

America will prevail

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The events of the last week in the United States have been somewhat overwhelming. Somewhat disturbing. Turning forty years olds a short time ago, I was basically, like most Americans, spoiled for that forty years in our freedoms that so many other Americans have paid for with their lives. I always thought that we were a country that would never be attacked by any foreign government or even terrorists. At least not on our mainland and in the nation's capital.

It just doesn't happen here. I thought.

Growing up I worried from time to time about nuclear war with the Soviet Union, but then they crumbled as a nation and the Berlin Wall came down and although I was somewhat skeptical about the entire thing - thinking that it couldn't be this easy - I thought we had won - we had convinced the world that it was better to get a long than not to get along and that it was obvious that America was in charge of the entire world.

The events of the last week did not really hit home until my sixteen-year-old son told me that he had not been able to sleep a few nights because of what happen.

He said he worried about another world war.

Then he said - we won't let that happen will we? I don't think so - and I feel sorry for the people who have caused this because as Americans we will not take this lying down, I told him that we would retaliate and that probably made things worse for him.

Although some may disagree, our Rockcastle County High School football team is good - we are good because of the hard work that is done each day and because of the commitment of the school, parents, players and coaches.

It has become a tradition to do well at the ROCK and it is hard to surprise me if we won it all this year.

Aaron said he was having difficulty concentrating on last week's game - which was pretty obvious - but he said "Dad none of this really matters does it."

That is where I disagreed with

him.

It does matter - it matters if we let other people dictate how we go about our daily lives.

So many people have paid dearly for our freedoms and our own assurance of freedom will not allow us to be number one in the world, that is just the way Americans are.

We don't want anyone to treat our kids unjustly - we don't want anyone to give older people a hard time - especially if I don't want people to park in handicapped spots unless they are actually handicapped and it is very difficult to hear about the number of abused children in this country - that is America where the good guys always win.

This is just the way it is. Many of us should be thankful that we don't know what is like to lose a loved one.

It is one thing to lose an aunt, uncle, cousin, or even grandma or grandpa, but until you have lost a child, spouse, parent, brother or sister you really have no idea what kind of pain that can be - I am among the lucky ones who have not experienced that.

It would be even more difficult to comprehend losing an innocent loved one at the hands of people who do not care to die just to strike out at the U.S. Believe me when I say that about the past twenty years I have dealt, with some crazy people, it comes with the territory, but try and imagine dealing with people crazy enough to die, just to prove a point to the United States.

I can only imagine what so many Americans are going through - and words cannot describe what our President is thinking. The pressure on him to do what is right for this country and to do what is right for the world has to be mind boggling.

He is obviously a person who cares about the human race and also someone who will not back down from the terrorists that this is to our country.

All of the advice in the world will not change the fact that in the end he will make the ultimate decision that could change this world forever - decisions that will affect us, our children and be also for the future.

We should pray for him and the decisions he has to make.

We also should pray for all of the innocent families that have been struck by this national tragedy.

We should also remember that we live in America where right al-

ways prevails over wrong.

In my very humble opinion, we should go about our business as usual and try to live life as normal as possible.

That however has been very difficult this past week. God Bless America.

You can make a donation to disaster relief at either Community Trust location or Berea National on Richmond St.



Members of the RCMS 6th grade cheerleading squad are pictured above, front row from left: Beth Renner, Whitney Fry, Carol Dees, Ashley Markey, Alyssa Cox, and Leslie Burdette. Back row from left: Laura Childress, Courtney Bustle, Coach Erica Kirby, Katie Williams, and Brook Blount.

The Racing Reporter

Mayfield and Wallace lead effort to aid Red Cross

By Gerald Hodges

The Racing Reporter

Two Penske drivers and two NASCAR teams said they plan to make next week's Delaware 400 at the one-mile Dover Downs (Del.) International Raceway as positive a weekend as they can.

Jeremy Mayfield and the No. 12 Mobil 1 Taurus team, and Rusty Wallace and the No. 2 Miller Lite Taunus team will donate \$40 per lap completed of the Dover event to the Disaster Relief Fund of the American Red Cross, which is aiding victims and families of victims involved in Tuesday's terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C.

"We wanted to do this as soon as we could and, since New Hampshire was postponed, Dover is the next race. I'm putting up \$10 a lap and the team is putting up another \$10 per lap," Mayfield said. "Rusty is going to also put up \$10 a lap and his team is putting up another \$10 per lap. That would be up to \$16,000 between the two of us if we run as well as we are capable of running."

Wallace suggested this effort could grow considerably.

"What we want to do is encourage every driver and every team in the race at Dover to do the same thing," Wallace said. "We did a little math and, if we had done this in last year's race, there would have been over a quarter of a million dollars going to the American Red Cross."

Total laps completed in the September race at Dover last year were 13,470. At \$20 per lap, that would make \$269,400.

"We're awfully lucky to be living in this country and we're awfully lucky to have missed the disasters of Tuesday," Mayfield said. "This is a way for all of us in NASCAR Winston Cup racing to give a little something back."

"There is a lot that has been done and a lot still left to do, especially in Manhattan," Wallace said. "A lot of people have been hurt. I'm sure a lot of those people were race fans but, even if they weren't, we need to show we care and do something to help. Under the circumstances, this is the right thing to do. There were a lot of choices that could have been made but, in my opinion, this was the way to go. It's the right thing to do and it's the best thing to do."

When NASCAR announced the New Hampshire 300 had been rescheduled for Friday, Nov. 23, the day after Thanksgiving, most Winston Cup drivers fully supported the sanctioning body's decision.

John Andretti, driver of the No. 43 Fyfe Enterprises Dodge gave this reaction:

"Outside of my family, nothing on earth has meant as much to me as driving a race car, since I was a little kid. That's all I've ever done and all I've ever wanted to do. When someone like me is wondering whether I really want to race on a weekend or not, then a lot of people must be having some pretty serious doubts."

"Everybody is going to have to readjust and re-evaluate with the new date, and it's going to probably be pretty cold in New England when we go to it. But the inconvenience we're facing is pretty slight compared to what so many people have undergone this week in our country."

Youth Football Results

Tuesday, September 11th
Wildcats 13
Redskins 6
Wildcats: Maverick Whitehead, 2 TD; Casey Hayes, 1 pt. conversion.
Redskins: Jamie Todd, 1 TD.
Bengals 24
Yellow Jackets 7
Bengals: Tanner Perkins, 2 TD; John L. Saylor, 1 TD; Brandon Burkhardt, 3-pts. FG.
Yellow Jackets: Logan Kinicer, 1 TD & 1 pt. conversion.

The Nov. 23rd date is far from ideal, given the New Hampshire weather at Thanksgiving, but there were no open dates on the Winston Cup calendar between now and then.

"I will guarantee you the race is going to happen," said NHIS Pres. Gary Bahre. "We need weather. Given the weather, they're going to be here and they're going to race."

The Craftsman Truck Series Silverado 350 has been rescheduled for Friday, Oct. 5 at Texas Motor Speedway.

The top-10 Winston Cup points leaders after 26 of 36 events: 1. J. Gordon 3768, 2. Rudd 3546, 3. Jarrett 3375, 4. Stewart 3356, 5. Martin 3324, 6. B. Labonte 3267, 7. Earnhardt Jr. 3244, 8. Harvick 3230, 9. R. Wallace 3225, 10. Benson 3098.

Busch drivers Biffie and Sauter fined

NASCAR Busch series drivers Greg Biffie and Jay Sauter were hit where it hurt most as NASCAR announced penalties for both drivers last week as a result of on-track incidents during the Sept. 7 race at Richmond, VA.

Biffie and Sauter were each stripped of 100 driver points, while Sauter's team also lost 100 car-owner points. Biffie was fined \$15,000 and Sauter \$10,000. Both were placed on probation until Dec. 31. Sauter's crew chief was also fined \$5,000 and placed on probation until Dec. 31.

On Lap 185 of the 250-lap race at Richmond, Sauter turned into rookie Biffie's No. 60 Ford as they exited Turn 4, sending both into the wall. Biffie got out of his car, walked

over to Sauter's, and threw a punch into the driver's-side window.

The two had tangled earlier in the race, when Biffie hit Sauter from behind.

Although all of the penalties were issued for "actions deemed by NASCAR officials as detrimental to stock car racing," Biffie's penalty was issued expressly for fighting, while Sauter's was for "rough driving."

The loss of 100 points effectively puts Biffie out of the running for this year's Busch Series championship.

The top-10 Busch Series points leaders after 26 of 33 events: 1. Harvick 3931; 2. Keller 3657, 3. J. Green 3554, 4. Biffie 3429, 5. Sawyer 3269, 6. Raines 3159, 7. McLaughlin 3151, 8. Johnson 3133, 9. Little 3081, 10. Wallace 2972.

Truck race battle is tight

After the last six NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series races there have been six leader changes.

First, Scott Riggs led by eight points, then it was Jack Sprague by 17, Joe Ruttman by 32, Riggs by one, Ruttman by 13, and now it is Sprague by 27.

Six races, six lead changes. Sprague became the latest leader by winning the Kroger 200 at Richmond International Raceway.

The two-time series champion makes no secret of his approach as the circuit moves to Texas Motor Speedway for Saturday's Silverado 350.

"We've got to race to win," said Sprague. "There's no holding back when it's this tight. You've got to go." Ruttman says the leaders have

more to worry about than each other. Travis Kvapil, Ted Musgrave and Ricky Hendrick are close enough to win with a hot streak in the last five races.

"I've been around a long time and I've been involved in three or four championship races, but none with truly as many competitors with a true opportunity to win," Ruttman said. "Some have outside chances, but I see probably six guys who very definitely could win this thing."

The top-10 Craftsman Truck Series points leaders after 19 of 24 events: 1. Sprague 2,910, 2. Ruttman 2,883, 3. Riggs 2,853, 4. Kvapil 2,771, 5. Musgrave 2,758, 6. Hendrick 2,757, 7. Cook 2,654, 8. Setzer 2,616, 9. Crawford 2,549, 10. Gibbs 2,284.

Weekend Racing: The Winston Cup and Busch series are at the Dover Mile in Dover DE, while the Craftsman Trucks are in Idaho.

Saturday, Sept. 22, Busch Series MBNA.COM 200, event 27 of 33 events; Starting time: 1 p.m.; TV: TNT; Distance: 200 laps/200 miles; Defending champion: Matt Kenseth.

Sunday, Sept. 23, Winston Cup MBNA Cal Ripken Jr. 400, event 28 of 36 events; Starting time: 12:30 p.m.; TV: NBC; Distance: 400 laps/400 miles.

Defending champion: Tony Stewart.

Dover Downs track information: Size: One mile oval; Banking in turns: 24 degrees; Banking on straights: 0 degrees; Length of front/backstretch: 1,076 feet; Grandstand capacity: 140,000.

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