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Ryan Blaney, the 2023 NASCAR Cup Series (NCS) Champion, enters his 11th full-time season in Cup Series competition in 2026 coming off a season that saw him win a career-best four times in the No. 12 Ford Mustang Dark Horse for Team Penske.

Following his second Championship 4 appearance in as many seasons, Blaney carried the momentum into the 2025 season to reel off a career-high four wins and a Cup Series-leading 15 top-five finishes, culminating in his fifth-consecutive Round of 8 appearance in the NASCAR Playoffs. Despite seven DNFs over the first 20 races of the year, Blaney turned in six-straight top-10 finishes during the final stretch of the regular season to secure the second spot in the standings heading into the postseason.

Blaney clinched his spot in the NASCAR Playoffs with a dominant showing in Nashville before capping off the regular season with a thrilling charge to the front of the field in the closing laps at Daytona to take the checkered flag in a four-wide battle to the line. The No. 12 team began its charge towards the title by winning the opening race of the Round of 12 at New Hampshire as Blaney led 116 laps to lock in to the Round of 8. Facing a must-win situation at Martinsville five weeks later to advance to the Championship 4, Blaney - after starting 31st - came up one spot

short despite leading 177 laps in his attempt to win three-consecutive fall races at the paperclip.

The No. 12 team kept up its momentum heading into the season finale at Phoenix as Blaney came out ahead of a three-wide battle on the final lap of a green-white-checkered finish, capping the 2025 season with a fourth win while marking Blaney's first career victory at Phoenix after producing runner-up efforts in four of his previous six starts at the one-mile oval.

Blaney first joined Team Penske as a talented 18-year-old racer, competing in select NASCAR Grand National Series races for the team in 2012. He earned his first Grand National victory for Team Penske at Kentucky in 2013 and over the last ten seasons, Blaney has produced a combined 23 victories and 13 poles for the team across Grand National Series and Cup Series competition.

Away from the racetrack, Blaney works on several initiatives with the Ryan Blaney Family Foundation to raise awareness and funding for brain health causes with a focus on Alzheimer's Disease and concussions. Blaney has also become an avid golfer, playing regularly with Team Penske INDYCAR driver Scott McLaughlin.

Ryan and his wife, Gianna, welcomed their first son, Charley, in 2025 and reside in Mooresville, NC.



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