SPORTS

NASCAR Lowe's to end sponsorship with 7-time champion Johnson

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CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Lowe's, one of the last remaining corporate giants in NASCAR, announced Wednesday that it will not sponsor seven-time champion Jimmie Johnson after this season, an ominous sign for the nation's top racing series.

For Johnson and Hendrick Motorsports, it means the best NASCAR driver of his generation has a blank slate of "inventory" for the first time in nearly two decades.

"Jimmie is one of the greatest champions and ambassadors in all of sports and still at the top of his game," team owner Rick Hendrick said. "This change opens up all kinds of possibilities, and we look forward to having conversations with potential new partners. It's a special opportunity with an iconic athlete and team."

For Lowe's, the decision is simply business.

The home improvement company teamed with Hendrick and Johnson in 2001 when the driver was a nobody. Owner and company took a leap on Johnson, the driver Jeff Gordon promised them was going to be a star. Gordon was right and Johnson was so good that Lowe's couldn't leave.

Lowe's signed on in the heady days of NASCAR when sponsors



Jimmie Johnson, right, drives during a NASCAR Cup series auto race on March 4, in Las Vegas.

paid \$20 million or more just to get in the door with a top team. A deal for an entire 36 race package, plus the two all-star events, could cost upward of \$30 million per season.

Lowe's wasn't sure about Johnson when Hendrick sold them on a full deal; the company hedged its bet with a smaller deal for fourtime champion Gordon just in case Johnson was a bust. But even if Lowe's got in on the cheap with Johnson in 2001, the price undoubtedly went up as Johnson racked

up his record-tying seven championships, 83 victories and a Hall of Fame career all while representing the Lowe's brand the last 18 years.

As one executive once put it, for Lowe's, taking that chance on Johnson, was like "winning the lottery.'

Times have changed.

Sponsor after sponsor has scaled back on full package commitments, and teams now sell open inventory on their cars in pieces. A full season sponsor is now almost unheard of in

any racing series and one by one the Fortune 500 backers have altered their marketing spends. Target is out of racing. So is Home Depot and Sprint. UPS, Subway, Great Clips and Dollar General. Aaron's and Best Buy are gone, too. GoDaddy was gone but came back only this season for a two-race farewell tour with Danica Patrick.

It's a different world, and only handful of companies come anywhere close to the commitment Lowe's has had with Johnson, including every race last year. Denny Hamlin had FedEx on 34 of 36 races last year. A Mars Inc. product was aboard Kyle Busch's car for 30 points races and his other six went to Interstate Batteries.

But those deals are dinosaurs left over from the financial upswing, and aside from FedEx and the M&M's line, nearly all the megadeals from the early 2000s have either left motorsports or gone the way of Miller Lite, which gradually reduced its hold on its Brad Keselowski inventory. By scaling back. Miller Lite decreased its spend, retained its association with Keselowski and gave Team Penske empty pages to sell.

Now Hendrick Motorsports will put Johnson's car on the open market and they can sell the inventory in pieces for the first time.

It's a pretty valuable asset, too. Along with crew chief Chad Knaus, the No. 48 Chevrolet team is one of the best in stock car history. Their seven championships equal those of Hall of Famers Richard Petty and Dale Earnhardt, and in 2009 Johnson was the first driver named Associated Press Male Athlete of the Year. Johnson is 42 and signed with Hendrick Motorsports through 2020.

"I'll always be grateful to Lowe's for taking a chance on me and believing that I could win," Johnson said. "I'm not sure where I'd be right now if they hadn't committed to the No. 48 team. It's hard to see them move on, but we've made history together and celebrated so much success on and off the track."

Lowe's probably stayed in the sport longer than expected because rival Home Depot left NASCAR after the 2014 season. Menards is still in NASCAR, and while the Lowe's funding helped Johnson and Hendrick Motorsports find success, there is not much of a rivalry in the marketing space.

Lowe's chief customer officer Michael P. McDermott said only that the company was "evolving" its strategy.

"The No. 48 team is a valuable property and has been an integral part of building the Lowe's brand, which makes today's decision difficult as we now look to invest in other strategic initiatives," he said.

PREP ROUNDUP: Heppner softball sweeps doubleheader with Enterprise

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HEPPNER 8-6, ENTER-PRISE 5-3 — At Heppner, the Mustangs gutted out two big wins over the Enterprise Outlaws on Friday afternoon with scores of 8-5 and 6-3 in a doubleheader.

Dakota Durfey pitched two complete games for the Mustangs (2-1), digging deep to battle a tough Enterprise lineup and a steady rain that fell for most of the second game. In Game 2, she gave up a three-run home run to Lexi Gassett in the first inning, but shut out the Outlaws for the rest of the game.

Maggie Flynn, Morgan Orem and Kacie Gray each picked up doubles for the Mustangs' offense, and freshman Eva Martin had a clutch two-RBI single in the fourth inning of Game 2 that gave Heppner a 4-3 lead it wouldn't relinquish.

PORTLAND CHRISTIAN 15, UMATILLA 5 — At Portland, the Umatilla Vikings showed some fight however it was not enough as Portland Christian rolled to a 15-5 victory on Friday.

Charlene Alvarez led the Vikings (0-3) with two hits and Lauryn Journot added a double. Paige Pickard and Journot each pitched for the Vikings.

The two teams were supposed to play a doubleheader, however the second game was called in the fourth inning due to darkness. The Vikings trailed 12-9 at the time, scoring six runs in the fourth inning.

BASEBALL

PORTLAND CHRISTIAN 7, UMATILLA 6 — At Portland, the Umatilla Vikings were at the wrong end of a walk-off victory on Friday, as Portland Christian earned a 7-6 victory in seven innings.

The Vikings (2-1) had just tied the game at 6-6 in the top of the seventh when Seth Cranston drew a walk, and then moved around the bases on a Portland Christian error before scoring from third on a passed ball. In the bottom of the seventh, with Cranston pitching, Portland Christian's Nelson Marshall led off with a single, advanced to third on a wild pitch and a passed ball and then scored the winning run on a single to right field by Nathan Hansen.

Cranston was Umatilla's top hitter as he went 2 for 3 with two doubles, two runs scored and three RBI. Andrew Wilson also had a double. Kole Keller pitched well for the Vikings, tossing 5 2/3 innings while allowing three hits six runs (one earned) with five strikeouts.

The two teams were supposed to play a doubleheader, however the second game was called in the third inning due to darkness with Umatilla trailing 2-1.

GIRLS TENNIS

PENDLETON 5, MAC-HI 3 - At Pendleton, the Buckaroos and Mac-Hi Pioneer girls tennis teams were able to beat the rain and play Friday's match, where Pendleton won 5-3 at the varsity level.

Pendleton won three of the four singles matches with Bethany Flanagan, Denae Smith and Gabby Cuthbert winning by a combined 24-1 score. Mac-Hi's lone win in singles was Jonelle Martinez Pendleton's defeating Abby Williams 8-4 at No. 1 singles.

In doubles, the Pioneers and Buckaroos each won two matches. For Pendleton, No. 1 team Maggie Scanlon and Denisa Senkerikova and No. 3 team of Katie Bradt and Lauryn Spicknall won 8-5 and 8-1, respectively. For Mac-Hi, Nicole Flores and Evelyn Garcia and Jodie Jackson and Sarah Odmon won their matches 8-6 and 8-5, respectively.

Singles Jonelle Martinez (M) def. Abby Williams 8-4 Bethany Flanagan (P) def. Jessica Hernandez 8-1 Denae Smith (P) def. Diana Mirco 8-0 Gabby Cuthbert (P) def. Karina Saldana 8-0 Doubles Scanlon/Senkerikova (P) def. J. Lesko/K. Lesko 8-5

Flores/Garcia (M) def. Walker/Chambers 8-6

Bradt/Spicknall (P) def. Alvarez/Angel 8-1 Jackson/Odmon (M) def. Spencer/Jackson 8-5

BOYS TENNIS

MAC-HI 4, PENDLETON 1 - At Milton-Freewater, the Mac-Hi Pioneers' boys tennis team began its season with a victory over the Pendleton Buckaroos on Friday.

For the Pioneers, Deazen Zerba and Ian Miller picked up wins in singles action, and both doubles teams of Dylan Quist/Alexis Perez and Rolando Castillo/Rafael Perayda picked up wins.

Pendleton's lone win was at No. 2 singles where Easton Phelan defeated Mac-Hi's Brian Abrego in a third set tiebreak 3-6, 6-1, 1-0 (10-6).

Singles Deazen Zerba (M) def. Silas Johnston 6-3, 6-1 Easton Phelan (P) def. Brian Abrego 3-6, 6-1, 1-0 (10-6) Ian Miller (M) def. Stanton Schmitz 4-6, 6-4, 1-0 (10-7) Doubles

Ouist/Perez (M) def. Butler/Harrison 7-5, 6-3 Castillo/Perayda (M) def. Phelan/Shiller 6-1, 6-1

win the Arnold Palmer Invitational hole and shot 72. He was seven Truex claims NASCAR in his No. 78 Furniture Row Racing loyota, claiming his 1/th career pole on the weathered 2 miles of asphalt at Auto Club Speedway. Kyle Busch was second in his Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota at 186.437 mph, and defending Fontana champion Kyle Larson was third. Erik Jones is fourth and Austin Dillon is fifth.

Boston at Tampa Bay, 4 p.m

Minnesota at Arizona, 6 p.m.

San Jose at Vancouver, 7 p.m.

N.Y. Rangers at St. Louis, 5 p.m.

BRIEFLY

Stensen, DeChambeau

Shots back.

share lead at Bay Hill, **Tiger seven shots back**

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) Henrik Stenson has another chance to win at Bay Hill, and he made it a little bit tougher on Tiger Woods.

Stenson, who had chances to

two of the last three years, fought through a rugged stretch with par saves and made three birdies after the turn for a 3-under 69 on Friday. That gave him a share of the lead with Bryson DeChambeau, who had a 66.

Woods wasn't nearly as sharp, didn't make a birdie until the 12th

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Stenson and DeChambeau were at 11-under 133. They had a two-shot advantage over PGA Tour rookie Talor Gooch (70).

Woods trailed after 36 holes in four of his eight victories at Bay Hill, including a seven-shot deficit in 2008.

SCOREBOARD

Cup pole at Fontana

FONTANA, Calif. (AP) Martin Truex Jr. has claimed the pole for the NASCAR Cup series race in Fontana after a qualifying session in which 13 drivers didn't complete a lap

He turned a lap at 186.567 mph

Local slate

PREP BASEBALL

Saturday Pendleton vs. Curtis (WA) (at Hanford), 11 a.m. Stanfield at Tri-City Prep (WA) (DH), 11 a.m. La Salle Prep at Hermiston, 12 p.m. Mac-Hi at Touchet (WA) (DH), 12 p.m. Pendleton at Hanford (WA), 2 p.m. **Tuesday** DeSales (WA) at Mac-Hi, 4 p.m.

Dayton (WA) at Riverside, 4 p.m. Heppner at Pilot Rock, 4 p.m. Weston-McEwen at Dufur, 4 p.m

PREP SOFTBALL

Saturday Tri-Cities Prep (WA) at Echo (DH), 11 a.m. Enterprise at Weston-McEwen (DH), Noon Tuesday Union at Echo, 2 p.m. Riverside at Dayton (WA), 4 p.m. La Grande at Pendleton, 4:30 p.m. Pilot Rock at Weston-McEwen, 4:30 p.m.

PREP TRACK AND FIELD

Saturday Mac-Hi, Weston-McEwen at Sweeney Invitational (ID), 10 a.m. Irrigon at Richland Track and Field Jamboree (WA), 11:30 a.m.

PREP TENNIS

Monday

Hermiston (girls) at Walla Walla, 3:30 p.m. Walla Walla at Hermiston (boys), 4 p.m **Tuesday** Pendleton at Southridge (WA), 4 p.m.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Saturday BMCC vs. Prairie Baseball Acad. (DH), 11 a.m. Sunday BMCC vs. Chemeketa (DH), 11 a.m

COLLEGE SOFTBALL Saturday BMCC vs. Yakima Valley (DH), 12 p.m. EOU at University of Providence (DH), 2 p.m. Sunday EOU at University of Providence (DH) 10 a.m

COLLEGE TRACK AND FIELD

Saturday EOU Team Challenge 1 at Hermiston, all day

Basketball

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Washington	39			13		
Philadelphia	38		.559			
Miami	37		.529			
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Detroit	30		.441			
Charlotte	30		.435	22		
Chicago	24		.353			
New York	24		.348	28		
Brooklyn	21		.304	31		
Orlando	21		.300			
Atlanta	20		.290	32		
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Oklahoma City

Friday's Games Boston 92, Orlando 83 Philadelphia 120, Brooklyn 116 Toronto 122, Dallas 115, OT Oklahoma City 121, L.A. Clippers 113 Miami 92, L.A. Lakers 91 Sacramento 98, Golden State 93 Saturday's Games Atlanta at Milwaukee, 3 p.m. Houston at New Orleans, 4 p.m. Indiana at Washington, 4 p.m. Charlotte at New York, 4:30 p.m. Cleveland at Chicago, 5 p.m. Denver at Memphis, 5 p.m. Minnesota at San Antonio, 5:30 p.m. Sacramento at Utah, 6 p.m. Detroit at Portland, 7 p.m. Golden State at Phoenix, 7 p.m. Sunday's Games Oklahoma City at Toronto, 10 a.m. Boston at New Orleans, 3 p.m. Houston at Minnesota, 4 p.m. Portland at L.A. Clippers, 7:30 p.m.

NCAA Men's Tournament EAST REGIONAL First Round

Friday At Little Caesars Arena, Detroit #2 Purdue 74, #15 Cal State Fullerton 48 #10 Butler 79, #7 Arkansas 62 At Viejas Arena, San Diego #13 Marshall 81, #4 Wichita State 75 #5 West Virginia 85, #12 Murray State 68 Second Round Saturday At PPG Paints Arena, Pittsburgh #1 Villanova (31-4) vs. #9 Alabama (20-15), 9:10 a.m. (CBS) At American Airlines Center, Dallas #3 Texas Tech (25-9) vs. #6 Florida (21-12)

5:40 p.m. (TNT)

At Little Caesars Arena, Detroit #2 Purdue (29-6) vs. #10 Butler (21-13), 9:10 a.m. (CBS) At Viejas Arena, San Diego #13 Marshall (25-10) vs. #5 West Virginia (25-10), 6:45 p.m. (TBS)

SOUTH REGIONAL First Round

Fist nound Friday At Spectrum Center, Charlotte, N.C. #9 Kansas State 69, #8 Creighton 59 #16 UMBC 74, #1 Virginia 54 At Bridgestone Arena, Nashville, Tenn. 40 Circlifect 60, #16 Crearlie Charlo 60 #2 Cincinnati 68, #15 Georgia State 53 #7 Nevada 87. #10 Texas 83 Second Round Saturday At Taco Bell Arena, Boise, Idaho #13 Buffalo (27-8) vs. #5 Kentucky (25-10), 2:15 p.m. (CBS) At American Airlines Center. Dallas #3 Tennessee (26-8) vs. #11 Loyola or

Chicago (29-5), 3:10 p.m. (TNT) Sunday At Spectrum Center, Charlotte, N.C. #16 UMBC (25-10) vs. #9 Kansas State (23-11), 5 p.m. (truTV) *At Bridgestone Arena, Nashville, Tenn.* #2 Cincinnati (31-4) vs. #7 Nevada (28-7), 3:10 p.m. (TNT)

MIDWEST REGIONAL

First Round Friday At Little Caesars Arena, Detroit #3 Michigan State 82, #14 Bucknell 78 #11 Syracuse 57, #6 TCU 52 At Viejas Arena, San Diego #4 Auburn 62, #13 College of Charleston 58 #5 Clemson 79, #12 New Mexico State 68 Second Round Saturday At PPG Paints Arena, Pittsburgh #2 Duke (27-7) vs. #7 Rhode Island (26-7), At INTRUST Bank Arena, Wichita, Kan. #1 Kansas (28-7) vs. #8 Seton Hall (22-11), 4:10 pm. (TBS) Sunday At Little Caesars Arena, Detroit

At Little Caesars Arena, Detroit #3 Michigan State (30-4) vs. #11 Syracuse (22-13), 11:45 a.m. (CBS) *At Viejas Arena, San Diego* #4 Auburn (26-7) vs. #5 Clemson (24-9), 4:10 p.m. (TBS) WEST REGIONAL

First Round

Friday At Spectrum Center, Charlotte, N.C. #7 Texas A&M 73, #10 Providence 69 #2 North Carolina 84, #15 Lipscomb 66 At Bridgestone Arena, Nashville, Tenn. #1 Xavier 102, #16 Texas Southern 83 #9 Florida State 67, #8 Missouri 54 Second Round Saturday At Taco Bell Arena, Boise, Idaho At laco bell Arena, Bolse, Idaho #4 Gonzaga (31-4) vs. #5 Ohio State (25-8), 4:45 p.m. (CBS) At INTRUST Bank Arena, Wichita, Kan. #3 Michigan (29-7) vs. #6 Houston (27-7), 6:40 p.m. (TBS) Sunday At Spectrum Center, Charlotte, N.C. #2 North Carolina (26-10) vs. #7 Texas A&M (21-12), 2:15 p.m. (CBS) At Bridgestone Arena, Nashville, Tenn. #1 Xavier (29-5) vs. #9 Florida State (21-11), 5:45 cm. (TND) 11), 5:45 p.m. (TNT)

NCAA WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT

All games broadcast on ESPN networks ALBANY REGIONAL First Round Friday At Columbia, S.C. Virginia 68, California 62 South Carolina 63, N.C. A&T 52 Saturday At Storrs, Conn. UConn (32-0) vs. Saint Francis (24-9), 8 a.m. UConn (32-0) vs. Saint Francis (24-9), 8 a.m. Miami (21-10) vs. Quinnipiac (27-5), 10:30 a.m. *At Athens, Ga.* Duke (22-8) vs. Belmont (31-3), 8 a.m. Georgia (25-6) vs. Mercer (30-2), 10:30 a.m. *At Tallahassee, Fla.* Florida St (25-6) vs. Little Rock (23-9), 8 a.m. S. Florida (26-7) vs. Buffalo (27-5), 10:30 a.m. **Second Round** Sunday Sunday At Columbia, S.C. Virginia (19-13) vs. South Carolina (27-6), 6 p.m. Monday At Storrs, Conn.

UConn-Saint Francis winner vs. Mi ami-Quinnipiac winner, TBA At Athens, Ga. Duke-Belmont winner vs. Georgia-Mercer winner, TBA At Tallahassee, Fla. USF-Buffalo winner vs. Florida St-Little Rock winner, TBA

SPOKANE REGIONAL

First Round Friday At Notre Dame, Ind. Notre Dame 99, Cal State Northridge 81 Villanova 81, South Dakota State 74, OT At College Station, Texas DePaul 90, Oklahoma 79 Texas A&M 89, Drake 76 At Eugene, Ore. Minnesota 89, Green Bay 77 Oregon 88, Seattle 45 First Round Oregon 88, Seattle 45 At Columbus, Ochio LSU (19-9) vs. Central Michigan (28-4), 8 a.m. Ohio State (27-6) vs. George Washington 11 (2) 10:20 a.m. (19-13), 10:30 a.m. Second Round Second Hound Sunday At Notre Dame, Ind. Notre Dame (30-3) vs. Villanova (23-8), 4 p.m. At College Station, Texas DePaul (27-7) vs. Texas A&M (25-9), 11 a.m. At Eugene, Ore. Minnesota (24-8) vs. Oregon (31-4), 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 19 At Columbus, Ohio LSU-Central Michigan winner vs. Ohio State-GW winner, TBA KANSAS CITY REGIONAL First Round Friday At Raleigh, N.C. Maryland 77, Princeton 57 NC State 62, Elon 34 At Statie 02, Elon 34 Saturday At Starkville, Miss. Syracuse (22-8) vs. Oklahoma State (20-10), 12:30 p.m. Mississippi State (32-1) vs. Nicholls (19-13), 3 p.m. At Los Anaeles UCLA (24-7) vs. American (26-6), 12:30 p.m. lowa (24-7) vs. Creighton (18-12), 3 p.m. *At Austin, Texas* Arizona State (21-12) vs. Nebraska (21-10), 12:30 p.m. Texas (26-6) vs. Maine (23-9), 3 p.m. Second Round At Raleigh, N.C. Maryland (26-7) vs. NC State (25-8), 11 a.m. Monday At Starkville, Miss. Mississippi St-Nicholls winner vs. Syra-cuse-Oklahoma State winner, TBA *At Los Angeles* Iowa-Creighton winner vs. UCLA-American winner, TBA At Austin, Texas Arizona St-Nebraska winner vs. Tex-as-Maine winner, TBA

LEXINGTON REGIONAL First Round

Friday At Louisville, Ky. Louisville 74, Boise State 42 Marquette 84, Dayton 65 At Knoxville, Tenn. Oregon State 82, Western Kentucky 58 nessee 100, Liberty 60 At Waco, Texas

Michigan 75, Northern Colorado 61 Baylor 96, Grambling State 46 Saturday At Stanford, Calif. Missouri (24-7) vs. Florida Gulf Coast (30-4), 12:30 p.m. Stanford (22-10) vs. Gonzaga (27-5), 3 p.m. Second Round Sunday At Louisville, Ky. Louisville (33-2) vs. Marquette (24-9), 9 a.m. At Knoxville, Tenn. Oregon St (24-7) vs. Tennessee (25-7), 11 a.m. At Waco, Texas Michigan (23-9) vs. Baylor (32-1), 5:30 p.m.

Monday At Stanford, Calif. Missouri-Florida Gulf Coast winner vs. Stanford-Gonzaga winner, TB

Hockey

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Chicago at Buffalo, 10 a.m. Edmonton at Florida, 11 a.m. New Jersey at Los Angeles, 1 p.m. Montreal at Toronto, 4 p.m. Philadelphia at Carolina, 4 p.m. Ottawa at Columbus, 4 p.m.

Sunday's Games Detroit at Colorado, Noon Calgary at Vegas, 1 p.m. Edmonton at Tampa Bay, 2 p.m. Carolina at N.Y. Islanders, 2 p.m. Washington at Philadelphia, 2 p.m. Dallas at Winnipeg, 4:30 p.m. St. Louis at Chicago, 4:30 p.m. New Jersey at Anaheim, 6 p.m. Auto Racing NASCAR Cup Series NASCAR Cup Series Auto Club 400 Lineup Race Sunday, 12:30 p.m. (TV: FOX) At Auto Club Speedway Fontana, Calif. (Car number in parentheses) 1. (78) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota.
(42) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet (2) File Labor, Toyota.
(3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet.
(22) Joey Logano, Ford.
(41) Kurt Busch, Ford. (12) Ryan Blaney, Ford.
(31) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet.

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(4) Kevin Harvick, Ford.
(2) Brad Keselowski, Ford.
(37) Chris Buescher, Chevrolet.
(6) Trevor Bayne, Ford.
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(1) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet.
(17) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford.
(13) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet.
(13) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford.
(14) Darrell Wallace Jr., Chevrolet.
(20) Care Cardio European (2) Gray Gaulding, Toyota.
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(38) David Ragan, Ford.
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(55) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet.
(11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota.
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(10) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet.
(10) Classe Elliott, Chevrolet.
(10) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet. (47) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet.
(48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet. (4) Si Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet.
(51) Timmy Hill, Chevrolet.
(15) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet.
(72) Cole Whitt, Chevrolet.

Golf

PGA TOUR ARNOLD PALMER INVITATIONAL

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Purse: \$8.9 million; Yardage: 7,419; Par 72							
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Henrik Stenson	64-69—133	-11					
Bryson DeChambeau	67-66—133	-11					
Talor Gooch	65-70—135	-9					
Byeong Hun An	68-68—136	-8					
Charley Hoffman	71-66—137	-7					
Rickie Fowler	67-71—138	-6					
Billy Horschel	68-70—138	-6					
Luke List	71-67—138	-6					
Patrick Reed	68-70—138	-6					
Ryan Moore	71-67—138	-6					
Notables							
Rory McIlroy	69-70—139	-5					
Bubba Watson	70-70—140	-4					
Justin Rose	69-71-140	-4					
Tiger Woods	68-72-140	-4					

Singles