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► **BEHIND THE WHEEL** On May 14, FX debuts *NASCAR Drivers: 360*, an hourlong weekly series that follows the personal and professional lives of some of the sport's biggest names. While many programs promise unfettered access to athletes, this show actually delivers the goods. The premiere features genuinely tender and awkward moments in the households of drivers Kevin Harvick, Kenny Wallace and Rusty Wallace. (Ten drivers, including Dale Earnhardt Jr., are featured during the show's eight-week run.) There's comic relief, too, when Harvick, an occasional hothead who is nonetheless nicknamed Happy, cleans up his dog's poo by tossing it into his neighbor's yard.

At the track, cameras are allowed into normally sacrosanct

team meetings, and viewers can eavesdrop on conversations between the drivers and crews during a race. But the program's greatest strength is that it reminds us that the drivers aren't risking their lives just to satisfy a need for speed—they're trying to make a living. When Kenny Wallace learns he might not be able to drive in a Busch series race due to a technicality, he laments, "NASCAR says don't take it personally. But it is personal because it's my paycheck that feeds my kids."

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