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DANIEL SUÁREZ

CommScope Toyota Team Report

Round 11 of 36 – Blue-Emu Maximum Pain Relief 500 – Martinsville

Car No.: 96 –CommScope Toyota Camry

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Primary Team Members:

Driver: Daniel Suárez
Hometown: Monterrey, Mexico

Technical Director: Nick Ollila
Hometown: Warren, Michigan

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

Spotter: Steve Barkdoll
Hometown: Garrison, Iowa

Crew Chief: Dave Winston
Hometown: Miami, Florida

Car Chief: Mark Hillman
Hometown: Lockport, New York

Engine Specialist: Kirk Butterfield
Hometown: Carrollton, Ohio

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

Blue-Emu Maximum Pain Relief 500 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 joined the single-car **No. 96 Toyota Camry** effort for **Gaunt Brothers Racing (GBR)** for the full 2020 season.
- **Suárez will be making his 118th career NASCAR Cup Series start** in Wednesday night's **Blue-Emu Maximum Pain Relief 500 at Martinsville (Va.) Speedway**. He has career totals of eight top-five finishes, 32 top-10s and 242 laps led, with an average start of 16.6 and an average finish of 17.7. He also has qualified on the pole twice.
- At Sunday's Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500 at Atlanta Motor Speedway, Suárez started 37th and finished 31st after battling a loose-handling racecar in the early stages of the race and tight conditions the rest of the way. Suárez arrives at Martinsville 32nd in the Cup Series standings, 324 points out of first.
- In six previous Cup Series outings at Martinsville, Suárez has a best start of eighth and a best finish of ninth, both while driving his Gibbs Toyota in the October 2018 race. He qualified ninth in both of his two outings there, since, driving his Stewart-Haas entry to finishes of 10th and 31st, respectively, in the spring and fall 2019 races. His average Martinsville start is 13.8 and average finish is 19.2.
- Suárez has four career Martinsville starts in the **NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series**, all driving the No. 51 Kyle Busch Motorsports Toyota. In his most recent outing, in the fall 2016 race, he started second and finished sixth.
- Suárez competed from 2009 through 2014 in the **NASCAR Peak Mexico Series**. In 76 starts, he earned 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.

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- Crew chief **Dave Winston**, a native of Miami, Florida, and a veteran of 70 Cup Series races atop the pit box, called the shots at three previous races at Martinsville. He collaborated with driver **Alex Bowman** in the **No. 23 BK Racing Toyota** in both 2014 events, starting 19th and finishing 36th in the spring race, and starting 32nd and finishing 29th in the fall race. His driver **Michael McDowell** started 27th and finished 24th in the spring 2016 race driving the **No. 95 Leavine Family Racing** entry.
- This weekend marks the third Martinsville Cup Series start for the No. 96 Gaunt Brothers Toyota. In its previous two Martinsville starts, **D.J. Kennington** drove to finishes of 28th and 27th in the spring and fall 2018 races, respectively.
- On May 11, GBR announced the addition of longtime motorsports veteran **Nick Ollila** as technical director. The native of Warren, Michigan, will oversee the team’s engineering department and returns to the United States after a three-year stint serving in the same capacity with **Kelly Racing** in the **Virgin Australian Supercars Championship**. Ollila and team owner **Marty Gaunt** first worked together in 1997 when the two were at **Kranefuss-Haas Racing**. Their NASCAR paths crossed again 10 years later when both worked at **Red Bull Racing** – Gaunt as general manager and Ollila as chief aerodynamicist. NASCAR is where Ollila has spent the bulk of his career, which includes being the drivetrain specialist at **Rod Osterlund Racing** in 1980 when **Dale Earnhardt** won the first of his seven Cup Series championships. Ollila’s racing career began at **Team Penske** in 1972 as a mechanic. He prepared cars for each of the series in which the organization competed, a lineup that included **IndyCar**, NASCAR, **Can-Am**, **Formula 5000**, sports cars and **Formula One**. NASCAR became Ollila’s focus in late 1976. He joined **DiGard Racing** as the team’s drivetrain specialist, working with NASCAR Hall of Famer **Darrell Waltrip** until the end of the 1978 season, whereupon he went to work for Osterlund. IndyCar and Penske beckoned in 1982, and Ollila returned as the team’s engine builder, enjoying four championships (1982, 1983, 1985 and 1988) and four **Indianapolis 500** victories (1984, 1985, 1987 and 1988). That Penske connection led Ollila back to NASCAR in 1990, when he became the lead engineer for Hall of Fame driver **Rusty Wallace**. It was the beginning of a 20-year stint in NASCAR.
- **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 Martinsville NASCAR Cup Series Performance Profile:

Year	Date	Event	Start	Finish	Status/Laps	Laps Led	Earnings
2019	10/27	First Data 500	9	31	Running, 488/500	0	N/A
	3/24	STP 500	9	10	Running, 500/500	0	N/A
2018	10/28	First Data 500	8	9	Running, 500/500	0	N/A
	3/26	STP 500	23	18	Running, 497/500	0	N/A
2017	10/29	First Data 500	15	15	Running, 505/505	0	N/A
	4/2	STP 500	19	32	Running, 489/500	0	N/A

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