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ARIC ALMIROLA

Smithfield Racing Team Report

Round 10 of 36 – Folds of Honor 500 – Atlanta

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: 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, California
Rear Tire Changer: Chris McMullen
Hometown: Canton, Michigan

Atlanta Notes of Interest:

- Almirola will make his 10th NASCAR Cup Series start at Atlanta this weekend to bring his total of career **Cup Series starts to 326**.
 - The Smithfield driver is looking to capture his third top-10 finish of the season.
 - Almirola has earned two top-10s Atlanta, including last year’s eighth-place finish from the pole.
- In addition to his nine Cup Series starts at Atlanta, Almirola has three NASCAR Xfinity Series starts and four NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series starts.
 - Almirola’s Xfinity Series statistics at Atlanta feature one top-10 with 99.5 percent of all possible laps completed. The Tampa, Florida native has two top-five finishes and two top-10s there in the Truck Series.
 - Atlanta is the fourth intermediate race of the 2020 season for Almirola and the No. 10 Smithfield Ford Mustang team.
- **Career:** Almirola has career totals of two wins, two poles, 18 top-five finishes, 64 top-10s and 543 laps led in 324 starts.
- **Points:** Almirola sits 11th in the driver standings with 240 points – 130 behind leader and SHR teammate Kevin Harvick.
- **Last win:** Almirola’s Oct. 14, 2018 win at Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway was his most recent in the Cup Series.
- **‘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](#).

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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 Atlanta

Year	Date	Event	Start	Finish	Status/Laps	Laps Led	Earnings
2019	2/24	Folds of Honor 500	1	8	Running, 325/325	36	N/A
2018	2/25	Folds of Honor 500	11	13	Running, 325/325	0	N/A
2017	3/5	Folds of Honor 500	30	27	Running, 321/325	0	N/A
2016	2/28	◇Folds of Honor 500	27	15	Running, 328/330	0	N/A
2015	3/1	Folds of Honor 500	23	11	Running, 325/325	0	\$148,746
2014	8/31	×Oral-B USA 500	7	9	Running, 335/335	0	\$151,506
2013	9/1	AdvoCare 500	29	20	Running, 323/325	0	\$140,091
2012	9/2	×AdvoCare 500	13	32	Running, 297/327	0	\$124,291
2009	3/8	×Kobalt Tools 500	37	21	Running, 327/330	0	\$84,550

* 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