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ARIC ALMIROLA

Smithfield Racing Team Report

Round 13 of 36 – GEICO 500 – Talladega

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

Talladega Notes of Interest:

- Almirola will make his 21st start in the NASCAR Cup Series start at Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway this weekend to bring his total of career **Cup Series starts to 329**.
 - Almirola’s average finish in the last seven races at Talladega is 5.4.
 - Almirola has eight career top-10 finishes at Talladega – seven consecutively. He also owns four top-five finishes at the 2.66-mile superspeedway.
 - In addition to his NASCAR Cup Series success, Almirola visited Talladega’s victory lane in the NASCAR Xfinity Series in May 2017.
- **Career:** Almirola has career totals of two wins, two poles, 19 top-five finishes, 65 top-10s and 543 laps led in 328 starts.
- **Points:** Almirola sits 13th in the driver standings with 303 points – 160 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)
 - 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 Talladega:

Year	Date	Event	Start	Finish	Status/Laps	Laps Led	Earnings
2019	4/28	Geico 500	2	9	Running, 188/188	27	N/A
	10/14	1000Bulbs.com	5	4	Running, 188/188	3	N/A
2018	4/29	Geico 500	40	7	Running, 188/188	0	N/A
	8/14	1000Bulbs.com	4	1	Running, 193/193	1	N/A
2017	5/7	◊Geico 500	22	4	Running, 191/191	0	N/A
	10/15	Alabama 500	26	5	Running, 188/188	0	N/A
2016	5/1	Geico 500	23	27	Accident, 180/188	1	N/A
	10/23	◊Hellman's 500	26	8	Running, 192/192	0	N/A
2015	5/3	Geico 500	28	15	Running, 188/188	0	\$142,146
	10/25	×CampingWorld.com 500	25	16	Running, 196/196	0	\$129,886
2014	5/4	Aaron's 499	15	13	Running, 188/188	0	\$143,821
	10/19	Geico 500	17	39	Running, 166/194	0	\$109,521
2013	5/5	†×Aaron's 499	18	10	Running, 192/192	1	\$146,226
	10/20	Camping World RV Sales 500	1	22	Running, 188/188	8	\$122,046
2012	5/6	×Aaron's 499	4	12	Running, 194/194	0	\$137,716
	10/7	Good Sam Roadside Assistance 500	18	19	Running, 189/189	0	\$118,346
2010	10/31	AMP Energy Juice 500	37	20	Running, 188/188	2	\$118,938
2008	4/27	Aaron's 499	28	33	Running, 186/188	0	\$114,808
	10/5	×AMP Energy 500	3	13	Running, 190/190	3	\$117,783
2007	10/7	UAW-Ford 500	38	30	Engine, 156/188	0	\$82,450

* 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