



CLINT BOWYER

No. 14 Rush Truck Centers/BlueDEF Platinum Team Report Round 31 of 36 – YellaWood 500 – Talladega

Car No.: 14 – Rush Truck Centers/BlueDEF Platinum Ford Mustang for Stewart-Haas Racing

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Primary Team Members:

Driver: Clint Bowyer
Hometown: Emporia, Kansas
Car Chief: Chad Haney
Hometown: Fairmont, West Virginia
Engine Specialist: Jon Phillips
Hometown: Jefferson City, Missouri

Crew Chief: John Klausmeier
Hometown: Perry Hall, Maryland
Engine Builder: Roush Yates Engines
Headquarters: Mooresville, North Carolina
Spotter: Brett Griffin
Hometown: Pageland, South Carolina

Over-The-Wall Crew Members:

Fuelman: Rick Pigeon
Hometown: Fairfax, Vermont
Carrier: Jon Bernal
Hometown: Shelby, North Carolina
Jackman: Sean Cotten
Hometown: Mooresville, North Carolina

Front Changer: Ryan Mulder
Hometown: Sioux City, Iowa
Rear Changer: Chris Jackson
Hometown: Rock Hill, South Carolina

Notes of Interest:

- Bowyer owns career totals of **10 wins, three poles, 82 top-five finishes, 224 top-10s and 3,170 laps led in 535 NASCAR Cup Series races.** He also owns eight NASCAR Xfinity Series victories.
 - His **most recent Cup Series victory** came at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn (June 10, 2018).
 - His **most recent Cup Series pole** came at Auto Club Speedway in Fontana, California on Feb. 29, 2020.
- **Last weekend at Las Vegas:** Bowyer started sixth and finished 10th in the first stage and ninth in the second. A caution just a few laps after he pitted during the final stage dropped him back to 22nd, but he rallied back in the race's closing laps to finish 12th. It marked his second consecutive 12th-place finish at Las Vegas in 2020 and left him 20 points below the cutoff to advance into the Round of 8 in the playoffs.
- Bowyer earned top-10 finishes in each of the Round of 16 playoff races – 10th at Darlington (S.C.) Raceway and Richmond (Va.) Raceway, and sixth at Bristol (Tenn.) Motor Speedway.
- Bowyer **has scored the seventh-most points of all drivers** in the last 10 races.
- Bowyer **finished a career-best second in the 2012 NASCAR Cup Series playoffs.**
- Bowyer has posted **four NASCAR Cup Series playoff victories** – New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon in 2007 and 2010, Talladega in 2010 and Charlotte (N.C.) Motor Speedway in 2012.
- **June 2020 Talladega Race:** Bowyer started 10th in the Monday race and ran at the back of the pack through the first two stages while showing the ability to get to the front of the field when needed. As the laps wound down, he moved himself in position to battle for the victory, but an accident on the final lap left him with a 25th-place finish.
- **October 2019 Talladega Race:** Bowyer started eighth and moved to second early, but his hopes of winning the first stage ended when he was pinned in the bottom lane during the closing laps and finished 13th. He started 11th in Stage 2, took the lead on lap 107 and remained in front to earn his first stage victory since September 2018. In the final stage, Bowyer made slight contact with the wall with just 45 laps remaining in the race. He reported he could smell tire rubbing but could not make it to pit lane before the damaged tire caused him to spin. His car came to rest where the bottom of the banking and flat part of the track meet. At that angle, he was unable to move the car. Safety officials finally freed the No. 14, and Bowyer returned to the pits two laps behind the leaders. He fell as far back as 33rd but climbed to 23rd through attrition and accidents in the final laps.

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- **April 2019 Talladega Race:** Bowyer started third and raced at the front of the field in the opening laps, but the No. 14 suffered damage in a lap-10 accident when two cars in front of him collided and caused a chain-reaction. He fell four laps behind the leaders before working his way back to 29th when the checkered flag fell.
- **October 2018 Talladega Race:** Bowyer started second as SHR's driver foursome of polesitter Kurt Busch, Kevin Harvick, Bowyer and Aric Almirola started the race in the top four spots. They stayed that way through Stages 1 and 2, winning both. The final stage saw the four – who spent most of the race using nose-to-tail teamwork at the 2.66-mile superspeedway – challenged. A caution with 29 laps to go set up a restart and a chance for the other competitors to split up the SHR foursome. But the SHR drivers orchestrated themselves back to running nose to tail at the front of the preferred inside line. For the next 26 laps, they pulled away from the rest of the field but, with three laps to go, out came a caution to set up an overtime finish and another restart. Before that restart, Harvick, who had led 46 laps, had to pit for fuel. Busch, who led 108 laps, was in the lead, but then he ran out of fuel on the final lap.
- **April 2018 Talladega Race:** Bowyer started eighth but lost two laps when he pitted for a cut rear tire. He regained the lost lap and returned to the lead lap on lap 127 in 27th place. He climbed to ninth with 30 to go before a multicar accident ended his race with 22 laps remaining and he finished 31st.
- **October 2011 Talladega Victory:** Bowyer and Richard Childress Racing teammate Jeff Burton put on a tandem drafting clinic as Burton pushed Bowyer to the checkered flag, giving the team its 100th victory in what Bowyer called “a rather calm” day of racing at Talladega. Bowyer nipped Burton by .018 of a second for the victory. It marked Bowyer's second consecutive October victory at Talladega.
- **October 2010 Talladega Victory:** It took nearly five minutes for NASCAR to figure out who won the 500-mile race in October 2010 at Talladega, but Bowyer wasn't about to wait that long to celebrate. He was already burning doughnuts on the frontstretch while his then-Childress and now SHR teammate Harvick sat parked on the track waiting for the final verdict. By the time NASCAR confirmed Bowyer's victory, he was well into his postrace festivity. A.J. Allmendinger's upside-down collision with the turn-four wall triggered a caution on the final lap. Bowyer and Harvick were side-by-side in a final-lap duel when the caution froze the running order. All that was left was determining exactly where both were when the yellow flag waved. NASCAR reviewed video frame by frame as Bowyer and Harvick raced through the first and second turns. The sanctioning body finally determined Bowyer was ahead by less than three inches when the caution came out.
- **All-time wins list: With 10 career victories,** Bowyer is in a 59th-place tie on the all-time Cup Series wins list with Donnie Allison and Sterling Marlin.
- **SHR owns one victory (Almirola October 2018),** eight top-five finishes, 23 top-10s and two poles in 74 starts at Talladega.

Bowyer's Talladega Record

Year	Event	Start	Finish	Status/Laps	Laps Led	Earnings
2020	Geico 500	10	25	Running, 190/191	0	N/A
2019	Geico 500	3	29	Running, 182/188	0	N/A
	1000Bulbs.com 500	8	23	Running, 186/188	13	N/A
2018	×Geico 500	8	31	Accident, 165/188	10	N/A
	1000Bulbs.com 500	2	2	Running, 193/193	0	N/A
2017	×Geico 500	17	14	Running, 191/191	10	N/A
	Alabama 500	7	35	Accident, 155/188	0	N/A
2016	Geico 500	34	7	Running, 188/188	0	N/A
	×Hellmann's 500	36	18	Running, 192/192	0	N/A
2015	×Geico 500	10	30	Running, 188/188	0	\$128,643
	×CampingWorld.com 500	29	8	Running, 196/196	2	\$132,498
2014	Aaron's 400	27	3	Running, 188/188	0	\$215,151
	×GEICO 500	33	3	Running, 194/194	0	\$181,121
2013	†×Aaron's 499	20	18	Running, 192/192	0	\$139,238
	Camping World RV Sales 500	20	10	Running, 188/188	2	\$132,793
2012	×Aaron's 499	24	6	Running, 194/194	0	\$146,554
	Good Sam Roadside Assistance 500	3	23	Accident, 188/189	8	\$107,549
2011	Aaron's 499	10	2	Running, 188/188	38	\$269,058
	Good Sam Club 500	3	1	Running, 188/188	25	\$260,558
2010	×Aaron's 499	14	7	Running, 200/200	0	\$118,675
	AMP Energy Juice 500	2	1	Running, 188/188	19	\$226,450
2009	Aaron's 499	5	39	Running, 8/188	0	\$88,875
	†×AMP Energy 500	15	12	Running, 191/191	0	\$93,650
2008	Aaron's 499	41	9	Running, 188/188	0	\$123,275
	×AMP Energy 500	35	5	Running, 190/190	0	\$125,525
2007	×Aaron's 499	40	35	Running, 147/192	0	\$86,125
	UAW-Ford 500	23	11	Running, 188/188	1	\$92,625
2006	Aaron's 499	15	40	Accident, 16/188	0	\$83,525
	UAW-Ford 500	32	35	Accident, 171/188	5	\$77,200

* Race cut short due to weather.

× Race length extended due to green-white-checker finish.

= Qualifying canceled due to weather, starting position set via practice time.

† Qualifying canceled due to weather, starting position set via car owner points.

+ Race distance shortened due to change in track configuration.