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NASCAR on FOX: Expect Bumpin' & Bangin' on Short Track Sunday in Martinsville

**Johnston, Billick, Johnson & Lynch Agree:
NFL OT Playoff Rule Should Apply To Regular Season As Well**

**Thursday's Episode of FOXSports.com's Emmy-Nominated Show CUBED Features
Texans WR David Anderson, Tom Arnold and Bobby Lee**

CAN JIMMIE JOHNSON CONTINUE HIS DOMINANCE IN VIRGINIA? – Following his Sprint Cup-leading third victory last weekend, it seems to be only a matter of time before **Jimmie Johnson** leads the point standings once again. It could happen as soon as this Sunday, March 28 (12:00 PM ET) when FOX Sports heads to Virginia for NASCAR Sprint Cup Racing from Martinsville. Current points leader **Kevin Harvick** and second-running **Matt Kenseth** look to keep their place in the standing against a star-studded field.

Coverage starts with FOX NASCAR SUNDAY host **Chris Myers**, along with analysts Waltrip and **Jeff Hammond** from the Hollywood Hotel, FOX Sports' traveling prerace set providing up-to-the-second 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 the latest news and notes.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Coverage Begins</u>
SUNDAY, MARCH 28	NASCAR SPRINT CUP RACING FROM MARTINSVILLE PRESENTED BY NATIONWIDE INSURANCE	12:00 PM ET

MCREYNOLDS: TRUE TEST OF REAR SPOILER WILL COME DURING RACE ACTION – Testing of the new rear spoiler continued this week at Charlotte Motor Speedway but NASCAR on FOX analyst **Larry McReynolds** believes what happens this weekend in Martinsville during the spoiler's first appearance this season will show precisely how the change will influence the style of racing. "Testing can only take you so far," said McReynolds. "We won't have an exact feel for how the rear spoiler affects these race cars until teams can actually do some racing." According to McReynolds, a trip to one of the top tracks on the circuit will offer the verdict on the spoiler. "Texas Motor Speedway is one of the fastest tracks we go to and will feature the third race using the rear spoiler instead of the wing. That's the race that'll tell us where we really are. I think everyone is very excited about it."

For more from Larry Mac on FOXSports.com click here: <http://tinyurl.com/ydw8cyo>

FOX SPORTS ANALYSTS WEIGH-IN ON NFL'S LATEST RULE CHANGE

NFL on FOX analysts **Jimmy Johnson**, **Daryl Johnston**, **Brian Billick** and **John Lynch** offer their views on the National Football League's playoff overtime rule change. League owners voted to accept a "modified sudden death" system in which the team that wins the coin toss can win the game with a touchdown on its first possession but not by kicking a field goal. This rule only applies to playoff games that go into overtime. These FOX Sports analysts all agree on one thing – it should be instituted for regular season games as well.

DARYL JOHNSTON – “An overtime loss in September on a first possession field goal that kept you out of the playoffs by one game has as much meaning as the potential of the same scenario happening in the playoffs so I think they should also extend it to the regular season. That being said, I would have been one of the four owners that voted to keep the rule the same. If you do not want to lose the game on a first possession FG then make a play during regulation to prevent overtime. And if you are the team that executes a last second game tying FG in regulation but loses the coin toss, make a defensive stop on the first possession. If you do not do either than you deserve to lose the game.”

BRIAN BILLICK – “The competition committee is consciously vigilant with regards to the numbers to see what is affecting the game. I’m disappointed that they didn’t include it in the regular season. It’s going to affect how coaches call games. Coaches are going to have to make that determination as to whether you’re going to go for a field goal or touchdown, where typically you’d kick the field goal. It’s one of those things that even if the statistics weren’t overwhelming, there’s a sense of fairness that each team should have a possession that I think has driven this.”

JOHN LYNCH – “This is an issue to which there is no perfect solution. I agree with the owners as I think this rule is an improvement. As a former captain in the NFL, there’s insurmountable pressure at the coin toss prior to overtime. As a defensive player, my job was to stop the other team or score ourselves to win the game. The statistics say it wasn’t so silly to be nervous for a coin toss, as close to 60% of the teams that won the toss in overtime, won the game. As a former baseball player I always thought the baseball guys had it right with each team getting a chance. This seems closer to that and thus, I feel is a better system. My only change would be to make it uniform and do it all season long. Football is football, regular season or post-season, the stakes are high. Make the rules consistent and uniform.”

JIMMY JOHNSON – “In the last few years, statistics have gone the way of the team winning the toss because of all the great kickers. This rule will help even it out. It’s an improvement and I think they should extend it to the regular season as well.”

FOXSPORTS.COM’S EMMY-NOMINATED ‘CUBED’ ALL NEW EPSIODE THIS THURSDAY – On the heels of its Sports Emmy nomination for Outstanding New Approaches to Sports Programming, CUBED, FOXSports.com’s irreverent internet show where nothing is off limits, is back this week with an All-Star Cast. Houston Texans wide receiver **David Anderson** coaches Michelle on how to fill out her NCAA Sweet Sixteen Bracket; **Tom Arnold** joins ‘Slice Of Pizzi’ to talk about his new show “Kid Pitch” airing on FSN, and former MADtv Star/Comedian **Bobby Lee** guests as a human resources manager who goes a little crazy when the gang refuses to listen to his presentation on health insurance plans. CUBED is part of FOXSports.com’s ‘Lunch with Benefits’ programming block and airs each Thursday at 1 PM ET.