



# Smithfield



## ARIC ALMIROLA

### Smithfield Racing Team Report

#### Round 7 of 36 – Coca-Cola 600 – Charlotte

**Car No.:** 10 – Smithfield Ford Mustang

**At-Track PR Contact:** Dakota Hunter, True Speed Communication (704-875-3388 ext. 813, Dakota.Hunter@TrueSpeedCommunication.com)

**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

**Charlotte Notes of Interest:**

- Almirola will make his 14th NASCAR Cup Series start at Charlotte Sunday to bring his total of career **Cup Series starts to 323**.
  - The Smithfield driver is looking to capture his fourth top-10 finish of the season
- **Almirola has one career Cup Series top-10 finish** at Charlotte, along with one pole award – both earned in 2012.
- **Career:** Almirola has career totals of two wins, two poles, 18 top-five finishes, 64 top-10s and 543 laps led in 322 starts.
- The 35-year-old has eight NASCAR Xfinity Series starts at Charlotte with one top-five finish, three top-10s and a lap-completion rate of 99.4 percent. Almirola also has two starts in the NASCAR Gander Outdoors Truck Series at Charlotte, which both resulted in top-10 finishes.
- **Points:** Almirola sits seventh in the driver standings with 186 points – 72 behind leader Kevin Harvick.
- **Last win:** Almirola’s Oct. 14, 2018 win at Talladega 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](#).

**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)

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- **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 Charlotte

Year	Date	Event	Start	Finish	Status/Laps	Laps Led	Earnings
<b>2019</b>	5/26	Coca-Cola 600	2	11	Running, 400/400	0	N/A
<b>2018</b>	9/13	Coca-Cola 600	9	13	Running, 399/400	0	N/A
	9/30	Bank of America Roval 400	20	19	Running, 109/109	0	N/A
<b>2017</b>	10/8	×Bank of America 500	24	24	Running, 337/337	0	N/A
<b>2016</b>	5/29	Coca-Cola 600	20	26	Running, 395/400	0	N/A
	10/9	Bank of America 500	33	15	Running, 334/334	0	N/A
<b>2015</b>	5/24	Coca-Cola 600	21	17	Running, 399/400	0	\$146,046
	10/11	Bank of America 500	9	10	Running, 334/334	0	\$133,651
<b>2014</b>	5/25	Coca-Cola 600	13	11	Running, 400/400	0	\$154,546
	10/11	Bank of America 500	15	22	Running, 332/334	0	\$116,276
<b>2013</b>	5/26	Coca-Cola 600	18	33	Accident, 324/400	0	\$131,066
	10/12	Bank of America 500	11	23	Running, 331/334	0	\$114,796
<b>2012</b>	5/27	Coca-Cola 600	<b>1</b>	16	Running, 398/400	4	\$177,466
	10/13	Bank of America 500	17	12	Running, 333/334	0	\$119,146

\* Race cut short due to weather.

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

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

◇ Race length was extended due to overtime finish