



# TONY STEWART

## Old Spice / Office Depot Racing Team Report

### Round 3 of 36 – Shelby American – Las Vegas

**Car No.:** 14 – Old Spice/Office Depot Chevrolet Impala

**Teammate:** Ryan Newman, driver No. 39 Tornados Chevrolet Impala for Stewart-Haas Racing

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#### **Primary Team Members:**

Driver: Tony Stewart

Hometown: Columbus, Ind.

Car Chief: Jeff Meendering

Hometown: Concord, N.C.

Engine Specialist: Randy Hefner

Hometown: Denver, N.C.

Crew Chief: Darian Grubb

Hometown: Floyd, Va.

Engine Builder: Hendrick Motorsports

Headquarters: Concord, N.C.

Spotter: Bob Jeffrey

Hometown: Bristol, Tenn.

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

Gas Man: Jeff “Gooch” Patterson

Hometown: Escondido, Calif.

Catch Can: Rick Pigeon

Hometown: Fairfax, Vt.

Windshield: Troy Welty

Hometown: Manchester, Pa.

Jackman: Mike Casto

Hometown: Proctor, W.Va.

Front Tire Changer: Kelly Kellis

Hometown: Concord, N.C.

Front Tire Carrier: Todd Drakulich

Hometown: Tucson, Ariz.

Rear Tire Changer: Daniel Smith

Hometown: Concord, N.C.

Rear Tire Carrier: Mike “Shrek” Morneau

Hometown: Oxford, Maine

#### **Road Crew Members:**

Truck Drivers: Jerry Honeycutt and Tim Harrison

Hometowns: Mooresville, N.C., and Richfield, N.C., respectively

Shock Specialist: Adam Gravitt

Hometown: South Boston, Va.

Mechanics: Cam Strader and Shane Church

Hometowns: Wilson, N.C., and Columbus, Ind., respectively

Tire Specialist: Aaron Keuhn

Hometown: New Britain, Conn.

Engineers: Jonathan Toney and Scott Radel (pronounced “Ray-del”)

Hometowns: Newton, N.C., and Massillon, Ohio, respectively

Pit Support/Fuel Runner: Tony Grams

Hometown: Zimmerman, Minn.

#### **Chassis No. 14-583:**

This is a brand new racecar that has only been tested in the wind tunnel. Las Vegas will mark its first time on a racetrack.

#### **Las Vegas Notes of Interest:**

- The Shelby American will mark Stewart’s 395<sup>th</sup> career NASCAR Sprint Cup Series start and his 12<sup>th</sup> Sprint Cup start at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.
- Stewart has a career total of 37 wins, 10 poles, 144 top-fives, 231 top-10s and 10,650 laps led in 394 career Sprint Cup races. **His most recent Sprint Cup win came 10 races ago on Oct. 4, 2009 at Kansas Speedway in Kansas City. His last pole came 150 races ago on Oct. 21, 2005 at Martinsville (Va.) Speedway.**
- Stewart has **four top-fives, six top-10s and has led a total of 179 laps in his 11 career Sprint Cup starts at Las Vegas.**
- **Stewart’s best Sprint Cup result at Las Vegas came in the rain-shortened race in 2000, where he finished second to winner Jeff Burton.**
- **Stewart has won at Las Vegas, just not at the 1.5-mile oval.** It came in November 2002 when he swept the USAC (United States Auto Club) Sprint/Midget doubleheader at the **Las Vegas Bullring**. It was the first single night USAC sweep for Stewart on pavement.
- **Race Rewind** – Stewart led six times for 54 laps in the 2006 Sprint Cup race at Las Vegas, but a flat tire just nine laps short of the finish took a sure top-five and replaced it with a 21<sup>st</sup>-place finish.
- **Las Vegas is one of only three Sprint Cup venues where Stewart has not won a Sprint Cup race.** The other two are Auto Club Speedway in Fontana, Calif., and Darlington (S.C.) Raceway. However, Stewart has won a NASCAR Nationwide Series race at California and Darlington, leaving **Las Vegas as the only track hosting both the Sprint Cup and Nationwide Series where Stewart has yet to record a win of any kind.**

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Las Vegas Notes of Interest, continued:

- **Stewart was en route to nabbing a Nationwide Series win in 2008 at Las Vegas.** Driving a No. 20 Old Spice Toyota for Joe Gibbs Racing (JGR), Stewart **led twice for 61 laps**, and after his then JGR teammate Kyle Busch crashed out when a flat tire sent him into the wall, there was no other driver even close to matching the pace set by Stewart. But an accident with a lapped car on lap 137 of the 202-lap race sent Stewart hard into the SAFER Barrier along the outside retaining wall in turn four, ending his shot at visiting Las Vegas’ victory lane. It was a disappointing end to what could’ve been history. After winning the season-opening Nationwide Series race at Daytona (Fla.) International Speedway and the very next race at Auto Club Speedway, a third straight win would’ve made Stewart the first driver to sweep the first three races of the season.
- **Stewart the Team Owner Times Three:** In addition to wearing his NASCAR team owner hat while in Las Vegas, Stewart will also wear his USAC and World of Outlaws Sprint Car Series team owner hats. His USAC Sprint Car team with driver Levi Jones competes at the Las Vegas Bullring Thursday night and his two World of Outlaws Sprint Car Series teams – the No. 11 Bass Pro Shops entry driven by 20-time series champion Steve Kinser, and the No. 15 Armor All/STP entry driven by four-time and reigning series champion Donny Schatz – race Friday night at the Bullring. Jones is the defending USAC Sprint Car champion, as well as the 2005 and 2007 title winner. Schatz and Kinser opened the World of Outlaws season with a win apiece at Volusia County (Fla.) Speedway, with Schatz winning on Feb. 6 and Kinser winning on Feb. 7.
- Stewart is the most recent Sprint Cup champion not named Jimmie Johnson. Stewart scored his second championship in 2005, book-ending the first championship he earned in 2002. Johnson has won the past four Sprint Cup championships (2006-2009). Stewart, however, remains the only driver to win a championship under both the old Winston Cup-style format (2002) and the current Chase for the Championship-style format (2005).

**Tony Stewart’s History at Las Vegas Motor Speedway:**

Year	Event	Start	Finish	Status/Laps	Laps Led	Earnings
2009	Shelby 427	10	26	Running, 283/285	0	\$100,173
2008	UAW-Dodge 400	25	43	Accident, 107/267	6	\$128,839
2007	UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400	25	7	Running, 267/267	0	\$158,436
2006	×UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400	2	21	Running, 270/270	54	\$142,036
2005	UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400	23	10	Running, 267/267	0	\$147,891
2004	UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400	19	3	Running, 267/267	45	\$219,603
2003	UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400	8	5	Running, 267/267	0	\$162,753
2002	UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400	15	5	Running, 267/267	76	\$153,953
2001	UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400	5	12	Running, 267/267	4	\$86,875
2000	*CarsDirect.com 400	16	2	Running, 148/148	0	\$221,250
1999	Las Vegas 400	20	36	Running, 184/267	0	\$46,200

× Race length extended due to green-white-checker finish.

\* Race cut short due to weather.