

**KURT BUSCH**

**Haas Automation/Monster Energy Racing Team Report**

**Round 36 of 36 – Ford EcoBoost 400 – Homestead**

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

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### Primary Team Members:

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| Driver: Kurt Busch  Hometown: Las Vegas | **Crew Chief: Billy Scott**  **Hometown: Land O’ Lakes, Florida** |
| Car Chief: Tony Cardamore  Hometown: Bristol, Virginia | Engine Builder: Roush-Yates Engines  Headquarters: Mooresville, North Carolina |
| Engine Specialist: Evan Cupples  Hometown: Hudson, Illinois | Spotter: Tony Raines  Hometown: LaPorte, Indiana |

### Over-The-Wall Crew Members:

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| Gas Man: Rick Pigeon  Hometown: Fairfax, Vermont | Front Tire Changer: Ryan Mulder  Hometown: Sioux City, Iowa |
| Jackman: Sean Cotton  Hometown: Mooresville, North Carolina | Rear Tire Changer: Coleman Dollarhide  Hometown: Hickory, North Carolina |
| Windshield: Kyle Anderson (also serves as interior mechanic)  Hometown: Jewell, Iowa | Tire Carrier: Dwayne Moore Hometown: Griffin, Georgia |
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### Road Crew Members:

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| Truck Driver: Larry Lush and Tim Hussey  Hometowns: Waynesville, North Carolina and Asheboro, North Carolina | Tire Specialist: Tom Gagliano  Hometown: East Hampton, Connecticut |
| Shock Specialist: Aaron Kuehn  Hometown: Kensington, Connecticut | Engineers: Scott Bingham and William Lee  Hometowns: Lawrenceville, Georgia and Fuquay-Varina, N.C. |
| Mechanic: Nick McIntosh  Hometown: Havre, Montana | Mechanic: Joe Zanolini  Hometown: Sybertsville, Pennsylvania |

**Homestead Notes of Interest:**

* The Ford EcoBoost 400 will mark Kurt Busch’s 648th career Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series start and 18th career NASCAR Cup Series start at Homestead-Miami Speedway. **Busch has two poles, one win, four top-five finishes and six top-10s at the 1.5-mile oval.** Additionally, the 40-year-old driver has led 97 laps, has an average starting position of 13.5, an average finish of 18.4, and has completed 89.2 percent (4,054 of 4,545) of the laps he’s contested there.
* Busch has career totals of 30 wins, 27 poles, 137 top-fives, 279 top-10s and 9,521 laps led in 647 career starts.
* His **most recent Cup Series win came 13 races ago** in the Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race at Bristol (Tenn.) Motor Speedway (Aug. 18, 2018).
* His **last Cup Series pole came five races ago at Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway** (Oct. 13, 2018).
* **9,000 and counting –** By leading 98 laps in the April race at Richmond (Va.) Raceway, Busch became just the 21st driver to lead 9,000 laps in his NASCAR career. He is now 20th in the laps-led standings, having led 9,521 laps. He’s 223 laps behind Buddy Baker and 339 laps ahead of 21st-place Denny Hamlin. Busch is fifth among active drivers in laps led.
* **Get to the Points –** Following his 32nd-place finish Sunday at Phoenix, Busch is sixth in the NASCAR Cup Series playoff standings with 2,318 points. He has one win, six top-five finishes and 21 top-10s in 35 races this season.
* **Busch has been in the top-10 in points for 30 consecutive weeks.** The last time he was in the top-10 for 30 consecutive weeks was when he was in the top-10 for the first 35 races of the 2011 season.

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**Homestead Notes of Interest (continued):**

* **Previous Winner –** Busch started from the pole and led 28 laps at Homestead en route to recording his fourth Sprint Cup victory on Nov. 17, 2002.At the age of 24 years, 3 months, 13 days, Busch became the youngest winner at the track – a record that still stands.
* **The Las Vegas native has two poles to his credit (2002, 2004) at Homestead. Busch has 27 career Sprint Cup poles.**
* **Busch has made one NASCAR Camping World Truck Series start at Homestead.** He finished ninth in 2000.

**Kurt Busch’s Homestead-Miami Performance Profile:**

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| **Year** | **Event** | **Start** | **Finish** | **Status/Laps** | **Laps Led** | **Earnings** |
| **2017** | Ford EcoBoost 400 | 8 | 22 | Running, 265/267 | 0 | N/A |
| **2016** | **×**Ford EcoBoost 400 | 16 | 13 | Running, 268/268 | 0 | N/A |
| **2015** | Ford EcoBoost 400 | 15 | 8 | Running, 267/267 | 0 | $106,190 |
| **2014** | Ford EcoBoost 400 | 2 | 11 | Running, 267/267 | 1 | $82,340 |
| **2013** | Ford EcoBoost 400 | 2 | 21 | Running, 267/267 | 4 | $104,255 |
| **2012** | Ford 400 | 26 | 9 | Running, 267/267 | 0 | $107,318 |
| **2011** | Ford 400 | 4 | 34 | Running, 220/267 | 0 | $108,450 |
| **2010** | Ford 400 | 15 | 18 | Running, 267/267 | 0 | $112,898 |
| **2009** | Ford 400 | 12 | 4 | Running, 267/267 | 43 | $157,275 |
| **2008** | Ford 400 | 38 | 43 | Accident, 207/267 | 0 | $61,876 |
| **2007** | Ford 400 | 5 | 2 | Running, 267/267 | 17 | $263,808 |
| **2006** | **×**Ford 400 | 36 | 43 | Accident, 9/268 | 0 | $100,506 |
| **2004** | **×**Ford 400 | 1 | 5 | Running, 271/271 | 4 | $130,650 |
| **2003** | Ford 400 | 7 | 36 | Running, 147/267 | 0 | $63,760 |
| **2002** | **Ford 400** | **1** | **1** | **Running, 267/267** | **28** | **$297,100** |
| **2001** | Pennzoil 400 | 32 | 23 | Running, 267/267 | 0 | $49,550 |
| **2000** | Pennzoil 400 | 10 | 19 | Running, 264/267 | 0 | $50,300 |

**\* Race cut short due to weather. × 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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