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## CLINT BOWYER

### No. 14 Rush Truck Centers Ford Fusion Team Report Round 26 of 36 – Tales of the Turtles 400 – Chicagoland

**Car No.:** 14 – Rush Truck Centers Ford Fusion for Stewart-Haas Racing

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**Primary Team Members:**

Driver: Clint Bowyer  
Hometown: Emporia, Kansas  
Car Chief: Jerry Cook  
Hometown: Toledo, Ohio  
Engine Tuner: Matt Moeller  
Hometown: Monroe, New York

Crew Chief: Mike Bugarewicz  
Hometown: Lehighton, Pennsylvania  
Engine Builder: Roush Yates Racing  
Headquarters: Mooresville, North Carolina  
Spotter: Brett Griffin  
Hometown: Pageland, South Carolina

**Over-The-Wall Crew Members:**

Gas Man: James “Ace” Keener  
Hometown: Fortuna, California  
Windshield: Justin Peiffer  
Hometown: Lebanon, Pennsylvania  
Jackman: Getty Cavitt  
Hometown: Owensboro, Kentucky  
Pit Crew Coaches: Walt Smith and Kevin Sharpe  
Hometowns: Davidson, North Carolina and  
Statesville, North Carolina, respectively

Front Tire Changer: Ira Joe Hussey  
Hometown: Manchester, New Hampshire  
Front Tire Carrier: Brett Morrell  
Hometown: Windham, Maine  
Rear Tire Changer: Chris McMullen  
Hometown: Canton, Bristol  
Rear Tire Carrier: Josh Sobecki  
Hometown: New Kensington, Pennsylvania

**Road Crew Members:**

Truck Drivers: William “Stump” Lewis and Rob Fink  
Hometowns: Linkwood, Maryland and Baltimore, Maryland respectively  
Engineers: Lee Deese, Chris Chidgley and Kenny Oates  
Hometowns: Rockingham, North Carolina, Gainesville, Florida and  
Huntersville, North Carolina, respectively  
Mechanics: Tony Silvestri and Rich Letendre  
Hometowns: Sylvania, Ohio and Lowell, Massachusetts respectively

Tire Specialist: Russell Simpson  
Hometown: Medford, New York  
Shock Specialist: Wayne Smith  
Hometown: Melbourne, Australia

**Notes of Interest:**

- Saturday’s race will mark Clint Bowyer’s **424th career Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series start** and his 12th Cup Series start at Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet, Illinois, where he has one top-five finish and seven top-10s.
- Bowyer owns career totals of **eight wins, two poles, 63 top-five finishes, 177 top-10s and 2,360 laps led in 423 NASCAR Cup Series races**. He also owns eight Xfinity Series victories.
  - His **most recent Cup Series victory** came at Charlotte (N.C.) Motor Speedway (Oct. 13, 2012).
  - His **most recent Cup Series pole** came at New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon (Sept. 16, 2007).
- Tony Stewart and Gene Haas co-own **Stewart-Haas Racing (SHR), which has recorded 38 victories and 33 poles since its inception in 2009**. Stewart won the 2011 NASCAR Cup Series title and Kevin Harvick gave SHR its second title in 2014. SHR’s Kurt Busch won this year’s season-opening Daytona 500, and Kevin Harvick won June 25 at Sonoma (Calif.) Raceway.
- **SHR has one points-paying victory at Chicagoland** (Tony Stewart in 2011) and has five top-five finishes and 11 top-10s in 23 starts.
- **Crew chief Mike Bugarewicz** is in his second season after overseeing Stewart’s final campaign in 2016. Bugarewicz’s pit strategy played a key role in Stewart’s victory at Sonoma in June 2016. The Lehighton, Pennsylvania native served as the lead engineer on SHR’s No. 4 entry in 2014 and 2015. The Penn State University graduate was the only rookie crew chief to be part of last year’s Cup Series playoffs.

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- **Best Five Finishes in 2017:**
  - **2nd-place:** Bristol (Tenn.) Motor Speedway (April 24)
  - Sonoma (Calif.) Raceway (June 25)
  - Daytona (Fla.) International Speedway (July 1)
  - **3rd-place:** Auto Club Speedway in Fontana, Calif. (March 26)
  - Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth (April 9)
  
- **Bowyer Stage Victories:**
  - Pocono (Pa.) Raceway Stage 2 (July 30, 2017)
  
- **Bowyer Cup Series Career Victories:**
  - Charlotte (N.C.) Motor Speedway in (Oct. 13, 2012)
  - Richmond (Va.) Raceway (Sept. 8, 2012)
  - Sonoma (Calif.) Raceway (June 24, 2012)
  - Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway (Oct. 23, 2011)
  - Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway (Oct. 31, 2010)
  - New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon (Sept. 19, 2010)
  - Richmond (Va.) Raceway (May 3, 2008)
  - New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon (Sept. 16, 2007)
  
- **Bowyer Cup Series Career Poles:**
  - Darlington (S.C.) Raceway (May 11, 2007)
  - New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon (Sept. 14, 2007)
  
- **Bowyer Career Cup Series Points Finishes:**
  - 2016 27th
  - 2015 16th
  - 2014 19th
  - 2013 7th
  - 2012 2nd
  - 2011 13th
  - 2010 10th
  - 2009 15th
  - 2008 5th
  - 2007 3rd
  - 2016 17th
  
- **Bowyer Cup Series Career Stops:**
  - 2017 Stewart-Haas Racing
  - 2016 HScott Motorsports
  - 2012-2015 Michael Waltrip Racing
  - 2006-2011 Richard Childress Racing
  
- **Bowyer Xfinity Series Career Victories:**
  - Dover (Del.) International Speedway (Sept. 26, 2009)
  - Daytona (Fla.) International Speedway (July 3, 2009)
  - Bristol (Tenn.) Motor Speedway (March 15, 2008)
  - Richmond (Va.) Raceway (May 4, 2007)
  - Phoenix Raceway (April 20, 2007)
  - Dover (Del.) International Speedway (Sept. 23, 2006)
  - Memphis (Tenn.) Motorsports Park (Oct. 22, 2005)
  - Nashville (Tenn.) Superspeedway (June 12, 2005)
  
- **Bowyer Camping World Truck Series Victories:**
  - Kansas Speedway in Kansas City (June 4, 2011)
  - Phoenix Raceway (Nov.12, 2010)
  - Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth (Nov 3, 2006)

**Clint Bowyer’s Chicagoland Performance Profile:**

Year	Event	Start	Finish	Status/Laps	Laps Led	Earnings
2016	Teenage Mutant Ninja 400	28	22	Running, 269/270	0	N/A
2015	MyAFibRisk.com 400	26	19	Running, 265/267	0	\$135,108
2014	MyAFibStory.com 400	6	39	Accident, 244/267	0	\$115,456
2103	Geico 400	24	9	Running, 267/267	0	\$148,273
2012	Geico 400	9	10	Running, 245/267	6	\$131,754
2011	Geico 400	21	7	Running, 267/267	0	\$150,008
2010	LifeLock.com 400	15	4	Running, 265/267	1	\$154,725
2009	LifeLock.com 400	5	9	Running, 267/267	0	\$113,000
2008	†LifeLock.com 400	10	22	Running, 267/267	0	\$103,750
2007	USG Sheetrock 400	7	10	Running, 267/267	1	\$111,725
2006	×USG Sheetrock 400	38	9	Running, 270/270	0	\$114,425

\* Race cut short due to weather. † Qualifying canceled due to weather, starting position set via car owner points.

+ Race distance shortened due to change in track configuration. × Race length extended due to green-white-checkered finish.