



KEVIN HARVICK

1.5 Tracks Left

KANNAPOLIS, North Carolina (June 8, 2020) – Kevin Harvick heads to the 1.5-mile Kentucky Speedway oval in Sparta with 1.5 tracks left to win at on the NASCAR schedule.

How is this possible?

After his victory on June 27 at Pocono (Pa.) Raceway, Harvick still has yet to win at Kentucky, which made its NASCAR Cup Series debut in 2011. He also hasn't won on the "roval" at Charlotte (N.C.) Motor Speedway, which first appeared on the schedule in 2018.

Harvick did win on the Charlotte oval in the 2011 and 2013 Coca-Cola 600, and the 500-mile fall race in 2014. So perhaps that explains the .5 of the 1.5 tracks.

If he gets the victory at Kentucky, the Charlotte roval is all that is left to conquer.

He's come close at Kentucky, having finished in the top-10 in six consecutive races there from 2013 to 2018. He scored his first top-five when he came home fifth in 2018.

Harvick has scored two NASCAR Xfinity Series wins at the 1.5 mile Kentucky oval, the first coming in 2001 and followed up 13 years later in 2014.

And while he's looking for his first Cup Series win at Kentucky, so is sponsor Hunt Brothers Pizza.

With more than 7,800 locations in 30 states, Hunt Brothers Pizza is the nation's largest brand of made-to-order pizza in the convenience store industry. Hunt Brothers Pizza offers original and thin crust pizzas available as a grab-and-go Hunk perfect for today's on-the-go lifestyle, or as a customizable whole pizza that is an exceptional value with All Toppings No Extra Charge®. Headquartered in Nashville, Tennessee, Hunt Brothers Pizza is family owned and operated with more than 25 years of experience serving great pizza to convenience store shoppers through its store partners. To find a Hunt Brothers Pizza location, download the Hunt Brothers Pizza app by visiting www.huntbrotherspizza.com/app/

Hunt Brothers Pizza has partnered with Harvick for 11 years and last visited victory lane with him when he won the 2018 NASCAR Xfinity Series race at Atlanta. In 2019, Hunt Brothers moved up to the Cup Series as a primary sponsor for three races and, in 2020, will be on Harvick's car five times.

Harvick is coming off last Sunday's third career win at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and has four victories this season. He is 12th on the all-time NASCAR Cup Series wins list and is just one behind Lee Petty for 11th. Petty has 54 wins, while Rusty Wallace has 55 and Kyle Busch has scored 56.

Harvick is hoping he can heat up at Kentucky and score his first win at the 1.5-mile oval and keep moving up the wins list.

KEVIN HARVICK, Driver of the No. 4 Hunt Brothers Pizza Ford Mustang for Stewart-Haas Racing:

Back in 2018, you said at that point winning had become a game. Since then, you've won 16 races, including last week. Is there any way to describe what it's like to perform at a level like this?

"I think there are a lot of things that come into play. You have a manufacturer change that's in the middle of that. But in the end, I think when you look at the root of the equation, it's the team, right? It's the crew chief and the driver that have been together, the engineer. We had one engineer move on, but we've had the same engineer with Dax (Gerringer). You keep adding little pieces to keep making that puzzle come together and fit together well. But experience plays a big role in this. I think for us, when we come to the racetrack, I know I have to be prepared. I know every guy on my team is going to be prepared and has done everything he can during that week leading up to that race to do 100 percent of his job. If you're not prepared, you've let every person down because that's the type of team we've been fortunate to put together over the last seven years. Everybody at Stewart-Haas Racing allowed us to do that from the beginning. It keeps progressing. You keep getting more and more details out of things because you keep the people together, and everybody believes in what I just said. If you don't do 100 percent of your job during the week, you have let the rest of the team down because they have."

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KEVIN HARVICK, Driver of the No. 4 Hunt Brothers Pizza Ford Mustang for Stewart-Haas Racing (continued):

Having a formidable opponent like Denny Hamlin, does it just make you want to come to the track and perform well? Does it put you in a more competitive mode than normal because of the level you’re both competing at right now?

“Yeah, it’s interesting for sure. We kind of went back and forth there, I was leading, then he was leading, then he has trouble. You have to kind of smile about it because it’s two teams performing at a tremendously high level right now. It has cycled around to the two of us for several weeks now. I think as you look at that, it definitely makes it fun. You want to have the upper hand on the who finishes in front of who ratio at this point, especially because if that’s the guy you’re racing and the team you’re racing, you want to at least stay even par. Those guys are good. They’re doing a great job. Obviously, leading the charge at Joe Gibbs. Our guys are doing the same. On days when you think you’re out of it, you keep grinding, all of a sudden you wind up in victory lane, those are the days you smile because you know everybody did their job and kept themselves in the game.”

Can you talk about the longstanding relationship with Hunt Brothers Pizza?

“Our fans are pretty loyal to the brands that are on our cars. Many of my pictures come from the standees in the store. People take selfies next to them. There are a number of reasons you have sponsorships – you want that brand recognition, the brand integration. Hunt Brothers Pizza is a very family oriented company and we’re a very family oriented group from the Harvick side of things. Those relationships you build through the years with brands that recognize and reflect what you believe in are few and far between. We’ve grown with the Hunt Brothers brand. They’ve grown with us and been very loyal to us and I think our fans are very loyal to us and the brand. It’s fun to see that brand recognition and that understanding of loyalty and partnership. I realized how many Hunt Brothers Pizza stores there are whenever I drove to racetracks after the hiatus.”

Year	Event	Start	Finish	Status/Laps	Laps Led	Earnings
2019	Kentucky 400	5	22	Running, 266/267	0	N/A
2018	Kentucky 400	3	5	Running, 267/267	0	N/A
2017	×†Kentucky 400	7	9	Running, 274/274	0	N/A
2016	=Kentucky 400	1	9	Running, 267/267	128	N/A
2015	=Kentucky 400	15	8	Running, 267/267	0	\$137,640
2014	Kentucky 400	5	7	Running, 267/267	0	\$127,073
2013	Kentucky 400	22	10	Running, 267/267	0	\$131,571
2012	Kentucky 400	4	11	Running, 267/267	0	\$127,321
2011	=Kentucky 400	19	16	Running, 267/267	0	\$125,311

* Race cut short due to weather. × Race length extended due to green-white-checkered finish. † Qualifying canceled due to weather, starting position set via car owner points.
 = Qualifying canceled due to weather, starting position set via practice time.