

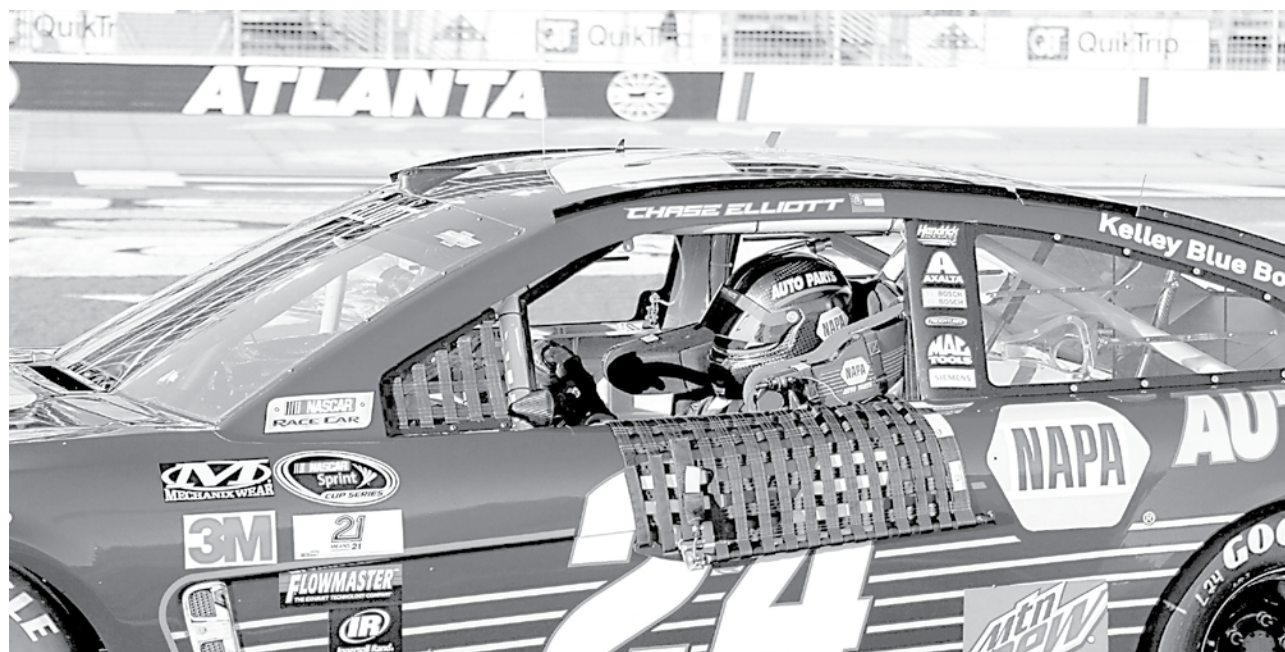
Chase Elliott, Hendrick Motorsports agree to four-year contract extension

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Hendrick Motorsports and driver Chase Elliott have agreed to a four-year contract extension that will keep Elliott in the No. 24 Chevrolet SS through the end of the 2022 racing season.

Elliott, who signed with Hendrick Motorsports in February 2011 as a 15-year-old high school freshman, has emerged as one of NASCAR's rising stars. In 2016 he earned a NASCAR Cup Series playoff berth and was the series' top rookie after posting 10 top-five finishes, 17 top-10s and two pole positions, including the season-opening Daytona 500. Through 16 points races of his sophomore season, he is sixth in the Cup standings.

At just 18 years old, Elliott became a second-generation NASCAR champion after winning the 2014 XFINITY Series title while driving for Hendrick Motorsports affiliate JR Motorsports. Now 21, the Dawsonville, Ga.,



CHASE ELLIOTT

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native and son of 1988 Cup Series champion Bill Elliott has already earned seven wins, 54 top-five finishes and 96 top-10s across NASCAR's three national series.

"It means the world to me to be a part of this organization, and I couldn't be happier (about the extension)," said Chase Elliott, driver of the No. 24 NAPA AUTO PARTS Chevrolet SS. "I wouldn't want to drive for anybody else but Hendrick Motorsports. I am very proud to be where I am, and I definitely take it upon myself to work hard and make sure I do my part for the company as we move forward."

"As both a driver and a person, where Chase at 21 years old is unbelievable," said Rick Hendrick, owner of Hendrick Motorsports. "With all the expectations and pressure, he's stayed focused on being himself and working as hard as he can. The

pure driving talent has always been obvious, and he's doing so many great things off the track. He'll be a big part of our organization and our sport for many years. I'm looking forward to watching him continue to grow with us."

In addition to being voted Most Popular Driver four times (2011 and 2011 in the K&N Pro Series East; 2014 and 2015 in the XFINITY Series), Elliott has also been voted in the All-Star Race in each of his first two seasons.

Earlier this year, Elliott also started the non-profit Chase Elliott Foundation, which provides support and financial assistance to charitable organizations that emphasize helping others live healthier and happier. The foundation has already raised more than \$60,000 to support Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

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