



JUAN PABLO MONTOYA

BIOGRAPHY

Birthdate: Sept. 20, 1975
Hometown: Bogota, Colombia
Resides: Miami, Fla.
Wife: Connie
Children: Sebastian, Paulina
Hobbies: Golf, water sports



HIGHLIGHTS

- **2009** Qualified for the Chase in his third full Sprint Cup season and finished eighth in points.
- **2007** Raybestos Rookie of the Year in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series.
- **2007** First career NASCAR Sprint Cup victory at Infineon Raceway.
- **2000** Indianapolis 500 champion.

YEAR-BY-YEAR NASCAR CUP SERIES RECAP

2009 Finished eighth in series points. ... Former open wheel star had a breakout season in his third Sprint Cup campaign. ... Won his first Sprint Cup pole at Talladega. ... Had a best finish of second at Pocono as Denny Hamlin edged him by .869 seconds. ... Was third four times. ... Began the Chase seeded 11th but vaulted to third after the first race by finishing third at New Hampshire (he won the pole and led 105 laps). ... Held third place for three weeks but dropped to sixth after suffering a mid-race spin and finishing 35th at Charlotte. ... Became the success story and standard of progress for the recent “open wheel invasion” by qualifying for the Chase in his third season.

2008 Finished 25th in series points. ... Finished with two top fives and three top 10s. ... Top finish was second in the spring race at Talladega. ... Best start was sixth in the spring race at Richmond. ... Led one year-end Loop Data statistical category – Green Flag Passes (3,090). ... Plagued by inconsistency atop the pit box, working with three crew chiefs during the season.

2007 Finished 20th in series points. ... Edged David Ragan for Raybestos Rookie of the Year Award. ... Finished fifth in fourth race of the season (Atlanta). ... Won first career race at Infineon after starting 32nd. ... Started and finished second at Indianapolis. ... Compiled three top fives and six top 10s.

2006 Finished 71st in series points. ... Made one start for Chip Ganassi Racing with Felix Sabates. Started 29th and finished 34th at the season finale at Homestead.

NOTEWORTHY

Traded cars with Jeff Gordon for a publicity event at Indianapolis Motor Speedway in 2002. Gordon drove Montoya's F1 car and Montoya drove Gordon's stock car. ... Is the first Formula One driver to compete full-time in NASCAR. ... Was the youngest CART champion in series history. ... Set a rookie record by leading 167 out of 200 laps during his Indy 500 win. ... His Formula Smiles Foundation, benefiting needy Colombian children – has become one of the sport's most active charities.