



ABOUT MARK MARTIN:

Mark Martin has compiled one of the most successful careers in NASCAR history. His 33 wins are currently the fourth most among Winston Cup active drivers, and he is the leading race winner of all time in the NASCAR Busch Series. Known as the most physically fit driver in perhaps all of racing, he has currently started over 506 straight Winston Cup races, dating back to 18 February 1988. Early this season at Loudon, Martin became only the seventh person in NASCAR history to start 500 consecutive races, a streak that is currently the third longest in NASCAR.

Mark Martin began his stock car racing career at the age of 15 on the local Arkansas dirt tracks. He won his first race in only his third start, and the Arkansas state championship in his first year of racing in 1974. He moved up to the V-8 division in 1976 and began racing on asphalt later that year. His success continued, and by 1977 he became the ASA Rookie of the Year, and then went on to win three consecutive championships from 1978-80.

Martin ran five NASCAR Winston Cup races in 1981, which began laying the groundwork for his first full season in 1982. He had an impressive rookie year with eight top-10 finishes, although in 1983 he ran a limited Winston Cup schedule for several owners before returning to the ASA series from 1984-86. Martin was paired with crew chief Jimmy Fennig in 1985 and claimed another ASA championship in 1986. Little did Martin know that he and Fennig would be reunited as driver and crew chief in 1996 at Roush Racing.

In 1987 Mark returned to the NASCAR ranks when he drove a full-season Busch Grand National schedule. It was Mark's victory at Dover that year that sparked the attention of Jack Roush. Roush was preparing to begin his own Winston Cup team for 1988 and selected Martin to be his driver.

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Since then, Martin and Roush have achieved just about everything they could in NASCAR, including some records that may never be broken. Together they have earned 33 Winston Cup victories and finished second in the NWC point standings four times (1990, 1994, 1998 and 2002).

As impressive as his Winston Cup record stands, it is in the Busch Series that Mark Martin has been the most dominant driver of the past decade, and in 2004 he will lead the Pennzoil team as the all-time winningest driver in the history of the BGN series. Mark broke the Busch Series all-time win record in 1997 with his 32nd win at Rockingham in October, and he currently leads all drivers with 45 NASCAR Busch Series victories, including 5 during his last year in the series (2000) and 6 the year prior (1999).