

## **Clint Bowyer Racing Under the Lights at Richmond**

**Event:** Chevy Rock & Roll 400

**Date:** September 12, 2009

**Venue:** Richmond (Va.) International Raceway

### **NOTES:**

#### **Catch the Action**

Flag-to-flag coverage of the Chevy Rock & Roll 400 from Richmond International Raceway will take the green flag Saturday, September 12 beginning at 7 p.m. EDT on ABC. The race will also be broadcast on the Motor Racing Network and Sirius XM Satellite Radio. Qualifying for the 26<sup>th</sup> points-paying race on the 2009 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series calendar will be televised live on ESPN2 Friday, September 11 beginning at 5:30 p.m. EDT and will also broadcast live on MRN and Sirius XM Satellite Radio.

#### **Former Winner**

Bowyer has found his way to RIR's Victory Lane in both the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series and NASCAR Nationwide Series. The Emporia, Kansas, native took his first checkered flag at the .75-mile oval in the May 2007 NNS event and followed that up with a win in the NSCS race in May 2008.

#### **Richmond Facts**

Bowyer's average running position of 12.094 and driver rating of 92.2 rank him sixth- and tenth-best, respectively, at RIR. Of the 2,810 laps that Bowyer has completed at the D-shaped oval, 2,066 of them have come while running inside the top 15. In seven NSCS starts at RIR, Bowyer has one win, one top-five and three top-10 finishes, an average starting position of 18.7 and an average finish of 10.6.

#### **Rearview Mirror**

Bowyer fought an ill-handling BB&T Chevrolet and terrible luck in last Saturday night's Pep Boys Auto 500 at Atlanta Motor Speedway, resulting in a 29th-place finish for the No. 33 team.

#### **Get to the Points**

Bowyer's 29th-place finish at AMS last week dropped him one position, to 16th, in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series point standings. With one race remaining before the 12-team Chase for the Sprint Cup playoff field is set, the less-than-desired result has mathematically ended the 30-year-old driver's Chase hopes.

#### **Through 25 Races**

Over the season's first 25 races, Bowyer has accumulated four top-five and 10 top-10 finishes, an average start of 18.4 and an average finish of 16.6. The two-time NSCS winner has led 40 laps of competition and has completed 6,603 of the 6,936 (95.2 percent) laps contested thus far.

#### **Prelude to the Dream**

Prior to heading to Richmond, Bowyer will make his way to Eldora Speedway in Rossburg, Ohio for the Prelude to the Dream this Wednesday night. In addition to driving his own Cheerios-sponsored dirt late model, Bowyer will field a second car for defending Sprint Cup Series Champion Jimmie Johnson. It marks the second year that Clint Bowyer Racing has prepared Johnson's entry for the annual showdown. Live coverage of the Prelude will take the green flag Wednesday, September 9 beginning at 7 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on HBO Pay-Per-View.

#### **Richmond Rewind**

In an action-packed race at Richmond International Raceway in May, Bowyer, the defending race champion, appeared to be a contender in the early goings of the 400-lap event. But, changing track conditions throughout the event, flu-like symptoms and an ill-handling Chevrolet Impala SS left Bowyer with an 18th-place finish when the checkered flag waved.

#### **Double Duty**

In addition to his driving duties in Saturday night's Chevy Rock & Roll 400, Bowyer, the 2008 NASCAR Nationwide Series champion, will drive the No. 29 Holiday Inn/Holiday Inn Express Chevrolet in Friday's Virginia 529 College Savings 250 Nationwide Series race. Live coverage of the event begins Friday, September 11 at 7 p.m. EDT. The race will be televised live on ESPN2 and broadcast on the Motor Racing Network and Sirius XM Satellite Radio.