

1-19-75 - 50 years ago, the Cup season started on January 19 at Riverside in California. Bobby Allison topped the opener in the road course over David Pearson, Cecil Gordon, Dave Marcis, and Elmo Langley. Remember, our point system is 100 to win, 98 for second, and a one point drop to 64 points to 36th where all other starters and non-qualifiers get the same 64 points.

1, 100, 16, Bobby Allison
2, 98, -2, 21, David Pearson
3, 97, -3, 24, Cecil Gordon
4, 96, -4, 71, Dave Marcis
5, 95, -5, 64, Elmo Langley

2-16-75 - The 1975 Daytona 500 was race 2 of 30 in the season, on February 16. Benny Parsons was the winner over Bobby Allison, Cale Yarborough, David Pearson, and Ramo Stott. The margin of victory did not require transponders, as it was one lap. 55 cars attempted to make the 40 car starting field. After two races, Allison was still the point leader in his AMC Matador.

1, 198, 16, Bobby Allison
2, 194, -4, 21, David Pearson
3, 190, -8, 71, Dave Marcis
4, 186, -12, 43, Richard Petty
5, 184, -14, 48, James Hylton

2-23-75 - Race 3 was at Richmond on February 23 with 22 cars starting the race. Richard Petty took his first win of the season over Lennie Pond, Benny Parsons, Dick Brooks, and Elmo Langley. It was a close margin of victory, 6 laps! The points took a major shakeup in this race. Both point leader Bobby Allison and second in points David Pearson fell from their spots, since they didn't race in the event! Petty took over the point lead.

1, 286, 43, Richard Petty
2, 275, -11, 24, Cecil Gordon
3, 274, -12, 71, Dave Marcis
4, 273, -13, 72, Benny Parsons
5, 270, -16, 48, James Hylton

3-2-75 - Race 4 of the season was on March 2 at Rockingham with 31 drivers starting. Cale Yarborough became the fourth different winner in four races. David Pearson finished second, they were the two drivers on the lead lap at the finish. Point leader Petty finished in third place, nine laps down!!! Dick Brooks was fourth, 14 laps down, with Bruce Hill fifth, 27 laps down. James Hylton moved to second in the standings, 21 out of the lead. Making his first Cup start on this day was an 18 year old kid named Ricky Rudd. Rudd's last Cup race was on November 18, 2007, giving him a 32 year NASCAR career spanning 11,949 days.

1, 383, 43, Richard Petty
2, 362, -21, 48, James Hylton
3, 360, -23, 8, Ed Negre
4, 356, -27, 88, Richard Childress
5, 355, -28, 24, Cecil Gordon

3-16-75 - Race 5 of the season was at Bristol on March 16 with 23 cars taking the green. Point leader Petty was the first repeat winner of the season, winning by six laps over Benny Parsons. Buddy Baker, Cecil Gordon, and second in points Hylton were the top five, Hylton 18 laps down at the finish. 87 drivers had earned points in the five events so far this season.

- 1, 483, 43, Richard Petty
- 2, 457, -26, 48, James Hylton
- 3, 451, -32, 24, Cecil Gordon
- 4, 449, -34, 72, Benny Parsons
- 5, 447, -36, 8, Ed Negre
- 5, 447, -36, 88, Richard Childress

3-23-75 - 37 cars were entered for 36 spots in Race 6 of 1975 on March 23 at Atlanta. Point leader Petty took his second straight and third of the season, extending his point lead to 39. Buddy Baker was second, on the lead lap. Third place Pearson was one lap down. Fourth, four laps down, was Dick Brooks with Darrell Waltrip fifth, five laps down.

- 1, 583, 43, Richard Petty
- 2, 544, -39, 48, James Hylton
- 3, 543, -40, 24, Cecil Gordon
- 4, 532, -51, 88, Richard Childress
- 5, 521, -62, 72, Benny Parsons

4-6-75 - Race 7 at North Wilkesboro on April 6 saw point leader Richard Petty win his third straight, and fourth of the season. Margin of victory was three laps over Cale Yarborough, Buddy Baker, Dave Marcis, and Lennie Pond. Seven of the 90 drivers on the point list had made all seven races at this point of the season.

- 1, 683, 43, Richard Petty
- 2, 634, -49, 24, Cecil Gordon
- 3, 633, -50, 48, James Hylton
- 4, 615, -68, 88, Richard Childress
- 4, 615, -68, 72, Benny Parsons

Race 8 of 30, April 13, 1975, at Darlington. 37 cars were entered for 36 starting spots, Earl Brooks went home disappointed. Bobby Allison won for the second time this season in his AMC Matador, but he is not running the full season. Darrell Waltrip was second, with Donnie Allison third. The top three were on the lead lap at the finish. Dave Marcis finished fourth, three laps down. Fifth was Coe Coe Marlin, Sterling Marlin's father, and he was 10 laps behind the winner. None of the top five in points were in the top five at the finish. With a commanding 49 point lead entering the race, Richard Petty finished 26th, completing 159 of 367 laps before being involved in an accident. James Hylton finished eighth and cut Petty's point lead to 32. Richard Childress dropped out of the top five in points, with Marcis advancing to fifth. Just seven of the 91 drivers to attempt the eight races this season had run all eight events.

- 1, 757, 43, Richard Petty
- 2, 725, -32, 48, James Hylton
- 3, 713, -44, 24, Cecil Gordon
- 4, 709, -48, 72, Benny Parsons
- 5, 707, -50, 71, Dave Marcis

Race 9 of 30 in 1975 was April 27 at Martinsville. Point leader Richard Petty won for the fifth time this season, over Darrell Waltrip, Cale Yarborough one lap down, Bobby Allison four laps down, and Dave Marcis seven laps down. Of those five, just Petty and Marcis were running the full schedule. Petty's point lead is now 42 over James Hylton.

1, 857, 43, Richard Petty
2, 815, -42, 48, James Hylton
3, 803, -54, 72, Benny Parsons
4, 802, -55, 71, Dave Marcis
5, 790, -67, 24, Cecil Gordon

Race 10 of 30 in 1975 was May 4 at Talladega. 52 drivers were entered, and 50 took the green! Richard Petty's point lead was extended despite finishing 19th, with second in points James Hylton 33rd and third in points Benny Parsons 43rd. Buddy Baker won for the first time this season over David Pearson and Dick Brooks, all on the lead lap. Darrell Waltrip was fourth, six laps down, as was fifth finishing Coo Coo Marlin. Dave Marcis finished 13th and moved up from fourth to second in points, now 49 behind Petty. Richard Childress moved up to fourth in points, with Parsons falling to sixth. Amazingly, just seven drivers had attempted all ten races.

1, 938, 43, Richard Petty
2, 889, -49, 71, Dave Marcis
3, 882, -56, 48, James Hylton
4, 874, -64, 96, Richard Childress
5, 869, -69, 24, Cecil Gordon

Race 11 of 30 in 1975 was May 10 at Nashville. Darrell Waltrip took the win over Benny Parsons, margin of victory was two laps. Coo Coo Marlin, Dave Marcis, and Cecil Gordon were the top five, point leader Richard Petty was seventh.

1, 1031, 43, Richard Petty
2, 985, -46, 71, Dave Marcis
3, 973, -58, 48, James Hylton
4, 965, -66, 72, Benny Parsons
5, 964, -67, 24, Cecil Gordon