



Ryan Wilson
No. 15 Richard Petty's Driver Search Dodge
American 200 – October 9th, 2010 – Rockingham Speedway

Primary Team Members

Driver: Ryan Wilson
Hometown: Randleman, NC

Crew Chief: Brad Noffsinger
Hometown: Huntington Beach, CA

Car Chief: James Cowan
Hometown: Concord, NC

About Richard Petty's Driver Search

Named for the NASCAR Hall of Famer and winningest driver in NASCAR Sprint Cup Series history, this unique training camp and competition is for aspiring race car drivers looking for an opportunity to advance their careers. The program, which is limited to 12 participants, focuses on the core skill sets necessary for success at the highest levels in motorsports.

Richard Petty's Driver Search II, which took place last month, saw drivers from eight different states, Canada, and Barbados demonstrate their abilities in High Performance Karts, USAC midgets, Nationwide-style stock cars, and 850 hp-Sprint Cup Series stock cars. Over the course of four days, participants received valuable feedback from industry experts such as Ken Schrader, Marcos Ambrose, and Frank Kimmel as well as the *Driver Search* instructional staff. The "Top Driver" was determined, primarily, by the use of state-of-the-art computerized data acquisition technologies in the areas of: car control, endurance, track management, adaptability, race practices, passing exercises, car knowledge/feel, mechanical knowledge, speed, communication, and marketability.

Richard Petty's Driver Search III is scheduled for December 6-9, 2010. For more information, please visit our website at <http://www.pettydriversearch.com>.

About Ryan Wilson – "Top Driver", Richard Petty's Driver Search II

Ryan Wilson, 18 years old of Randleman, NC, was named "Top Driver" of *Richard Petty's Driver Search II* in September. Ryan was only five years old when he first jumped behind the wheel of a go-kart. After spending years tearing up the go-kart circuit, he began racing a Sportsman car at Caraway Speedway in Asheboro, NC and had instant success winning five of his first 12 starts.

After his quick start, Wilson moved up to Late Model Trucks and Late Model Stock Cars. In only his eighth start, he won his first race on May, 31, 2009 at Caraway Speedway. In 2009, he picked up another win at Caraway and also ran multiple races at Ace Speedway in Altamahaw, NC. So far in 2010, he has picked up one more win at Caraway and continued to develop his skills in a Late Model Stock Car.

Wilson has also competed in NASCAR Whelen All-American Series sanctioned races at Myrtle Beach Speedway, Hickory Motor Speedway, and Motor Mile Speedway, as well as with the UARA-STARS Series at Hickory Motor Speedway.

Ryan Wilson Quotes

"*Richard Petty's Driver Search* is the only program of its kind that allows drivers to get in several different types of cars on such diverse tracks. I gained tons of experience that will help me in the future, by having to adapt quickly in bigger, heavier cars."

"Growing up right down the road from the Petty family, it is a "dream come true" to be able to make my first ARCA Series start in a Petty owned car."

"Being from North Carolina, I went to watch races at Rockingham a few times over the years and have always hoped that I would get an opportunity to drive there. Now the opportunity has come and I am very excited to make my ARCA debut at the historic track."

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