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‘Happy’ Harvick will retire after 23rd Cup season

The Racing Reporter

Kevin ‘Happy’ Harvick is calling it quits after the end of the 2023 racing season. This will be the 47-year-old driver’s 23rd and final year as a NASCAR Cup Series driver.

Harvick begins his last season on the Cup Series with 60 point-paying victories. He is only 99 laps shy of leading a staggering 16,000 laps in his career – one of only 11 drivers in the history of the sport to do so. The Bakersfield, Calif., native is slated to make his 800th career Cup Series start April 23 at Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway.

“There is absolutely nothing else in the world that I enjoy doing more than going to the racetrack and I’m genuinely looking forward to this season,” said Harvick, driver of the No. 4 Ford Mustang for Stewart-Haas Racing. “But as I’ve gone through the years, I knew there would come a day where I had to make a decision. When would it be time to step away from the car? I’ve sought out people and picked their brains.

“When I asked them when they knew it was the right time, they said it’ll just happen and you’ll realize that’s the right moment. You’ll make a plan and decide when it’s your last year. It’s definitely been hard to understand when that right moment is because we’ve been so fortunate to run well. But sometimes there are just other things going on that become more important and, for me, that time has come.”

Harvick’s decision to make the 2023 season his last comes as he seeks more family time. Together with wife, DeLana, they’ll continue to visit racetracks, but Harvick won’t be wearing a fire suit. His 10-year-old son, Keelan, is an avid karter who races internationally. Harvick’s 5-year-old daughter, Piper, is already following in the family’s tire tracks in a go-kart.

“In the last year, I think I’ve seen Keelan race three times while he’s been in Europe. I go to the go-kart track with Piper and she makes twice as many strides in a day while I’m there than she would in a day when I’m not there. It takes a lot of time to organize the level of racing they’re doing and to be around that is important to me,” Harvick said.

Karting is where Harvick’s career began. He was 5 when he first started racing around Southern California. Twenty years later, after competing and winning on the NASCAR Southwest Tour, earning the 1998 NASCAR Winston West championship, advancing to the NASCAR Truck Series and then the NASCAR Xfinity Series, he moved to Cup. However, it was under incredibly trying circumstances and immense pressure.

A 25-year-old Harvick was thrust into the national spotlight and tabbed to do the impossible – fill the void left by the passing of Dale Earnhardt Sr. A crash on the final lap of the 2001 Daytona 500 had taken Earnhardt’s life. In the midst of great personal sorrow, team owner Richard Childress needed to steady his organization. He chose Harvick, an up-and-coming racer who had a breakout season in 2000 by winning three races in the second-tier Busch Series, known today as the Xfinity Series.

The No. 3, made famous by Earnhardt, was changed to the No. 29, and Harvick made his Cup Series debut on Feb. 25 at North Carolina Speedway in Rockingham. Harvick started 36th that Sunday at Rockingham, but rain washed over the track just 51 laps into the 393-lap race. The race resumed at 11 a.m. ET on Monday, whereupon Harvick drove to a solid 14th-place finish. He then traveled to Las Vegas on Tuesday, got married on Wednesday and was back in a racecar on Friday, competing in both the Xfinity Series and Cup Series events at Las Vegas Motor Speedway. After finishing eighth on Sunday to score his first career top-10 in the Cup Series, Harvick then headed to Atlanta Motor Speedway, where on March 11, 2001, he beat Jeff Gordon across the finish line in just his third career start.

“Dale’s passing changed our sport forever, and it changed my life forever and the direction it took. It took me a long time to really get comfortable, to really even think about things that happened that day,” Harvick said. “Looking back on it now, you realize the importance of getting in the Cup car, and then we wound up winning my first race at Atlanta in the 29 car after Dale’s death. The significance and the importance of keeping that car on the race-track and winning that race early at Atlanta – knowing now what it meant to the sport and just that moment in general of being able to carry on – was so important. We just found a way to make it work and that’s what we did all year long.”

Making it work is what Harvick has done throughout his career. This was evident from day one at Stewart-Haas Racing, where he joined the team in December 2013 after spending 14 seasons with Childress. Harvick and Rodney Childers are the longest-tenured active driver-crew chief pairing in the Cup Series garage, a 10-year partnership that has netted 37 points-paying wins.

CARS TOUR HAS NEW OWNERS

A group of NASCAR drivers, along with team owner Justin Marks, have acquired the Solid Rock Carriers CARS Tour, the Southeast asphalt late model series. The five new owners are Dale Earnhardt Jr., Kevin Harvick, Jeff Burton and Marks, owner of Trakhouse Racing.

The series will feature 19 race weekends this season. Jack McNelly and his staff will continue to oversee operations and track events. Earnhardt, Burton, Harvick and Marks, along with their companies, will seek to bolster the series through brand management, business strategy and partnership acquisition and retention.

“I grew up racing Late Model stock cars on the West Coast,” said Harvick in a statement. “Late Model racing has always been a passion of mine, and I want to ensure short-track asphalt racing and the CARS Tour continue to grow and succeed. I look forward to sharing the responsibility with this like-minded group of racers.”

The series, which was formed in 2014, features Pro Late Models and Late Model Cars.

“This is a dream come true for me,” said Earnhardt, a NASCAR Hall of Famer and NBC Sports analyst, in a statement. “I’m a huge fan of the CARS Tour and local short-track racing. The competition, the tracks and the drivers are some of the best around. These regional series are vital to the quality of racing you see at the top level. Jack (McNelly, CARS Tour founder) has done a tremendous job establishing the CARS Tour as a preeminent series and I’m thrilled to be part of its future.”

NASCAR NOTES

NASCAR team owners Maury Gallagher, Jimmie Johnson and team ambassador Richard Petty announced the organization will officially change its name from Petty GMS to LEGACY Motor Club moving forward. LEGACY M.C. is home to two full-time NASCAR Cup Series teams, featuring rookie Noah Gragson in the No. 42 Chevrolet and Erik Jones in the No. 43 Chevrolet, as well as a part-time entry for seven-time NASCAR Cup Series champion Johnson.

In other news, Kyle Larson will see his dream of running the Indianapolis 500 come true. The 2021 NASCAR Cup Series champion will join McLaren Racing as part of Arrow McLaren’s lineup for the 2024 edition of the Indy 500. The Chevrolet entry will be co-owned by Rick Hendrick and carry title sponsorship from HendrickCars.com.

Racing Joke: During the offseason, Ralph had a very complicated but not life-threatening operation. After the procedure, he began complaining about a bump on his head and a terrible headache. There was no earthly reason why he should be complaining of a headache.

Finally, the nurse spoke to his doctor about it.

“Don’t worry about a thing, nurse,” the doctor assured her. “He really does have a bump on his head. We ran out of anesthesia about halfway through the operation.”

Racing Trivia Question: Which three drivers were known as the original “Alabama Gang?”

Last Week’s Question: How many Cup Series championships has Jimmie Johnson won? He has seven championships.

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Chetek Lanes

BUSINESS MEN’S – Jan. 9

Sweet Ballers 39/ 21
Ponsse Scheme.....30/30
Carouser’s.....25/ 35
Roses Bay.....32/ 28
HiWay 8 Motel.....27/ 33
A&T Industries.....27/33
High team game: Roses Bay-1107, Ponsse Scheme-1096, A & T Industries-1079; high team series: Ponsse Scheme-3180, Roses Bay-3169, Sweet Ballers-3103. High individual game: Jeremy Aspen-246, Ted Jilek-224, Armand West-223, Liz Young-206, Whitney Tronson-175, Barb West-169; high individual series: Armand West-625, Kevin Johnson-592, Jeremy Aspen-588, Liz Young-503, Barb West-491, Lisa Aspen-462.

SENIORS – Jan. 9

Balls of Fire.....37.5/ 30.5
Newbies.....35/ 33
Blind Squirrels.....32/ 36
Shortcuts.....31.5/ 36.5
High team game: Newbies-912, Balls of Fire-860, Blind Squirrels-805; high team series: Newbies-2515, Balls of Fire-2427, Shortcuts-2285. High individual game: Bryan Miller-191, Doug Goldman-183, Dennis Carey-159, Jan Sigl-194, Linda Carey-192, Cindy Davis-166; high individual series: Bryan Miller-495, Doug Goldman-494, Dennis Carey-463, Linda Carey-486, Cindy Davis-438, Jane Miller-416.

TUESDAY CLASSIC – Jan. 10

Sandy’s Salon.....43/ 17
Chetek Lanes.....32/ 28
Pesky 10 Pins.....41/ 19
TJ Construction.....29/ 31
Whitmore Accounting.....18/ 42
Billy’s Grill.....17/ 43
High team game: TJ Construction-1169, Chetek Lanes-1115, Whitmore Accounting-1108; high team series: TJ Construction-3381, Chetek Lanes-3239, Sandy’s Salon-3175. High individual game: Collin Law–263, Kyle Owens-259, Chris Harris-253, Sam Munkelwitz-172, Mitzi Hawkins-170, Heather Stephenson-149; high individual series: Collin Law-729, Chris Harris-670, Paul Groth-610, Mitzi Hawkins-475, Sam Munkelwitz-471, Heather Stephenson-410.

AQUA DAIRY LEAGUE – Jan. 11

Paradise Pools A.....29.5/ 22.5
Sassy’s.....38.5/ 13.5
Dairy State Bank.....30.5/21.5
Area Signs.....31.5/ 20.5
Jen’s Chopping Block.....10.5/ 41.5
Keg N’ Kork.....15.5/36.5
High team game: Paradise Pools A-878, Jen’s Chopping Block-820, Sassy’s-808; high team series: Paradise Pools A-2482, Dairy State Bank-2357, Keg N’ Kork-2329. High individual game: Robin Wirth-216, Sierra Dejesus-212, Christi Wisner-182; high individual series: Robin Wirth-561, Sierra Dejesus-509, Christi Wisner-470.

TAVERN LEAGUE – Jan. 12

Caddy Shack.....33/ 27
Ben & Maggie’s.....44.5/ 15.5
A & T Industries.....24/ 36
R&R Home Improve.....37/ 23
Mary’s Cafe & Pub.....19.5/ 40.5
Bjorkstrand Roofing.....22/38
High team game: R & R Home Improvement-1133, Caddy Shack-1125, A & T Industries-1096; high team series: Ben & Maggie’s-3236, R & R Home Improvement-3206, A & T Industries-3128. High individual game: Kevin Ranney-254, Steve Cole-242, Chad Toews-233, Jan Sigl-140, Taylor Hanson-133; high individual series: Kevin Ranney-660, Chad Toews-646, Travis Kubesh-617, Jan Sigl-383, Taylor Hanson-353.

HITS AND MISSES – Jan. 14

Bowling Stones.....138.5/ 95.5
Hole lot of Fun!.....133.5/ 100.5
The Quiet Ones.....129.5/ 104.5
After You.....109/125
Alley Ops!!.....100/ 134
4 Thorns & 1 Rose.....91.5/142.5
High team game: Bowling Stones-846, After You-841, Alley Ops!!-823; high team series: Bowling Stones-2434, After You-2342, The Quiet Ones-2312. High individual game: Jon Lantz-218, Mike Schindler-204, Jim Dahlberg-204, Dawn Jackson-182, Karen Dahlberg-169, Amy Lantz-157; high individual series: Jim Dahlberg-574, Jon Lantz-534, Derek Cummings-511, Karen Dahlberg-465, Dawn Jackson-458, Amy Lantz-435.

WEDNESDAY WARRIORS – Jan. 11

Spare Times.....2/2
3 Kings and a Queen.....2/2
The Bowling Stones.....3/1
The Rascals.....1/3
Bowling Bombers.....4/0
Balls of Fire.....0/4
High team game: The Bowling Stones-880, The Rascals-844, Spare Times-828; high team series: The Bowling Stones-2501, The Rascals-2491, Bowling Bombers-2406. High individual game: Don Tyson-203, Larry French-196, Doug Goldman-183, Claudia Wold-181, Balore Miller-156, Anita Jensen-154; High individual series: Doug Goldman-496, Larry French-489, Don Tyson-464, Balore Miller-452, Claudia Wold-422, Anita Jensen-415.

TOP SCRATCH BOWLERS THIS WEEK:

Men’s scratch game (225+): Collin Law-263, Kyle Owens-259, Kevin Ranney-254, Chris Harris-253, Jeremy Aspen-246, Steve Cole-242, Chad Toews-233; Men’s scratch series (600+): Collin Law-729, Chris Harris-670, Kevin Ranney-660, Chad Toews-646, Armand West-625, Travis Kubesh-617, Paul Groth-610. Women’s scratch game (200+): Robin Wirth-216, Sierra Dejesus-212, Liz Young-206. Women’s scratch series (500+): Robin Wirth-561, Sierra Dejesus-509, Liz Young-503.

Spare Time BB&G

Monday Night Ladies

Standings Points Won
LakePlace.com.....25
Clear Lake Self Storage.....24
Bowling Buddies.....23
Becker’s Trucking.....20
4 Chops.....20
Northwoods Septic.....16
Wrecking Balls.....10
Austad’s Super Valu.....6
High Games: Heidi VanHeuklom 171, Deanne Moravitz 169, Georgia Lavery 169 High Series: Georgia Lavery 472, Shannon Bents 470, Judy Ullom 470

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
BARRON COUNTY

Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)

Case No. 2023 PR 1

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Margaret E. Allison
Deceased

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

- 1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth November 30, 1927 and date of death December 26, 2022, was domiciled in Barron County, State of WI, with a mailing address of 1333 Memorial Drive, Barron, WI 54812.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent’s estate is April 20, 2023.
5. A claim may be filed at the Barron County Justice Center, Barron, Wisconsin, Room 2700.

Form completed by:
Joan Porcher
4990 Jasper Ave. N
Lake Elmo, MN 55042

Electronically signed by:
Deanne E. Alsbury
Probate Registrar
Date: January 5, 2023

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VILLAGE OF DALLAS
NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that a Spring Election will be held in the Village of Dallas on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at the Village Hall. Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. that day. Two trustees positions are up for election. Incumbents are Trustees, Lawrence Stehberger and Gregory Wirth. President, Susanne Dodge.

Karen Surprenant, Election Clerk
715-837-1080

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Schedules

* Indicates a boys/girls doubleheader

Thursday, January 19
WRESTLING

Barron, Cameron, Chequamegon at Ladysmith

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Birchwood at Flambeau*

Cumberland at Barron

Chetek-Weyerhaeuser at Cameron

Ladysmith at Spooner

BOYS BASKETBALL

Clayton at Bruce

Barron at Hayward

BOYS HOCKEY

Icemens vs. Somerset at Barron

GIRLS HOCKEY

Hudson at Hayward co-op

Friday, January 20

BOYS BASKETBALL

Flambeau at New Auburn*

Birchwood at Cornell*

Winter at Prairie Farm*

St. Croix Falls at Barron

Spooner at Chetek-Weyerhaeuser

Ladysmith at Hayward

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Birchwood at Cornell*

Winter at Prairie Farm*

Clayton at Bruce

Flambeau at New Auburn*

Saturday, January 21

WRESTLING

Ashland, Bayfield/Washburn,

Bloomer, Bruce, Chequamegon,

Clear Lake, Hayward, Luck/Frederic/

Grantsburg/Siren, New Richmond,

Eau Claire Regis, Rice Lake, Spooner,

Spring Valley, Thorp, Unity at Shell

Lake

Saint Michael-Albertville, Pine

City, Princeton, Hopkins, Menomonie,

Kenosha Christian Life, Osceola,

Totino-Grace, Stillwater, West Salem,

River Falls, Spencer, Superior, Suring,

Ogilvie, Barron, Luck, Flambeau,

Cameron, Abbotsford, Boyceville,

Bruce, Cadott, Chetek-Weyerhaeuser/

Prairie Farm, Clayton, Cornell,

Cumberland, Thorp, Glenwood City,

Northwestern, Spencer/Columbus,

North Branch at St. Croix Falls

Aquinas, Brookwood, Cadott,

Cochrane, Fountain City, Gale

Etrick, Trempealeau, Independence,

Ladysmith, Medford, Minnetonka,

Mosinee, Onalaska, Prescott, St Croix

Central at Arcadia

GIRLS HOCKEY

Moose Lake at Hayward co-op (2:30)

BOYS HOCKEY

Bruce at Cameron (6:00)

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Cameron at Barron (2:30)

Chetek-Weyerhaeuser at Ashland

St. Croix Falls at Ladysmith

BOYS BASKETBALL

Bruce at Cameron

Monday, January 23

BOYS BASKETBALL

Lake Holcombe at Gilmanton

Cornell at Bruce

Chetek-Weyerhaeuser at Barron

Cameron at Cumberland

Lakeland at Ladysmith

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Cornell at Bruce

Cameron at Unity

BOYS HOCKEY

Icemens at Chequamegon

Tuesday, January 24

BOYS BASKETBALL

Prairie Farm at Flambeau*

Cornell at Thorp

Ashland at Cameron

BOYS HOCKEY

Icemens vs. Hayward at Barron

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Prairie Farm at Flambeau*

St. Croix Falls at Chetek-Weyerhaeuser

Cameron at Cumberland

Barron at Hayward

Ashland at Ladysmith

WRESTLING

Arcadia, Boyceville, Bruce, Thorp at

Bloomer

Chetek-Weyerhaeuser/Prairie Farm,

Ladysmith, St. Croix Falls at Barron



PUBLIC NOTICES
YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW



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VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day may submit a request to vote an absentee ballot to their municipal clerk. A qualified elector is any U.S. citizen who:
• will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day.
• has resided in the ward or municipality where they wish to vote for at least 28 consecutive days before the election.

The elector must also be registered to vote to receive an absentee ballot. Proof of identification must be provided before an absentee ballot may be issued*.

Making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail

Contact your municipal clerk and request that an application for an absentee ballot be sent to you for the primary or election or both. You may make written application to your municipal clerk for an absentee ballot by mail, by fax, by email or at MyVote.wi.gov. Or you may apply in person at the clerk’s office during the In-Person Absentee Voting period listed below.

Your written request must include:

- 1. your voting address within the municipality where you wish to vote
2. the address where the absentee ballot should be sent, if different from the address above
3. your signature
4. a copy of your photo identification*

The deadline for making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail is 5:00pm February 16.

*Voters who are indefinitely confined due to age, illness, infirmity, or disability may not be required to provide photo ID. If this applies to you, contact the municipal clerk regarding deadlines for requesting and submitting an absentee ballot.

**Special absentee voting application provisions apply to electors who are indefinitely confined, in the military, hospitalized, or serving as a sequestered juror. If this applies to you, contact the municipal clerk regarding deadlines for requesting and submitting an absentee ballot.

Voting an absentee ballot in person

You may also request and vote an absentee ballot in the clerk’s office or other specified location during the days and hours specified for casting an absentee ballot in person.

The first day and last day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk’s office is listed below:

Table with 4 columns: Location, Clerk Name, Address, and Voting Period. Locations include Barron, Arlington, Clinton, Prairie Farm, and Village of Dallas.

No in-person absentee voting may occur on the day before the election. The municipal clerk will deliver voted ballots returned on or before Election Day to the proper polling place or counting location before the polls close on February 21, 2023. Any ballots received after the polls close will not be counted.

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NOTICE OF UNCLAIMED FUNDS
BARRON COUNTY

Pursuant to Wis. Statute 59.66, I hereby publish a list of unclaimed funds, filed in my office by the Clerk of Circuit Court, City of Barron Clerk, Town of Cedar Lake Clerk and the City of Rice Lake Clerk. Unless the owners call for and prove their ownership of the money or security within 6 months from the time of completed publication, I, as Barron County Treasurer, will take possession or control of the money or security.

Samantha J Sommerfeld
Barron County Treasurer

Table with 3 columns: Clerk of Circuit Court Unclaimed Funds Name/Address, Amount. Lists various unclaimed funds from locations like Stephanie Tainter, Hussein Ahmed, etc.

Table with 3 columns: City of Barron Clerk Unclaimed Funds Name/Address, Amount. Lists unclaimed funds from Verizon.

Table with 3 columns: Town of Cedar Lake Clerk Unclaimed Funds Name/Address, Amount. Lists unclaimed funds from Zachary J & Terri L Bohl.

Table with 3 columns: City of Rice Lake Clerk Unclaimed Funds Name/Address, Amount. Lists unclaimed funds from Joseph D Shepherd, etc.

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