

## **Eric McClure**

### **No. 24 Hefty® Odor Block® Ford Fusion**

#### **NASCAR Nationwide Series (Race 5 of 35)—Nashville Superspeedway**

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#### ***No Rest for the Weary: Road Racing School***

- Rather than resting during the series' third off weekend, Eric McClure had other plans in mind. He headed to Infineon Raceway to participate in a two day road course school with road race veteran Chris Cook in preparation for the series' three road course races.
- Piloting southwest touring cars, McClure was able to practice turning right and left and while learning both braking and shifting techniques that will build his confidence when returning to the road courses for the second time in his career. The series' first road course event is in June at Elkhart Lake's Road America.

#### ***Racing for the Gibson on Easter Weekend: Nashville Facts***

- The Virginia driver will compete in his 113<sup>th</sup> Nationwide Series event this weekend and his ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) at Nashville Superspeedway.
- Since McClure's two best finishes on the 1.33-mile speedway came just a year ago, he is optimistic he will have a career best finish and improve his 30.4 average finish position at the speedway.

#### ***Father Son Duo: Clarksville, Tennessee Natives***

- Ronnie Russell, President and spotter of TRM, is a native of Clarksville, TN. His first job in racing was with Richard Petty's fan club. He later became a jack man for Buddy Arrington and then worked the merchandise angle. He moved to NC in 1993 and ran Petty's merchandise and licensing; he was "the King's" right hand man. After leaving RPE in August 1997, Russell began working for TRM in October and has been with team ever since.
- Russell's son Richard also works for TRM and is a native of Clarksville. Richard is a mechanic and jack man for the team. The younger Russell also worked at Petty Enterprises before joining TRM in 2005.

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***Eric McClure, driver of the No. 24 Hefty® Odor Block® Quotes:***

“I am excited to get back to Nashville because it starts a series of weekends where we visit some of my favorite tracks. We ran decent at Nashville last year and I am confident we can have a competitive run this weekend. This weekend is all about survival for us because we need to stay ‘locked in’ the points. After this race we start going off by this season’s standings so we need to be competitive and race smart at the same time in order to remain safe.”