fusion

Race: Nashville 300 at Nashville Superspeedway

Crew Chief: Eddie Pardue

Chassis: RK-346

FAST FACTS:

BRAUN AT NASHVILLE - Colin Braun will be making his second NASCAR Nationwide Series start at Nashville this weekend in the No. 16 Con-way Freight Ford Fusion. Braun's first NNS attempt at the 1.33-mile track came back in 2008 where he started ninth and finished 15th, while also driving the No. 16 car.

TRUCK SERIES SUCCESS - Nashville is a track where Braun found success while competing in the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series where in two attempts, the young driver has an average start of 3.0 and average finish of 4.5. His best finish of third came last August in the Toyota Tundra 300.

ALL AT TWITTER - Last week, Braun's twitter account (@colinbraun) crossed the 8,000 follower mark. Braun, who has been using the social media tool since last May, is one of many drivers who personally "tweets" some of his daily activities. Braun's father, Jeff, will normally take over the account during the time Braun is racing, to give followers updates on his progress.

NASHVILLE FAN FEST APPEARANCE - On Thursday, April 1, Braun will participate in the Nashville Fan Festival being held at the Grand Ole Opry location of Camping World. One of 12 NNS and NCWTS drivers, Braun will take part in a question and answer session as well as sign autographs for fans from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The No. 16 Con-way Freight show car will also be on display at the event.

CHASSIS SELECTION - Crew chief Eddie Pardue has selected RK-346 this weekend for the Nashville 300 at Nashville Superspeedway. This is the first action for this car this season, but it was last on track in the 2009 season finale at Homestead with Matt Kenseth behind the wheel. In that race, Kenseth started seventh and finished 10th.

Braun, on getting ready for Nashville:

"I enjoyed the last bit of time off this past week and got to go on a little vacation, but I'm definitely ready to get back to racing and get into a rhythm here over the next few weeks. It has been hard with all these weeks off to establish a routine, but we look to start that off right this weekend. I think I speak for everyone on this Con-way Freight team when I say we want to put Bristol in the rearview and head

to Nashville; a place where I have some experience in the Nationwide Series and have run really well in the truck series. I'm really hoping I can build on those good finishes I had in the trucks and that they will translate over to a good finish for me and this team. As a rookie, the more seat time I can get at any of these tracks the better and I will be leaning on my past experiences at Nashville this weekend."

Crew chief Eddie Pardue, on coming to Nashville and running well: "The entire Con-way Freight race team is excited about Nashville for several reasons. First off, it is a track that allows for great side-by-side racing. With it being our first "stand alone" event of the year we need to take advantage of that and have a strong run and finish. Also, Colin has done well at Nashville in the truck series. Colin raced with us (the No. 16 team) at Nashville in 2008 and did an awesome job qualifying in the top-10 and racing competitively which we want to build on this weekend. Our pit stops continue to improve and that will be one of the keys to success here. It will also be challenging to keep up with how much rubber the track takes and how tight the balance of the car gets. Usually concrete tracks that don't have rubber laid down on them will have a lot of grip early and then continue to get tighter. The truck series will be here this time with us so we expect the track to rubber up a little quicker."