



TONY STEWART

Old Spice / Office Depot Racing Team Report

Round 7 of 36 – Samsung 500 – Texas

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.

Chassis No. 14-509:

This car is a carryover chassis from the former Haas CNC team, with a new nose and bumper installed prior to the 2009 season. Its first track time came via a Goodyear tire test on May 25, 2008 at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn. Its first and only race came in July at Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet, Ill., where Jason Leffler started 43rd and finished 27th. (Qualifying was rained-out at Chicagoland, and Leffler earned a spot in the field by the number of qualifying attempts made by Haas CNC’s No. 70 car during the course of the 2008 season.) It was tested again in on Sept. 23 at Lowe’s Motor Speedway near Charlotte, N.C., but has sat idle since. Texas will mark Chassis No. 14-509’s second career start and first of 2009.

Year	Driver	Event	Start	Finish	Status/Laps	Laps Led	Earnings
2008	Jason Leffler	†Chicagoland	43	27	Running, 267/267	0	\$115,958

† Qualifying canceled due to weather, starting position set via car owner points.

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Tony Stewart's NASCAR Sprint Cup Series History at Texas Motor Speedway:

Year	Event	Start	Finish	Status/Laps	Laps Led	Earnings
2008	×Samsung 500	24	7	Running, 339/339	0	\$206,841
	Dickies 500	8	16	Running, 334/334	0	\$149,811
2007	†Samsung 500	9	25	Running, 332/334	0	\$146,861
	Dickies 500	15	11	Running, 334/334	0	\$159,361
2006	Samsung/RadioShack 500	40	3	Running, 334/334	99	\$286,386
	×Dickies 500	8	1	Running, 339/339	278	\$521,361
2005	Samsung/RadioShack 500	10	31	Engine, 296/334	45	\$131,311
	Dickies 500	16	6	Running, 334/334	15	\$190,486
2004	Samsung/RadioShack 500	17	8	Running, 334/334	0	\$156,453
2003	Samsung/RadioShack 500	22	34	Engine, 293/334	0	\$113,728
2002	Samsung/RadioShack 500	29	5	Running, 334/334	15	\$168,053
2001	Harrah's 500	41	23	Running, 331/334	0	\$82,400
2000	DirecTV 500	38	9	Running, 334/334	0	\$99,225
1999	Primestar 500	19	6	Running, 334/334	0	\$107,315

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

† Qualifying canceled due to weather, starting position set via car owner points.

Notes of Interest:

- The Samsung 500 will mark Stewart's 363rd career NASCAR Sprint Cup Series start and his 15th career Sprint Cup start at Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth.
- Stewart is currently seventh in the Sprint Cup point standings with 798 points, 161 markers behind series leader Jeff Gordon. Stewart maintained his position as a result of his third-place finish last Sunday at Martinsville (Va.) Speedway. At this point last year Stewart was sixth in the standings with 811 points, 104 markers behind series leader Jeff Burton. Stewart has scored 13 fewer points this year than he did last year heading into the seventh race of the season.
- Stewart has a career total of 33 wins, 10 poles, 130 top-fives, 211 top-10s and 10,254 laps led in 362 career Sprint Cup races. **His most recent Sprint Cup win came 11 races ago at Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway**, where he broke a 43-race winless streak dating back to Watkins Glen (N.Y.) International in 2007. **His last pole came 119 races ago at Martinsville in October 2005.**
- **Stewart dominated in his visit to Texas in November 2006, as he led eight times for a race-high 278 laps to take his first Sprint Cup win at Texas.** There are only three tracks on the Sprint Cup circuit where Stewart has yet to post a Sprint Cup win – Auto Club Speedway in Fontana, Calif., Las Vegas Motor Speedway and Darlington (S.C.) Raceway.
- **In 14 career Sprint Cup starts at Texas, Stewart has finished in the top-10 eight times**, tying him with Jeff Gordon, Jimmie Johnson, Matt Kenseth and Mark Martin for **the most top-10s at Texas.**
- Prior to winning in November 2006, Stewart's best Sprint Cup finish at Texas was third in the 2006 spring race. Before that, Stewart's best result at Texas was fifth in the 2002 Samsung/RadioShack 500, where he led three times for a total of 15 laps. **It was the first time Stewart had ever led laps in a stock car at Texas.**
- Stewart has two DNFs (Did Not Finish) in his 14 previous Sprint Cup starts at Texas. The most recent one came in the 2005 spring race where he was running eighth on lap 297 when his engine blew, sending flames into the cockpit and Stewart to the infield care center. Stewart was treated for second-degree burns on the back of his right leg. He was 31st when the race ended in what was his only DNF in 2005. Stewart went on to secure his second Sprint Cup championship in 2005.
- Prior to Stewart's Sprint Cup win at Texas, he scored a victory in the International Race of Champions (IROC). In April 2006, **Stewart won round two of IROC XXX at Texas.** He followed that win with a victory on the road course at Daytona (Fla.) International Speedway. And with a third-place finish in the season finale at Atlanta Motor Speedway, Stewart secured his first IROC championship – the last in the 30-year history of IROC.
- **Stewart has made three IRL IndyCar Series starts at Texas.** He started on the pole twice (June 1997 and June 1998) and second once (Sept. 1998). While Stewart never finished an IRL race at Texas (he suffered engine failures in June 1997 and Sept. 1998 and mechanical troubles in June 1998), he still led 208 of a possible 624 laps (33.4 percent). Ironically, 208 was the exact amount of laps in each of Stewart's three IRL races at Texas.