

WTF...are we in Bizarro world? Kurt Busch started the season out with a win in Daytona; Ryan Newman won in Phoenix; Kyle Larson scored in Fontana; Ricky fuckin' Stinkhouse Jr. won Tallahassee; Austin Dillon took the checkered in Charlotte; and now we've got Ryan Blaney doing burnouts in Pocono! Um, who hasn't won? 2015 champion Kyle Busch...2014 champion Kevin Harvick...Dale Earnhardt Jr., oh never mind about that no drivin' asswipe! Before I get too deep into the standings and such I do have to share with you a Tweet I saw this week. I follow a number of NASCAR Twitter feeds and I actually saw this: "Should the #88 be retired after Dale Jr. retires?" Are you fucking kidding me! There are fans that would suck Baby J's dick if he hung it out but still wouldn't go that far! The "King", Richard Petty, won 200 races on 1184 starts in a 34-year career (16.9% winning percentage) ...and is the #43 retired? Not if you ask Darrell Wallace Jr. who drove the #43 last week. What has Little Junior chalked up in his illustrious career? 26 wins in 609 starts (winning percentage 4.3%), and his last win was at Phoenix in November of 2015! Go away, little girl...

Since I'm on a Dale Jr. rant I may as well mention that Gary's Old Phart Racing is not celebrating the greatness that is the #88. Poor Dale had an engine problem in Pocono and finished 38th out of 39 cars. He did manage to beat Cody Ware who is about the only start-and-parker left after the advent of team charters. The Crusty Pharts summarily fell from a well-deserved 30th to an even more well-deserved 35th. I keep telling him his team would do better if he drank more Fireball but he refuses to listen!

I'm starting a new metric called the "Q" quotient: any team that falls below Paul's perennially stinky FeedLots is going to be considered "officially" ever-so-shitty! This currently only applies to three teams: Neil's "Nevermore" Racing have a 3-week lip lock on the leagues love-muscle after cementing their last place position with a little Dale Jr. superglue; Laurel's 39th place "Flappin' My Ya-Ya's In The Wind" who puts as much time into picking her line-up as she does her boyfriends; and, Mike's 36th place Powerstokers, who just yanked one time too many, pulling his dick off with a 49 from Aric Almirola who everyone this side of the dirt knows hasn't driven in 3 weeks! You guys are now officially "dead to the league"!

At the top of the league, for the 3rd week in a row, we've got Donna's "Hey Denny, Three Holes – No Waiting" Divas. The Divas are rolling with Austin Dillon in Michigan this week and the outcome will be questionable. Austin hasn't really been doing too terrible (average finish – 18.2) but he's currently sitting in 20th in the Chase behind a bucket load of rookies. Sandra's 5th place ESP Racing and Apple's now 3rd place Overdrive switched places when Sandra's Evil Empire swallowed Ty Dillon's 18th while the Apple of Drew's eye took a Truex Jr. 6th. This is the first time this season that the ESPer's (last year's champion) have dropped out of the top-4, proving, once again, that there is a God! What'll make this week interesting is that all the teams in the top-5 have newbies running in Michigan (A. Dillon, Suarez, Elliott, Suarez, Jones). Four cars have already cracked the 200mph mark on Michigan International Speedway - and that's just in the 1st Practice!

This Brooklyn MI track is a screamin' Mo-Fo! Speeds generally are in excess of 200mph but cautions are rather rare. There's actually been talk that this should also be a restrictor plate track but I don't see, given the layout of this big-ass 2-mile oval, that there's any danger to the drivers – even with the speed. Similar to last week's race in Pocono, once the cars get spread out they tend to stay that way, indicating that it's gonna be a fuel-mileage/pit strategy race. Kyle Larson won this race last year and, as I write this, I see that he's also took the pole for Sunday. Again, similar to Pocono, the winner almost always qualifies up-front. In fact, it took 22 years for a MIS winner to appear out of the top-10 qualifying and that was Dale Jarrett starting 11th in 1991! Larson won starting 12th last year so if you qualify out of the top-10 I wouldn't kiss my ass goodbye but...ya I would. Four of the six races previous to that have been won from the pole.

Gentlemen, start your engines!