

Regan Smith Background

Birth date: Sept. 23, 1983

Team Base: Denver, Colo..

Hometown: Cato, N.Y.*

Cars: No. 78 Furniture Row Chevrolet
Impala SS

Resides: Mooresville, N.C.

Crew Chief: Jay Guy

Height: 5'9" **Weight:** 160 lbs.

Owner: Barney Visser

Spouse: Single

General Manager: Joe Garone

Children: None

First Cup Race:

Bristol Motor Speedway

March 25, 2007

Started 12th, Finished 25th

Team: Furniture Row Racing

*located 25 miles west of Syracuse

Year-by-Year Recap

2008 – First full season in NASCAR's premier series – drove in 34 of 36 Cup races for Dale Earnhardt Inc....Won Sprint Cup Rookie of the Year honors. Became first rookie in Cup history to finish every race started...Finished 34th in points, despite not entering two road course races...Appeared to have won the October Cup race at Talladega after passing Tony Stewart on the final lap. But shortly after leading the field to the checkered flag, NASCAR assessed a controversial penalty on Smith for passing Stewart below the yellow line. The win was awarded to Stewart while Smith was relegated to an 18th-place finish.

2007 – Made Cup debut in the Bristol spring race (March 25th). Started 12th and finished 25th...Ran a combination of NASCAR races – seven in Cup, 17 in Busch and 10 in Truck...For the first half of the season co-drove with veteran Mark Martin in the No. 01 Chevrolet for Ginn Racing...Joined Dale Earnhardt Inc. after DEI merged with Ginn Racing in mid season...Captured Busch pole at Kentucky.

2006: Ran full schedule for first time in the Busch Series...Finished 20th in driver championship points while driving for Team Rensi Motorsports...Average start was 22.2 and average finish was 24.5...Best start of third came at fall race in Dover, Del. and best finish of 10th came at the May race at Lowe's Motor Speedway in Charlotte.

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2005: Competed in 21 Busch races...Recorded a career-best qualifying position of third at Kansas, Memphis and Phoenix...Tied his career-best finish of 15th at Nashville, New Hampshire and Gateway...Competed in nine NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series events. Qualified eighth at the season opener in Daytona where he led four laps, a first for him in the series...Posted his best truck finish of 20th at Milwaukee.

2004: Competed in 10 Busch events for John McNelly, Michael Holigan and James Finch...Posted season-best starting position of 19th and once again tied his top finish of 15th at Pikes Peak... Competed in a NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series race at Homestead-Miami Speedway -- recorded first top-10 finish of his career by finishing ninth.

2003: Competed in 18 Busch races for three different owners – 16 for Danny Bost and one each for McNelly and George deBidart. ... Best starting position of 14th came at Nazareth...Set his career-best Busch finish of 15th at Texas.

2002: Made NASCAR Busch Series debut on Oct. 20 at Memphis for owner Ed Whitaker. Qualified 16th and finished 39th...Made NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series debut at South Boston Speedway -- qualified 18th and finished 29th...Competed in one other NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series race at Phoenix where he finished 30th.

Noteworthy – Son of Ron and Lee Smith, former NASCAR Busch Series owners...Began racing quarter midget type cars at the age of 4...Joined the World Karting (WKA) Association at the age of 12...Won the WKA Grand National championship in 1996 and the WKA Manufacturer's Cup in 1997...Captured the Canadian Grand National Karting championship in 1998...Won 1999 Allison Legacy Series championship as well as Rookie of the Year...Competed in USAR ProCup Series during the 2000-2001 seasons...Earned four Sunoco Pole Awards during the 2001 USAR ProCup Series, including three in a row, a USAR record...His mother, Lee, served as an animal rescue volunteer on the Gulf Coast in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.