

## **Bowyer's Intensity Continues as Four Races Remain in the Chase for the Sprint Cup Playoff**

**Event:** CARFAX 400

**Date:** August 16, 2009

**Venue:** Michigan International Speedway - Brooklyn, Michigan

### **NOTES:**

- **This Week at Michigan International Raceway ...** Clint Bowyer will pilot Chassis No. 267 from the Richard Childress Racing NASCAR Sprint Cup Series stable. This Chevrolet Impala SS debuted in February at Auto Club Speedway in Fontana, Calif. where Bowyer finished 19th. Most recently, this No. 33 racer posted a 22nd-place finish at Texas in April.
- **Michigan Facts** In seven NSCS starts at Michigan, Bowyer's best showing at the two-mile oval is a 10th-place finish, which he posted when the series last raced there in June. Additionally, the 30-year-old driver has led six laps of competition, has an average starting position of 17th, an average finish of 23rd and has completed 96.3 percent of the laps contested (1,286 of 1,335).
- **Rearview Mirror ...** Bowyer scored a career-best ninth-place finish at Watkins Glen International in the rain-delayed Heluva Good! Sour Cream Dips at The Glen last Monday, gaining 16 points on 12th-place point-man Matt Kenseth with just four races remaining before the 12-team Chase for the Sprint Cup playoff field is set.
- **Speaking of Points ...** Bowyer enters Michigan 15th in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series championship point standings. With four races remaining before the Chase for the Sprint Cup kicks off in September at New Hampshire Motor Speedway, Bowyer sits 99 markers in arrears to 12th. The top 12 in the Sprint Cup Series points following the September 12 Chevy Rock & Roll 400 at Richmond International Raceway are locked into NASCAR's 12-team Chase for the Sprint Cup playoff field.
- **Monday Racing ...** On the strength of his third- and ninth-place finishes in the two most recent NSCS races, Bowyer has accumulated the fourth-best point total of all drivers with 308 markers earned. Only Watkins Glen winner Tony Stewart (329), Pocono winner Denny Hamlin (325) and Juan Pablo Montoya (320) have earned more points in the consecutive Monday races.
- **Through 22 Races ...** Over the season's first 22 races, Bowyer has accumulated four top-five and nine top-10 finishes, an average start of 18.7 and an average finish of 16.2. The two-time NSCS winner has led 39 laps of competition and has completed 5,580 of the 5,911 (94.4 percent) laps contested thus far.
- **The Collective RCR ...** In 22 races this season, RCR-prepared Sprint Cup Series entries have notched eight top-five and 20 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 22,068 laps with four different drivers including Jeff Burton, Bowyer, Kevin Harvick and Casey Mears. Meanwhile, RCR teams have been atop the leaderboard for 121 laps and all four teams have earned just shy of \$13 million combined purse money in 2009.
- **Some New Helping Hands ...** In an effort to put the strongest over-the-wall team behind RCR's strongest Chase contender, five members of the No. 07 pit crew have been moved to the No. 33 team. Front-tire changer Jason Pulver, front-tire carrier Austin Craven, jack man Nick Terry, rear-tire carrier Matt Kreuter and rear-tire changer Dustin Necaise will join gas man Bryan Smith and catch can man Chad Haney on the Helping Hands Pit Crew.
- **Meet the Driver ...** On behalf of Cheerios, Bowyer will sign autographs at Meijer, located at 2777 Airport Road in Jackson, Mich., on Thursday, August 13 at 5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. Three-hundred wristbands will be distributed at 4:30 p.m. on a first come, first serve basis due to time constraints.
- **Mark Your Calendars ...** In honor of its 40<sup>th</sup> 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.

- **Catch the Action ...** The CARFAX 400 from Michigan International Speedway is scheduled to take the green flag Sunday, August 16 at 2 p.m. EDT. Pre-race coverage begins live on ESPN at 1 p.m. EDT. The race will also be broadcast live on the Motor Racing Network and Sirius XM Satellite Radio. Qualifying for the 23rd points-paying race on the 2009 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series schedule is slated to air live on SPEED Friday, August 14 at 3:30 p.m. EDT