

# Labonte, PI race team Switch to Olds for '86

When Terry Labonte flies around the NASCAR Winston Cup tracks this year, he'll be piloting a shorter, sleeker craft through all the turns and grooves, hoping for an advantage that translates into better performance for the Piedmont Race Team.

It's precisely that search for aerodynamic advantages that led Labonte and the team to the Oldsmobile Delta 88—their new car for 1986. In tests this year the new No. 44 has already outperformed the Chevrolet Monte Carlo that Labonte has driven throughout his Piedmont sponsorship, and the team expects it to average 1 to 1½ mph faster under similar race conditions.

And with the average Winston Cup victory measured in seconds or less, any advantage can mean the difference between running the best and just running well.

"We went to the Oldsmobile because we thought it would be a better car," Labonte said. "It has the same 358 cubic inch engine, but better aerodynamics. We think it's a big step in the right direction."

For example, at Daytona Beach in December, the team clocked a 203-mph lap, more than two miles an hour faster than their previous best time in the Chevy. And the record time was clocked while using the smaller carburetor that NASCAR requires this year, further evidence that the Oldsmobile gives more power.

The Olds also has a sloping back window, similar to the Ford Thunderbird which had outstanding success on the superspeedways in 1985. Compared to the Chevy, it's about a foot shorter and one to two inches narrower—a little larger than the Ford.

"The sloping back won't necessarily make you run faster, but it should make you more stable under race conditions," Labonte said.

That stability and speed will be first put to a competitive test on February 9 at the 1986 Busch Clash in Daytona Beach, a 50-mile sprint of all pole position winners in 1985. The Clash, which Labonte won last year with a dramatic rush to the front on the opening lap, kicks off the new season.

Although the team had a good year in 1985 with a record \$601,850 in earnings (4th highest of the NASCAR field), finished in seventh place in Winston Cup points, won two races and held three poles, they hope to improve that record with more wins and more consistent performance in 1986.

And if their pre-season testing is any indication, Labonte and the Piedmont team should accomplish that goal.



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Tickets for the Carolina 500 at the North Carolina Motor Speedway in Rockingham March 2 are now available at the Piedmont Gift Shoppe. Winston Tower seats are \$50.00 and Grandstand seats are \$35.00 each. Complimentary pit passes are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Call extension 5510 or come by the Gift Shoppe for tickets and more information.

## 1986 Schedule

### NASCAR Winston Cup Series

February 16	DAYTONA 500
February 23	MILLER HIGH LIFE 400
March 2	CAROLINA 500
March 16	MOTORCRAFT 500
April 6	VALLEYDALE MEATS 500
April 13	TRANSOUTH 500
April 20	FIRST UNION 400
April 27	SOVRAN BANK 500
May 4	WINSTON 500
May 18	BUDWEISER 500
May 25	COCA-COLA 600
June 1	BUDWEISER 400
June 8	VAN SCOY DIAMOND MINES 500
June 15	MILLER AMERICAN 400
July 4	PEPSI FIRECRACKER 400
July 20	SUMMER 500
July 27	TALLADEGA 500
August 10	THE BUDWEISER AT THE GLEN
August 17	CHAMPION SPARK PLUG 400
August 23	BUSCH 500
August 31	SOUTHERN 500
September 7	WRANGLER JEANS 400
September 14	DELAWARE 500
September 21	GOODY'S 500
September 28	HOLLY FARMS 400
October 5	CHARLOTTE 500
October 19	NATIONWIDE 500
November 2	ATLANTA JOURNAL 500
November 16	WINSTON WESTERN 500

## service awards

### 35 years

**Buelin, Ralph**  
Mechanic, INT  
**Davis, George**  
Maint. Rel. Analyst, INT  
**Walch, Gene**  
Sr. Res. Agt., INTRO

### 30 years

**Birthisel, Jim**  
Sta. Mgr., LYH  
**Galloway, Howard**  
Sr. Sta. Agt., TRI  
**Gordon, Darrell**  
Captain, B737, ORF  
**Hartman, Larry**  
Mgr. Qual. Assurance, GSO  
**Jackson, Freddie**  
Mechanic, GSO  
**Kirkwood, Rudy**  
Ops. Mgr., ROA  
**Melvin, C.S., Jr.**  
Sr. Sta. Agt., FAY  
**Smith, Gene**  
Inspector, GSO  
**Tucker, Wayne**  
Reg. Dir. Stations, INT  
**Varner, Keith**  
Lead Mechanic, INT

### 25 years

**Caudle, Dave**  
Captain, B737, CLT  
**Clark, Bobby, II**  
Captain, B727, CLT  
**Combs, Jim**  
Captain, B727, GSO  
**Crisp, June**  
Sr. Res. Agt., INTRO  
**Garrett, Joel**  
1st Officer, B737, ORF  
**Helms, J.W.**  
Sr. Sta. Agt., ROA  
**Hubbard, Larkin**  
Mgr. Gnd. School Trng., INT  
**Rumfelt, Gene**  
Captain, B727, CLT

### 20 years

**Alley, Sheldon**  
Utility Svc., ROA  
**Ayscue, C.B. Jr.**  
Technician, ORFFB  
**Campbell, Dan**  
Sta. Supvr., CLT  
**Dollyhite, Dillon**  
Stock Clerk, INT  
**Donaldson, Max**  
Sr. Sta. Agt., ILM  
**Fore, Sandra**  
Sta. Supvr., ROA  
**Gatewood, Judy**  
Sr. Res. Agt., INTRO  
**Grant, Joe, Jr.**  
Dist. Sales Mgr., ORF  
**Hart, Jerry**  
Lead Avionics Tech., INT  
**Jackson, Fred**  
Mechanic, INT  
**McQuiggan, Doris**  
Sr. Sta. Agt., AVL  
**Moore, Richard**  
Cust. Svc. Mgr., MSY  
**Overstreet, Mickey**  
Sta. Supvr., ROA  
**Reynolds, Robert**  
Bldg. & Gnds. Svc., INTFB  
**Stone, Buford**  
Sr. Sta. Agt., TRI  
**Trobaugh, Donna**  
Sta. Supvr., FLL  
**Yarbrough, Tom**  
Computer Opr., INT

### 15 years

**Cox, Gene**  
Asst. Mgr., Res, INTRO

**Inman, Roger**  
Res. Supvr., DCA  
**Hartgrove, Rick**  
Sr. Res. Agt., INTRO  
**Lyons, Jenny**  
Sr. Res. Agt., INTRO  
**Jones, Susan**  
Sr. Res. Agt., INTRO  
**Martin, John**  
Data Base Anal. Res. Comp., INTRO  
**Pflum, Bonnie**  
Res. Supvr., INTRO  
**Quann, Carol**  
Sr. Res. Agt., INTRO  
**Sizemore, Donnie**  
Sr. Sta. Agt., CRW  
**Temples, Bill, Jr.**  
Sr. Res. Agt., INTRO  
**Weisner, Jerry**  
Reserve Disp., INT

### 10 years

**Blankenship, Esther**  
CRT Opr., INTFB

### 5 years

**Agee, Tony**  
Sr. Sta. Agt., ROA  
**Archer, Joann**  
FA, MIA  
**Arico, Toni**  
Sr. Sta. Agt., JAX  
**Banks, David**  
Asst. Disp., INT  
**Barnhouse, Jay, Jr.**  
Sr. Sta. Agt., ORF  
**Bell, Jeff**  
Sta. Supvr., PBI  
**Bobo, Mark**  
Sr. Sta. Agt., CLT  
**Bridges, Beryl**  
FA, GSO  
**Brown, Dana**  
Sr. Sta. Agt., MYR  
**Brown Gardner, III**  
Sr. Sta. Agt., TPA  
**Browning, Don**  
Sr. Sta. Agt., SDF  
**Bryan, John**  
AC Sales Rep., INTFB  
**Campbell, Don**  
Sr. Sta. Agt., EWR  
**Carlson, Joyce**  
Secretary, ORF  
**Clark, Linda**  
FA, ORF  
**Classey, Betty**  
Adm. Secretary, CLT  
**Colgate, Tom**  
Sr. Sta. Agt., MYR  
**Conner, Dennis**  
Mechanic, DAY  
**Crane, Todd**  
Sr. Sta. Agt., AVL  
**Crow, Bruce**  
Sta. Supvr., MIA  
**Daddio, Stephen**  
Sr. Sta. Agt., LAX  
**Dimare, John**  
Sr. Sta. Agt., MCO  
**Eaton, Donna**  
Cleaner, ORF  
**Ellett, Tina**  
FA, ORF  
**Eubank, Kevin**  
Sr. Sta. Agt., MCO  
**Fletcher, Tony**  
FA, ORF  
**Forester, Ann**  
Jr. Comp. Opr., INT  
**Fulton, Corliss**  
FA, ORF  
**Gannon, Paul**  
Corp Security Rep., INT  
**Gatewood, Stokes, III**  
FA, GSO  
**Gilley, Sandy**  
Sr. Sta. Agt., GSO

## retirements

**Carr, Jesse**  
Mechanic, ROA, 23 years  
**Dervin, Silas**  
Lead Mech., INT, 37 years  
**Fowler, Lester**  
Mechanic, INT, 34 years  
**Lynch, Warren**  
Lead Mechanic, INT, 34 years  
**Niday, Mary**  
Sr. Gnd. Oprs. Data Spec., INT, 35 years  
**Smith, Roy**  
Mechanic, GSO, 16 years  
**Reynolds, Robert**  
Bldg. & Gnd. Svc., INT, 19 years  
**Tremblay, Joseph**  
Mechanic, GSO, 6 years