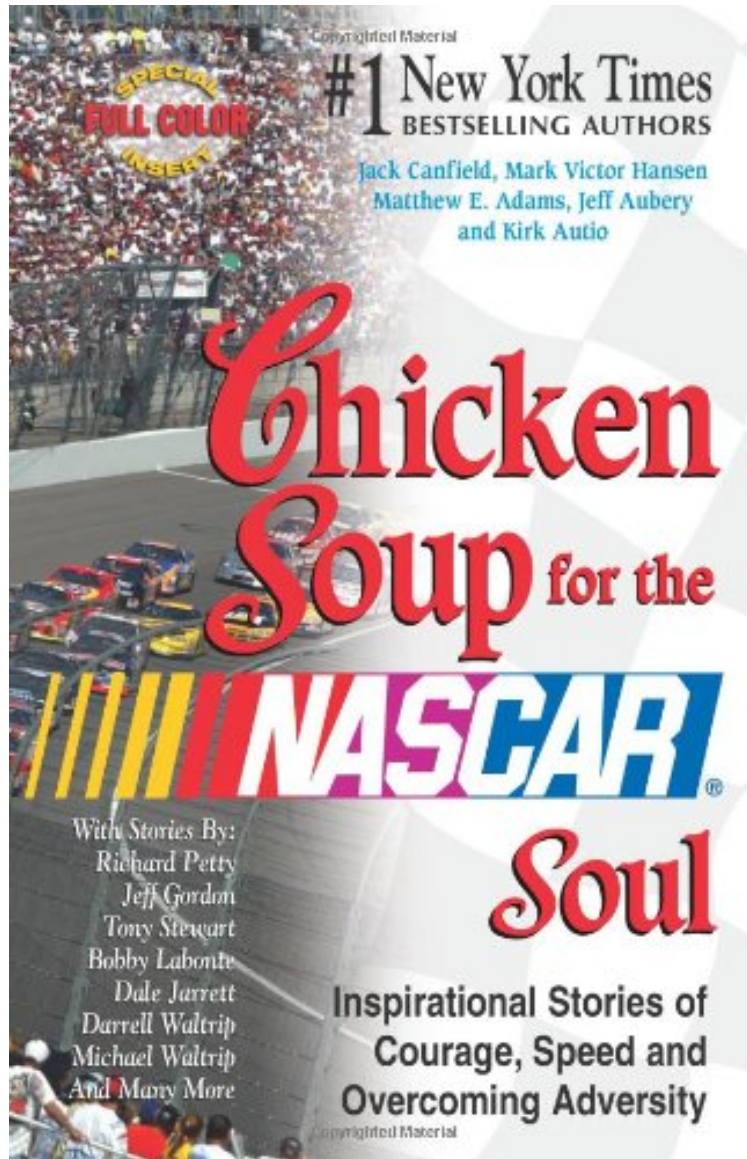


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family. The child chosen was eight-year-old Dylan Hronec, who was brought to our attention by Henry "The Phantom" Cataldo and his crew chief Kenny Webber. Dylan has cerebral palsy. Webber was by trade a contractor, who met Dylan while working at Dylan's home, installing a handicapped ramp. Webber had observed Dylan playing with a toy Matchbox race car, rolling it down the ramp. After watching the boy play for a while, Kenny asked if Dylan was a race fan. An excited Dylan quickly answered "yes." After work, Webber relayed the story to his race team at the team's shop. Soon after, Henry stopped by to meet Dylan at his home. Dylan proved to be a very friendly, intelligent, upbeat young man with a positive disposition, despite the disability that life gave him. When the day arrived, Dylan, along with his brother Gregg and his parents, met us outside the back spectator gate, where we proceeded inside the facility. Once inside, we found our seats behind the starter's stand by the start/finish line. Dylan's family was provided with free admission, dinner, sou-venirs and munchies throughout the evening. Many drivers, crewmembers, car owners and track officials made the long trek from the pit area to the spectator area to greet Dylan and his family, some giving him team T-shirts and autographed pictures. During the week leading up to the races, several teams even had special messages for Dylan placed on their race cars. During the evening, the track announcer, Bob Finan, came down from the press box to say hello to Dylan and his family. The announcer also asked Dylan to help with the NASCAR Modified Victory Lane presentation. At one point, driver Kevin Metzger won the evening's Late Model feature race. During the Victory Lane ceremony, Kevin acknowledged Dylan over the track public-address system. After he pulled his car out of Victory Lane and off the track, a track employee came up to where we were all sitting. "Where's Dylan?" he asked. After being pointed out, the track worker handed the winner's trophy to the stunned Dylan. "Kevin Metzger asked me to give this to you," he told the happy and surprised youngster. Later that evening, Chuck Steuer won the Modified feature. Dylan was brought down on to the track, where he helped Bob Finan with the Victory Lane celebration. "Congratulations!" Dylan said as he presented the trophy to Steuer. There were many photos taken of Dylan and Steuer in Victory Lane, as well as videos by track photographers. Henry Cataldo, Kenny Webber, and other drivers and officials came onto the track unknown to Dylan, as he was busy with the celebrations. When everyone was together, we called Dylan over to where we had gathered. "Dylan," I said over the public-address system, "on behalf of Henry Cataldo, Kenny Webber, John Wellman of Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Long Island, all of the drivers in the Modified division, the Riverhead Raceway officials, promoters Barbara and Jim Cromarty, and Racing 4 Kids, we'd like to present you with this helmet, which was signed by all of the Modified drivers who have been at Riverhead Raceway in the last three weeks." The stunned youngster said "Thank you" as he stared at the helmet in disbelief, while thousands in attendance applauded. It was both heartwarming and surprising to watch the competitors, officials and Dylan's parents who were standing trackside, all with tears in their eyes. And there sat Dylan with an ear-to-ear grin, his head capped with his new auto-graphed helmet, holding the trophy that was given to him. In the weeks following, we received a package from Dylan containing pictures, drawings and notes of appreciation from him and his family. My wife and I were left with a feeling of complete joy, knowing that Dylan was able to experience something so wonderful. We were trying to show Dylan that there were people out there who really care, and who want to help. But Dylan already knew that; the lesson was one that the rest of us learned. Mike Fields 2003. 2003. All rights reserved. Reprinted from Chicken Soup for the NASCAR Soul by Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen, Matthew E. Adams, Jeff Aubery, Kirk Autio. No part of this publication may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system or transmitted in any form or by any means, without the written permission of the publisher. Publisher: Health Communications, Inc., 3201 SW 15th Street, Deerfield Beach, FL 33442.