

# PREVIEW

## PAUL MENARD

### CERTAINTEED/MENARDS CHEVROLET

DOVER INT'L SPEEDWAY

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**This Week's CertainTeed/Menards Chevrolet at Dover International Speedway ...** Paul Menard will pilot chassis No. 347 from the Richard Childress Racing NASCAR Sprint Cup Series stable. This No. 27 Chevrolet Impala was a brand new addition to the RCR fleet for the 2011 season and was last seen on track at Auto Club Speedway (Fontana) where Menard brought home a 16<sup>th</sup>-place result after starting from the 15<sup>th</sup> position.

**Off to Slay "The Monster Mile" ...** In his seven previous starts at Dover, Menard has finished each of his contested races and completed 98.2 percent of his laps (2,751 of 2,800). He has an average starting position of 23.3 and an average finishing position of 20.4. His best start of ninth and his best finish of seventh were both claimed in last year's September affair.

**A Loopy Year in Review ...** After 10 races, and in the wake of two disappointing finishes in Saturday night beating and banging, short-track racing, Menard maintains an average running position of 15.57, is ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in the category of Fastest Drivers Early in a Run and is ranked third in Quality Passes.

#### 2011 Season Statistics:

Starts: 10	Top-10 finishes: 3
Top-five finishes: 2	Average start: 13.7
Best start: 4th (Bristol Motor Speedway, March)	Average finish: 17.3
Best finish: 5th (Bristol, March; Texas, April)	
Laps led: 53	

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**Race Rewind ...** Last weekend, Menard and the No. 27 team were again the victims of Saturday night short-track racing circumstances at Darlington Raceway. In addition to battling a tight-handling condition for the majority of the night, Menard faced the challenges of recovering from pit road excitement that included being spun into his stall when hit from behind by another car and nearly running over his front tire carrier when the jack dropped the car as tape was being pulled from the grill. He worked to nurse an overheating engine while under caution; however, it did expire on the final turn of the final lap. Menard and the No. 27 team completed the extended 370-lap event with a 22<sup>nd</sup>-place result.



*"I've always liked Dover. It's a fun track to drive and race on. We had a good run there last fall, so we have some good notes to make a base out of."*

— Paul Menard