



Shock and awe! NASCAR wows Goodwood crowds

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NASCAR racing has developed a huge fanbase at Goodwood, and this year the Festival is celebrating seventy years of this never knowingly subtle race series in the biggest way possible. Sixteen stock cars are taking to the hillclimb course this weekend, the oldest being the STP-liveried Buick Regal in which Richard 'The King' Petty won his seventh – and final – Daytona 500 in 1981. It is being driven at the Festival by the great man's grandson, Thad Moffitt. NASCAR royalty Bobby Labonte, meanwhile, is steering the Chevrolet Monte Carlo which bagged the blue-ribboned '500' – the race all stock car drivers most want to win – in 1998 with Dale Earnhardt at the wheel. This victory ended twenty years of frustration for 'The Intimidator' who had led the race previously but famously never won it.

Other, markedly less oval-orientated aces mixing it with the Good ol' Boys in 'stockers' this weekend include former BTCC hero Anthony Reid in the ex-Joe Gibbs Toyota Camry, Le Mans legend Tom Kristensen in the ex-Chip Ganassi Chevy Camaro, and all-rounder Nicolas Minassian in the similar car owned by Will Spencer of the Winston Cup Museum.

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