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FRESNO, Calif. (April 17, 2026) — Following an impressive start to his tenure with Jason Meyers Racing (JMR), the team is proud to announce an expanded 2026 race schedule for rising young driver, Jett Barnes.

After competing in four events behind the wheel for JMR, Barnes quickly made an impact, highlighted by one win and consistently strong performances. Beyond the results, the 14-year-old showcased maturity well beyond his years, demonstrating smart decision-making in race situations, providing valuable feedback, and building immediate chemistry with the team. Just as importantly, Barnes showed respect for the equipment, consistently returning a clean race car to the shop while continuing to improve each time he hit the track.

With Barnes turning 15 this season, he will now be eligible to compete in select 410 sprint car events in addition to 360 sprint car competition, marking a significant step forward in his development.

The opportunity to expand Barnes' schedule comes as Jason Meyers Racing adapts its 2026 plans around Corey Day and his growing commitments on the pavement side. Day's schedule with Hendrick Motorsports in the NASCAR O'Reilly Auto Parts Series has required adjustments to the team's dirt racing calendar.

"We're incredibly proud of what Corey has accomplished and fully support his continued success," said team owner Jason Meyers. "His pavement program is a priority, and this creates a great opportunity for Jett to step in, gain valuable experience, and represent our partners at races closer to home in California and beyond."

Barnes will carry the JMR banner in select upcoming events, continuing to develop within the program as he gains valuable seat time. Day will continue to compete as his schedule allows while balancing his growing pavement commitments.

In addition to his driving duties, Barnes will travel with the team during select events when Day is competing, allowing him to continue learning from one of the sport's top young talents.

Meyers has been especially impressed with Barnes' approach both on and off the track.

"Jett has really stood out to us," Meyers added. "His desire to succeed, his respect for the team, and the effort he puts in, whether that's at the shop or balancing school, shows a level of dedication and maturity that you don't always see at his age. He's put in the work, and we're excited to extend this relationship and continue helping him grow."

Barnes expressed his appreciation for the opportunity and excitement for what lies ahead.

"I'm extremely thankful to Jason and Preston for believing in me and giving me this opportunity," Barnes said. "I'm excited to build on what we've already started and continue learning every time I'm in the car. I'm also really looking forward to racing at new tracks and taking the next step into the 410 sprint car world."

Upcoming Schedule Updates

Day's next event will be Tuesday, April 21 at Eagle Raceway with the High Limit Racing Series, followed by Thursday, April 30 at Texas Motor Speedway. Barnes will return to action on Friday, May 15 at Ocean Speedway. He will make his first 410 sprint car start on Friday, May 29 at Ocean Speedway with the NARC King of the West Sprint Cars.

About Jason Meyers Racing

Based in Fresno, California, Jason Meyers Racing is a professional sprint car team led by two-time World of Outlaws champion Jason Meyers. Focused on competing at the highest levels of sprint car racing, the team combines championship experience, elite preparation, and a commitment to developing the next generation of racing talent.

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