

# ASK THE EIGHT BALL 8 NATIONS BATTLE, 4 ADVANCE



**JOEY LOGANO:** Past statistics at the upcoming Eliminator Round tracks are worrisome. He has the lowest driver rating (80.9) and third-lowest average finish. Still, he's in the midst of a career year.

**ANSWER:** Reply hazy, try again.

**KEVIN HARVICK:** If he absolutely needs a win at Phoenix...no sweat. He's won the last two – and three of the last four – races there.

**ANSWER:** Signs point to yes.

**RYAN NEWMAN:** His driver rating at the upcoming three tracks is only 82.6 and his average finish over at those tracks since 2013 is just 20.1.

**ANSWER:** Outlook not so good.

**DENNY HAMLIN:** At the upcoming three tracks, only Jeff Gordon has more wins (11) than Hamlin (7). And Gordon did it in almost twice the starts. This round sets up perfectly for Hamlin.

**ANSWER:** It is decidedly so.

## WHO WILL ADVANCE?



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**MATT KENSETH:** He needs to get to Phoenix with a cushion or, better yet, a win. His last two finishes at Phoenix were 12th and 23rd. BUT...his last two at Martinsville and Texas were each finishes of seventh or better.

**ANSWER:** Concentrate and ask again.

**CARL EDWARDS:** Top 15s won't cut it in the Eliminator Round. And though Edwards' finishes at Martinsville (13th), Texas (14th) and Phoenix (8th) were solid, they'll have to improve big time to advance to Homestead.

**ANSWER:** Don't count on it.

**JEFF GORDON:** Has more wins (11), the top average running position (10.3) and the top driver rating (103.7) at the next three tracks among those still in contention.

**ANSWER:** You may rely on it.

**BRAD KESELOWSKI:** Among those still in the Chase, he's the only driver without a win at the next three tracks. However, he's finished in the top 10 in 11 of the last 15 races held at those venues.

**ANSWER:** Most likely.