



STEWART-HAAS RACING

Busch Pole Qualifying for the Auto Club 400

Date: Feb. 29, 2020
Event: Busch Pole qualifying for the Auto Club 400
Series: NASCAR Cup Series
Location: Auto Club Speedway in Fontana, California (2-mile oval)
Pole Winner: **Clint Bowyer of Stewart-Haas Racing (40.086 seconds at 179.614 mph)**

SHR Results:

- Clint Bowyer (1st, 40.086 seconds at 179.614 mph)
- Kevin Harvick (5th, 40.250 seconds at 178.882 mph)
- Aric Almirola (6th, 40.280 seconds at 178.749 mph)
- Cole Custer (18th, 40.519 seconds at 177.694 mph)

Format:

- One-lap, single-car qualifying runs for all drivers. (Sets positions 1-38.)

Notes:

- This is the 54th Busch Pole for SHR since its inception in 2009 and the organization's first of the season.
- Bowyer won his fourth career Busch Pole, his first at Fontana and his first of the season. He beat next best qualifier Jimmie Johnson by .007 of a second.
- Bowyer earned his first top-five start of the season and his fifth top-five start in 20 NASCAR Cup Series events at Fontana.
- This is Bowyer's second straight top-10 starting spot at Fontana. He qualified ninth in the series' most recent visit to the track last March.
- Harvick secured his second top-five start of the season and his sixth top-five start in 27 NASCAR Cup Series events at Fontana.
- This is Harvick's second straight top-five qualifying effort at Fontana. He qualified second in the series' most recent visit to the track last March.
- Since joining SHR in 2014, Harvick has never qualified outside the top-10 at Fontana.
- Almirola secured his second top-10 start of the season and his third top-10 start in 13 NASCAR Cup Series events at Fontana.
- This is Almirola's second straight top-10 start at Fontana. He qualified third in the series' most recent visit to the track last March.
- Custer was the highest qualifying rookie at Fontana.
- Ford took five of the top-10 starting spots for the Auto Club 400.
- The Auto Club 400 starts at 3:30 p.m. EDT on Sunday with live coverage provided by FOX and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio.

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