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ARIC ALMIROLA

Smithfield Racing Team Report

Round 29 of 36 – Bass Pro Shops Night Race – Bristol

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: Daniel Coffey
Hometown: Granite Falls, North Carolina

Notes of Interest:

- Almirola has one top-five and three top-10s in 20 starts at Bristol since 2007. His best finish there was third in the Food City 500 on March 16, 2004. In addition to his Cup Series experience at Bristol, Almirola has seven NASCAR Xfinity Series starts with four of those resulting in top-10 finishes.
- This marks the third year in a row since joining Stewart-Haas Racing (SHR) that Almirola has made the NASCAR playoffs. It's his fourth playoff appearance in his nine-year full-time career. His best playoff run was in 2018, when he finished fifth in the season standings.
- The No. 10 Ford driver enjoyed a career-best regular season with five top-five finishes, 16 top-10s and 287 laps led. In his last 17 races, he has 12 top-10s and five top-fives.
- **Career:** Almirola has career totals of two wins, two poles, 23 top-five finishes, 77 top-10s and 824 laps led in 343 starts.
- **Playoff Standings:** After finishing eighth in Saturday night's race at Richmond (Va.) Raceway, Almirola is 10th in the playoff standings with 2,065 points and tied with Kurt Busch.
- **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.
- Smithfield Foods, Inc., which is Almirola's primary sponsor at a majority of the races this season and will adorn the No. 10 Ford this weekend, is an American food company with agricultural roots and a global reach. Its 40,000 U.S. employees are dedicated to producing “Good food. Responsibly®” and have made it one of the world's leading vertically integrated protein companies. It has pioneered sustainability standards for more than two decades, including many industry firsts, such as an ambitious commitment to cut carbon impact by 25 percent by 2025. The company believes in the power of protein to end food insecurity and has donated hundreds of millions of food servings to neighbors in need. For more information, visit www.smithfieldfoods.com, and connect on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Instagram](#).

- 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 BRISTOL PERFORMANCE PROFILE:

Year	Date	Event	Start	Finish	Status/Laps	Laps Led	Earnings
2020	5/31	Food City 500	2	29	Running, 470/500	0	N/A
2019	4/7	Food City 500	6	37	Accident, 3/500	0	N/A
	8/17	Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race	5	29	Accident/482/500	0	N/A
2018	4/16	Food City 500	19	6	Running, 500/500	0	N/A
	8/18	Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race	8	31	Running, 428/500	0	N/A
2017	4/24	†Food City 500	18	22	Running, 497/500	0	N/A
	8/19	Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race	28	37	Accident, 390/500	0	N/A
2016	4/17	Food City 500	22	34	Running, 479/500	0	N/A
	8/21	Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race	17	14	Running, 500/500	0	N/A
2015	4/19	×Food City 500	30	13	Running, 511/511	0	\$134,176
	8/22	Irwin Tools Night Race	31	17	Running, 497/500	0	\$150,171
2014	3/16	×Food City 500	23	3	Running, 503/503	0	\$160,161
	8/23	Irwin Tools Night Race	42	41	Accident, 123/500	0	\$116,101
2013	3/17	Food City 500	20	37	Accident, 245/500	0	\$125,439
	8/24	Irwin Tools Night Race	10	15	Running, 499/500	0	\$146,041
2012	3/18	Food City 500	7	19	Running, 498/500	0	\$127,446
	8/25	=Irwin Tools Night Race	5	35	Accident, 235/500	0	\$127,116
2010	3/21	Food City 500	27	39	Brakes, 59/500	0	\$80,650
2009	3/22	×Food City 500	18	35	Running, 494/503	0	\$91,825
2008	3/16	×†Food City 500	16	8	Running, 506/506	0	\$126,483
	8/23	Sharpie 500	23	13	Running, 500/500	0	\$136,733
2007	8/25	Sharpie 500	35	36	Running, 485/500	0	\$91,890

* 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