



Walt Unks | The Winston-Salem Journal
Track crew members rip the roof off Robbie Brewer's car to remove him after a medical emergency in the first 20-lap Sportsman Series race at Bowman Gray Stadium on Saturday in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Driver dies after medical emergency during race

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — A veteran stock-car driver at a North Carolina short track died over the weekend after suffering a medical emergency while competing in a race, officials said.

Robbie Brewer's car struck head-on a wall on the quarter-mile (0.40-kilometer) track at Bowman Gray Stadium in Winston-Salem and came to a stop near the start-finish line.

Track workers peeled away the roof to remove the 53-year-old Brewer, and an ambulance took him to Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist hospital, after which he died, the Winston-Salem Journal reported.

"We are saddened by the passing of Robbie Brewer after he was transported to an area medical facility following an on-track medical incident," track officials said Sunday in a statement. "Robbie was a talented and passionate racer, and highly respected competitor among his peers. Our thoughts and prayers are with Robbie's family and

friends at this time." Details of the medical emergency weren't released.

Brewer was competing in a 20-lap Sportsman Division race at Bowman Gray, where thousands of racing fans turn out weekly on Saturday nights in the spring and summer for races across four divisions. Bowman Gray also was the locale for this year's pre-season NASCAR Cup Series exhibition event in early February.

Brewer's first career start at the oval came in 1990, and he made nearly 260 starts in the Sportsman Division, winning the points championship in 2011, the newspaper reported.

Fellow Bowman Gray driver Brad Lewis, whose race shop is near where Brewer lived, said Brewer "was like a big brother to me even though we were not that far apart in age."

"He was a wheelman through and through," Lewis said. "I'm not only going to honor him the rest of the season but for as long as we race out there. He'll be missed."

Pawol breaks gender barrier, earns good reviews for work behind plate

BY CHARLES ODUM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — Jen Pawol breezed through Sunday's Marlins-Braves game as if breaking a gender barrier was just another day on the job.

Considering Pawol became the first female umpire to work behind the plate in the majors, making unprecedented history appear to be routine was especially impressive.

"I think Jen did a really nice job," Miami manager Clayton McCullough said after Atlanta's 7-1 win over the Marlins.

"I think she's very composed back there. She handled and managed the game very well. And big day for her. Big day for Major League Baseball. I congratulated her again on that because it's quite the accomplishment."

It was an impressive cap to a memorable weekend for Pawol. She made history in Saturday's doubleheader as the first female umpire to work a regular-season game in the majors. She called the bases in the doubleheader before moving behind the plate on Sunday, placing her in the brightest spotlight for an umpire.

Pawol never showed any indication of being affected by the attention, even while knowing every call would be closely watched. She called balls and strikes with 93% accuracy, according to Ump Scorecards.

"Congrats to Jen, obviously," said Braves left-hander Joey Wentz, who earned the win by allowing only one run in 5 1/3 innings.

Asked about Pawol's



Colin Hubbard | Associated Press
Home plate umpire Jen Pawol calls a strike Sunday during the first inning of a baseball game between the Miami Marlins and Atlanta Braves in Atlanta.

calls, Wentz said, "I try not to focus on the zone, to be honest with you. ... I thought it was good though."

There were few opportunities for disputes as Wentz and Miami starting pitcher Cal Quantrill combined for only three strikeouts. The first called third strike came in the fifth inning, when Pawol used a fist pump when calling out Miami's Kyle Stowers on a pitch that was close to the edge of the plate.

McCullough was seen in the Marlins dugout with his palms held up as if asking about the pitch call. He said after the game it's not unusual to question a close called strike.

"Over the course of the game, there are a number of times that you just are going to be asking for clarity on one, if you aren't sure," McCullough said. "So it could have been

that."

The 48-year-old Pawol was called up as a rover umpire, so her next assignment in the majors has not been announced.

"I wish her the best moving forward as she continues to, I'm sure, hopefully one day be up full time, you know, a permanent big league umpire," McCullough said.

Pawol also received positive reviews from Braves manager Brian Snitker, who on Saturday said, "You can tell she knows what she does."

Pawol's work in the minor leagues began in 2016 when she was assigned to the Gulf Coast League. She worked in the Triple-A championship game in 2023 and in spring training games in 2024 and again this year.

"We certainly didn't call her up from A ball, right?" Quantrill said. "So yeah,

I'm sure she was well prepared. And like I said I think, you know, part of the game moving forward is that if this is normal then we're going to treat it normal, too. So, you know, I thought it was fine. I think she did she did a quality job. ... And yeah, I think she'd be very proud of herself. And, you know, it's kind of a cool little thing to be part of."

Pawol spoke to reporters on Saturday when she said, "The dream actually came true today. I'm still living in it. I'm so grateful to my family and Major League Baseball for creating such an incredible work environment. ... I'm just so thankful."

Pawol received cheers from fans on both days. On Sunday, some held up "Way to go Jen!" signs.

Sanders keeps Colorado's starting quarterback a well-guarded secret

BY PAT GRAHAM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOULDER, Colo. — Deion Sanders has a QB situation that he's in no rush to reveal.

Option No. 1: Go with 17-year-old phenom Julian "JuJu" Lewis, a pure passer who can fling it all over the field, much like the Colorado coach's son, Shedeur.

Option No. 2: Lean on the experience of Liberty transfer Kaidon Salter, a dual threat who can make big plays with his speed.

Option No. 3: Both, in a creative rotation.

The starter for the Buffaloes might even remain a mystery until 8 p.m. ET on Aug. 29, which is their kickoff in the season opener against Georgia Tech. Regardless of who's under center, this will be a new-look offense with Shedeur Sanders and Heisman Trophy winner Travis Hunter now in the NFL.

"Both these guys can play," Sanders said of the QBs as he enters his third season in Boulder. "We can play well with either one of them."

FRIENDLY RIVALRY

Salter and Lewis have kept this heated QB competition from driving a wedge between them. They've developed quite a bond, even introducing one another to their family members.

"We've talked more about life than football, which I think has actually helped us build a better relationship off the field," explained Lewis, who doesn't turn 18 until next month. "Just trying to keep it friendly, just keep it team related."

One person who helps facilitate that is backup Ryan Staub, who started the final game of the 2023 season for Colorado when



Jack Dempsey | Associated Press
Colorado quarterback Kaidon Salter throws April 19 during an NCAA college football spring game in Boulder, Colo.

Shedeur Sanders was injured. Sure, Lewis may be the new kid and Salter the veteran, but Staub knows the ropes around the program.

"I'd say my role is just to be the best teammate that I can be and help these guys grow," said Staub, who has appeared in seven games over the past two seasons. "Help the room grow as a whole. I think the team moves as our (QB) room does."

THE MENTORS

Salter and Lewis have an NFL-experienced offensive coordinator in Pat Shurmur and an NFL-trained mentor in Byron Leftwich.

It's paying dividends. "Coach Leftwich, he most definitely has helped us," Salter said.

Salter joined the Buffaloes after after a productive career at Liberty. The 6-foot-1, 190-pound Salter was responsible for 66 touchdowns over the past two seasons — 47 passing and 19 rushing.

"Kaidon is a guy with multiple talents. He could

throw football and he could run the heck out of the football," Sanders said. "The kid is going to cause havoc."

In Lewis, there's talent galore — a five-star recruit by ESPN and Rivals. Lewis spent three seasons at Carrollton High School in Georgia, throwing for 11,010 yards.

Lewis arrived in Boulder right after his high school season ended a year ago, just to get a head start on the transition to college.

"I love everything about the kid, and he's going to soar," Sanders said of his young QB, who's listed at 6-1 and 190 pounds. "When it's his turn, trust me, you're going to know and he's going to soar."

Whoever emerges has big cleats to fill. Shedeur Sanders set numerous single-season records last year, including yards passing, completion percentage and passing TDs.

Both are embracing the challenge of stepping in for him.

"It's not like they're enemies," Deion Sanders said. "They're dear friends, and they're trying to make each other better."

RUN GAME

One thing that will help both QBs is a more effective run game. Last season, the Buffaloes had the worst rushing offense among FBS teams, averaging 65.2 yards per game. Hall of Famer Marshall Faulk was added to the staff in an effort to propel the rushing attack.

"I feel like we're better suited this year to have a better running game," Shurmur said. "We'll see how it reveals itself."

The offensive line, led by left tackle Jordan Seaton, is eager to step up to the challenge. Seaton thinks both QBs have unique skillsets that will be effective.

"Salt, he likes to use his legs," Seaton said. "Sometimes he gets in those sticky situations and he's going to make a play happen with his feet."

For results, advertise in the
MESSENGER-INQUIRER

LEGAL NOTICE
Ordinance 10-2025 was adopted on August 5, 2025 by the Owensboro Board of Commissioners and can be viewed at https://owensboro.org/government/legal_publications.php. Contact City Clerk Beth Davis at cityclerk@owensboro.org or 270-687-4444 to inspect the document(s) at 101 E. 4th Street, Owensboro, KY.

LEGAL NOTICE
Public Notice for Bid
Audubon Area Community Services, Inc. / Head Start program is accepting bids for delivery of fresh, frozen, dry and dairy food products, and disposable food related items. Audubon Area Head Start provides services in 16 Western Kentucky Counties. Interested parties must submit bids by 3:00 pm August 29th, 2025 to Audubon Area Head Start, Attn: Food Service Supply Bids, 1700 West 5th St., Owensboro, KY 42301. Audubon Area Community Services Inc., Head Start Program reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Bid specifications may be obtained by submitting a request to Mahayla Powers at mahpowers@audubon-area.com

LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC NOTICE
The Daviess County Fiscal Court gave first reading of Ordinance KOC A.109(2025); 07-2025 on August 7, 2025. The second reading and adoption will be held August 21, 2025 at 5:00 pm at the regular meeting at the Daviess County Courthouse, 212 St. Ann Street, Owensboro, KY. Copies of this Ordinance are available at the County Judge/Executives' Office Monday through Friday between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm.
**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
DAVISS COUNTY FISCAL COURT
ORDINANCE NO. KOC A.109(2025)07-2025**
AN ORDINANCE Relating to the Adoption of the 2025 Daviess County Tax Rates:
WHEREAS, the property assessment has been certified and permissible ad valorem tax revenue for 2025 established for Daviess County in accordance with KRS 68.245 through 68.249,
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FISCAL COURT OF THE COUNTY OF DAVIESS, COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY:
Section I: That the following tax rates be and are hereby considered for the calendar year 2025.

	Rate	Revenue
Real Property	12.20	\$10,361,202
Tangible Personal Property	13.80	\$ 895,840
Public Service Companies (Real Estate)	12.20	\$ 183,286
Public Service Companies (Tangible)	13.80	\$ 409,129
Distilled Spirits	13.80	\$ 159,801
Motor Vehicles (County Clerk)	17.00	\$ 1,656,840
Watercraft (County Clerk)	17.00	\$ 39,257
Agricultural Products (Tobacco in Storage)	01.50	\$ 7,153
Other Agricultural Products	04.50	\$ 408
Aircraft	13.80	\$ 6,395
(Recreational & Non-Commercial)		
Large Non-Commercial	13.80	\$ 90
Documented Watercraft		
Inventory in Transit	NR	
Bank Deposit Tax	02.50	

Note: Rates are expressed as cents per \$100 of value.

Section II: This ordinance shall be published by title and summary within thirty (30) days following adoption.
Section III: This ordinance becomes effective immediately upon passage and publication.
Introduced and publicly read on first reading on the 7th day of August, 2025.
Publicly read and adopted on the _____ day of _____, 2025.