



KURT BUSCH

Monster Energy/Haas Automation Racing Team Report Round 27 of 36 – Tales of the Turtles 400 – Chicagoland

Car No.: 41 –Monster Energy/Haas Automation Ford Fusion

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Primary Team Members:

Driver: Kurt Busch
Hometown: Las Vegas
Car Chief: Chad Haney
Hometown: Fairmont, West Virginia
Engine Specialist: Todd Hamm
Hometown: Kutztown, Pennsylvania

Crew Chief: Tony Gibson
Hometown: Daytona Beach, Florida
Engine Builder: Roush-Yates Engines
Headquarters: Mooresville, North Carolina

Spotter: Tony Raines
Hometown: LaPorte, Indiana

Over-The-Wall Crew Members:

Gas Man: Rick Pigeon
Hometown: Fairfax, Vermont
Second Gas Man: Scott Barnette
Hometown: Charlotte, North Carolina
Windshield: Jay Guarneri (also serves as interior mechanic)
Hometown: Naples, Florida
Jackman: Sean Cotton
Hometown: Mooresville, North Carolina

Front Tire Changer: Shane Pipala
Hometown: Frankfort Square, Illinois

Front Tire Carrier: Jon Bernal
Hometown: Holland, Michigan
Rear Tire Changer: Coleman Dollarhide
Hometown: Hickory, North Carolina
Rear Tire Carrier: Dwayne Moore
Hometown: Griffin, Georgia

Road Crew Members:

Truck Driver: Todd Cable and Rocky Boggs
Hometowns: Shelby, North Carolina, and Burlington, North Carolina
Shock Specialist: Brian Holshouser
Hometown: Charlotte, North Carolina
Mechanic: J.D. Frey
Hometown: Ferndale, California

Tire Specialist: Jeff Zarrella
Hometown: Southington, Connecticut
Engineers: Johnny Klausmeier and Mike Cook
Hometowns: Perry Hall, Maryland and Annapolis, Maryland
Mechanic: Andy Spinner
Hometown: Hoxley, Illinois

Chassis No. 1016:

Kurt Busch will pilot Chassis No. 1016 in Sunday's Tales of the Turtles 400 at Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet, Illinois. The car has not run in 2017, but was tested at Chicagoland last month.

Chicagoland Notes of Interest:

- The Tales of the Turtles 400 will mark Kurt Busch's 603rd career Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series start and his 17th career NASCAR Cup Series start at Chicagoland. **Busch has two top-five finishes and nine top-10s at the 1.5-mile oval.** Additionally, the 39-year-old driver has led 104 laps, has an average starting position of 19.1, an average finish of 15.4, and has completed 93.4 percent (3,995 of 4,278) of the laps he's contested there.
- Busch has career total totals of 29 wins, 21 poles, 130 top-fives, 256 top-10s and 8,874 laps led in 602 starts.
 - His **most recent Cup Series win came 26 races ago** in the Daytona 500 at Daytona (Fla.) International Speedway (Feb. 26).
 - His **last Cup Series pole came 58 races ago** at Las Vegas Motor Speedway (March 4, 2016).
- **Busch's best finish at Chicagoland came in 2015, when he came home third.** Busch overcame a flat tire on lap 86 and a green-flag pit stop that put him a lap down to still contend for the win. However, a late-race caution took away what appeared to be a sure win and an automatic advance into the next round of the playoffs for Busch and the No. 41 team.

Chicagoland Notes of Interest, continued:

- While Busch only has two top-five finishes at Chicagoland, he has nine top-10s. Each of those have either come by placing sixth or eighth, with the exceptions being the fourth-place finish he scored in 2013 and third-place result in 2015.
- **The Las Vegas native has 21 career Sprint Cup poles.** Busch has never won a pole at Chicagoland. His best start there is second – in July 2002.
- **In his lone NASCAR Xfinity Series start at Chicagoland on July 8, 2006,** Busch started third and finished sixth driving the No. 39 entry for Penske Racing. **Busch also has a third-place finish at Chicagoland in his lone International Race of Champions race at the 1.5-mile racetrack.**
- **Thus Far in 2017** – Busch has accumulated **one win, five top-five finishes and 13 top-10s in 26 starts.**
- **Get to the Points** – With his fourth-place finish Saturday at Richmond (Va.) Raceway, Busch enters the playoffs at Chicagoland 12th in the NASCAR Cup Series championship standings with 2,005 points and is 48 behind series leader Martin Truex Jr.

Haas Automation Partner Notes:

- **The No. 41 Haas Automation/Monster Energy Ford Fusion will carry decals on the lower-rear quarter panel for:**

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- 37 auto bays, 16 diesel bays and four collision paint booths set in a 63,000-square-foot training center.
- A prewired smart house and other facilities for Electrical and Electronic Systems Technology students to practice the latest techniques in installation, fiber optic cabling, fire alarms and more.
- Mega labs for automotive and diesel programs.
- A Collision Repair and Refinishing Technology program in which students learn how to make cars look like new again through structural analysis, airbrushing, paintless dent repair techniques and more. The program's Blended Learning format allows students to complete some coursework online from home in order to make the most of their time on campus in the school's real, working, collision-repair bays and paint booths.

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Kurt Busch's Chicagoland Speedway Performance Profile:

Year	Event	Start	Finish	Status/Laps	Laps Led	Earnings
2016	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 400	12	13	Running, 270/270	0	N/A
2015	MyAFibRisk.com 400	9	3	Running, 267/267	37	\$195,005
2014	MyAFibStory.com 400	14	8	Running, 267/267	0	\$114,070
2013	Geico 400	16	4	Running, 267/267	0	\$169,960
2012	Geico 400	30	32	Running, 245/267	0	\$101,677
2011	Geico 400	3	6	Running, 267/267	64	\$161,750
2010	LifeLock.com 400	22	26	Running, 265/267	0	\$129,198
2009	LifeLock.com 400	22	17	Running, 267/267	0	\$110,100
2008	†LifeLock.com 400	18	28	Running, 267/267	1	\$85,125
2007	USG Sheetrock 400	35	6	Running, 267/267	2	\$150,133
2006	×USG Sheetrock 400	19	8	Running, 270/270	0	\$138,958
2005	USG Sheetrock 400	19	8	Running, 267/267	0	\$148,775
2004	Tropicana 400	21	35	Running, 151/267	0	\$84,600
2003	Tropicana 400	32	39	Engine, 124/267	0	\$79,985
2002	Tropicana 400	2	6	Running, 267/267	0	\$85,000
2001	Tropicana 400	31	8	Running, 267/267	0	\$68,100

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

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

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