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AUSTIN CINDRIC

In 2023, Austin Cindric embarks on his sophomore season in the NASCAR Cup Series (NCS) following a breakout 2022 season behind the wheel of the No. 2 Ford Mustang for Team Penske. The Mooresville, North Carolina, native will look to build on his successful first season of Cup Series competition that included a history-making victory in the Daytona 500, winning his first NCS pole, an impressive playoff run and series Rookie of the Year honors.

Cindric's triumph in the "Great American Race" came in just his eighth start in NASCAR's premier series and, coincidentally, on team owner Roger Penske's birthday. Cindric etched his name in history as the first rookie driver to win NASCAR's most prestigious event. It also marked the first-ever Daytona 500 victory for the iconic No. 2 car.

Riding the wave from Team Penske's third Daytona 500 win, Cindric captured his first career NCS pole the following weekend at Auto Club Speedway and he became the first series rookie to lead the point standings for more than one race. The former NASCAR Xfinity Series champion also flexed his road racing muscle as he recorded four top-10 finishes across the five NCS regular season road course events.

Cindric earned an automatic bid to the Cup Series Playoffs with the Daytona 500 victory and he was the only rookie racer to claim a spot in NASCAR's postseason. Posting solid finishes, Cindric advanced to the Round of 12 and ultimately finished 12th in the championship standings. He closed the season with five top-five and nine top-10 finishes while securing top series rookie honors.

In addition to his growing stock car racing resume, Cindric has consistently demonstrated the diversity of his driving skill. He has competed in select IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship races, including the Rolex 24 at Daytona International Speedway, and he's produced two wins in the IMSA Michelin Pilot Challenge. Cindric has also raced in the Pirelli World Challenge, Global Rallycross and the Australia Supercars Championship over the course of his young career.

The 24-year-old Cindric currently resides in Mooresville, North Carolina.



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