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Tommy Baldwin Announces New Sprint Cup Team For 2009

MOORESVILLE, North Carolina (January 6, 2009) – Tommy Baldwin, a five-time NASCAR Sprint Cup and former Daytona 500 winning crew chief announced today the formation of a new Sprint Cup Series race team under the existing Tommy Baldwin Racing banner.

The team, located at 604 Performance Road, in Mooresville, NC, is aggressively preparing its Toyota race cars with plans to compete in the 51st running of The Daytona 500 in February. The team plans to compete full-time in the NASCAR Sprint Cup series. Baldwin is excited about his new program, “With tough economic times upon us, the timing for starting this team is right. Our overhead is low and we have a great group of talented mechanics and specialists to choose from. We can offer sponsors the chance to get into NASCAR Sprint Cup racing at a fraction of the costs, without compromising on-track performance, due to our low overhead,” Baldwin said.

Baldwin is no stranger to team ownership as he formed a successful Nationwide program which was responsible for bringing Unilever into the sport. Baldwin, a 12 year NASCAR Sprint Cup veteran, later sold the team to what is now known as Gillette-Evernham Motorsports.

It was during his ownership of the Nationwide team that Baldwin began a business relationship with Joey Arrington, of Arrington Manufacturing, Inc., located in Martinsville, Va. Baldwin will secure his NASCAR Sprint Cup engines in 2009 from Arrington Manufacturing who works closely with Toyota. “We are honored to be working with Tommy again, this time on his Cup efforts. He has always been great to work with and we are looking forward to a successful year,” said Arrington.

“We will do everything we can to support NASCAR and its fans,” Baldwin said. “We are thankful for the opportunity NASCAR offers as we are able to prepare our own car to compete in one of the nation’s top sporting events. That’s what makes NASCAR so different from the other major sports. It’s still attainable to be an owner, if you are willing to put the work in and I’m no stranger to hard work,” Baldwin added.

Baldwin, a 41-year-old native of Bellport, N.Y., began his involvement in racing growing up in the Modified battlefields of the Northeast where his father, Tommy Baldwin Sr. was a mainstay

on the local short track circuit notching over 250 career victories with a total of six wins in the NASCAR Modified Series. Baldwin spent his youth by his father's side developing a foundation that would lead him to NASCAR's premiere level where he would win five NASCAR Cup races and crew chief for teams including Evernham Motorsports, Robert Yates Racing, Bill Davis Racing and Ultra Motorsports.

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