



# DANIEL SUÁREZ

## Toyota Certified Used Vehicles Team Report

Round 2 of 36 – Pennzoil 400 – Las Vegas

**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: Jason Charles  
Hometown: Rochester, New York

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

### Pennzoil 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 109<sup>th</sup> career NASCAR Cup Series start** in Sunday’s **Pennzoil 400** on the 1.5-mile **Las Vegas Motor Speedway** oval. He has career totals of eight top-five finishes, 32 top-10s and 241 laps led, with an average start of 15.2 and an average finish of 17.0. He also has qualified on the pole twice.
- In five previous Cup Series outings at Las Vegas, Suárez has an average start of 14.4 and an average finish of 18.2, and he’s led 42 laps. His best start was second in last year’s September race and his best finish was eighth in the September 2018.
- Last September at Las Vegas, Suárez qualified on the front row for the second time in 2019 in his Stewart-Haas Racing entry. He led 29 of the first 30 laps of the 267-lap race, finished the first stage in fourth, and maintained his position in the top-15 through the second stage. Then, on a lap-185 restart, he was caught up in a multicar pileup that damaged his racecar. After pitting for repairs, he was able to conserve fuel enough to salvage a 20<sup>th</sup>-place finish. Suárez also led 12 laps in last year’s March race at Las Vegas.

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- In the **NASCAR Xfinity Series**, where he won the series championship in 2016, Suárez has three career starts at Las Vegas with finishes of second and third in his most recent starts there in the March 2016 and 2017 races, respectively, both from the third starting position. His average starts in the three races was seventh, his average finish fifth.
- Suárez competed **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 61 Cup Series races atop the pit box, called the shots at two previous races on the 1.5-mile Las Vegas oval. He collaborated with driver **Alex Bowman** in the **No. 23 BK Racing Toyota** in the March 2014 race, starting 36<sup>th</sup> and finishing 37<sup>th</sup>. His driver **Michael McDowell** started 30<sup>th</sup> and finished 29<sup>th</sup> in the March 2016 race driving the **No. 95 Leavine Family Racing** entry.
- The No. 96 Gaunt Brothers Toyota has made two previous Cup Series starts at Las Vegas since joining the Cup Series ranks as a part-time team in 2017. **Jeffrey Earnhardt** qualified 35<sup>th</sup> and finished 25<sup>th</sup> in the September 2018 race, and Parker Kligerman started 32<sup>nd</sup> and finished 31<sup>st</sup> in the March race last year.
- At last weekend’s season-opening Daytona 500, Suárez and the No. 96 Toyota Certified Used Vehicles Camry team saw their bid to make the field for the 62<sup>nd</sup> running of the “Great American Race” come to an abrupt end during their Thursday-night Duel qualifying race. After qualifying 36<sup>th</sup>, Suarez started his Duel 19<sup>th</sup>, but made quick work of driving up into and staying comfortably in the top-10 through his midrace pit stop during the 60-lap race. But a miscommunication between Ryan Blaney and his Team Penske crew led Blaney to make an unexpected and abrupt attempt to enter pit lane as Suárez was making a pass to his inside. The two collided, struck the turn-four SAFER Barrier, and retired with their heavily damaged racecars.
- **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 Las Vegas NASCAR Cup Series Performance Profile:

Year	Date	Event	Start	Finish	Status/Laps	Laps Led	Earnings
<b>2019</b>	9/15	South Point 400	2	20	Running, 266/267	29	N/A
	3/3	Pennzoil 400	22	17	Running, 267/267	12	N/A
<b>2018</b>	9/16	South Point 400	19	8	Running, 272/272	0	N/A
	3/4	Las Vegas 400	18	26	Running, 263/267	0	N/A
<b>2017</b>	3/12	Kobalt 400	11	20	Running, 267/267	0	N/A

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