

Catch Clint Bowyer in Action...Racing in His Home State, Kansas, This Weekend

Event: Price Chopper 400
Date: October 4, 2009
Venue: Kansas Speedway
Kansas City, Kansas

This Week's Cheerios/Hamburger Helper Chevrolet at Kansas Speedway

Clint Bowyer will pilot Chassis No. 277 from the Richard Childress Racing NASCAR Sprint Cup Series stable. Built new for 2009, this Chevrolet debuted at Indianapolis in July, where Bowyer recorded an 18th-place finish.

Catch the Action

Live coverage of the Price Chopper 400 from Kansas Speedway begins Sunday, Oct. 4 at 1 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time and will be telecast live on ABC. The event will also be broadcast live on the Motor Racing Network and Sirius XM Satellite Radio, with their live coverage beginning at 1:15 p.m. Qualifying for the 29th points-paying race on the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series tour will be broadcast live on ESPN2 Friday, Oct. 2 beginning at 4:30 p.m. EDT and can be heard worldwide on MRN and Sirius XM Satellite Radio.

Back Where it Started

Bowyer, a native of Emporia, Kansas, grew up just over 100 miles southwest of Kansas Speedway. He graduated from Emporia High School and attended Flint Hills Technical College, also located in Emporia. He began his career racing motorcycles in his native Kansas when he was five years old, and made the transition to four wheels in 1996, racing Street Stocks at Thunderhill Speedway in Mayetta, Kan. Over the next seven seasons, he went on to win dirt modified championships at Thunderhill Speedway (2000), Lakeside Speedway (2001 & 2002) and Heartland Park Topeka (2001). Bowyer also won an asphalt late model championship at the famed I-70 Speedway in Odessa, Mo and the 2002 NASCAR Weekly Racing Series Midwest Championship. Since then, he has claimed two poles, two wins, 20 top-five and 57 top-10 finishes in 137 Sprint Cup starts; seven poles, eight wins, 60 top fives and 100 top 10s and the 2008 championship in 153 Nationwide Series starts; and one pole, one win, two top-five and three top-10 finishes in seven Camping World Truck Series races.

Kansas Facts

In three NSCS starts at Kansas Speedway, Bowyer boasts one top-five and two top-10 finishes. His best showing at the 1.5-mile oval is a second-place finish, which he achieved in the rain-shortened event in 2007. Additionally, the 30-year-old driver has led 43 laps of competition, has an average starting position of 13.3, an average finish of 7.7 and has completed 100 percent of the laps contested (744 of 744).

Rearview Mirror

Bowyer was able to overcome a pre-race setback that saw him start at the back of the field due to an engine change to finish 15th in last Sunday's NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race at Dover International Speedway.

Get to the Points

Bowyer's 15th-place finish at Dover allowed him to maintain the 15th position in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series point standings. Out of the Chase field, the race for 13th place is on. Bowyer trails the current position holder, Matt Kenseth, by 113 markers.

Through 28 Races

Over the season's first 28 races, Bowyer has accumulated four top-five and 12 top-10 finishes, an average start of 18th and an average finish of 15.9. The two-time NSCS winner has led 40 laps of competition and has completed 7,703 of the 8,036 (95.9 percent) laps contested thus far.

One Trophy Missing from the Shelf

Surprisingly enough, in 23 NSCS starts at Kansas Speedway, RCR has only two top-five and seven top-10 finishes, including sixth- and seventh-place finishes by Kevin Harvick and Jeff Burton, respectively, one year ago. RCR's best finish at Kansas was Bowyer's runner-up finish in 2007. All told, RCR has a 23.8 starting average and a 16.4 average finish at the metropolitan Kansas City race course. The only other tracks on the current schedule where RCR hasn't earned Sprint Cup Series wins are Auto Club Speedway, Homestead-Miami Speedway and Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

Double Duty

Fresh off a win in last Saturday's Dover 200, Bowyer, the 2008 NASCAR Nationwide Series champion, will drive the No. 29 Holiday Inn/Holiday Inn Express Chevrolet in Saturday's Kansas Lottery 300. Live coverage of the event begins Saturday, Oct. 3 at 3 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. The race will be televised live on ESPN2 and broadcast worldwide on the Motor Racing Network and Sirius XM Satellite Radio.

Stateline Challenge

Earlier this week, Sprint announced a partnership with drivers Clint Bowyer (Emporia, KS) and Carl Edwards (Columbia, MO) as they battle for home-turf bragging rights at Kansas Speedway. Bowyer and Edwards' private race within a race, the Sprint Stateline Challenge, will determine which driver's name dons a \$100,000 check to the Victory Junction Gang Camp on behalf of Sprint. An additional \$25,000 will be presented on behalf of the runner up. All proceeds from the Sprint Stateline Challenge will help fund construction efforts for a new Kansas City VJGC location.

Mark Your Calendars

In honor of its 40th anniversary, RCR will host a Fan Day at the Welcome, N.C. complex on Thursday, Oct. 22 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Activities include driver and pit crew autograph sessions, self-guided tours of RCR's Sprint Cup and Nationwide as well as ECR's engine shop, radio remotes, musical entertainment, pit crew competition, viewing of the DALE movie, question-and-answer session with team owner Richard Childress and much more. General admission to RCR's Fan Day is just \$5, which will benefit the Childress Institute for Pediatric Trauma.