



Car No.: 18 – M&M's Toyota Camry

Teammates: Denny Hamlin – No. 11 Farm Bureau Insurance Toyota Camry & Joey Logano – No. 20 Home Depot Toyota Camry

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Primary Team Members:

Driver: Kyle Busch

Hometown: Las Vegas

Car Chief: Wesley Sherrill

Hometown: Robbinsville, N.C.

Engine Specialist: Kirk Butterfield

Hometown: Carrollton, Ohio

Crew Chief: Steve Addington

Hometown: Spartanburg, S.C.

Engine Builder: Mark Cronquist

Hometown: Eagle River, Alaska

Spotter: Jeff Dickerson

Hometown: Indianapolis

Over-The-Wall Crew Members:

Gas Man: Tom Lampe

Hometown: Beatrice, Neb.

Catch Can: Jason Hinson

Hometown: Kannapolis, N.C.

Windshield: Tom Peterson

Hometown: Burnett, Wis.

Jackman: Jeff Fender

Hometown: Candler, N.C.

Front Tire Changer: Nick Odell

Hometown: Springfield, Ill.

Front Tire Carrier: Brad Donaghy

Hometown: Orange County, Va.

Rear Tire Changer: Jake Seminara

Hometown: Steubenville, Ohio

Rear Tire Carrier: Kenny Barber

Hometown: Hoosick Falls, N.Y.

Other Crew Members:

Truck Drivers: Peter Jellen and Bob Hannigan

Hometowns: Stafford Springs, Conn., and High Bridge, N.J., respectively

Shock Specialist: Charlie Orr

Hometown: Mountverde, Fla.

Mechanic: Billy Plourde

Hometowns: Barrington, N.H.

Mechanic: Bobby Clark

Hometown: Wyandotte, Mich.

Tire Specialist: Keith Eads

Hometown: Arlington, Va.

Engineer: Chris Gayle

Hometown: Little Rock, Ark.

Gas Runner/Pit Support: Greg Martin

Hometown: Pittsburgh

Pit Support: Jeff Koons

Hometown: Greenfield, Ind.

Joe Gibbs Racing Darlington Anecdotes:

- **Joe Gibbs Racing has earned two Sprint Cup wins at Darlington:**
 - Ø 2008 Dodge Challenger 500 was won by Kyle Busch
 - Ø 2000 Pepsi Southern 500 was won by former Joe Gibbs Racing driver Bobby Labonte
- **Joe Gibbs Racing has earned one Sprint Cup pole at Darlington:**
 - Ø 1997 Mountain Dew Southern 500 pole was won by Labonte
- **Joe Gibbs Racing has earned four NASCAR Nationwide Series wins at Darlington:**
 - Ø 2008 Diamond Hill Plywood 200 was won by former JGR driver Tony Stewart
 - Ø 2007 Diamond Hill Plywood 200 was won by Denny Hamlin
 - Ø 2006 Diamond Hill Plywood 200 was won by Hamlin
 - Ø 1998 Diamond Hill Plywood 200 was won by Labonte
- **Joe Gibbs Racing has earned two NASCAR Nationwide Series poles at Darlington:**
 - Ø 2007 Diamond Hill Plywood 200 pole was won by Hamlin
 - Ø 2006 Diamond Hill Plywood 200 pole was won by Hamlin

Chassis No. 210:

This chassis will make its fourth career start in Saturday night's Southern 500 at Darlington (S.C.) Raceway, but its debut came last season in the Allstate 400 at the Brickyard at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. That day, Busch started 19th, and despite running in the top-10 all race long, a miscue on the final pit stop relegated him to a 15th-place finish. In its second start, Busch looked as if he might pull out the victory in the Bank of America 500 last October at Lowe's Motor Speedway in Concord, N.C., but a late pit road speeding penalty forced him to settle for a solid fourth-place finish. Most recently, the Las Vegas native drove Chassis No. 210 in the 2008 season finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway. While he ran among the top-five most of the race, Busch ran out of fuel with just a few laps remaining, dropping him to a disappointing 19th-place finish.

Notes of Interest:

- The Southern 500 will mark Busch's **161st career NASCAR Sprint Cup Series start** and his fifth career Sprint Cup start at Darlington Raceway.
- Busch has **led 170 laps** in his four previous career Sprint Cup starts at Darlington.
- The newly minted 24-year-old is the defending-Sprint Cup winner at Darlington, winning the 2008 event by leading a race-high 169 of the 367 laps run that night. With the win last year at Darlington, Busch became the youngest winner at the historic 1.33-mile, egg-shaped oval.
- **Nifty Fifty:** With his Sprint Cup win at Richmond (Va.) International Raceway, on his 24th birthday no less, Busch captured his 50th overall win among NASCAR's top three divisions – Sprint Cup, Nationwide and Camping World Truck. The Las Vegas native also sits among great company as he tied three drivers – Ned Jarrett, Junior Johnson, and Greg Biffle – for 11th all-time with 50 wins in NASCAR's top three series.
- **Get out the Broom:** With his success at Richmond, Busch became the third driver to score a weekend sweep there, joining Harry Gant (Sept. 6-7, 1991) and Kevin Harvick (Sept. 8-9, 2006). After winning a charity race put together by Sprint Cup teammate Denny Hamlin at Southside Speedway in Virginia last Thursday night, Busch won the Nationwide Series race at Richmond on Friday night and the Sprint Cup race Saturday night.
- **Short-Track Hot Shoe:** Busch scored his third-career short track win in 27 total short track starts with his victory at Richmond on Saturday night.
- **More Sweeping:** The weekend sweep at Richmond marked the second time Busch has done so in his career. His first Nationwide-Sprint Cup sweep came last July at Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet, Ill. And, lest we forget, Busch also became the only driver to win two races in NASCAR's top three series in one day when he swept both the Camping World Truck and Nationwide Series events at Auto Club Speedway in Fontana, Calif., this past February.
- **Double duty:** In addition to the Sprint Cup race, Busch will also compete in Friday's NASCAR Nationwide Series event at Darlington in the No. 18 Toyota. He leads the Nationwide Series standings by 82 points over Carl Edwards.
- **Climbing the ladder:** With his Sprint Cup win last weekend at Richmond, Busch tied Ernie Irvan for 45th on the all-time win list in NASCAR's top series with 15 wins.
- **Repeat after me:** Until winning his second career Sprint Cup race at Bristol (Tenn.) Motor Speedway in March, Busch's 13 previous victories had all come at different racetracks. His 14th career Sprint Cup win marked the first time he had repeated at the same track, as Busch first won at Bristol in March 2007. In addition to Bristol, he has now won Sprint Cup races at Atlanta Motor Speedway, Auto Club Speedway, Chicagoland Speedway, Darlington, Daytona (Fla.) International Speedway, Dover (Del.) International Speedway, Las Vegas Motor Speedway, New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon, Phoenix International Raceway, Infineon Raceway in Sonoma, Calif., Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway and Watkins Glen (N.Y.) International. Busch added his 14th track (15th win) to his list this past weekend at Richmond.
- **It's all tied up:** One full year before turning 25, Busch tied Jeff Gordon's record of most wins before the age of 25 with his win at Richmond. Busch, who does not turn 25 until May 2, 2010, is now just one win away from surpassing the four-time champion's mark.
- **50-percent club:** In five of Busch's 14 Sprint Cup wins, he has led more than 50 percent of the race. He led 378 of 503 laps (75.1 percent) at Bristol on March 22. The other four such wins all came in 2008: Atlanta, 173 of 325 laps led (53.2 percent); Infineon, 78 of 112 (69.6 percent); Chicagoland, 165 of 267 (61.7 percent); and Watkins Glen, 52 of 90 (57.7 percent).
- **Impressive streak:** Starting with his win in the Gatorade Duel 150-mile qualifying race this year at Daytona, Busch won at least one NASCAR race in each of the first five weeks of the season. His other wins included the Nationwide Series and Camping World Truck Series races at Fontana, followed by his victory in the Sprint Cup race at Las Vegas, his Camping World Truck Series win at Atlanta the next weekend, and his Sprint Cup win at Bristol. Busch is now the first driver in NASCAR history to win in all three of NASCAR's top divisions in the first five weeks of the season. The five-week winning streak broke his own previous record of three that started the 2008 season. The streak ended on week six of the season at Martinsville (Va.) Speedway.

Notes of Interest (continued):

- After 10 of 36 races in the 2009 Sprint Cup season, **Busch is fifth in the championship standings** with 1,314 points, 127 markers behind Gordon, who took over the points lead following Saturday night's race at Richmond. Kyle Busch's best point finish was in 2007, when he finished fifth.
- **Right on "Track:"** Of the 30 tracks that will host NASCAR's top three divisions in 2009, Busch has competed at 28 of them at least once, winning at 20. The two tracks where he has not competed in the top three series are Iowa Speedway in Newton and Circuit Gilles Villeneuve in Montreal. The eight venues where Busch has raced but not scored a victory are Martinsville, Pocono (Pa.) Raceway, Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Homestead-Miami Speedway, Nashville (Tenn.) Superspeedway, The Milwaukee Mile in West Allis, Wis., Gateway International Raceway in Madison, Ill., and Memphis (Tenn.) Motorsports Park.
- **It takes different types:** By winning at the .533-mile short track at Bristol in March, Busch has now recorded a Sprint Cup win on every type of racetrack since joining Joe Gibbs Racing in 2008. Last year, Busch added road-course wins at Infineon Raceway in June and Watkins Glen in August while tallying Sprint Cup wins at the 1.33-mile egg-shaped oval at Darlington in May; the high-banked, mile oval at Dover in June; the 1.5-mile ovals at Atlanta and Chicagoland in March and July, respectively; and his first- and second-career point-paying restrictor-plate wins at Talladega and Daytona in April and July, respectively.

Kyle Busch's History at Darlington Raceway:

Year	Date	Event	Start	Finish	Status/Laps	Laps Led	Earnings
2008	5/10	Dodge Challenger 500 (NSCS)	6	1	Running, 367/367	169	\$313,700
	5/9	×Diamond Hill Plywood 200 (NNS)	5	31	Accident, 101/149	6	\$14,470
2007	5/13	Dodge Avenger 500	36	37	Running, 338/367	0	\$86,250
2006	5/13	Dodge Charger 500 (NSCS)	29	7	Running, 367/367	1	\$120,625
	5/12	Diamond Hill Plywood 200 (NNS)	21	6	Running, 147/147	0	\$16,900
2005	5/7	×Dodge Charger 500 (NSCS)	6	23	Running, 369/370	0	\$84,400
2004	3/20	Diamond Hill Plywood 200 (NNS)	1	17	Running, 147/147	40	\$25,580
	11/13	†Bi-Lo 200 (NNS)	2	33	Running, 110/147	12	\$23,865
2003	8/30	Winn-Dixie 200 (NNS)	8	2	Running, 147/147	6	\$24,545

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

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

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