

Bowyer Earns Spot in NASCAR Sprint All-Star Race

Event: NASCAR Sprint All-Star Race XXV

Date: May 16, 2009

Venue: Lowe's Motor Speedway - Concord, N.C.

NOTES: This Week's BB&T Chevrolet at Lowe's Motor Speedway ... Clint Bowyer will pilot Chassis No. 263 from the Richard Childress Racing NASCAR Sprint Cup Series stable. Built new for 2009, this is the same Chevrolet Impala SS that Bowyer drove to a runner-up finish at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

Stat Facts ...

How You Get In ... The NASCAR Sprint All-Star Race is comprised of Sprint Cup Series race winners from 2008 and 2009, NASCAR Sprint All-Star Race winners of the past 10 years and NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Champions of the past 10 years who are active drivers and have competed in at least one Series event during the 2008 or 2009 season. The top-two finishers in the Sprint Showdown qualifying race will transfer into the feature along with the driver who wins the Sprint All-Star Fan Vote provided that driver finishes on the lead lap of the Sprint Showdown.

How it Works ... The NASCAR Sprint All-Star Race consists of four segments. The first segment will feature a 50-lap race with a mandatory green flag, four-tire pit stop taking place at the mid-point of the segment. The second and third segments will be 20 laps each, a return to the 2007 event format. Following the end of the third segment, a ten-minute break will take place, allowing for adjustments on pit road. The final segment will consist of 10 green flag laps to determine the race winner.

How We Got Here ... Bowyer's win in the 2008 Crown Royal Presents the Dan Lowry 400 at Richmond International Raceway last May secured his place in NASCAR's annual All-Star race.

Previous Performance ... Bowyer has one previous start in the All-Star race, that coming in the 2008 running of the event. The Emporia, Kan., native and his Gil Martin-led team searched for a winning set-up, but came up short in their bid for the \$1 million dollar payday that greeted the winner of the race.

Four All-Star Wins for RCR ... RCR has won four NASCAR Sprint All-Star Races (formerly The Winston), the most recent coming in 2007 with Kevin Harvick. Dale Earnhardt won the event in 1987, which included the legendary "Pass in the Grass." Earnhardt also went on to claim the checkered flag in 1990 and 1993.

After the First 11 ... In his fourth season of full-time NSCS competition, Bowyer has accumulated three top-five and four top-10 finishes, an average start of 19.3 and an average finish of 17.4. He has completed 3,292 of the 3,621 (90.9 percent) total laps run this season and sits 13th in the Sprint Cup Series championship point standings.

NASCAR Pit Crew Challenge ... The Helping Hands Pit Crew will participate in the NASCAR Pit Crew Challenge Thursday, May 14 at 7 p.m. at Time Warner Cable Arena in Charlotte. All qualified teams for the NASCAR Sprint All-Star Race are eligible to compete. Also eligible is the 2008 Pit Crew Challenge winner. The remaining unfilled positions are available to the car owners ranked highest in the 2009 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series championship owner points standing as of May 13, 2008, who are not otherwise eligible for the event. Seven members of each team are allowed to compete. For ticket information, visit www.pitcrewchallenge.com or call 1-800-495-2295. SPEED will air the event later that evening at 9 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

The Victory Challenge ... Bowyer, along with Jeff Gordon, Darrell Waltrip, Kasey Kahne, RCR teammate Harvick, Kyle Busch and Greg Biffle will participate in the second-annual Pennzoil Victory Challenge. The event is NASCAR's take on the NBA's Slam Dunk contest and Major League Baseball's Home Run Derby. The drivers, accompanied by a special passenger, will drive similarly-prepared stock cars from the Jeff Gordon Racing School in a freestyle competition testing the skills of any winning superstar. Drivers will start the countdown clock when they cross the starting line at the first SMI Globe on the front stretch. Drivers will then perform a freestyle victory burnout display towards the Victory Lane finish box located at the second SMI Globe on the front stretch. Drivers will have 30 seconds to complete the Pennzoil Victory Challenge before the kill switch is activated. The countdown clock will be displayed on the Scoreboard and inside the race cars. The rider will start the clock inside the car and will communicate with the driver about how much time remains. The driver with the highest score from the panel of judges will be awarded \$10,000 to their designated charity, bragging rights and a guaranteed starting spot in the 2010 Pennzoil Victory Challenge.

Cover Story ... Bowyer is featured on the cover of *NASCAR Illustrated's* June 2009 issue, scheduled to hit newsstands on May 26. Bowyer's motorcycle collection is featured and highlighted is his new ride, custom built by Klock Werks of Mitchell, S.D. Additionally, crew chief Shane Wilson is featured for his rather unusual pet – a donkey – named after his favorite country singer, Shania Twain.

Up to Speed ... Live coverage of the NASCAR Sprint Showdown and the NASCAR Sprint All-Star Race begins Saturday, May 16 at 7 p.m. EDT on SPEED. The race will be covered live on the Motor Racing Network and Sirius XM Satellite Radio. Qualifying is scheduled for Friday, May 15 at 6 p.m. EDT and will be aired live on SPEED.

