



Aric Almirola and Sam Hornish Jr. to Race XFINITY Races ***Richard Petty Motorsports Drivers to Race Biagi-DenBeste No. 98***

MOORESVILLE, N.C. (February 26, 2015) - Richard Petty Motorsports (RPM) and Biagi-DenBeste Racing announced today they will extend their partnership to enter both Aric Almirola and Sam Hornish Jr. in three NASCAR XFINITY Series races this season. Almirola raced with the team during the season-opening XFINITY Series race at Daytona International Speedway, finishing seventh.

Hornish will take the reins of the No. 98 Biagi-DenBeste Racing Ford Mustang at Atlanta Motor Speedway this weekend and again at the Auto Club Speedway on March 21. Almirola will return to the XFINITY Series at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway on March 7.

Both Almirola and Hornish are seasoned veterans in the XFINITY Series and bring the opportunity for the Biagi-DenBeste Racing team to win races early this season. Hornish is a three-time winner in the XFINITY Series, and Almirola has one win. Both drivers have finished in the Top-Five in the series championship. Biagi-DenBeste Racing is a veteran team with one win and numerous Top-10 finishes with various drivers.

"The Biagi-DenBeste Racing team have been great to work with," said Sammy Johns, Director of Competition. "They prepare good cars with good people. I really believe having Aric and Sam on the track throughout the weekend gives us an advantage on Sunday. Also, I believe they can win races for this team. It's a beneficial partnership for everyone involved."

"We have seen that Aric can race at the front of the field and compete for wins with us," added Fred Biagi Co-Owner of Biagi-DenBeste Racing. "Adding Sam to our race schedule only allows us more opportunities to be successful. We're proud to have experienced drivers who can bring immediate success to our team. It provides great value to our sponsors who partner with us each weekend."

The races at Atlanta and Las Vegas will be televised live nationally on Fox Sports 1. FOX will showcase the race at Phoenix.