

Clint Bowyer Racing for Sprint Cup Win on His Birthday Sunday in Dover

Event: Autism Speaks 400 presented by Heluva Good!

Date: May 31, 2009

Venue: Dover Delaware International Speedway

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This Week's Hartford Chevrolet at Dover International Speedway ... Clint Bowyer will pilot Chassis No. 268 from the Richard Childress Racing NASCAR Sprint Cup Series stable. Built new for 2009, this Chevrolet Impala SS will see action for the first time when it hits the track this weekend in Dover.

Stat Facts ...

Dover Facts ... In six NSCS starts at Dover International Speedway, Bowyer boasts three top-10 finishes. His best showing at the one-mile oval is an eighth-place finish, which he has accomplished three times. Additionally, the 29-year-old driver has led four laps of competition, has an average starting position of 21.2, an average finish of 14.8 and completed 99.2 percent of the laps contested (2,380 of 2,400).

Rearview Mirror ... Bowyer was involved in two incidents during the weather-plagued Coca-Cola 600 at Lowe's Motor Speedway, relegating the driver of the Cheerios/Hamburger Helper Chevrolet to a 36th-place finish. The less-than-favorable result dropped the No. 33 team four spots in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series point standings, to 17th, 109 markers behind 12th-place point-man Mark Martin and 153 behind Richard Childress Racing teammate Jeff Burton in eighth.

A Third of the Way Through ... Over the season's first 12 races, Bowyer has accumulated three top-five and four top-10 finishes, an average start of 19.7 and an average finish of 18.9. The two-time NSCS winner has led 16 laps of competition and has completed 3518 of the 3848 (91.4%) laps contested thus far.

RCR at Dover ... RCR has earned four wins at Dover International Speedway, the latest coming in September 2006 when Burton drove the No. 31 Chevy to Victory Lane in the Dover 400. The other three wins came with Dale Earnhardt, who won both events at the Monster Mile in 1989 and the spring race in 1993. Additionally, RCR has earned one pole, 20 top-five and 40 top-10 finishes in 107 combined starts at the high-banked one-mile oval. Childress, a former driver in NASCAR's top division, contributed three of those top 10s from 1976-1980. Last fall, all three RCR-prepared entries finished in the top 10. Kevin Harvick, Clint Bowyer and Burton finished sixth, eighth and ninth, respectively in the Sept., 21, 2008 Camping World RV 400 Presented by AAA.

Former Winner ... While Bowyer has not yet won at Dover in NSCS competition, he has visited Victory Lane once before. Driving the No. 2 AC Delco Chevrolet in the NASCAR Nationwide Series, Bowyer won the Dover 200 from the 16th starting position on September 23, 2006.

New Colors ... Bowyer's Chevrolet Impala SS will sport new colors this weekend when the white, blue and maroon paint scheme of The Hartford adorns the No. 33 for the first of three races in which the Hartford, Conn. corporation will be featured as the primary sponsor.

Happy Birthday ... Bowyer will celebrate his 30th birthday on Sunday. The Emporia, Kansas, native will attempt to join three-time series champion Cale Yarborough and Kyle Busch as the only drivers to pick up a birthday win. Yarborough accomplished the feat at North Wilkesboro Speedway in March 1977 when he turned 38 and again at Atlanta Motor Speedway in March 1983 when he turned 44. Busch celebrated his 24th birthday with a win at Richmond four weeks ago.

Sign Your Name ... The Hartford is inviting fans to take part in Clint Bowyer's birthday celebration. Fans can log on to www.TheHartfordRacing.com until Saturday, June 30 at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time and grant Bowyer birthday well wishes. The personalized card will then be given to Bowyer at a special presentation Sunday morning prior to the race.

Double Duty ... In addition to his driving duties in Sunday's Autism Speaks 400, Bowyer, the 2008 NASCAR Nationwide Series champion, will drive the No. 29 Holiday Inn/Holiday Inn Express Chevrolet in Saturday's Heluva Good! 200. Live coverage of the event begins Saturday, May 30 at 2 p.m. EDT. The race will be televised live on ABC and broadcast worldwide on the Motor Racing Network and Sirius XM Satellite Radio.

Catch the Action ... Live coverage of the Autism Speaks 400 presented by Heluva Good! will take the green flag Sunday, May 31 beginning at 1:30 p.m. EDT. The race will be televised live on FOX and broadcast on the Motor Racing Network and Sirius XM Satellite Radio. Qualifying for the 13th points-paying race on the 2009 schedule will be telecast live on SPEED Friday, May 29 beginning at 3 p.m. EDT.