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ARIC ALMIROLA

Smithfield Racing Team Report

Round 1 of 36 – Daytona 500 – Daytona

Car No.: 10 – Smithfield Ford Mustang

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Primary Team Members:

Driver: Aric Almirola
Hometown: Tampa, Florida

Car Chief: Jerry Cook
Hometown: Toledo, Ohio

Engine Tuner: Matt Moeller
Hometown: Monroe, New York

Crew Chief: Mike Bugarewicz
Hometown: Lehighon, Pennsylvania
Engine Builder: Roush Yates Racing
Headquarters: Mooresville, North Carolina
Spotter: Joel Edmonds
Hometown: Dobson, North Carolina

Over-The-Wall Crew Members:

Gas Man: James “Ace” Keener
Hometown: Fortuna, California
Tire Carrier: Tyler Bullard
Hometown: King, North Carolina
Jackman: Corbin Martin
Hometown: Winston Salem, North Carolina

Front Tire Changer: Clay Robinson
Hometown: Simi Valley, Calif.
Rear Tire Changer: Chris McMullen
Hometown: Canton, Michigan

Road Crew Members:

Truck Drivers: Dale Lackey and Christopher Hamilton
Hometowns: Taylorsville, North Carolina and Muncie, Indiana, respectively
Engineers: Lee Deese and **James Kimbrough**
Hometowns: Rockingham, North Carolina, and **Pensacola, Florida**, respectively
Mechanics: Tony Silvestri and Robbie Fairweather
Hometowns: Sylvania, Ohio, and Westbrookville, New York respectively

Tire Specialist: Russell Simpson
Hometown: Medford, New York
Shock Specialist: Wayne Smith
Hometown: Melbourne, Australia

Daytona Notes of Interest:

- Aric Almirola’s career: **317th career Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series start** and his 17th at Daytona (Fla.) International Speedway.
- In his recent nine starts, Almirola is ranked fourth in points earned at Daytona and Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway with 263. He has two wins, six top-fives and 11 top-10 finishes at the 2.5-mile superspeedways.
- Almirola won the July 6, 2014 Coke Zero Sugar 400 at Daytona. It was his first and only NASCAR Cup Series win at the track and his second top-five there.
- Almirola started on the pole in his first Xfinity Series outing at Daytona in July 2007. Additionally, the Stewart-Haas Racing (SHR) driver has also captured one Daytona win in the Xfinity Series while piloting the No. 98 Biagi-Den Beste Ford Mustang in July 2016. Almirola has three Daytona starts in the NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series with a best finish of 12th.
- **Career:** Almirola has career totals of two wins, two poles, 18 top-five finishes, 61 top-10s and 537 laps led in 316 starts.
- **2019:** Almirola earned one pole, three top-five finishes, 12 top-10s and has led 180 laps in 36 races last season.
- **Last win:** Almirola’s Oct. 14, 2018 win at Talladega was his most recent in the Cup Series.

- **Ford at Daytona:**
 - Ford has 37 all-time Cup Series wins at Daytona.
 - The Wood Brothers have the most wins among Ford teams at Daytona with 15.
 - Ford has won eight of the last 17 Cup Series races at Daytona.
 - Ford has won the Daytona 500 twice in the last four seasons and four times in the last nine, all by different drivers.
- **‘Beyond the 10’** – Almirola is back with season two of his YouTube documentary series that fans can now get VIP, behind-the-scenes access to by subscribing to his YouTube channel. Episodes will showcase never-before-seen footage of Almirola at the racetrack, on family trips, and “A Day in the Life” during the week, as well as all that goes into a NASCAR Cup Series driver’s season. Click [here](#) to subscribe on YouTube and watch the latest episode.
- **Smithfield** rejoined SHR this season and is the primary partner for the majority of the season on the No. 10 Ford Mustang piloted by Almirola. Headquartered in Smithfield, Va., since 1936, Smithfield Foods, Inc. is an American food company with agricultural roots and a global reach. Its 40,000 U.S. employees are dedicated to producing “Good food. Responsibly®” and have made the company one of the world’s leading vertically integrated protein companies. It has pioneered sustainability standards for more than two decades, including many industry firsts, such as its ambitious commitment to cut carbon impact by 25 percent by 2025. The company believes in the power of protein to end food insecurity and has donated hundreds of millions of food servings to neighbors in need. Smithfield boasts a portfolio of high-quality iconic brands, such as Smithfield®, Eckrich®, and Nathan’s Famous®, among many others. For more information, visit www.smithfieldfoods.com, and connect on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Instagram](#).
- **Crew chief** Mike Bugarewicz will start his fifth fulltime season at SHR and his first with No. 10 Ford driver Aric Almirola. To learn more click [here](#).

Crew Chief Mike Bugarewicz’s Top-3 Finishes at SHR (2016-Present):

- **Wins:**
 - Martinsville (Va.) Speedway (Bowyer, March 27, 2018)
 - Michigan Intl. Speedway (Bowyer, June 10, 2018)
 - Sonoma (Calif.) Speedway (Stewart, June 26, 2016)
- **Second place:**
 - Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth (March 31, 2019)
 - Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway (Oct. 14, 2018)
 - Dover (Del) International Speedway (May 6, 2018)
 - Bristol (Tenn.) Motor Speedway (April 24, 2017)
 - Sonoma (Calif.) Raceway (June 25, 2017)
 - Daytona (Fla.) International Speedway (July 1, 2017)
- **Third place**
 - Richmond (Va.) Raceway (April 13, 2019)
 - Charlotte (N.C.) Motor Speedway Roval (Sept. 30, 2018)
 - Sonoma (Calif.) Raceway (June 24, 2018)
 - Atlanta Motor Speedway (Feb. 25, 2018)
 - Martinsville (Va.) Speedway (Oct. 29, 2017)
 - Auto Club Speedway in Fontana, Calif. (March 26, 2017)

Aric Almirola’s History at Daytona International Speedway:

Year	Date	Event	Start	Finish	Status/Laps	Laps Led	Earnings
2019	2/17	Daytona 500	8	32	Accident, 190/207	0	N/A
	7/7	*Coke Zero Sugar 400	11	7	Running, 127/127	0	N/A
2018	7/7	Coke Zero Sugar 400	26	27	Accident, 155/168	0	N/A
	2/17	Daytona 500	37	11	Accident, 206/207	1	N/A
2017	2/26	Daytona 500	13	4	Running, 200/200	2	N/A
2016	2/21	Daytona 500	34	12	Running, 200/200	0	N/A
	7/2	◇Coke Zero 400	14	15	Running, 161/161	0	N/A
2015	2/22	Daytona 500	33	15	Running, 203/203	0	\$363,106
	7/5	×=Coke Zero 400	36	34	Running, 137/161	0	\$132,146
2014	2/23	Daytona 500	13	39	Accident, 146/200	5	\$317,939

	7/6	*Coke Zero 400	15	1	Running, 112/112	14	\$377,176
2013	2/24	Daytona 500	26	13	Running, 200/200	0	\$356,449
	7/6	×Coke Zero 400	30	38	Accident, 127/161	0	\$124,571
2012	2/27	×Daytona 500	27	33	Accident, 187/202	0	\$320,986
	7/7	Coke Zero 400	17	19	Running, 160/160	0	\$135,966
2009	2/15	*Daytona 500	11	30	Running, 152/152	0	\$286,288

* Race cut short due to weather.

× Race length extended due to green-white-checkered finish.

= Qualifying canceled due to weather, starting position set via practice speed

◇ Race length was extended due to overtime finish

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