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NAGY NEW NCATS SERIES DIRECTOR

FORMER STOCK CAR RACER TAKES OVER FROM BRAD MORAN

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In late March, NASCAR announced that Alex Nagy has been named series director for the NASCAR Canadian Tire Series. Nagy, originally from Brantford, ON, brings a wealth of motorsports experience from both the technical and business aspects of the sport.

Many NCATS fans will likely recall Nagy from his driving days when he was one of the top competitors on the former CASCAR Super Series.

Most recently he's served as spotter and driver coach for Alex Tagliani in the IZOD IndyCar Series. He also served as crew chief for Tagliani's efforts in the Canadian Tire Series including a 2008 road course victory in Edmonton, Alberta. Over six seasons, he also led efforts for Steve Mathews, Pete Shepherd III, Ron Van Es and Jacques Villeneuve in the Canadian stock-car touring series.

Nagy, 50, succeeds Brad Moran, who was appointed as NASCAR

Touring Series director in December 2012. Moran held the post for the last four seasons.

"We are excited to bring Alex aboard," said Moran. "With his wide range of experience within the industry in Canada, particularly, makes him an excellent fit. He'll be able to continue to build upon the foundation already in place and take Canada's premier racing series to the next step."

After beginning his racing career as a driver in CASCAR – the pre-

cursor to the Canadian Tire Series – Nagy worked his way into the business side of the sport as a CASCAR team owner and by managing some race specialty shops in Ontario.

He also served as the track manager and promoter for Twin Fountains Raceway, a karting and legends car complex in Shelbyville, TN, along with launching the first Legends Car and Pro Challenge series in Ontario. Nagy currently resides in Brantford, with his wife and two children. •

(Top left) Alex Nagy (r) with Alex Tagliani, in 2008. (Above) in victory lane with CASCAR announcer Ron St. Clair following a big win at New Brunswick Int'l Speedway (now Speedway 660) in 1998.

DEXTER STACEY

By Hans Janzen

For Dexter Stacey of Kahnawake, Quebec, competing in all 33 races on the NASCAR Nationwide Series' 2013 schedule is just another step on the road to achieving his ultimate goal of competing in the Sprint Cup Series.

After missing qualifying for the Daytona race by .003 seconds, the #92 team has regrouped and reeled off a string of respectable starts and even better finishes. A 28th place start in Phoenix, resulted in a 24th place finish. The 37th place start at Las Vegas, resulted in a 23rd place finish. A 31st place start resulted in a 26th place finish at the high-banked oval in Bristol.

And most recently, a 26th place finish at the Royal Purple 300 at California Speedway on March 23rd has boosted the Nationwide rookie to 21st place in the point standings.

"This is what I want to do with my life," said the 20 year old. "At every race, I am trying to get as much seat time as possible and just keep learning. Many of the competitors in this series have been helpful and I believe that I can become successful if I just stay patient and pay attention."

"At Bristol, I tried to pass one more car at the end of the race, which led to a wreck which damaged the car. I have to learn to make forward progress without jeopardizing the place I have

achieved in the race."

The KH Motorsports team, based in Mooresville, NC is owned by Stacey's mother Kristin Hamlin and is sponsored by Maddie's Place Rocks, a restaurant / entertainment complex in Kahnawake.

Wallace Stacey, a long-time racer and friend of Ohsweken Speedway's Glenn Styers, is Dexter's father / mentor, and Spencer's older brother Wallace Jr. serves as team manager.

Veteran crew chief David Ingram, who has worked with Morgan Shepherd, Michael McDowell, Blake Koch and Dennis Setzer, was hired after he and Dexter worked together on the Go Green #39 team, when Dexter competed in 7 Nationwide races in 2012. The start-up team purchased 4 of their 5 cars from Richard Petty Racing and run Roush-Yates prepared engines.

At the age of 16, Dexter was the youngest competitor in the 2009 NASCAR Canadian Tire Series. He came second in the rookie of the



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Former NCATS racer Dexter Stacey is making progress on the Nationwide Series.

year chase. His best finish in four years of racing in NCATS was a fifth-place result at Barrie Speedway.

Last season, Stacey made seven Nationwide Series starts, which preserved his rookie status for this season. While the costs are higher, he collected more than \$130,000 in those outings. As with any race team, managing costs and being able to attract sponsors is an ongoing concern, which Dexter admits makes the decisions he makes on the track come much more sharply into focus. •