



Smithfield



ARIC ALMIROLA

Smithfield Racing Team Report

Rounds 14-15 of 36 – Pocono Doubleheader – Pocono

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: Lehigh, 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

Pocono Notes of Interest:

- Almirola will make his 16th start in the NASCAR Cup Series at Pocono (Pa.) Raceway this weekend to bring his total of career **Cup Series starts to 329**.
 - Almirola has one start at the “Tricky Triangle” in the NASCAR Xfinity Series in June 2016, which resulted in an 11th-place finish. He’s also made one start in the NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series in July 2010 and earned a fourth-place finish.
 - Almirola has two top-10 finishes at Pocono since joining Stewart-Haas Racing. His best finish at the 2.5-mile track is seventh, earned June 3, 2018.
- Almirola will race for his third consecutive top-five finish this weekend. He has earned five top-10s this season.
- **Career:** Almirola has career totals of two wins, two poles, 20 top-five finishes, 66 top-10s and 543 laps led in 329 starts.
- **Points:** Almirola sits 13th in the driver standings with 336 points – 153 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)

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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 Pocono:

Year	Date	Event	Start	Finish	Status/Laps	Laps Led	Earnings
2019	6/2	Pocono 400	13	10	Running, 160/160	0	N/A
	7/28	Gander RV 400	3	12	Running, 163/163	0	N/A
2018	6/3	Pocono 400	34	7	Running, 160/160	0	N/A
	7/29	Gander Outdoors 400	34	25	Running, 164/164	0	N/A
2017	7/30	Overton's 400	25	38	Accident, 0/160	0	N/A
2016	6/6	Axalta 400	16	20	Running, 160/160	0	N/A
	8/1	*Pennsylvania 400	27	39	Accident, 66/138	0	N/A
2015	6/7	Axalta 400	25	43	Engine, 88/160	0	\$85,466
	8/2	Windows 10 400	21	18	Running, 160/160	0	\$116,956
2014	6/8	Pocono 400	22	22	Running, 160/160	0	\$115,926
	8/3	GoBowling.com 400	28	35	Accident, 125/160	1	\$110,376
2013	6/9	†Party in the Poconos 400	12	21	Running, 160/160	0	\$115,496
	8/4	GoBowling.com 400	10	20	Running, 160/160	1	\$117,046
2012	6/10	Pocono 400	29	28	Running, 158/160	0	\$108,721
	8/5	*Pennsylvania 400	13	18	Running, 98/98	0	\$111,646

* 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