

NASCAR star Kasey Kahne, driver of the No. 5 Great Clips Chevy SS for Hendrick Motorsports, recently attended a Phoenix Suns home game against the Charlotte Hornets, at Talking Stick Resort Arena in downtown Phoenix. Kahne was in town to promote the 2016 NASCAR season and the Good Sam 500 at Phoenix International Raceway on Sunday, March 13.

Prior to the game, Kahne traded jerseys—or in his case, an official fire suit—with Phoenix Suns forward PJ Tucker. “I had a Great Clips suit from last year and brought it to give to PJ Tucker, and he gave me a Suns jersey with ‘Kahne’ and a No. 5 on it, so it was a cool exchange,” Kahne said.

After a pre-game session on FOX Sports Arizona with former Sonics and Suns forward Tom Chambers, Kahne took his seats courtside, as the Suns defeated the Hornets. After a featured recognition on the video board, he participated in a Twitter Takeover, answering questions from PIR fans.

“We always get great crowds here,” said Kahne. “It’s a great fan base in Phoenix, so it’s a neat track to come to, because it’s just filled up with people enjoying the race.”

Kahne, a native of Enumclaw, Washington, has won 17 races in his NASCAR Sprint Cup Series career, including a victory in the November 2011 Kobalt Tools 500 at PIR. He has earned a total of 23 starts in Phoenix, including five top-5 performances and eight top-10 finishes. ■

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