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**Race:** Pocono Raceway – Pocono Mountains 125  
**Driver:** Paulie Harraka  
**Crew Chief:** Richie Wauters  
**Truck:** No. 5 Ford F-150  
**Chassis:** 005 – Last Run Chicagoland Speedway

**NASCAR Camping World Truck Series Race 11 of 22**  
**Pocono Raceway**  
**Pocono Mountains 125**  
 (50 LAPS, 125 MILES)

**Saturday August 4, 2012 1:00 PM ET**  
**Track Facts**

- **Size:** 2.5-mile- triangle track
- **Banking in Turns:** 1 -14 degrees, 2-8 degrees, 3-6 degrees
- **Degree of Banking on Straights:**  
 Frontstretch: 3740 ft  
 Backstretch: 3050 ft  
 Shortstretch: 1780 ft

**Broadcast schedule**

- Live televised prerace coverage begins at 12:30pm ET on SPEED
- Live radio coverage begins at 12:15 pm ET on MRN & Sirius Satellite Radio

**Quick Notes:**

- Richie Wauters has 1 previous start as a crew chief at Pocono posting a top-five finish
- Paulie Harraka grew up not far from Pocono Speedway in Wayne, New Jersey
- Paulie was a part of the Trenton Thunder game Thurs. 7/26 honoring Robinson Cano & David Robertson for both Cano’s RC24 Foundation and Robertson’s High Socks For Hope Foundation.
- Spencer Wauters is still recovering from hand surgery and is hoping to return at Michigan Int’l Speedway

**Crew Chief Richie Wauters Pocono Speedway Statistics**

Race	St	Fin	Driver	Laps	Money	Status	Led
2010	5	4	Aric Almirola	55/55	18,800	running	0
<b>1 St</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>4.0</b>		<b>100%</b>	<b>\$18,800</b>		<b>0</b>

**Harraka – Wauters Take on the Tricky Triangle**

*‘Harraka to make first start at the 2.5-mile Pocono Raceway’*

Paulie Harraka and Wauters Motorsports head to the tricky triangle this week for the running of the Pocono Mountains 125 NASCAR Camping World Truck Series race at Pocono Speedway.

Harraka will be making his first start at the 2.5-mile triangle shaped track in Long Pond, Pennsylvania.

“Pocono has three completely different corners and, other than a road course, you typically don’t see tracks that vary that much” Paulie Harraka said. “From what I can tell, at a track like Pocono you need to compromise a lot, there seems to be no perfect answer and something that works one place on the track won’t work everywhere. I’m sure it will be tricky to figure out which corner to setup for and which corner to sacrifice. I think one of the most difficult parts is - what do we really need to focus on and what things will give us the best result at the end of the day? It looks like a track that I will enjoy; I know that Richie and these Wauters Motorsports guys will have a good truck ready to meet the challenges.”

Richie Wauters in his tenure as a NASCAR crew chief has one previous start at Pocono Raceway with NASCAR Sprint Cup Series driver, Aric Almirola where they posted a fifth-place finish.

The Pocono Mountains 125 is slated for Saturday, August 4, 2012. SPEED will broadcast live televised coverage of the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series race beginning at 12:30pm ET. MRN and Sirius Satellite radio will begin live radio coverage beginning at 12:15pm.





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**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.

**ABOUT PAULIE HARRAKA**

**Birthday:** Sept. 15, 1989

**Hometown:** Wayne, N.J.

**Resides:** Durham, NC

**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 10<sup>th</sup> birthday, he was National Champion. The next year, he was World Champion. 6 World Championships later, and after a move to ¾ 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.



Photo Scott Hunter

**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	
Texas I	22	28	69/167	Accident	\$8,700	
Kentucky I	23	17	150/150	Running	\$10,795	
Iowa I	13	33	49/200	Tire	\$7,000	
Chicagoland	18	19	150/150	Running	\$13,475	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>18.2</b>	<b>23.8</b>	<b>1355/1674</b>	<b>3 DNF's</b>	<b>\$107,470</b>	<b>2</b>
			<b>80.9%</b>			