

Jake Griffin

Jake Griffin Saddles Up For NASCAR Truck Return At Iowa Speedway

NEWTON, Iowa – He's back.



Returning to the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series (NCWTS) tour for the first time since Iowa Speedway since last June, youngster Jake Griffin will pilot the No. 63 Vatterott College Chevrolet Silverado for MB Motorsports in Saturday night's Speediatrics 200 at Iowa Speedway.

Last year at Iowa, Griffin at the tender age of 16 turned heads with an impressive 15th place qualifying effort, but an early-race accident stalled the team's momentum ending the night with a disappointing 27th place finish.

Fast forward 12 months later, Griffin, now 17 is looking to finish what he started in The Hawkeye State.

"I'm really thankful to be back with MB Motorsports this weekend at Iowa," said Griffin. "We had a really good weekend last year at Iowa, just didn't get the result we were hoping for. This year, we're coming back with a vengeance and look forward to having a top-15 run Saturday night."

Griffin and his St. Louis-based MB Motorsports have plenty of reason to be excited for the eighth race of the season. The team has spent the past several weeks working on a new chassis for Griffin, a Kyle Busch Motorsports chassis hoping it will pay some dividends in the first of a limited Truck Series schedule this season.

As a bonus, Griffin will be under the direction of crew chief Rick Ren, a former team executive at KBM

"We're excited about this Kyle Busch Motorsports chassis," added Griffin. "The MB Motorsports guys have been spending a lot of time finessing the truck, making sure we give ourselves every opportunity to be competitive and hopefully contend for a good finish."

"A good race on Saturday night would be more than just a finishing position for us. It could mean everything when it comes to the number of races I'll be around this year and that's really important to me. I want to be a regular fixture in trucks, hopefully with some good finishes this year we can make that happen. Having Rick Ren at our side is a huge bonus. He's so knowledgeable and I'm beyond thrilled to work with him."

In addition to Vatterott College, Outdoor Power and Bridge Port Automotive join Griffin in his third career NASCAR Camping World Truck Series start as associate sponsors.

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The Speediatrics 200 (200 laps / 175 miles) is the eighth of 23 NASCAR Camping World Truck Series on the 2016 schedule. Practice begins on Friday, June 17 from 2:00 p.m. – 3:25 p.m. with a final session on deck from 5:00 p.m. – 5:55 p.m. Qualifying is set for race day, Saturday, June 18 beginning at 3:45 p.m. The 32-truck field will take the green flag shortly after 7:30 p.m. with live coverage on FOX Sports 1, the Motor Racing Network (Radio) and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio (Satellite Radio, Channel 90). All time Central.

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About MB Motorsports:

MB Motorsports is the sole surviving original team in the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series, having competed in every season since the series debuted in 1995. The team has given many young drivers their start in NASCAR, including Sprint Cup Series winners Carl Edwards, Jamie McMurray, Brad Keselowski and Regan Smith.

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