



Smithfield



ARIC ALMIROLA

Smithfield Racing Team Report

Round 11 of 36 – Blue-Emu Maximum Pain Relief 500 – Martinsville

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: Coleman Dollarhide
Hometown: Hickory, North Carolina

Martinsville 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 327**.
 - The Smithfield driver is looking to capture his third top-10 finish of the season.
 - Almirola has earned one top-five finish and four top-10s in 20 Cup Series starts at Martinsville.
- **Career:** Almirola has career totals of two wins, two poles, 18 top-five finishes, 64 top-10s and 543 laps led in 326 starts.
- **Points:** Almirola sits 11th in the driver standings with 260 points – 161 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](#).

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)

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- 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 Martinsville:

| Year | Date | Event | Start | Finish | Status/Laps | Laps Led | Earnings |
|-------------|-------|----------------------------------|-------|--------|---------------------|----------|-----------|
| 2019 | 3/24 | STP 500 | 2 | 9 | Running, 500/500 | 0 | N/A |
| | 10/27 | First Data 500 | 3 | 37 | Accident, 365/500 | 0 | N/A |
| 2018 | 3/26 | STP 500 | 10 | 14 | Running, 500/500 | 0 | N/A |
| | 10/28 | First Data 500 | 5 | 11 | Running, 500/500 | 0 | N/A |
| 2017 | 4/2 | STP 500 | 18 | 18 | Running, 500/500 | 0 | N/A |
| | 10/29 | ×First Data 500 | 10 | 18 | Running, 505/505 | 0 | N/A |
| 2016 | 4/3 | STP 500 | 20 | 40 | Engine, 206/500 | 0 | N/A |
| | 10/30 | Goody's Headache Relief 500 | 16 | 15 | Running, 499/500 | 0 | N/A |
| 2015 | 3/29 | STP 500 | 18 | 12 | Running, 500/500 | 0 | \$123,811 |
| | 11/1 | Goody's Headache Relief 500 | 8 | 16 | Running, 500/500 | 0 | \$125,201 |
| 2014 | 3/30 | STP 500 | 20 | 8 | Running, 500/500 | 0 | \$126,106 |
| | 10/26 | Goody's Headache Relief 500 | 27 | 21 | Running, 500/500 | 0 | \$119,201 |
| 2013 | 4/7 | STP Gas Booster 500 | 34 | 20 | Running, 500/500 | 0 | \$121,436 |
| | 10/27 | Goody's Headache Relief Shot 500 | 18 | 20 | Running, 499/500 | 0 | \$119,871 |
| 2012 | 4/1 | ×Goody's Fast Relief 500 | 19 | 8 | Running, 515/515 | 3 | \$121,196 |
| | 10/28 | TUMS Fast Relief 500 | 10 | 4 | Running, 500/500 | 0 | \$131,421 |
| 2010 | 3/29 | ×Goody's Fast Relief 500 | 37 | 41 | Brakes, 43/508 | 0 | \$68,075 |
| | 10/24 | TUMS Fast Relief 500 | 35 | 21 | Running, 498/500 | 0 | \$112,690 |
| 2009 | 3/29 | †Goody's Fast Relief 500 | 37 | 37 | Running, 490/500 | 0 | \$77,950 |
| 2008 | 3/30 | Goody's Cool Orange 500 | 3 | 42 | Engine, 379/500 | 0 | \$102,973 |
| | 10/19 | ×TUMS QuikPak 500 | 15 | 20 | Running, 502/504 | 53 | \$107,683 |
| 2007 | 10/21 | Goody's Cool Orange 500 | 28 | 26 | Electrical, 111/506 | 0 | \$67,940 |

* 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