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Driver: Paulie Harraka
Owner: Richie Wauters
Crew Chief: Richie Wauters
Truck: No. 5 Ford F-150
Chassis: 005- Last run - Rockingham Speedway, 2012

NASCAR Camping World Truck Series Race
5 of 22
Charlotte Motor Speedway
NC Education Lottery 200
 (134 LAPS, 201 MILES)
Friday, May 18, 2012 8:00 PM

Track Facts

- 1.5-mile
- **Banking in Corners:** 24 degrees
- **Banking on straightaways:** 5 degrees

Broadcast schedule

- Final practice televised live on SPEED Friday, May 18, at 10:30 am
- Qualifying televised live on SPEED at 4:00 pm
- Race coverage begins at 7:30 pm on SPEED
- Live radio coverage begins at 7:45 pm on MRN & Sirius Satellite Radio

QUICK FACTS

- Second 1.5-mile intermediate track start for Paulie Harraka
- First event after graduation from Duke University
- Paulie will be featured on SPEED Set-up Show 5/18/12 at 7:30 pm
- Wauters Motorsports Chassis 005 is intermediate track truck – run at Rockingham Speedway April 2012
- Richie Wauters has only one finish outside the top-10 (11th- Kyle Busch, 2007) and has led a team to 2 wins, 2 pole-position starts, 2 top-five, 6 top-10 finishes in 7 races at CMS.
- Spencer Wauters will drive Eddie Hoffman's #8 Late Model Sat. 5/19 at Illiana Motor Speedway – Richie Wauters will crew chief the car at the Schererville, IN. track.

Paulie Harraka & Wauters Motorsports Gear Up for Charlotte
'Recent Duke Graduate Embarks on Full Time NASCAR Career'

Paulie Harraka will pilot the No. 5 Wauters Motorsports NASCAR Camping World Truck Series Ford F150 at Charlotte Motor Speedway Friday, May 18, 2012 for the running of the NC Education Lottery 200.

Harraka may have a racing history but the recent Duke University graduate will embark on his first race of his full-time NASCAR racing career. Harraka graduated on May 13th and joins a handful of NASCAR drivers that have college degrees.

Harraka has raced go karts on the interior road course at the Concord, NC track but will be making his first start on the asphalt surface.

"I can't wait to get to Charlotte" Paulie Harraka said. "I grew up racing go karts on the road course in the infield, and won some of my biggest races (including 4-for-4 in 2002) there. Every time we were there, it seemed like there was a Sprint Cup car on the track, whether for testing or for driving schools. Obviously, as a little kid chasing wins in a go-kart, I'd look at those cars longingly, hoping I'd get to drive one someday. To be racing one of our trucks is a dream come true. Kansas was a huge learning experience for me, having been my first event on a 1.5 mile track. I'm excited to apply what I learned at Kansas, and believe we'll run well in Charlotte."

Harraka may have finished college but is sure to gain an education from team owner Richie Wauters on the 1.5-mile Charlotte Motor Speedway. Wauters in his tenure as a crew chief has guided a NCWTS team to two pole-position starts, two wins, three top-five and six top-10 finishes in seven events at Charlotte Motor Speedway.

"We've been fortunate to have some awesome drivers at Charlotte that helped with that success," Richie Wauters said. "Charlotte is the fastest track we've run so far other than Daytona. The track is sensitive to the sun - first practice you will feel like superman with all the grip - second practice you will lose grip and qualifying during the hottest part of the day the truck will be real free but grip will return during the race. You really need to be able to arc the corners to be fast. Coming into Charlotte with a rookie driver is a bit more challenging but with seat time and laps logged I'm sure that Paulie will adapt quickly."

Paulie Harraka will be the featured driver during the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series Set-up Show beginning at 7:30 pm broadcast live on SPEED with continuing coverage of the NC Education Lottery 200 beginning at 8:00 pm Friday, May 18, 2012.



About Team Owner Richie Wauters: Veteran NASCAR crew chief Richie Wauters takes the leap into NASCAR Camping World Truck Series team ownership forming Wauters Motorsports which in 2012 will be driven by Sunoco Rookie of the Year contender Paulie Harraka.

Wauters' career began at tracks around his hometown Green Bay, Wis. and quickly moved into the NASCAR Touring Series. Wauters crewed successful NASCAR Sprint Cup teams with drivers Kenny Wallace, Elliott Sadler, Robert Pressley and Jeff Green.

Wauters, in his tenure as a crew chief in the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series, led teams to 17 victories from 2004-2010 with drivers Shane Hmiel, Kyle Busch and Aric Almirola.

In his off time Wauters still focuses on racing with his Late Model team. The team won the legendary Snowball Derby in 2004 at Pensacola Speedway in Florida and finished second in 2005. His NASCAR Southeast Series team has nine wins over two seasons. The team won the Southeastern Elite Division championship and won the last race of the Elite Division at the Phoenix International Raceway in 2006.

Wauters has worked with such drivers as: Davey Allison, Aric Almirola, John Andretti, Kyle Busch, Bill Elliott, Jeff Green, Scott Hanson, Denny Hamlin, Alan Kulwicki, Mark Martin, Paul Menard, David Regan, Elliot Sadler, Jimmy Spencer, Dick Trickle, Kenny Wallace and Steven Wallace.

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ABOUT PAULIE HARRAKA

Birthday: Sept. 15, 1989

Hometown: Wayne, N.J.

Resides: Durham, NC



Photo Scott Hunter

PAULIE HARRAKA HAS BEEN CALLED MANY THINGS, BUT COMMON HAS NEVER BEEN ONE OF THEM...

Beginning in go-karts, Harraka began a racing career that took motorsports by storm. Within 3 years, and before his 10th birthday, he was National Champion. The next year, he was World Champion. 6 World Championships later, and after a move to 3/4 scale Legends Cars, Harraka still found himself in the Winner's Circle. He also found himself at a crossroads: he had just graduated high school with a 4.38 GPA.

To Harraka, it was obvious: take the advice of Mike Krzyzewski and "Erect no artificial walls that might limit potential, stifle creativity, or shackle innovation." So what did Harraka do? "I wanted to be the most complete racecar driver in the world," he explains. "So I went to Duke University to study engineering, sports psychology, leadership, and business. And I interned in R&D at Joe Gibbs Racing, following it up with a stint in Corporate Marketing at NASCAR's Manhattan office."

Harraka is now a recent graduate of Duke University is ready for a full-time profession in NASCAR. While going to Duke he traveled, almost every weekend, to a NASCAR race winning countless NASCAR races, the Championship in NASCAR's Whelen All-American Series, and 2 different NASCAR Rookie of the Year titles. He's still climbing NASCAR's ladder, and is the sport's brightest young star.

Beyond that, he's a Celebrity Ambassador for Childhelp, a national nonprofit that works with abused, neglected, and at risk children.

2012 WAUTERS MOTORSPORTS RACE BY RACE STATISTICS						
Site	ST	FIN	Laps	Status	Money	Led
Daytona	14	19	105/109	Running	\$13,300	
Martinsville	18	22	248/250	Running	\$10,675	
Rockingham	2	26	195/200	Running	\$9,325	
Kansas	27	27	158/167	Running	\$12,975	
Totals	15.3	23.5	706/726	0 DNF	\$46,275	0
			97.2%			