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NASCAR Is California Dreaming For Auto Club 500 Presented By NAPA Sunday on FOX

Hammond: Junior's Late Charge Showed Desire and Father's Determination

Pit Reporters Put It In Overdrive to Set Scene During Unprecedented Daytona Delay

NASCAR ON FOX RACING FROM FONTANA – Week two of the 2010 NASCAR on FOX season rolls into California this Sunday, Feb. 21 (2:00 PM ET) for the Auto Club 500 presented by NAPA. Fresh off his surprise victory in a grueling Daytona 500, **Jamie McMurray** leads a star-studded field as the Sprint Cup Series heads west. **Dale Earnhardt Jr.** hopes his late charge to a second-place finish in the 500 is an omen of things to come this season. Coverage starts with FOX NASCAR SUNDAY host **Chris Myers**, along with analysts **Darrell Waltrip** and **Jeff Hammond** from the Hollywood Hotel, FOX Sports' traveling prerace set providing up-to-the-minute reports and live interviews with drivers, crewmen and officials shaping the day's action. Once the green flag drops, race announcer **Mike Joy** will be alongside analysts Waltrip and **Larry McReynolds** to call all the twists and turns on the track while **Dick Berggren**, **Steve Byrnes**, **Krista Voda** and **Matt Yocum** patrol the pits for up-to-the-second reports on teams and pit stops.

<u>Date</u>	<u>NASCAR SPRINT CUP Event</u>	<u>Coverage Begins</u>
SUNDAY, FEB. 21	AUTO CLUB 500 PRESENTED BY NAPA	2:00 PM ET

HAMMOND: MCMURRAY NOT THE ONLY WINNER OF DAYTONA 500 – NASCAR on FOX analyst **Jeff Hammond** looks at who else had a successful run the 52nd running of the Daytona 500. Excerpts below and to read more logon to FOXSports.com:

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Dale Earnhardt Jr. – “Junior and crew chief Lance McGrew have to be happy with their performance in the Daytona 500. Junior started on the outside of the front row and finished second. In his post-race comments, he seemed genuinely disappointed that he didn't win the race and that was refreshing. I compare his run at the end Sunday's Daytona to his father's run at Talladega all those years ago. Junior showed desire, muscled his way up through there and made some good moves. He got some help at just the right time and in just the right places to go from tenth to second in only one lap.”

Martin Truex Jr. – “Martin has to be thrilled coming off his first race with a new team, new car manufacturer and new crew chief. Granted, he watched the car he left win the 500, but Martin had a great run and had a chance to win. He definitely left Daytona starting his 2010 season off on the right foot.”

PIT REPORTERS PUT IT IN OVERDRIVE DURING UNPRECEDENTED DAYTONA DELAY – This past Sunday's Daytona 500 was filled with exciting racing, a record number of race leaders, a fantastic finish and unfortunately a pothole that stymied the action for over two hours. Those delays gave the NASCAR on FOX broadcasters an opportunity to showcase their talents and ability to think on their feet. As expected, NASCAR on FOX pit reporters **Dick Berggren**, **Steve Byrnes**, **Krista Voda** and **Matt Yocum** were leaned on heavily to grab interviews, gather information and fill viewers in on how drivers & crew chiefs were dealing with the unprecedented delay. Between the two red

flags stoppages, pit reporters and producers hustled to garner an astounding 45 interviews with 34 different people, not including NASCAR Chairman **Brian France**'s visit to join race announcer **Mike Joy** and analysts **Larry McReynolds & Darrell Waltrip** in the booth for some insight into how the asphalt issue was being resolved. "We were challenged to strike a balance between the fun the drivers were having on the track and the severity and unfortunate part which was nobody's fault. Each race, we're determined to bring out the personalities of these drivers and from the Hollywood Hotel to my colleagues in the pits and to our production folks, we succeeded in doing that Sunday," said NASCAR on FOX pit reporter **Steve Byrnes**.

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