

# The return of Awesome Bill Elliott

Man is Awesome Bill from Dawsonville back or what? Bill Elliott and Ray Evernham seem to have worked out all the bugs in the Dodges, and are contenders for a Winston Cup Championship, in only their second year together. That's pretty unbelievable in this day and time. Ray Evernham left Jeff Gordon and Hendricks Motorsports about three and a half years ago to start his own race team with the help of Dodge, as they were wanting to return to NASCAR. Now without a doubt Dodge has spent millions of dollars and millions of man hours to achieve success this quick, but it also takes great talent like Ray Evernham and Bill Elliott and others to bring it to this level, this fast. Now I'm not belittling the other Dodge Teams by one little bit, but Ray has some uncanny ability to pick good people and organize and motivate those people to achieve success. Ray proved his ability when he and Jeff Gordon and the teammates were all unknowns when they came together, and they all became champions in a short time. If there aren't any major changes at Evernham Motorsports in the next few years get ready for Ray to build a dynasty of winning races and championships for himself and Dodge. So for all of the Dodge fans out there, be sure to mark this one down, as I hope to not have many weak moments like this in the future. Just remember that the General gave ole Ray his start in Winston Cup, so he had access to the best to learn from and to refine his ability's before moving to Dodge. I sure thought that Tony Stewart driver of the #20 Home Depot Pontiac owned by Joe Gibbs Racing has straightened up from his fits from the past. But Tony showed his backside again after the race at Indy, by shoving a photographer from a local paper trying to take some pictures. Anyhow ole



Don Fosdick

## Life in the Fast Lane

Tony has really gotten his backside in a real jam this time. Not only has NASCAR fined him \$10,000 and put him on probation until the end of the year, but his sponsor Home Depot fined him \$50,000 for his fit and is giving the money to charity. Tony has also decided to take anger management counseling, with I'm sure was not of his own choice. I'm sure that Joe Gibbs and Home Depot had a lot to do with it, as it looks real bad for everyone concerned, and it surprises me that Home Depot is staying hooked up to the deal period. In marketing talk, this is a real image problem, and for the type of money that they spend for sponsorship of the team, they have a lot of input into the team, and I'm sure that Joe Gibbs is doing some real damage control in trying to make them happy. Ya know we all get mad or upset once in awhile and that's understandable, but Tony has had a real problem with his temper, and it's time he gets a grip on it, or Joe Gibbs will send him down the road kicking rocks and talking to himself. And Tony wouldn't be the first driver weeded out of NASCAR for temper problems. Now for some good news for us General fans, NASCAR has decided that at the race at Michigan, Pontiacs will get an extra half-inch outer extension of their front valance, and Chevrolet will get an extra inch added to their front valance. The area that NASCAR is allowing the General teams to push out is in the area from the

front bumper and down, which should help in front down force, and should help the cars turn better in the corners which the Pontiacs and Chevy's were lacking compared to the Fords and Dodges. I also heard that there was testing on the new 2003 cars at Charlotte the other day, which have the larger greenhouse, (drivers area) and they were very unstable in testing, so back to the drawing board, at present. Another item that I heard some comment on was the added one and a half inches that NASCAR gave to Chevy when they changed how they measured the front part of the cars back at the first of the season. Well it's not working well at all and has helped in creating more down force problems that what they had before. So it's going to be interesting to see what shakes out for the General, until then the Fords and Dodges will run amuck, except for Daytona and Talladega where we General Fans have a chance. As always, if you made it this far, thank you for your time, There's Watkins's Glen this weekend, so pull your belts extra tight, clean your tires well, and DRIVE safely. Don Fosdick is a regular guy who loves racing. You can reach him here through the paper or e-mail him at dfosdick@grapevine.net

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# Two Colorado football players plead guilty to alcohol charges

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Two Colorado football players pleaded guilty Thursday to providing alcohol to a minor and were given 18-month deferred sentences. Marques Harris and Corey Alexander also must perform 36 hours of community service and submit to random drug tests, prosecutor Pete Maguire said. They pleaded to misdemeanor charges stemming from an off-campus recruiting party on Dec. 7. Felony charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor were dropped because the players are young with no significant criminal history, Maguire said. Harris, a defensive end, and Alexander, a wide receiver, are both juniors. They remain on the team, school spokesman Dave Plati said. Two other players, Allen Mackey and Ron Monteihl, face charges stemming from the party. Monteihl, a redshirt freshman last season, will be in court Aug. 23, and Mackey, a sophomore cornerback, will appear in court Aug. 30. Both remain on the team. Harris' attorney said his athletic scholarship was revoked. Plati confirmed Colorado revoked the scholar-

ships of four players, including Harris, but he would not identify the other three. A Colorado student alleged she was raped at the party, but prosecutors said they did not have enough evidence to file charges.

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## Tennis team to shape up next week at Fike Park

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# Chiefs quarterback is ready for 49'ers game

RIVER FALLS, Wis. (AP) — Chiefs' quarterback Trent Green can't wait to play the San Francisco 49ers Saturday night. "It's definitely going to be exciting," he said. "We're kind of hitting that point in camp where you're getting sick of hitting each other and going against each other." And even though he will probably play just one quarter at most, Green doesn't want to hear any talk about preseason games not counting and guys not giving it their all. "I just find that hard to believe," he said. "I think any time you step on the field to play you've got to give it 100 percent. That's the way I approach it, no matter if I play 10 plays or 20 plays or however many, I'm going to approach it like a regular season game, and I hope the other guys on the first team will." Green has plenty of reasons to be excited about the Chiefs' first preseason game. For the first time since he became a Chief he has been able to work with the same starting wide re-

ceivers since the start of camp. He has been working on getting Priest Holmes, the NFL's leading rusher last year, more involved in the passing game. And with Pro Bowl tight end Tony Gonzalez still a no-show at training camp, he has worked on spreading the ball around to a number of different receivers.

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