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## **SRT Motorsports - Nationwide Advance - Kentucky**

June 26, 2012, Auburn Hills, Mich. - DODGE IN THE NASCAR NATIONWIDE SERIES

- Sam Hornish Jr. has scored 282 points in eight superspeedway races this season, third-best among series regulars.
- Dodge is fielding two full-time entries in the series this year. Sam Hornish Jr. is competing for the series championship while Brad Keselowski and Parker Kligerman are sharing the driving duties in the second Penske Racing entry.
- Dodge claimed its first NASCAR championship in 2010 when Penske Racing's Brad Keselowski captured the driver's title. His average finish for the season was 5.2.
- Dodge has 41 wins in the series including seven in each of the last two seasons. The first Nationwide Series win came in 2002. Dodge had 11 wins in the series during the 2005 season.
- A Dodge has started from the pole 48 times.

### **DODGE QUOTES:**

"Kentucky was basically the place where I got my big break in auto racing. After a run that I had there I got the deal with Panther to run full-time and won a couple Indy car races there. I've done a lot of testing there, from ARCA cars to Cup cars. It's notoriously bumpy. I remember Brad ran the middle groove all race last year and that takes a little getting used to because it's different than a lot of mile-and-a-halves that you run. You want to be all the way at the bottom but it's just so rough down there."

-- Sam Hornish, Jr.

### **SAM HORNISH JR.**

– No. 12 Wurth Dodge Challenger

Crew Chief: Chad Walter

### **Career Stats:**

Starts: 47

Wins: 1

Top Fives: 5

Top 10s: 13

Poles: 0

Laps Led: 182

### **2012 Season Stats:**

Starts: 14

Wins: 0

Top Fives: 3

Top 10s: 7

Poles: 0

Laps Led: 67

- Fourth in Nationwide Series driver standings, 34 points behind leader Elliott Sadler.
- Will be making his first-ever Nationwide Series start at the 1.5-mile Kentucky track.
- Has completed 99.92 percent of all possible laps in 14 NNS races this season (2,516 of a possible 2,518).
- Claimed first top-five finish on a road course (fifth-place) last week at Road America.
- Average finish of 9.9 this season in 14 races.

## BRAD KESELOWSKI

– No. 22 Discount Tire Dodge Challenger

Crew Chief: Jeremy Bullins

### Career Stats:

Starts: 179

Wins: 18

Top Fives: 79

Top 10s: 110

Poles: 12

Laps Led: 2,892

### 2012 Season Stats:

Starts: 11

Wins: 1

Top Fives: 6

Top 10s: 7

Poles: 0

Laps Led: 138

- Defending race winner of the Feed the Children 300.
- Has finished fourth or better in four NNS starts at the 1.5-mile speedway (average finish of 2.8).
- Finished 10th in most recent NNS start at Michigan (race No. 13).
- Led 67 laps en route to NNS win at Charlotte in May.

## KENTUCKY SPEEDWAY NUMBERS

- Dodge has one Nationwide win at Kentucky. Brad Keselowski led 132 laps en route to victory in the 2011 event.
- Dodge drivers have scored seven consecutive top-five and 14 top-10 finishes in 11 races at the 1.5-mile track.

## FROM THE CREW CHIEF

"Kentucky is probably the roughest racetrack that we go to, so finding a good balance between managing the roughness of the track and keeping a good aero platform is the biggest challenge that you face there. It's kind of like a Texas or a Vegas in that sense, as far as the roughness goes. There are a lot of compromises that you have to make from a setup standpoint."

-- Jeremy Bullins, Crew Chief, No. 22 Discount Tire Dodge Challenger

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