3M Performance 400 Predictions

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We nailed two of the top five finishers in last week's Watkins Glen race with Kyle Busch and Tony Stewart coming through for us. Expert Handicapper Jimmy Boyd returns to announce his top five again this week with his 3M Performance 400 Predictions for Point-Spreads.com. Do all of your NASCAR betting at Sportsbook.com this season. No other book compares when it comes to auto wagering.

The last time NASCAR visited Michigan International Speedway back in June, we saw one of the best finishes on the 2008 season with Dale Earnhardt Jr. running on fumes to victory lane. The win broke a 76-race winless streak for one of NASCAR's most popular drivers. Chevy also had to get a thrill out of Junior's win as it was the manufacturer's first win at Michigan in 13 races and it came in the home state of Chevrolet.

Junior may have broke the Chevy snide, but we can't hide from the fact that Michigan has been a Ford track. Roush racing has set the benchmark at this track in recent history with Mark Martin, Kurt Busch, Greg Biffle, Matt Kensenth, and Carl Edwards all taking checkered flags at Michigan. In fact, Roush Racing is second all-time in Michigan victories with 10.

Since Junior got the Ford monkey off everyone else's back at Michigan, I like Chevy to pull off the season sweep here with last year's Cup champ Jimmie Johnson taking the checkered. The win would be Johnson's first of his career in Michigan, but this talented driver is due here. Ford's will not get left in the dust, however, as I expect a whole lot of them to follow him up.

It really is dumbfounding to think that a driver as talented as Johnson has not been able to win on a track like Michigan in his career. He has 13 starts at the track and only two top five finishes. On paper, Michigan appears to be a track that he and his Hendrick Motor Sports team should excel on. Last year's Cup Champ is currently ranked third. Johnson has two wins this season, including one at the Brickyard a few weeks back that we were all over. I look for Junior's breakthrough win in June to pave the way for Johnson to get the Michigan monkey off of his back in this race.

We can expect the Roush Ford to all be near the front chasing Johnson. A possible breakthrough win by David Ragan is not out of the question this week. We've definitely think he is worth a shot at +2500 at Sportsbook.com. Ragan has a pair of top five finishes in his last five starts. After a disappointing performance last week, we expect Ragan to continue his emergence. For matchup players, look for Roush to clean up in nearly every scenario.

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Top 5 Finish 3M Performance 400 Predictions:

#48 Jimmie Johnson +600
#99 Carl Edwards +600
#9 Kasey Kahne +800
#17 Matt Kenseth +700
#6 David Ragan +25000

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AJ Allmendinger +10000

Bobby Labonte +10000

Brian Vickers +2000

Carl Edwards +600

Casey Mears +10000

Clint Bowyer +5000

Dale Earnhardt Jr +1000

Dave Blaney +10000

David Gilliland +10000

David Ragan +2500

David Reutimann +10000

Denny Hamlin +1500

Elliott Sadler +6000

Greg Biffle +1200

Jamie McMurray +7500

Jeff Burton +3000

Jeff Gordon +1500

Jimmie Johnson +600

Juan Pablo Montoya +10000

Kasey Kahne +800

Kevin Harvick +3000

Kurt Busch +5000

Kyle Busch +600

Mark Martin +3000

Martin Truex Jr +3000

Matt Kenseth +700

Michael Waltrip +10000

Paul Menard +10000

Reed Sorenson +10000

Ryan Newman +5000

Sam Hornish Jr +10000

Tony Stewart +1000

Travis Kvapil +10000

Field (Any Other Driver) +2500