



ARIC ALMIROLA

Smithfield Racing Team Report

Round 18 of 36 – O’ Reilly Auto Parts 500 – Texas

Car No.: 10 – Smithfield Hometown Original Heroes 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

Texas Notes of Interest:

- Almirola will make his 19th career NASCAR Cup Series start at Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth Sunday to bring his total of career **Cup Series starts to 334**.
- Last weekend at Kentucky Speedway in Sparta, Almirola led a race-high 128 laps.
- Last November at Texas, Almirola led 62 laps before earning a second-place finish behind teammate Kevin Harvick.
- Almirola will race for his seventh consecutive top-10 finish this weekend. He has earned nine top-10s this season.
- Almirola is riding a string of six consecutive top-10 finishes – fifth at Homestead-Miami Speedway, third at Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway, third and fifth, respectively, in the series’ first modern-era doubleheader weekend at Pocono (Pa.) Raceway, third at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, and eighth last Sunday at Kentucky Speedway in Sparta.
- Almirola will debut a brand new paint scheme this weekend with longtime partner Smithfield Foods adorning the No. 10 Ford Mustang. The Smithfield Hometown Original Heroes Ford will honor hometown heroes on the front lines by asking fans to nominate their hometown hero.
- **Career:** Almirola has career totals of two wins, two poles, 23 top-five finishes, 70 top-10s and 755 laps led in 333 starts.
- **Points:** Almirola sits ninth in the driver standings with 504 points – 171 behind leader and SHR teammate 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](#).

Aric Almirola's History at Texas:

Year	Date	Event	Start	Finish	Status/Laps	Laps Led	Earnings
2019	3/31	O'Reilly Auto Parts 500	21	7	Running, 334/334	3	N/A
	11/3	AAA Texas 500	6	2	Running, 334/334	62	N/A
2018	4/8	O'Reilly Auto Parts 500	12	32	Accident, 178/334	0	N/A
	11/4	AAA Texas 500	4	8	Running, 334/334	0	N/A
2017	4/9	O'Reilly Auto Parts 500	18	18	Running, 334/334	0	N/A
	11/5	AAA Texas 500	18	15	Running, 334/334	0	N/A
2016	4/9	Duck Commander 500	24	24	Running, 331/334	0	N/A
	11/6	*AAA Texas 500	21	22	Running, 292/293	0	N/A
2015	4/11	Duck Commander 500	32	19	Running, 334/334	0	\$156,876
	11/8	AAA Texas 500	24	18	Running, 334/334	0	\$143,526
2014	4/7	×Duck Commander 500	17	12	Running, 340/340	0	\$168,306
	11/2	AAA Texas 500	22	24	Running, 341/341	0	\$142,201
2013	4/13	NRA 500	3	7	Running, 334/334	0	\$182,841
	11/3	AAA Texas 500	17	27	Running, 330/334	0	\$140,521
2012	4/14	Samsung Mobile 500	23	22	Running, 332/224	0	\$144,616
	11/4	×AAA Texas 500	14	15	Running, 335/335	0	\$141,221
2010	11/7	Samsung Mobile 500	13	21	Running, 334/334	0	\$137,365
2009	4/5	Samsung 500	41	33	Running, 328/334	0	\$102,450

* 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