



KYLE BUSCH

Skittles Sweet Heat Team Report

Round 27 of 36 – Tales of the Turtles 400 – Chicagoland

Car No.: 18 – Skittles® Sweet Heat Camry

Teammates: Denny Hamlin – No. 11 Toyota Camry; Daniel Suarez – No. 19 Toyota Camry;
Matt Kenseth – No. 20 Toyota Camry

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Primary Team Members:

Driver: Kyle Busch
Hometown: Las Vegas

Car Chief: Nate Bellows
Hometown: Fairfax, Vermont

Engine Specialist: Mike Johnson
Hometown: Bozeman, Montana

Crew Chief: Adam Stevens
Hometown: Portsmouth, Ohio

Team Engineer: Ben Beshore
Hometown: Hometown York, Pennsylvania

Spotter: Tony Hirschman
Hometown: Northampton, Pennsylvania

Over-The-Wall Crew Members/Pit Support:

Gas Man: Tom Lampe
Hometown: Beatrice, Nebraska

Jackman: T.J. Ford
Hometown: Charlotte, North Carolina

Rear Tire Carrier: Kenny Barber
Hometown: Hoosick Falls, New York

Pit Support: Marcus Bonicelli
Hometown: Colorado Springs, Colorado

Front Tire Changer: Josh Leslie
Hometown: Mount Clemens, Michigan

Front Tire Carrier: Brad Donaghy
Hometown: Orange County, Virginia

Rear Tire Changer: Jake Seminara
Hometown: Steubenville, Ohio

Pit Support: Jeff Koons
Hometown: Greenfield, Indiana

Road Crew Members:

Truck Drivers: Brendan Greene and Jamie Price
Hometowns: Midland, North Carolina, and Choteau, Montana, respectively

Interior Mechanic: Wesley Lape
Hometown: Sinking Spring, Pennsylvania

Ride and Handling Engineer: Chris Chase
Hometown: Nichols, New York

Mechanic: Todd Foster
Hometown: Birmingham, Alabama

Tire Specialist: Jon Desrocher
Hometown: Plattsburgh, New York

Team Engineer: Tyler Allen
Hometown: Seattle, Washington

Rear End Mechanic: Chris Jones
Hometown: Smith Mountain Lake, Virginia

Front End Mechanic: Brandon Griffeth
Hometown: Pittsfield, Illinois

Notes of Interest:

- The Tales of The Turtles 400 at Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet, Illinois will mark Kyle Busch's **453rd career Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series start** and his 13th NASCAR Cup Series start at Chicagoland.
- Busch has career totals of **40 wins, 25 poles, 157 top-five finishes, 235 top-10s and 13,707 laps led in 452 career Cup Series races. His most recent Cup Series win came last month at Bristol (Tenn.) Motor Speedway.** Busch's most recent pole, the 25th of his career, also came last month at Watkins Glen (N.Y.) International. He now has six poles this season, a career high.

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- Busch has **one win, four top-five finishes and seven top-10s and has led a total of 429 laps in 12 career Cup Series starts at Chicagoland**. Busch's average Chicagoland finish is **11.1**.
- **Playoff Bound:** Busch, the 2015 Cup Series champion, enters the playoffs as the third seed as he accumulated 29 playoff bonus points during the regular season and will start the 2017 postseason 24 points behind regular-season champion Martin Truex Jr. Busch also brought home 11 stage wins during the regular season and, along with five bonus points for each win and points as the third seed, he can apply his 29 playoff bonus points to each round of the playoffs.
- **Clean Sweep Times Two:** For the second time in his career, Busch swept a weekend in all three of NASCAR's National Series – Cup, Xfinity, and Camping World Truck – last month at Bristol. The first time Busch completed the feat also happened to be at Bristol back in 2010, and the 2015 Cup Series champion is the only driver to do so – now twice – in NASCAR history.
- **Starting Up Front:** Busch captured his third consecutive pole last month at Watkins Glen (N.Y.) International, which was the sixth of 2017 for the Las Vegas native. Six poles is the most Busch has captured during any season of his career. In fact, prior to 2017, the most poles Busch had captured in a season was three, which he did on two different occasions – 2013 and 2014.
- **40 Career Cup Series Wins:** With his Cup Series win at Bristol, the 40th points-paying win of his career, **Busch now sits tied for 17th on the all-time Cup Series win list with NASCAR Hall of Famer Mark Martin**. Busch is the fourth-youngest driver to reach 40 Cup wins at 32 years, 109 days, behind only Richard Petty, Jeff Gordon, and Herb Thomas.
- **Trimming the List:** With wins at Martinsville (Va.) Speedway and Kansas Speedway in Kansas City added to the list last season, and now Pocono crossed off the list in July, Busch has won Cup Series points races at 22 of the 23 tracks at which the series competes. The only track remaining to conquer in the Cup Series is Charlotte (N.C.) Motor Speedway. Busch, of course, was the winner of the All-Star non-points race at Charlotte back in May but is still chasing a points-paying Cup Series victory there. During his 2015 Cup Series championship season, Busch checked off Indianapolis Motor Speedway and Homestead-Miami Speedway. Of the 22 different tracks where Busch has won, he has multiple wins at 11 of them.
- **All-Time JGR Wins Leader:** With his Brickyard 400 win in July 2016, Busch passed three-time Cup Series champion Tony Stewart for most all-time Cup Series wins for JGR. Busch now has 36 wins for JGR to Stewart's 33 following his most recent win at Bristol.
- **180 and Counting:** Busch enters Chicagoland with **180 career wins among NASCAR's top three divisions** – Cup (40), Xfinity (91) and Truck (49) following his weekend sweep of the Camping World Truck, Xfinity, and Monster Energy Cup Series races at Bristol last month.

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