



## **ARIC ALMIROLA** Smithfield Racing Team Report Round 21 & 22 of 36 – Michigan Doubleheader – Brooklyn

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

## **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 Crew Chief: Mike Bugarewicz Hometown: Lehighton, Pennsylvania Engine Builder: Roush Yates Racing Headquarters: Mooresville, North Carolina Spotter: Joel Edmonds Hometown: Dobson, North Carolina

Front Tire Changer: Clay Robinson Hometown: Simi Valley, California Rear Tire Changer: Daniel Coffey Hometown: Granite Falls, North Carolina

## Michigan Doubleheader Notes of Interest:

- Almirola has earned one top-10 and has led three laps at the 2-mile oval at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.
- Almirola has three NASCAR Xfinity Series starts at the track located in Michigan's Irish Hills with a best finish of eighth. The Ford driver has two starts there in the NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series with his June 2010 start resulting in a victory.
- Almirola will race for his 10th and 11th consecutive top-10 finishes this weekend. He has earned 10 top-10s this season.
- Almirola is on a string of nine straight top-10 finishes, and it is the longest top-10 streak of his career. He finished fifth June 14 at Homestead-Miami Speedway, third June 22 at Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway, third June 27 at Pocono (Pa.) Raceway, fifth June 28 at Pocono, third July 5 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, eighth July 12 at Kentucky Speedway in Sparta, 10th July 19 at Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth, sixth July 23 at Kansas Speedway in Kansas City and seventh last Sunday at New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon. His previous best streak was a run of six consecutive top-10s in 2019 that began with the second race at Atlanta Motor Speedway and lasted through the series' seventh race at Texas.
- Career: Almirola has career totals of two wins, two poles, 23 top-five finishes, 73 top-10s and 792 laps led in 336 starts.
- **Points:** Almirola sits eighth in the driver standings with 614 points 18 behind leader and SHR teammate Kevin 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.
- To nominate a hometown hero, visit <u>www.SmithfieldHometownHeroes.com</u> and submit a one-minute video nominating the "Hometown Hero". Ten heroes will be chosen to have their stories told and will have their names riding onboard the No. 10 Smithfield Ford Mustang at a race during the NASCAR playoffs this fall. The heroes will also receive a VIP race day experience and full-year supply of Smithfield "Hometown Original" bacon.
- Crew chief Mike Bugarewicz is in his fifth full-time season at SHR and his first with Almirola. To learn more click here.

Year	Date	Event	Start	Finish	Status/Laps	Laps Led	Earnings
2019	6/10	FireKeepers Casino 400	3	17	Running, 200/200	0	N/A
	8/11	Consumers Energy 400	12	33	Running, 193/200	0	N/A
2018	8/12	Consumers Energy 400	11	7	Running, 200/200	0	N/A
	6/10	*FireKeepers Casino 400	6	11	Running, 133/133	0	N/A
2017	8/13	◊Pure Michigan 400	24	12	Running, 202/202	0	N/A
2016	6/12	FireKeepers Casino 400	30	26	Running, 200/200	0	N/A
	8/28	Pure Michigan 400	26	25	Running, 198/200	0	N/A
2015	6/14	*Quicken Loans 400	26	22	Running, 137/138	0	\$123,346
	8/16	Pure Michigan 400	30	14	Running, 200/200	3	\$126,501
2014	6/15	Quicken Loans 400	4	31	Running, 197/200	0	\$121,201
	8/17	Pure Michigan 400	23	20	Running, 199/200	0	\$125,076
2013	6/16	Quicken Loans 400	5	17	Running, 200/200	0	\$124,221
	8/18	Pure Michigan 400	14	18	Running, 200/200	0	\$123,621
2012	6/17	Quicken Loans 400	15	17	Running, 199/200	0	\$119,621
	8/19	×Pure Michigan 400	41	20	Running, 201/201	0	\$124,746

Aric Almirola's History at Michigan:

\* 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 \(\delta\) Race length was extended due to overtime finish