



COUNTDOWN 2016



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Mello Yello Series Schedule

REGULAR SEASON

CIRCLE K NHRA WINTERNATIONALS

Winners: Torrence, Capps, Anderson

CARQUEST AUTO PARTS NHRA NATIONALS

Winners: Pritchett, Wilkerson, Line

AMALIE MOTOR OIL NHRA GATORNATIONALS

Winners: B. Force, Hight, Anderson, Krawiec

DENSO SPARK PLUGS NHRA NATIONALS

April 1-3 at Las Vegas

NHRA FOUR-WIDE NATIONALS

April 22-24 at Charlotte, N.C.

NHRA SPRINGNATIONALS

April 29-May 1 at Houston

SUMMIT RACING SOUTHERN NATIONALS

May 13-15 at Atlanta

NHRA KANSAS NATIONALS

May 20-22 at Topeka, Kan.

NHRA NEW ENGLAND NATIONALS

June 3-5 at Epping, N.H.

NHRA SUMMERNATIONALS

June 9-12 at Englishtown, N.J.

NHRA THUNDER VALLEY NATIONALS

June 17-19 at Bristol, Tenn.

SUMMIT RACING NATIONALS

June 23-26 at Norwalk, Ohio

ROUTE 66 NHRA NATIONALS

July 7-10 at Chicago

MOPAR MILE-HIGH NHRA NATIONALS

July 22-24 at Denver

TOYOTA NHRA SONOMA NATIONALS

July 29-31 at Sonoma, Calif.

NHRA NORTHWEST NATIONALS

Aug. 5-7 at Seattle

LUCAS OIL NHRA NATIONALS

Aug. 18-21 at Brainerd, Minn.

CHEVROLET PERFORMANCE U.S. NATIONALS

Aug. 31-Sept. 5 at Indianapolis

COUNTDOWN TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP

NHRA CAROLINA NATIONALS

Sept. 16-18 at Charlotte, N.C.

AAA MIDWEST NATIONALS

Sept. 23-25 at St. Louis

NHRA KEYSTONE NATIONALS

Sept. 29-Oct. 2 at Reading, Pa.

AAA TEXAS NHRA FALLNATIONALS

Oct. 13-16 at Dallas

NHRA TOYOTA NATIONALS

Oct. 27-30 at Las Vegas

AUTO CLUB NHRA FINALS

Nov. 10-13 at Pomona, Calif.

B. Force lands first victory, takes points lead

Hight, Anderson and Krawiec also earn wins at Gainesville Raceway

Brittany Force raced to her first career Top Fuel victory at the Amalie Motor Oil NHRA Gatornationals on March 20 at Gainesville Raceway.

Force ran a 3.772 second pass at 318.77 mph in her Monster Energy dragster to defeat Terry McMillen in his first ever final round appearance. McMillen drove his Amalie Motor Oil Xtermigator dragster to a 3.981 at 266.90 in the final. With the victory, Force also took over the Top Fuel points standings for the first time in her career.

"It feels good to finally bring home the win," Force said. "Our car was on fire all weekend. It went down there and had great runs. This is a very proud moment for me and the John Force Racing team, the Monster Energy team."

In Funny Car, Robert Hight brought home another victory for the JFR team piloting his Auto Club Chevrolet Camaro SS to a 4.429 at 280.95 to defeat points leader Ron Capps.

It is the first time in history that the JFR team has doubled up at an event. It is Hight's first



The Staging Lane

Next Race: DENSO Spark Plugs NHRA Nationals

When: April 1-3, 2016

Where: The Strip at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas

TV: FS1, April 1, qual., 11 p.m. (ET); April 2, qual., 9 p.m.; April 3, finals, 5 p.m.

Notable: Richie Crampton (Top Fuel), who was the No. 1 qualifier in Gainesville, John Force (Funny Car), who is looking for his first victory of the year, and Erica Enders (Pro Stock), who is looking to turn around a slow start to the 2016 season, were last year's winners; Tony Schumacher (TF) has the most victories at the track with eight, four in the spring

win in 2016, 37th of his career and third in Gainesville.

Jack Beckman was the No. 1 qualifier in Funny Car, and

took the spot with a national record time of 3.879 seconds.

Greg Anderson picked up his second victory of the season in Pro Stock defeating KB Racing teammate Jason Line in the final round for the second time this year.

Anderson ran a 6.590 at 210.01 while Line had a 6.581 at 210.57. A quicker reaction time gave Anderson the edge over Line at the finish line.

Anderson and Line, with their Summit Racing Equipment Chevrolet Camaros, have combined to win all three Pro Stock events this year.

In the first Pro Stock Motorcycle event of the 2016 season Eddie Krawiec rode his Screamin' Eagle Vance & Hines Harley-Davidson to a 6.820 at 198.23 to take out Hector Arana Sr.'s 6.920 at 196.44 on his Lucas Oil Buell.

Three-time world champ Krawiec defeated Michael Phillips, Jerry Savoie and teammate and defending world champion Andrew Hines on his way to his 32nd career win and fourth at Gainesville.

2016 NHRA MELLO YELLO DRAG RACING SERIES

POINT STANDINGS (Following third of 24 races)

Top Fuel		Funny Car		Pro Stock		Pro Stock Motorcycle (First of 16 races)	
Driver	Pts	Driver	Pts	Driver	Pts	Rider	Pts
1. B. Force (1)	251	1. Hight (1)	280	1. Line (1)	337	1. Krawiec (1)	129
2. Millican	210	2. Capps (1)	279	2. Anderson (2)	331	2. Arana	99
3. Kalitta	205	3. J. Force	221	3. Butner	233	3. Hines	79
4. Torrence (1)	199	4. Beckman	205	4. Skillman	205	4. Tonglet	74
5. McMillen	178	5. C. Force	201	5. McGaha	161	5. Ellis	62
6. Pritchett (1)	166	6. Worsham	189	6t. Coughlin	160	6t. Ray	52
7. Todd	157	7. Wilkerson (1)	183	6t. A. Johnson	160	6t. Savoie	52
8. Schumacher	155	8. Head	162	8. Nobile	138	6t. Underdahl	52
9. Crampton	153	9. DeJoria	119	9. Laughlin	121	9. Sampey	35
10. Brown	149	10. Hagan	118	10. Enders	97	10t. Pollacheck	33
						10t. Surber	33

NOTE: Wins in parentheses.