



Stewart Aims for Third Golden Driller in Chili Bowl Return

Three-Time NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Champion Tony Stewart Enters No. 14 Chevy Performance Machine in Prestigious Chili Bowl Nationals

INDIANAPOLIS (Dec. 21, 2012) – Tony Stewart Racing (TSR) announced today that three-time NASCAR Sprint Cup Series champion Tony Stewart has joined the star-studded field of entrants for the 27th annual Chili Bowl Nationals presented by General Tire at the Tulsa (Okla.) Expo Center, which kicks off of Jan. 8 and concludes Jan. 12.

Stewart finished 10th in last year's finale after not participating in the event for three consecutive seasons (2009-2011). This year, he returns to action in the TSR No. 14 Chevrolet Performance/Curb Records/Bass Pro Shops/Mobil 1/Spike/Chevrolet in the most prestigious Midget race of the year.

The annual Chili Bowl, which takes place inside the typically fan-packed confines of the QuikTrip Center's Tulsa Expo Raceway, will see Stewart and more than 200 drivers attempt to qualify for one of the coveted spots in Saturday's 50-lap A-Main finale. Each driver will participate in a qualifying program and accumulate points.

Stewart is one of the 17 different drivers to win the Chili Bowl since the inaugural event in 1987, and one of only five drivers to win the event more than once. He has a pair of Golden Drillers in his collection after scoring Chili Bowl victories in 2002 and 2007. Stewart earned Chevrolet its initial Chili Bowl triumph in 2007 and hopes to deliver a second in January.

Stewart prepped for the upcoming Chili Bowl event by leading all 40 laps of the third annual Battle at the Center POWRi National Midget Series race on the one-sixth mile Mini Magic Mile at the Southern Illinois Center in DuQuoin last Saturday. Stewart drove the special edition black, carbon-fiber entry that has been dubbed the "Back in Black" machine that he'll compete with in Tulsa.

For more information regarding the 2013 Chili Bowl Midget Nationals, visit www.chilibowl.com.

Information regarding Stewart or TSR can be found at www.tonystewart.com or www.tonystewartracing.com.

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Tony Stewart, Owner and Driver of the No. 14 Chevrolet Performance/Curb Records/Bass Pro Shops/Mobil 1/Spike for TSR

Are you more focused on bringing home the Golden Driller for a third time this year after finishing 10th in the 2012 Chili Bowl Midget Nationals 50-lap A-main finale following a three-year hiatus from the event?

"Going back to the Chili Bowl for the first time several years in January of 2012 reminded me of just how tough of an event it really is. You typically have over 200 competitors from all over the world battling it out on a quarter-mile dirt track – indoors. The excitement and atmosphere that is contained in the Expo Center is really something that you can't explain and it was great to be part of it again. I'm really looking forward to taking another shot at winning the Golden Driller for our partners, Chevrolet Performance and Curb Records, and I'd like nothing more than to win a third title for them and TSR."

You're returning to the Chili Bowl Midget Nationals following a very convincing POWRi National Midget Series victory in DuQuoin, Ill., in early December and you're competing in the Rumble in Fort Wayne (Ind.) at the end of the month. How much preparation do these events give you for the Chili Bowl event?

"We had a lot of fun racing in DuQuoin last week, but it was more than just having some fun. We used that event as an opportunity to shake the car down for the Chili Bowl in January. Last year, I didn't have a chance to get some laps in the car before I ran my qualifying night in Tulsa. We were starting from scratch and spent some time getting the car where we wanted it. Having run the DuQuoin event before we get to the Chili Bowl this year is going to help us a lot. We've got a good baseline of where we'd like to start out for the week and I am completely confident that the guys will give me a great car to drive."

"Running the Munchkin in the Rumble in Fort Wayne event is also a lot of fun for us. We won both nights last year and it's never easy to win on such a tight, little track. The Rumble event and the Chili Bowl are like night and day, as one is pavement and one is a dirt race. But that's what makes open-wheel racing so much fun. Competing on both surfaces, especially indoors, gives you the best of both worlds. I'm looking forward to both the Rumble in Fort Wayne and Chili Bowl events."

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