



ARIC ALMIROLA

Smithfield Vote for Bacon Racing Team Report

Round 17 of 36 – Kentucky 400 – Kentucky

Car No.: 10 – Smithfield Vote For Bacon 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

Kentucky Notes of Interest:

- Almirola will make his eighth start in the NASCAR Cup Series at Kentucky Speedway in Sparta this weekend to bring his total of career **Cup Series starts to 333**.
- Almirola will race for his sixth consecutive top-five finish this weekend. He has earned eight top-10s this season.
- Almirola is on a string of five consecutive top-five finishes – earned at Homestead-Miami Speedway, where he finished fifth, Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway, where he finished third, and Pocono (Pa.) Raceway two weekend ago, where he finished third and fifth, respectively, in the series’ first modern-era doubleheader weekend, and last Sunday at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, where he finished third.
- Almirola will sport a new No. 10 Smithfield Vote for Bacon paint scheme this weekend at Kentucky. To “vote for bacon” and help secure Almirola’s eligibility in the NASCAR All-Star Race, visit www.voteforbacon.com for a chance to win Smithfield bacon for a year, a private meet-and-greet with Almirola, and free SHR merchandise.
- **Career:** Almirola has career totals of two wins, two poles, 23 top-five finishes, 69 top-10s and 627 laps led in 332 starts.
- **Points:** Almirola sits ninth in the driver standings with 465 points – 172 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](#).

Aric Almirola's History at Kentucky:

Year	Date	Event	Start	Finish	Status/Laps	Laps Led	Earnings
2019	7/13	Kentucky 400	2	14	Running, 269/269	0	N/A
2018	7/14	Kentucky 400	12	8	Running, 267/267	0	N/A
2016	7/9	†Kentucky 400	26	20	Running, 266/267	0	N/A
2015	7/11	Kentucky 400	12	12	Running, 267/267	0	\$123,951
2014	6/28	Kentucky 400	22	39	Accident, 175/267	0	\$106,616
2013	6/30	Kentucky 400	18	15	Running, 267/267	0	\$122,521
2012	6/30	Kentucky 400	13	26	Running, 266/267	0	\$113,721

* 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