

# First Native American to start a Sprint Cup race

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Sports history was officially made when NASCAR driver Derek White became the first Native American to start a Sprint Cup race.

This former Canadian drag racer who is a member of the Mohawk tribe took to the wheel of his Circle Spot

No. 33 where he finished 39th in this July 19th Sprint Cup Series race which was held in Hampshire Motor Speedway.

"I have always wanted to associate with the best, and I know that Circle-Sport team principals Joe Falk and Mike Hillman have exactly what I am looking for at this

stage in Sprint Cup: great equipment and team personnel, and the right experience and attitude to help me make the most of this opportunity," White who is 44 years-old and resides in Kahnawake just outside of Montreal said.

White is striving to eventually make that ultimate

jump into the senior series. "I love to compete against the best there is, as I did earlier in my career in the NASCAR Canadian Tire series and them in the NASCAR X -finity Series. Racing in the Sprint Cup has been a goal of mine right from the start of my racing career."

