

# “Star-Crossed 300” For RED WHITE & BLUE RACIN’ Stock Car Action Game

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I was exchanging e-mails with Jerry Minks about the just-finished ‘99 Pro Season cards and somehow the name Hut Stricklin came up. “Poor ole Hut,” Jerry wrote, “never won a race.” Indeed, Hut ran 328 races over sixteen seasons, without ever getting a taste of Victory Champagne. It got me thinking--how many OTHER iconic pro drivers went their entire careers without winning a race? And, wouldn’t it be fun to have a race between these drivers so that--on the tabletop at least--ONE of them could finally get the career win they never got in real-life?

As it turns out, there are quite a few long-time drivers who never got a win. Jerry came up with a list of 43 starting drivers for our all-time winless race, and we added a few more of our favorites. Now, most of these drivers DO have at least a few wins in other, lesser series--(national pro “B” series, regional, local, etc.) but none ever won a tier-one, top-level Cup race. Many of them never even cracked the top 10! Jerry also came up with a great name for our race: “The Star-Crossed 300!”

Together, these drivers combined for over 12,000 race starts, and not a single win! Leading the way in “Buzzard Luck” would be J. D. McDuffie, 653 career races over 28 years without a single win. Others with notably lengthy careers without a victory were Buddy Arrington [560 races], Dave Blaney [473], Jimmy Means [455], and Cecil Gordon [449].

In creating the set, I uncovered interesting facts about some of these drivers. Dick May competed in the 1975 running of the Mason-Dixon 500, driving five different cars in that one race! Fittingly, his fifth car conked out and he didn’t finish the race. Herman Beam is famous for holding the longest streak of races without a DNF (84) from 1961 until 1963. His strategy was to finish, not win. There’s one driver in our field who is still active and thus still has a chance to earn a win: Michael McDowell, who currently has +300 races.

We included a few “bonus” drivers, aside from Jerry’s recommendations. Marty Robbins was country music star who ran NASCAR for fun, bank-rolled by his music royalties. He ran 35 NASCAR races between 1966 and 1982, his best performance was a 5th place finish at Michigan in 1974. Patty Moise was the Danica Patrick of the 1980s, running mainly in the “B” series (133 races, 0 wins). She did start 5 Cup races between ‘87 and ‘89, finishing two of them. Her best finish was 26th place, in the ‘88 Firecracker 400 at Daytona. Bobby Wawak ran 141 Cup races over 18 seasons (1965-88), his best season was 1976 when he finished 22nd in the point standings, despite running only 19 races. His career-best finish was that year, 6th place, at Ontario.

In putting together this commemorative set, we used “decade stars” cards where possible (broader context of a driver’s career ability), full-season cards when necessary. We made a couple minor adjustments in the interest of balance and fairness. For example, Joe Millikan and Roger Hamby weren’t included in the ‘70s Stars set, as each competed in fewer than 80 career Cup races. But their ‘79 seasons were decent. So, in fairness to guys who drove many more races we knocked their ‘79 ratings back just a bit to better reflect their career performances.

It was difficult to choose the racing venue for our “Star-Crossed 300.” Our first thought was to run it on the Pioneers (1958) Daytona track, essentially putting all drivers in 1950s cars. Ultimately, we decided to run the race at Talladega, 2019--which will result in fewer PROBLEM results. We’ve made a couple of minor tweaks to the PIT Crew grades of the Pioneers drivers, but you can still expect a higher-than-normal attrition rate.

One final note: For Race Week, don’t forget to use the driver’s superscript trophy number, if he/she has one. It shouldn’t keep them out of the race (unless you toss the bonus drivers into the mix), but it may well affect their placement.

Here’s an alphabetical list of the Star-Crossed 300 drivers, with the number of Cup races in [brackets]...

Buddy Arrington [560]	Dick May [185]
LD Austin [169]	JD McDuffie [653, most-ever]
Herman Beam [194]	Michael McDowell [300]
Rich Bickle [85]	Jimmy Means [455]
Eddie Bierschwale [117]	Joe Millikan [79]
Dave Blaney [473]	Ted Musgrave [305]
Todd Bodine [241]	Ed Negre [338]
Richard Childress [285]	Danica Patrick [191]
Wally Dallenbach, Jr.[226]	Larry Pearson [57]
Tommy Ellis [78]	Robert Pressley [205]
Tommy Gale [246]	Baxter Price [90]
Cecil Gordon [449]	Joe Ruttman [225]
Steve Grissom [151]	Jim Sauter [76]
Janet Guthrie [33]	Tighe Scott [89]
Roger Hamby [68]	Hut Stricklin [328]
Kevin Lepage [201]	Mike Skinner [286]
Jimmy Lewallen [142]	Jabe Thomas [322]
Chad Little [217]	Ronnie Thomas [197]
Coo Coo Marlin [165]	Dick Trickle [303]
Rick Mast [364]	DK Ulrich [273]
	Kenny Wallace [344]
	Frank Warren [396]
	Rick Wilson [206]

## 2019 TALLADEGA SUPERSPEEDWAY

Super Speedway • Talladega, AL  
Star-Crossed 300 [30 turns]

ESCAPE [NC] • REPAIR [NC]



**RACE CAM Results**  
METALLIC Dice

2	RARE	2.66 miles length
3	HEAT†	Tri-Oval
4	REFLEX	78,000 capacity
5	HEAT	
6	SKILL	† Use TROUBLE on final 10 turns.
7	STAR	
8	CONTROL	
9	TV	
10	TROUBLE	
11	SMART	Red White & Blue RACIN’
12	PROBLEM†	©2019 PLAAY Games LLC



**Buddy Arrington**  
Star-Crossed 300 [70s Stars]

REFLEX STAR  
CONTROL SMART

FAST PIT: 6  
ESCAPE: 9  
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**L. D. Austin**  
Star-Crossed 300 [Pioneers]

REFLEX  
CONTROL

FAST PIT: 5  
ESCAPE: 11  
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**Herman Beam**  
Star-Crossed 300 [Pioneers]

CONTROL STAR

FAST PIT: 6  
ESCAPE: 11  
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*Does not DUEL, cannot be targeted.*



**Rich Bickle**  
Star-Crossed 300 [1999]

SKILL HEAT  
 FAST PIT: 4  
ESCAPE: 8  
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**Eddie Bierschwale**  
Star-Crossed 300 [1989]

SMART HEAT

FAST PIT: 3  
ESCAPE: 6  
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**Dave Blaney**  
Star-Crossed 300 [1999]

SKILL E  
FAST PIT: 3  
ESCAPE: 4  
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**Todd Bodine**  
Star-Crossed 300 [1999]

REFLEX

SKILL FAST PIT: 3  
ESCAPE: 5  
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**Richard Childress**  
Star-Crossed 300 [80s Stars]

CONTROL STAR  
SMART

FAST PIT: 7  
ESCAPE: 8  
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**Wally Dallenbach Jr.**  
Star-Crossed 300 [90s Stars]

CONTROL SMART  
SKILL

FAST PIT: 3  
ESCAPE: 5  
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**Tommy Ellis**  
Star-Crossed 300 [1989]



HEAT  
 FAST PIT: 2  
ESCAPE: 5  
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**Tommy Gale**  
Star-Crossed 300 [70s Stars]

CONTROL STAR

FAST PIT: 2  
ESCAPE: 11  
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**Cecil Gordon**  
Star-Crossed 300 [70s Stars]

REFLEX SMART  
HEAT

FAST PIT: 7  
ESCAPE: 9  
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**Steve Grissom**  
Star-Crossed 300 [90s Stars]

CONTROL SKILL

FAST PIT: 4  
ESCAPE: 6  
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**Janet Guthrie**  
Star-Crossed 300 [70s Stars]

REFLEX STAR

SKILL FAST PIT: 4  
ESCAPE: 10  
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**Roger Hamby**  
Star-Crossed 300 [1979]

REFLEX

HEAT  
 FAST PIT: 3  
ESCAPE: 3  
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**Kevin Lepage**  
Star-Crossed 300 [1999]

REFLEX STAR  
SMART

FAST PIT: 5  
ESCAPE: 9  
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**Jimmie Lewallen**  
Star-Crossed 300 [Pioneers]

CONTROL SMART  
HEAT

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ESCAPE: 8  
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**Chad Little**  
Star-Crossed 300 [90s Stars]

CONTROL SMART  
SKILL

FAST PIT: 3  
ESCAPE: 5  
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**Coo Coo Marlin**  
Star-Crossed 300 [1979]

CONTROL STAR

SKILL FAST PIT: 3  
ESCAPE: 7  
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**Rick Mast**  
Star-Crossed 300 [90s Stars]

CONTROL SKILL

FAST PIT: 4  
ESCAPE: 5  
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**Dick May**  
Star-Crossed 300 [70s Stars]

CONTROL SKILL

FAST PIT: 3  
ESCAPE: 10  
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**J. D. McDuffie**  
Star-Crossed 300 [80s Stars]

SKILL SMART

FAST PIT: 3  
ESCAPE: 3  
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**Michael McDowell**  
Star-Crossed 300 [2018]

SKILL SMART

FAST PIT: 4  
ESCAPE: 6  
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**Jimmy Means**  
Star-Crossed 300 [1979]

REFLEX STAR

FAST PIT: 4  
ESCAPE: 10  
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**Joe Millikan**  
Star-Crossed 300 [1979]

REFLEX CONTROL  
SKILL

FAST PIT: 6  
ESCAPE: 8  
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**Ted Musgrave**  
Star-Crossed 300 [90s Stars]

CONTROL SMART  
SKILL

FAST PIT: 5  
ESCAPE: 7  
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**Ed Negre**  
Star-Crossed 300 [70s Stars]

CONTROL STAR

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ESCAPE: 11  
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**Danica Patrick**  
Star-Crossed 300 [2014]

CONTROL STAR  
SKILL

FAST PIT: 5  
ESCAPE: 6  
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**Larry Pearson**  
Star-Crossed 300 [1989]

REFLEX

SKILL HEAT  
 FAST PIT: 5  
ESCAPE: 5  
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**Robert Pressley**  
Star-Crossed 300 [1999]

CONTROL STAR

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ESCAPE: 7  
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**Baxter Price**  
Star-Crossed 300 [70s Stars]

CONTROL

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ESCAPE: 9  
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**Joe Ruttman**  
Star-Crossed 300 [1989]

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ESCAPE: 5  
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**JIM SAUTER**  
Star-Crossed 300 [1989]



**! SMART  
HEAT**

**D** FAST PIT: 3  
ESCAPE: 9  
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**TIGHE SCOTT**  
Star-Crossed 300 [1979]



**CONTROL  
SKILL**

**4** FAST PIT: 5  
ESCAPE: 5  
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**HUT STRICKLIN**  
Star-Crossed 300 [1989]



**CONTROL  
SKILL**

**B** FAST PIT: 6  
ESCAPE: 6  
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**MIKE SKINNER**  
Star-Crossed 300 [90s Stars]



**REFLEX  
CONTROL  
SKILL**

**C** FAST PIT: 6  
ESCAPE: 7  
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**JABE THOMAS**  
Star-Crossed 300 [1979]



**CONTROL SKILL ! HEAT**

**E** FAST PIT: 3  
ESCAPE: 10  
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**RONNIE THOMAS**  
Star-Crossed 300 [1979]



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CONTROL**

**D** FAST PIT: 4  
ESCAPE: 9  
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**DICK TRICKLE**  
Star-Crossed 300 [90s Stars]



**CONTROL**

**HEAT**  
**D** FAST PIT: 3  
ESCAPE: 6  
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**KENNY WALLACE**  
Star-Crossed 300 [90s Stars]



**SKILL**

**SMART**  
**C** FAST PIT: 3  
ESCAPE: 7  
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**RICK WILSON**  
Star-Crossed 300 [90s Stars]



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**D** FAST PIT: 3  
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**D. K. ULRICH**  
Star-Crossed 300 [1979]



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CONTROL  
SKILL**

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**FRANK WARREN**  
Star-Crossed 300 [70s Stars]

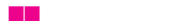


**SKILL**

**STAR  
SMART**  
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ESCAPE: 9  
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**MARTY ROBBINS**  
Star-Crossed 300 [1979]



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**BOBBY WAWAK**  
Star-Crossed 300 [1979]



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**E** FAST PIT: 3  
ESCAPE: 8  
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**PATTY MOISE**  
Star-Crossed 300 [1989]



**SKILL**

**! HEAT**  
**F** FAST PIT: 2  
ESCAPE: 6  
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CONTROL SMART  
SKILL HEAT**

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