

Key moments in NASCAR history

One of the most popular sports in the United States, NASCAR has a rich history steeped in tradition.



-- December 1947: By late 1947, stock car racing was growing in popularity, and tracks were struggling to handle the crowds and cars.

-- February 1948: Behind the wheel of his Ford Modified, Red Byron wins the first sanctioned NASCAR race on a beach course in Daytona.

-- September 1950: Darlington International Raceway becomes the first asphalt super speedway to host a NASCAR event.

-- July 1952: The first NASCAR competition to take place outside of the United States is held on a dirt track in Stam-

ford Park, Ontario, Canada. The 200-mile event was won by Buddy Shuman and marked the only victory of Shuman's career.

-- February 1959: The first Daytona 500 is held at what is now the Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla. The event, which remains the sport's most prestigious race, coincided with the opening of the speedway.

-- December 1963: Wendell Scott wins a NASCAR race at Jacksonville Speedway, becoming the first African-American in NASCAR history to win a

premier division race. -- November 1979: Richard Petty, the son of inaugural Daytona 500 winner Lee Petty, wins his seventh series championship, a record at the time.

-- February 1998: Racing in his twentieth Daytona 500, Dale Earnhardt wins his first one, snapping a 59-race winless streak in the process.

-- 2003: Brian France, the grandson of NASCAR founder Bill France, Sr., takes over as American CEO and Chairman of NASCAR, taking over the position from his father.

-- 2004: The Chase for the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup is announced. This announcement gave the sport a postseason similar to a playoff. Since 2008, this has been referred to as the "Chase for the Sprint Cup," a name change made necessary by the merger of NEXTEL and Sprint.

-- November 2009: Jimmie Johnson becomes the first driver to win four consecutive championships. Johnson would add to his legend the following season by winning his fifth consecutive championship and then again in 2013 by winning his sixth overall championship, leaving him one shy of the all-time record of seven championships held by Richard Petty and Dale Earnhardt.

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Players to watch at the 2026 FIFA World Cup

The FIFA World Cup 2026TM will attract fans from all over the globe when the competition kicks off on June 11.

Sixteen cities across Canada, Mexico and the United States will welcome players and fans for the truly global sporting event this June.

The action is always unpredictable at the World Cup, but one thing fans can count on is an opportunity to see the world's best players compete at a high level. When the games begin this June, these are some of the more notable players fans will have their eyes on.

• Kylian Mbappé, France: As the careers of Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo wind down, Mbappé, the 27-year-old forward and French captain, might be the heir apparent as the face of global soccer. Mbappé already has made history in the World Cup, scoring three goals in the 2022 FIFA World Cup Final, a feat that had not been accomplished since 1966.

and they will surely be looking to rebound from that loss this summer.

• Lautaro Martínez, Argentina: Speaking of heir apparents, Martínez might just be the man to fill that role for defending World Cup champions Argentina, who at press time were still unsure if Messi was going to suit up this summer.

• Pedro González López, Spain: Known simply as "Pedri," this 23-year-old Spanish midfielder seems poised to bolster his already impressive reputation among soccer fans this summer in North America. Known for his creativity on the pitch, Pedri's dribbling and passing and undeniable talent at making plays could make him the breakout star at this summer's World Cup.

• Vinicius Júnior, Brazil: No country has won more World Cup titles than Brazil, and if the Brazilians are to add a sixth trophy to their credit this summer, then the man some refer to as "Vini Jr." figures to be in the thick of things. Vinicius will turn 26 on July 12, and the Brazilian forward undoubtedly hopes to make this year's birthday celebration one he remembers for coinciding with Brazil's run to another World Cup Final.

• Alphonso Davies, Canada: The multi-talented 25-year-old Davies captains the Canadian squad and has become the face of the sport in Canada. Explosiveness characterizes Davies' game, which opened eyes during the FIFA World Cup in Qatar in 2022. A left-back, winger and wing-back, Davies' pace is hard to match, and his dribbling and playmaking ability is sure to inspire host-nation fans across Canada this summer.

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING DAKOTA PRAIRIE SCHOOL BOARD

March 11, 2026 - 7 p.m. - In person/Zoom The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dave Blasey with members Jennifer Rusten, Charlie Stein and Nikki Ohnstad present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Motion by Charlie Stein, seconded by Jennifer Rusten, to approve the agenda with the addition of the athletic director report. All in favor, motion carried.

The board called for public comment at this time. There being none, the meeting continued.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Motion by Nikki Ohnstad, seconded by Jennifer Rusten, to adjourn to executive session under NDCC 44-04.19(9) Family Education Rights Act Privacy Act (FERPA). Time went into session; 7:04 p.m.

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING The board reconvened to regular session at 7:21 p.m.

The minutes and bills were presented for consideration. Motion by Charlie Stein, seconded by Anna Halvorson, to approve the minutes as printed and the bills for payment. All in favor, motion carried.

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Did You Know?



When the FIFA World Cup 2026™ begins on June 11, billions of viewers across the globe might be watching. According to the FIFA Annual Report 2025, the international governing body of football (soccer in the United States) estimates that the World Cup could reach a global audience of six billion people across various viewing platforms in 2026.

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Weather report

Table with weather data for PEKIN, including Date, High, Low, Rain, and Agricultural Weather Network station at Pekin for the 24-hour period each day.

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Table with weather data for MICHIGAN, including Date, High, Low, Rain, and Agricultural Weather Network station at Michigan for the 24-hour period each day.

Sudoku answers

9x9 grid of numbers representing the solution to a Sudoku puzzle.

Word search grid with words highlighted in grey.

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