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NHRA Nationals in
Chandler, Ariz.

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Nationwide race washed out

The Stater Bros. 300 is pushed back for a second day by rain.

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FONTANA – Rain on Sunday forced NASCAR to delay the running of the Nationwide Series race at Auto Club Speedway for a second day.

After it was rained out Saturday, the Stater Bros. 300 was rescheduled to be run following Sunday's Auto Club 500 Sprint Cup event. But the Sprint Cup race was postponed until 10 a.m. today after only 87 of the scheduled 250 laps were completed.

The Nationwide race will be run after the Sprint Cup event. Several of the Cup stars, including Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Kyle Busch, were in the Nationwide lineup.

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NHRA in Chandler, Ariz. – Larry Dixon raced to his first Top Fuel win of the season and 42nd overall, beating Dave Grubnic in the final of the Checker Schuck's Kragen NHRA Nationals at Firebird International Raceway.

Jack Beckman and V. Gaines also won their divisions in the second NHRA POWERade Drag Racing Series event of the season.

Dixon drove his dragster to a 4.532-second, 327.19-mph victory over Grubnic to tie Tony Schumacher for ninth place on the NHRA career victory list.

Beckman drove his Dodge Charger R/T to a 4.868-second run at 320.20 mph to edge Robert Hight for his fourth career Funny Car win.

In Pro Stock, Gaines grabbed his first win in seven years, driv-

ing his Dodge Stratus to a 6.702 at 205.38 against Jason Line.

Australian driver dies – A 27-year-old V8 touring car driver died, two days after he was injured in a race crash in Adelaide, Australia.

Ashley Cooper, from Ulladulla in New South Wales state, was critically injured when his vehicle hit a safety barrier at the exit of a corner at more than 120 mph.

Cooper was attended to by senior medical personnel in the Clipsal 500 support race and was taken by ambulance to Royal Adelaide Hospital, where he remained in a coma and on life support until his death.

He was married and had two young children.

Race officials said Cooper had severe head trauma, swelling of the brain and internal injuries following the accident on the 11th lap.

