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Austin Cindric, the 2022 DAYTONA 500 champion, begins his third season in the NASCAR Cup Series in 2024 driving Team Penske's flagship No. 2 Ford Mustang. After reuniting with crew chief Brian Wilson late in the 2023 season, the duo looks to build upon the success they achieved together during their NASCAR Xfinity Series campaign.

Through his sophomore season in 2023, the Ohio native proved to be strong once again in the season-opening DAYTONA 500, firing off from the sixth-place position and running just outside the top five with three laps left in the event before a late-race incident relegated the driver to a 23rd-place finish. Cindric went on to secure six top-10 starting positions through the first eight races of the season, narrowly missing the pole position for the fifth race of the year at Atlanta Motor Speedway.

Cindric, an undeniable force on road courses, utilized his road-racing skills to notch a strong sixth-place finish at the Chicago Street Course last July, the first-ever street race contested in the Cup Series. After the reassembling of the Cindric-Wilson pairing, a duo that recorded 13 NASCAR Xfinity Series wins and the 2020 Xfinity Series Championship, the driver-crew chief combination produced two top-10 finishes and one top-five result over the season's final 10 races.

Before entering his second season in NASCAR's premier series in 2023, the Team Penske racer pieced together an unforgettable rookie campaign in 2022 behind the wheel of the No. 2 car, recording a historic victory in the DAYTONA 500, securing his first Cup Series pole, experiencing a playoff run and capturing Rookie of the Year honors.

In addition to his growing stock car resume, Cindric has consistently demonstrated the diversity of his driving acumen. He has competed in select IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship races, including the Rolex 24 at Daytona International Speedway, and he's produced two wins in the IMSA Michelin Pilot Challenge. Cindric has also raced in the Pirelli World Challenge and Global Rallycross throughout his young career.

The 25-year-old racer currently resides in Mooresville, North Carolina.

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