

# NASCAR Preview: Sprint Cup Series at The Glen August 8-11, 2013

Watkins Glen International is located amidst the rolling hills of the beautiful Finger Lakes region of Upstate New York, providing a unique contrast between the sights and sounds of racing and the scenic beauty of majestic farmland. Natural wonders, unique attractions and some of the world's finest wine can all be found within the Finger Lakes region, an exciting area known for its ever-changing landscape patterns.



Traveling even the shortest of distances will find dramatic variations in scenery, which can range from forested hills and rugged mountains to fertile farmland and meandering streams. Nestled at the southern tip of Seneca Lake, the largest of the five Finger Lakes, Watkins Glen is strategically located to allow access to

several major metropolitan markets including Buffalo, Syracuse, Rochester and Binghamton.



Explore the history and unspoiled beauty of the lake country's quiet villages, dynamic nightlife, culture, shopping and sophistication of the cities, while enjoying the best racing action of the season. It's all available and easy to reach in the wonderful Finger Lakes region.

At the track: Don't miss any of the action in 2013 with giant Jumbo Trons at every Grandstand! Off-track entertainment includes the Red Cat Summer Stage: come enjoy the fun and listen to some great music again in 2013 during the Friday night

concert on the Red Cat Summer Stage.

For the younger fans there is the McDonald's Kids' Zone: open for kids of all ages, the McDonald's Kids' Zone offers inflatable attractions, games and appearances from Ronald and the rest of the gang. Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Don't have your tickets yet? Choose from a variety of seating locations to get

the best views of all the on-track action! All grandstands are available with Sprint Vision (large TV) views and check out the McDonald's Family Grandstand for a non-smoking, alcohol-free experience. General Admission is also available for viewing from all around the facility. Visit [www.theglen.com](http://www.theglen.com) to purchase tickets today.



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## Barbosa, Fittipaldi Make It Two In A Row With Watkins Glen Victory

Christian Fittipaldi held off a last-lap charge from Michael Valiante to give the No. 5 Action Express Racing Corvette DP its second consecutive GRAND-AM Rolex Series victory Sunday in the Sahlen's Six Hours of The Glen at Watkins Glen International.

It was also the second consecutive win for Action Express Racing and Fittipaldi's co-driver Joao Barbosa in the six-hour race, as Barbosa teamed with Darren Law for the victory one year ago. Fittipaldi was treated and released from the infield care center for dehydration following the event.

"Last year was quite close (in the closing laps) too, but I was in the car," Barbosa said. "It's hard to be on the outside watching. The initial strategy was for me to get in the end, but that's not how it worked out. That's what we had to do to not lose any track position."

The No. 99 GAINSCO Auto Insurance Corvette DP duo of Alex Gurney and Jon

Fogarty entered the race second in points, but now sit five points back (194-189) in fourth after suffering a right-front suspension failure on lap 38. Fittipaldi is now third in points, four points out (194-190) after his win.

Action Express heads to the NAEC finale at Indianapolis Motor Speedway with a four-point lead (32-28) over Chip Ganassi Racing in the NAEC team standings. Stevenson Motorsports leads by two points (28-26) over AIM Autosport Team FXDD in GT, and BGB Motorsports holds a one-point advantage (29-28) over SpeedSource in GX.

It will be winner-take-all in the NAEC at the Brickyard Grand Prix with 20 points being awarded to the winner at the finish. Second place will receive 16 points, with third place receiving 12 points and fourth receiving eight.

The Brickyard Grand Prix is on Friday, July 26 (SPEED, 7:30 p.m. EDT).

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