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NASCAR Camping World Truck Series Race 7 of 22 Texas Motor Speedway WinStar World Casino 400

(167 LAPS, 250.5 MILES) Friday, June 8, 2012 8:00 PM CT Track Facts

- Size: 1.5 Mile
- Banking in Corners: 24 degrees
- Banking on Dogleg: 5 degrees
- Banking on Backstretch: 5
 degrees

Broadcast schedule

- Live televised prerace coverage begins at 7:30pm CT on SPEED
- Live radio coverage begins at 7:45 pm CT on MRN & Sirius Satellite Radio

QUICK FACTS

- First start for Paulie Harraka at Texas Motor Speedway
- Wauters Motorsports Chassis 004 ran at Kansas Speedway, 2012. St. 2nd – Fin. 27th
- Richie Wauters has one victory (Kyle Busch 2009), five top-5 and seven top-10 finishes at TMS in 14 starts with seven drivers.
- Richie Wauters will field two cars in the ASA Midwest Tour Swiss Colony Howie Lettow Memorial 150 presented by raceteamgear.com at The Milwaukee Mile June 12, 2012
 - Aric Almirola NSCS driver of the No. 43
 - Spencer Wauters, son of Richie Wauters & regular in the PASS Super Late Model Series

HARRAKA & WAUTERS MOTORSPORTS HEAD TO TEXAS

Paulie Harraka and the No. 5 Wauters Motorsports team head to the Lone Star State for the first of two NASCAR Camping World Truck Series events on the 1.5-mile Texas Motor Speedway Friday, June 8, 2012 for the running of the WinStar World Casino 400.

Harraka will be making his first appearance at the Fort Worth track but his third intermediate size track start of the 2012 NASCAR Camping World Truck Series season.

"Each track we've been to this year has been completely new to me, and that's certainly been a big challenge," Paulie Harraka said. "The exciting thing for me about Texas is that, while it is certainly unique, it is a lot like Charlotte, so I feel like I have some idea of what to expect and what to focus on when we get there. Everybody has been warning me about the winds there, so I'm sure that that will present a new obstacle, but these are all lessons for me to learn!

For a driver, back-to-back races, like we have with Dover and Texas, are great. I'd be behind the wheel every day if I could, and this is the closest thing to that. For the crew guys, though, it's a lot of work. They essentially had to have both the Dover and Texas primary and backup trucks ready before we left for Dover, which requires tons of hours. My Wauters Motorsports group is working their tail off, and we are finally at a point in the season where we're gelling as a team. I'm really grateful for the awesome group of guys I have beside me, and know the best is yet to come for us."

Team owner Richie Wauters, in his term as a crew chief, led a team to one win, five top-five and seven top-10 finishes in 14 events at Texas Motor Speedway

The WinStar World Casino 400 NASCAR Camping World Truck Series event is slated to begin Friday, June 8, 2012 at 8:00pm CT. SPEED live televised broadcast will begin at 7:30pm with MRN and Sirius Satellite Radio coverage beginning at 7:15pm CT.



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ABOUT PAULIE HARRAKA

Birthday: Sept. 15, 1989 Hometown: Wayne, N.J. Resides: Durham, NC



Photo Scott Hunter

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 guickly 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.

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	
Charlotte	20	30	84/134	Accident	\$8,025	
Dover	25	17	147/147	Running	\$13,200	
Totals	17.7	23.5	937/1007	1 DNF	\$67,500	0
			93.0%			