



DANIEL SUÁREZ

Toyota Certified Used Vehicles Team Report

Round 3 of 36 – Auto Club 400 – Fontana

Car No.: 96 – Toyota Certified Used Vehicles Camry

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Primary Team Members:

Driver: Daniel Suárez
Hometown: Monterrey, Mexico

Car Chief: Mark Hillman
Hometown: Lockport, New York

Engine Specialist: Kirk Butterfield
Hometown: Carrollton, Ohio

Crew Chief: Dave Winston
Hometown: Miami, Florida

Engine Builder: Toyota Racing Development
Headquarters: Costa Mesa, California

Spotter: Steve Barkdoll
Hometown: Garrison, Iowa

Over-The-Wall Crew Members:

Gas Man: Cory White
Hometown: Vinson, Iowa

Jackman: Joel Bouagnon
Hometown: St. Charles, Illinois

Windshield: Mark Hillman
Hometown: Lockport, New York

Front Tire Changer: Mike Mead
Hometown: Sherrills Ford, North Carolina

Rear Tire Changer: Brandon Traino
Hometown: Cherry Hill, New Jersey

Tire Carrier: Mason Harris
Hometown: Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia

Road Crew Members:

Truck Driver: Gary “Turtle” Clem
Hometown: Eaton, Ohio

Shock Specialist: David Stillman
Hometown: Appleton, Wisconsin

Mechanic: Evan Snider
Hometown: Scottsdale, Pennsylvania

Tire Specialist: Liz Prestella
Hometown: South Lake Tahoe, California

Mechanic: Cory White
Hometowns: Vinson, Iowa

Mechanic: Glenn “Cheeseburger” Hilchey
Hometown: Bennington, Vermont

Auto Club 400 Notes of Interest:

- After piloting the **No. 19 NASCAR Cup Series Toyota** for **Joe Gibbs Racing** in 2017 and 2018, then the **No. 41 Cup Series** entry for **Stewart-Haas Racing** in 2019, Suárez has joined the single-car **No. 96 Toyota Camry** effort for **Gaunt Brothers Racing (GBR)** for the full 2020 season.
- **Suárez will be attempting to make his 110th career NASCAR Cup Series start** in Sunday’s **Auto Club 400** on the 2-mile **Auto Club Speedway** oval in Fontana, California. He has career totals of eight top-five finishes, 32 top-10s and 241 laps led, with an average start of 15.4 and an average finish of 17.2. He also has qualified on the pole twice.
- In three previous Cup Series outings at Fontana, Suárez has a pair of top-15 finishes and a top-10 qualifying effort. His best finish outing was a seventh-place finish from the 10th starting position in his Cup Series debut at the track in 2017.
- Last March at Fontana, Suárez qualified 20th in his No. 41 Stewart-Haas Racing entry and made quick work of driving up into the top-10 during the opening laps of the race. He held position in and around the top-10 most of the rest of the way and crossed the finish line 13th.

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- In two **NASCAR Xfinity Series** starts at Fontana, Suárez enjoyed his best run there early in his 2016 championship season, qualifying on the pole in his Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota and finishing fourth.
- Suárez competed in the **NASCAR Peak Mexico Series** from 2009 through 2014. In 76 series starts in his home country, he scored 10 victories, 26 top-five finishes, 39 top-10s and qualified on the pole 13 times. He had an average start of 8.7, an average finish of 12.4, led 1,216 laps, and had best finishes of second and third in the season standings in 2013 and 2012, respectively.
- Crew chief **Dave Winston**, a native of Miami, Florida, and a veteran of 62 Cup Series races atop the pit box, called the shots at two previous races at Fontana. He collaborated with driver **Alex Bowman** in the **No. 23 BK Racing Toyota** in the March 2014 race, starting 40th and finishing 22nd. His driver **Michael McDowell** started 30th and finished 31st in the March 2016 race driving the **No. 95 Leavine Family Racing** entry.
- This weekend marks the first ever Fontana Cup Series start for the No. 96 Gaunt Brothers Toyota.
- At last Sunday's Pennzoil 400 on the 1.5-mile Las Vegas Motor Speedway oval, Suárez started 35th on a grid determined by owners points after Saturday qualifying was rained out. He overcame a first-lap glitch during which his racecar lost power and soldiered home with a 30th-place finish. He arrives at Fontana 34th in the Cup Series standings, 78 points behind the leader.
- **Coca-Cola** and **CommScope** continue their respective partnerships with Suárez at Gaunt Brothers Racing. The iconic Coca-Cola brand has been with Suárez since 2015 when he won the Xfinity Series rookie-of-the-year title. [CommScope](#), a leader in communication network technology, has been with Suárez through its [ARRIS](#) and [Ruckus Networks](#) brands since 2014 when he first competed in the Xfinity Series.

Daniel Suárez's Fontana NASCAR Cup Series Performance Profile:

Year	Date	Event	Start	Finish	Status/Laps	Laps Led	Earnings
2019	3/17	Auto Club 400	20	13	Running, 200/200	0	N/A
2018	3/18	Auto Club 400	30	23	Running, 199/200	0	N/A
2017	3/26	◇Auto Club 400	10	7	Running, 202/202	0	N/A

◇ Race length was extended due to overtime finish

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