



ARIC ALMIROLA

Smithfield Power Bites Racing Team Report

Round 31 of 36 – YellaWood 500 – Talladega

Car No.: 10 Smithfield Power Bites 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: Lehighton, 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: Jeremy Howard
Hometown: Dalhart, TX

Jackman: Corbin Martin
Hometown: Winston Salem, North Carolina

Front Tire Changer: John Rosselli
Hometown: Terra Haute, IN

Rear Tire Changer: Daniel Coffey
Hometown: Granite Falls, North Carolina

Notes of Interest:

- Almirola finished third in his most recent start at Talladega on June 22. That result tied the record of eight consecutive Talladega top-10s set by Dale Earnhardt Jr., between April 2001 and October 2004.
- Almirola’s average finish in the last eight races at Talladega is 5.1 – the best average finish in the series.
- Almirola has nine career top-10 finishes at Talladega – eight consecutively. He also owns five top-five finishes at the 2.66-mile superspeedway.
- In the NASCAR Xfinity Series at Talladega, Almirola visited Talladega’s victory lane in May 2017.
- **2020 Season:** The No. 10 Ford driver has a career-high six top-five finishes and a career-high-tying 17 top-10s with 288 laps led.
- **Career:** Almirola has career totals of two wins, two poles, 24 top-five finishes, 78 top-10s and 825 laps led in 346 starts in the Cup Series.
- **Playoff Standings:** Almirola sits 11th in the playoff standings with 3,025 points – 27 points below top-eight cutoff to advance to the next round.
- **Last win:** Almirola’s Oct. 14, 2018 win at Talladega was his most recent in the NASCAR Cup Series.
- 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](#).

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- Smithfield will be giving away a variety of race-used items and tailgate supplies through the #PowerBitesHere sweepstakes this weekend at Talladega. To be eligible to win, fans will need to follow @SmithfieldBrand on Twitter. Every 10 laps, fans will have the duration of that lap plus one minute to tweet the hashtags #PowerBitesHere and #Sweepstakes to be entered to win the item for that lap of the race. Prizes include a complimentary single-day class at the Ford Performance Racing School in Charlotte, North Carolina, a smoker, Almirola's Smithfield Power Bites driver uniform from the race, a 2021 VIP race weekend experience, and autographed team gear and tailgate items. Winners will be chosen at the end of the event. Fans will be allowed one entry during every 10-lap increment.
- **'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](#).

Playoff Standings with two races to go before the Round of 8:

1. Kurt Busch (3,041 points) 1 win
2. Kevin Harvick (3,104 points) +61 points
3. Denny Hamlin (3,101 points) +58 points
4. Brad Keselowski (3,059 points) +16 points
5. Martin Truex Jr. (3,058 points) +15 points
6. Joey Logano (3,054 points) +11 points
7. Chase Elliott (3,053 points) +10 points
8. Alex Bowman (3,052 points) +9 points
9. Kyle Busch (3,043 points) -9 points
10. Clint Bowyer (3,032 points) -20 points
- 11. Aric Almirola (3,025 points) -27 points**
12. Austin Dillon (3,020 points) -32 points

ARIC ALMIROLA'S TALLADEGA PERFORMANCE PROFILE

Year	Date	Event	Start	Finish	Status/Laps	Laps Led	Earnings
2020	4/22	Geico 500	15	3	Running, 191/191	0	N/A
2019	4/28	Geico 500	2	9	Running, 188/188	27	N/A
	10/14	1000Bulbs.com	5	4	Running, 188/188	3	N/A
2018	4/29	Geico 500	40	7	Running, 188/188	0	N/A
	8/14	1000Bulbs.com	4	1	Running, 193/193	1	N/A
2017	5/7	◊Geico 500	22	4	Running, 191/191	0	N/A
	10/15	Alabama 500	26	5	Running, 188/188	0	N/A
2016	5/1	Geico 500	23	27	Accident, 180/188	1	N/A
	10/23	◊Hellman's 500	26	8	Running, 192/192	0	N/A
2015	5/3	Geico 500	28	15	Running, 188/188	0	\$142,146
	10/25	×CampingWorld.com 500	25	16	Running, 196/196	0	\$129,886
2014	5/4	Aaron's 499	15	13	Running, 188/188	0	\$143,821
	10/19	Geico 500	17	39	Running, 166/194	0	\$109,521
2013	5/5	†×Aaron's 499	18	10	Running, 192/192	1	\$146,226
	10/20	Camping World RV Sales 500	1	22	Running, 188/188	8	\$122,046
2012	5/6	×Aaron's 499	4	12	Running, 194/194	0	\$137,716
	10/7	Good Sam Roadside Assistance 500	18	19	Running, 189/189	0	\$118,346
2010	10/31	AMP Energy Juice 500	37	20	Running, 188/188	2	\$118,938
2008	4/27	Aaron's 499	28	33	Running, 186/188	0	\$114,808
	10/5	×AMP Energy 500	3	13	Running, 190/190	3	\$117,783
2007	10/7	UAW-Ford 500	38	30	Engine, 156/188	0	\$82,450

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

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