



Smithfield



ARIC ALMIROLA

Smithfield Racing Team Report

Round 9 of 36 – Food City Presents the Supermarket Heroes 500 – Bristol

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, Calif.
Rear Tire Changer: Chris McMullen
Hometown: Canton, Michigan

Bristol Notes of Interest:

- Almirola will make his 22nd Bristol (Tenn.) Motor Speedway start in the NASCAR Cup Series Sunday to bring his total of career **Cup Series starts to 325**.
 - The Smithfield driver is looking to capture his fourth top-10 finish of the season.
- In Almirola’s three NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series starts at “The Last Great Colosseum,” he finished second, sixth and 32nd, the latter due to an accident.
- The Smithfield driver has seven NASCAR Xfinity Series starts at Bristol with one top-five finish and four top-10s.
- **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 ninth in the driver standings with 225 points – 106 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 Bristol

Year	Date	Event	Start	Finish	Status/Laps	Laps Led	Earnings
2019	4/7	Food City 500	6	37	Accident, 3/500	0	N/A
		Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race	5	29	Accident/482/500	0	N/A
2018	4/16	Food City 500	19	6	Running, 500/500	0	N/A
	8/18	Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race	8	31	Running, 428/500	0	N/A
2017	4/24	†Food City 500	18	22	Running, 497/500	0	N/A
	8/19	Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race	28	37	Accident, 390/500	0	N/A
2016	4/17	Food City 500	22	34	Running, 479/500	0	N/A
	8/21	Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race	17	14	Running, 500/500	0	N/A
2015	4/19	×Food City 500	30	13	Running, 511/511	0	\$134,176
	8/22	Irwin Tools Night Race	31	17	Running, 497/500	0	\$150,171
2014	3/16	×Food City 500	23	3	Running, 503/503	0	\$160,161
	8/23	Irwin Tools Night Race	42	41	Accident, 123/500	0	\$116,101
2013	3/17	Food City 500	20	37	Accident, 245/500	0	\$125,439
	8/24	Irwin Tools Night Race	10	15	Running, 499/500	0	\$146,041
2012	3/18	Food City 500	7	19	Running, 498/500	0	\$127,446
	8/25	=Irwin Tools Night Race	5	35	Accident, 235/500	0	\$127,116
2010	3/21	Food City 500	27	39	Brakes, 59/500	0	\$80,650
2009	3/22	×Food City 500	18	35	Running, 494/503	0	\$91,825
2008	3/16	×†Food City 500	16	8	Running, 506/506	0	\$126,483
	8/23	Sharpie 500	23	13	Running, 500/500	0	\$136,733
2007	8/25	Sharpie 500	35	36	Running, 485/500	0	\$91,890

* 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