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ARIC ALMIROLA Smithfield Racing Team Report Round 5 of 36 – Darlington 400 – Darlington

Car No.: 10 – Smithfield / #GoodFoodChallenge 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: Lehighton, 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

Darlington Notes of Interest:

- Almirola will make his ninth Cup Series start at Darlington Sunday to bring his total of career **Cup Series starts to 321**.
 - The Smithfield driver is looking to capture his third consecutive top-10 finish of the season
 - Almirola’s best finish at Darlington was 11th in 2015.
- **Career:** Almirola has career totals of two wins, two poles, 18 top-five finishes, 63 top-10s and 543 laps led in 320 starts.
- **Last race at Phoenix Raceway,** Almirola finished eighth and earned eight bonus points after running as high as fifth.
- **Points:** Almirola sits eighth in the season standings with 121 points – 43 points behind leader Kevin Harvick.
- **Last win:** Almirola’s Oct. 14, 2018 win at Talladega was his most recent in the Cup Series.
- **#GoodFoodChallenge:** As a food company, Almirola’s longtime sponsor Smithfield Foods has a responsibility to ensure the continuity of our nation’s food supply during this difficult time. In doing so, it has committed to donating more than 40 million servings of protein to Feeding America and its nationwide network of food banks in response to COVID-19. As the company continues to help communities across America, it invite everyone to join its journey in support of Feeding America by participating in the Good Food Challenge. Participating is easy – simply type the three words of the hashtag #GoodFoodChallenge on social media to automatically donate 10 meals to Feeding America on behalf of Smithfield Foods. Donations can also be made via the www.SmithfieldGoodFoodChallenge.com to donate. With such a simple task, large amounts of protein can be made to food banks across the nation.

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- **‘Beyond the 10’** – Almirola is back with season two of his YouTube documentary series, where fans can get VIP, behind-the-scenes access by subscribing to his YouTube channel. Episodes showcase never-before-seen footage of Almirola at the racetrack, on iRacing, 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.

- **Crew chief** Mike Bugarewicz is in his fifth full-time season at SHR and his first with Almirola. To learn more click [here](#).

Crew Chief Mike Bugarewicz's Top-Three Finishes at SHR (2016-Present):

- **Wins:**
 - Martinsville (Va.) Speedway (Bowyer, March 27, 2018)
 - Michigan 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 Darlington Raceway

Year	Date	Event	Start	Finish	Status/Laps	Laps Led	Earnings
2019	9/1	Southern 500	30	17	Running, 366/367	0	N/A
2018	9/1	Southern 500	12	14	Running, 367/367	0	N/A
2017	9/3	Southern 500	15	20	Running, 365/367	0	N/A
2016	9/4	†Southern 500	26	32	Accident, 346/367	0	N/A
2015	9/6	Southern 500	11	11	Running, 367/367	0	\$137,141
2014	4/12	×Southern 500	3	24	Running, 372/274	0	\$127,641
2013	5/11	Southern 500	18	20	Running, 366/367	0	\$130,141
2012	5/12	×Southern 500	13	19	Running, 368/368	0	\$124,416

* 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