

## **Bowyer Scores Career-Best Ninth at The Glen, Gains on Chase Field**

Race: Heluva Good! Sour Cream Dips at The Glen  
Date: August 10, 2009  
Location: Watkins Glen (N.Y.) International  
Start Position: 38th  
Finish Position: Ninth  
Points Position: 15<sup>th</sup> (Maintained position)

**WATKINS GLEN, N.Y.** – Clint Bowyer scored a career-best ninth-place finish at Watkins Glen International in the rain-delayed Heluva Good! Sour Cream Dips at The Glen on Monday afternoon, 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.

Bowyer maintained the 15th position in the championship point standings, leaving the 30-year-old driver 99 markers shy of the coveted 12th and final position for the Chase, which kicks off in September at New Hampshire Motor Speedway.

The two-time NASCAR Sprint Cup Series winner's weekend began with an off-road excursion, as he overshot one of the corners, putting the Cheerios/Hamburger Helper Chevrolet in one of the safety gravel pits. In qualifying later that afternoon, Bowyer toured the 11-turn road course in 73.216 seconds at an average speed of 120.465 mph, placing him 38th in the starting lineup for the second and final road race of the 2009 season.

Bowyer recovered from his mishap on Friday to record the 17th- and 21st-fastest times in Saturday's twin practice sessions.

For the second week in a row and third time in 2009, persistent rain showers forced NASCAR to delay the start of the 90-lap event to Monday afternoon.

The Emporia, Kan., native made calculated moves to improve his position from the drop of the green flag, advancing to 34th by the time the first caution of the event flew at lap 17. When green-flag racing resumed at lap 20, Bowyer continued his climb towards the front of the field, running as high as sixth at lap 36.

As the laps clicked off, Bowyer continued to hold his own, racing inside the top 10 until crew chief Shane Wilson called him to pit road at lap 53 for the final stop of the race. The rest of the field followed suit over the next 10 laps and, when the field completed the cycle of stops, the Cheerios/Hamburger Helper Impala SS showed 10th in the running order.

Bowyer waged a spirited battle with Martin Truex, Jr., in the closing laps of the event, maneuvering around the No. 1 for the ninth position at lap 79. Bowyer would hold the position for the final 11 laps, scoring his first top-10 finish at the upstate New York track.

Tony Stewart captured his third win of the 2009 season, beating Marcos Ambrose to the checkered flag by 2.969 seconds. Carl Edwards, Kyle Busch and Greg Biffle rounded out the top-five finishers.

Bowyer's RCR teammates Casey Mears, Kevin Harvick and Jeff Burton finished 15th, 35th and 38th, respectively. Both Harvick and Burton were involved in separate incidents that eliminated them from competition. The No. 29 crew was able to make repairs that allowed Harvick to return to the track, but Burton's damage was too severe for the No. 31 team to repair.

NASCAR's senior circuit returns to racing on ovals next weekend when they head to the Irish Hills for the second and final stop of the season.

Flag-to-flag coverage of the CARFAX 400 at Michigan International Speedway will take the green flag

Sunday, August 16 beginning at 1 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. The race will be televised live on ESPN and broadcast on the Motor Racing Network and Sirius XM Satellite Radio. Qualifying for the 23<sup>rd</sup> points-paying race on the 2009 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series schedule will be telecast live on SPEED Friday, August 14 beginning at 3:30 p.m. EDT.