

SCOTT MOTORSPORTS DRIVERS HOLD Q&A



NASCAR K&N Pro Series East drivers JJ Haley, Dalton Sargeant and William Byron sign autographs for the kids at the Corning Youth Center Thursday in Corning. PHOTOS BY ERIC WENSEL/THE LEADER

# NASCAR's future stars visit with children in Corning

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CORNING | Nearly 30 kids of all ages filled the Laura Richardson Houghton Corning Youth Center Thursday afternoon to meet three up-and-coming NASCAR drivers.

Scott Motorsports drivers William Byron, Dalton Sargeant and J.J. Haley met the children and answered questions in advance of today's NASCAR K&N Pro Series East Bully Hill Vineyards 125 race at Watkins Glen International.

Sargeant, 17, of Indiana, told the crowd this their first time racing at Watkins Glen International.

"It's a privilege to be on the race team we're on," said Haley, 16, of Indiana. "And Watkins Glen is a cool course."

Much cooler, perhaps, because they won't be competing against one young aggressive driver.

"Well, don't let me on the track with you guys, I like to wreck stuff," said James, a 10-year-old fan in attendance. "I always

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wreck.”

“I’ll remember that,” Haley responded with a smile. Byron, 17, of North Carolina, said he grew up racing. “It’s a lot of fun,” Byron said. Sargeant and Haley agreed.

Brendan, 12, asked the

drivers if they were good friends away from the track.

“We are good friends,” Haley said. “Very good friends. We’re teammates. At the race there are people you like and some you don’t like.”

Caitlin McConville, youth center program coordinator, asked the drivers how difficult it is to be a race car

driver while still attending high school.

“It’s hard to do school and racing, but I do the best I can,” Sargeant said. “Got all A’s and B’s this last year, so it worked out alright.”

Joel, 16, asked Haley what it’s like to win a race.

“You should be asking William. He’s the current points leader,”

Haley said. “But it’s very rare and so special.” “I hope you win,” Joel responded.

“If I do, I will thank you when being interviewed after the race,” Haley said.

The drivers also signed autographs and took pictures with the children.

“I wish I had a ticket,” Brendan said. “I would love to go.”