

Five Races Remaining for Bowyer to Improve His NASCAR Sprint Cup Points Standing

Event: Tums Fast Relief 500

Date: October 25, 2009

Venue: Martinsville Speedway

This Week's BB&T Chevrolet at Martinsville (Virginia) Speedway

Clint Bowyer will pilot Chassis No. 265 from Richard Childress Racing's NASCAR Sprint Cup Series stable. Built new for 2009, this Chevrolet debuted at Atlanta in March, where Bowyer recorded a sixth-place finish, followed by a 36th-place finish at Lowe's Motor Speedway in May. Most recently, Bowyer raced this Impala SS to a 10th-place finish at New Hampshire Motor Speedway in September.

Catch the Action

Live coverage of the Tums Fast Relief 500 from Martinsville Speedway begins Sunday, Oct. 25 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. Qualifying for the 32nd points-paying race on the 36-race tour will be broadcast live on ESPN2 Friday, Oct. 23 beginning at 3 p.m. EDT and can be heard worldwide on MRN and Sirius XM Satellite Radio.

Martinsville Facts

In seven NASCAR Sprint Cup Series starts at Martinsville Speedway, Bowyer boasts three top-10 finishes. His best finish at the .526-mile oval is fifth, where he finished when the series most recently visited the paperclip-shaped oval in March. The Emporia, Kan., native has completed all but four laps of competition at the shortest track on the NSCS circuit and has a finishing average of 12.7.

Through 31 Races

Over the season's first 31 races, Bowyer has accumulated four top-five and 14 top-10 finishes, an average start of 17.1 and an average finish of 15.5. The two-time NSCS winner has led 40 laps of competition and has completed 8,553 of the 8,887 (96.2 percent) laps contested thus far.

Rearview Mirror

Bowyer's No. 33 Scary Fast *Count Chocula* Chevrolet lived up to its name last Saturday night at Lowe's Motor Speedway as "Count Bowyer" raced his way to a sixth-place finish in the final night race of the 2009 season.

Get to the Points

Bowyer's sixth-place finish at Lowe's Motor Speedway 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 75 markers.

RCR at Martinsville

In 110 previous NASCAR Sprint Cup starts at Martinsville, RCR has earned three poles and posted six wins between former drivers Ricky Rudd and Dale Earnhardt. Additionally, RCR-prepared Chevrolets have earned 24 top-five and 45 top-10 finishes at Martinsville dating back to April 10, 1972. Childress, a former driver in NASCAR's top division, contributed four of those top 10s from 1976-1978.

The Collective RCR

In 31 races this season, RCR's four NASCAR Sprint Cup Series entries have notched nine top-five and 30 top-10 finishes. The No. 29 team kicked off the 2009 season with a win in the Budweiser Shootout at Daytona. RCR-prepared cars have also completed 34,689 laps with four different drivers including Jeff Burton, Bowyer, Kevin Harvick and Casey Mears. RCR teams have led 188 laps and all four teams have earned just shy of \$17 million combined purse money in 2009.

Vote for Steve

Steve Ellis, shop foreman for the No. 33 team, is one of eight finalists for the inaugural NASCAR Wrenchman Award, recognizing the behind-the-scenes NASCAR team members who "turn the wrenches" in the shop and along pit row. Fans can choose the winner by logging onto www.craftsman.com/wrenchman and voting for their favorite team member. By voting, fans will also be automatically entered for a chance to win an all-expenses paid trip for two to the Wrenchman Award Ceremony in Miami on November 22.