



TONY STEWART

Old Spice / Office Depot Racing Team Report Round 6 of 36 – Goody's Fast Relief 500 – Martinsville

Car No.: 14 – Old Spice/Office Depot Chevrolet Impala SS for Stewart-Haas Racing

Teammate: Ryan Newman, driver No. 39 U.S. Army Chevrolet Impala SS 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: Scott Radel (pronounced "Ray-del")

Hometown: Massillon, Ohio

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

Other Crew Members:

Truck Drivers: Jerry Honeycutt and Tim Harrison

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

Shock Specialist: Adam Gravitt

Hometown: South Boston, Va.

Mechanics: Brian Taylor and Darrell Haskins

Hometowns: Cuthbert, Ga., and Danville, Va., respectively

Tire Specialist: Aaron Keuhn (pronounced "Q-un")

Hometown: New Britain, Conn.

Engineer: Jonathan Toney

Hometown: Newton, N.C.

Pit Support: Sean Haggerty

Hometown: Amenia, N.Y.

"You Must Be a Local":

- **Crew chief Darian Grubb is from Floyd, Va., population 432 and about an hour drive northwest of Martinsville (Va.) Speedway.** After graduating from Floyd County High School in 1993 (ranking sixth in a class of 156), Grubb headed to Blacksburg, Va., and earned a mechanical engineering degree in 1998 from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) via a co-op program with Volvo Trucks and General Motors. With that degree and a tenacious work ethic, Grubb has come a long way from his teenage years in **Floyd County – a county with only one stoplight and around 14,000 people** – where during his time in high school he worked on Late Model stock cars that competed at tracks throughout Virginia and the Carolinas.

Grubb joined Stewart-Haas Racing in November 2008 from Hendrick Motorsports. In six years at Hendrick, he rose from team engineer with the No. 48 Sprint Cup squad in 2003 to engineering manager for the Nos. 5 and 88 Sprint Cup teams. **At Hendrick, Grubb also earned extensive experience in the role of crew chief**, as he served as the interim crew chief for the No. 48 team during the first four races of the 2006 Sprint Cup season, where he **led driver Jimmie Johnson to a pair of victories – including the Daytona 500 – as well as one runner-up finish and a sixth-place effort.** (Johnson went on to win the Sprint Cup championship in 2006.) Grubb spent the entire 2007 Sprint Cup season as crew chief for **Casey Mears, leading the young driver to his first career Sprint Cup win in the prestigious Coca-Cola 600** at Lowe's Motor Speedway near Charlotte, N.C. The duo also earned a pole at Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet, Ill.

Now as Stewart's crew chief, **Grubb is in a position only three other men have held since Stewart began racing in the IRL IndyCar Series (1996-1998) and the Sprint Cup Series (1999-present).** Bill Martin was Stewart's chief mechanic (crew chief) in the IndyCar Series from 1996 through 1997 and they captured the championship together in 1997. With Scott Marks at the helm in 1998, Stewart won two races and four poles in the IndyCar Series and finished third in points. From Stewart's first Sprint Cup race at Daytona in 1999 until his 356th in November 2008 at Homestead-Miami Speedway, Greg Zipadelli called the shots for Stewart and the No. 20 Joe Gibbs Racing entry – a combination that produced two championships (2002 and 2005) and 33 point-paying wins. **Grubb is only the second crew chief Stewart has had in his 11 years of Sprint Cup racing.**

- **Shock specialist Adam Gravitt is from South Boston, Va., population 8,491 and an hour and 15-minute drive east of Martinsville. Like Grubb, he graduated from Virginia Tech with a mechanical engineering degree.** Soon after his graduation in June 2004, Gravitt began working at what used to be known as Haas CNC Racing. With a racing career that began as a teenager working on a variety of racecars at South Boston Speedway, Gravitt now toils in a variety of engineering roles with Stewart-Haas Racing.

“You Must Be a Local,” continued:

- **Mechanic Darrell Haskins is from Danville, Va., population 48,411 and a 40-minute drive east of Martinsville.** Haskins began working at Stewart-Haas Racing in May 2008 after four years at Kevin Harvick Inc., (KHI) in the NASCAR Nationwide Series as a mechanic, gas man and tire carrier. It was there where he first worked with Stewart, as Stewart ran a limited Nationwide Series schedule with KHI from 2004 to 2007. Before joining KHI, Haskins worked at Morgan-Dollar Motorsports and Ultra Motorsports in the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series. His racing career began at South Boston Speedway and Orange County Speedway in Rougemont, N.C.

Chassis No. 14-525:

This is a brand new racecar that has never turned a wheel on the track.

Tony Stewart’s NASCAR Sprint Cup Series History at Martinsville Speedway:

Year	Event	Start	Finish	Status/Laps	Laps Led	Earnings
2008	Goody’s Cool Orange 500	9	5	Running, 500/500	0	\$131,236
	×TUMS QuikPak 500	7	26	Running, 500/504	0	\$117,161
2007	Goody’s Cool Orange 500	7	7	Running, 500/500	11	\$124,486
	×Subway 500	34	13	Running, 506/506	0	\$116,611
2006	DirecTV 500	3	1	Running, 500/500	288	\$220,786
	Subway 500	5	4	Running, 500/500	0	\$141,211
2005	Advance Auto Parts 500	7	26	Running, 493/500	247	\$128,861
	Subway 500	1	2	Running, 500/500	283	\$179,651
2004	Advance Auto Parts 500	30	14	Running, 500/500	0	\$105,753
	Subway 500	13	15	Running, 500/500	18	\$105,903
2003	Virginia 500	8	6	Running, 500/500	11	\$105,203
	Subway 500	16	3	Running, 500/500	2	\$129,478
2002	Virginia 500	8	3	Running, 500/500	152	\$111,953
	Old Dominion 500	31	11	Running, 500/500	2	\$88,338
2001	Virginia 500	16	7	Running, 500/500	0	\$59,200
	Old Dominion 500	8	41	Engine, 123/500	0	\$49,275
2000	Goody’s Body Pain 500	37	6	Running, 500/500	0	\$52,825
	NAPA AutoCare 500	1	1	Running, 500/500	179	\$125,875
1999	Goody’s Body Pain 500	1	20	Running, 498/500	0	\$33,615
	NAPA AutoCare 500	37	41	Running, 392/500	0	\$34,600

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

Notes of Interest:

- The Goody’s Fast Relief 500 will mark Stewart’s 362nd career NASCAR Sprint Cup Series start and his 21st career Sprint Cup start at Martinsville.
- Stewart is currently seventh in the Sprint Cup point standings with 633 points, 161 markers behind series leader Jeff Gordon. Stewart dropped one position as a result of his 17th-place finish last Sunday at Bristol (Tenn.) Motor Speedway. At this point last year Stewart was seventh in the standings with 656 points, 126 markers behind series leader Kyle Busch. Stewart has scored 23 fewer points this year than he did last year heading into the sixth race of the season.
- Stewart has a career total of 33 wins, 10 poles, 129 top-fives, 210 top-10s and 10,254 laps led in 361 career Sprint Cup races. **His most recent Sprint Cup win came 10 races ago at Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway**, where he broke a 43-race winless streak dating back to Watkins Glen (N.Y.) International in 2007.
- **Stewart scored his first career pole at Martinsville** in just his eighth career Sprint Cup start as rookie in April 1999. He now has 10 poles to his resume, with the last one coming **118 races ago at Martinsville in October 2005. There, Stewart set a new track record with a time of 19.306 seconds at an average speed of 98.083 mph**, besting the previous track record held by his teammate at Stewart-Haas Racing, Ryan Newman (19.513 seconds at 97.043 mph on Oct. 22, 2004). **It is a record that still stands.**
- In his 20 previous Martinsville starts, Stewart has scored **11 top-10 finishes – including two wins** – and four finishes outside the top-20 – two of which were 41st-place finishes. **He has led a total of 1,193 laps** and has scored **three poles**.
- **In Stewart’s first Sprint Cup win at Martinsville – the 2000 NAPA AutoCare 500 – he started from the pole and led three times for 179 laps.** It was Stewart’s fourth career pole and his second at Martinsville.
- **Stewart led five times for a race-high 288 laps in the 2006 spring race at Martinsville to take his first win of the 2006 season**, his second at Martinsville and the 25th of his career. Stewart went on to record four other victories in 2006.