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PREVIEW

PAUL MENARD CERTAINTEED/MENARDS CHEVROLET

POCONO RACEWAY

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This Week's CertainTeed/Menards Chevrolet at Pocono Raceway ... This weekend, Paul Menard returns to Pocono with 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 the uniquely-configured raceway, where Menard earned his season-best starting position of second and drove it to a 14th-place finish. This race also saw track time this year at Dover International Speedway where he brought home a 24th-place result after starting from the 20th position and at Auto Club Speedway where he started 15th and finished 16th.

Menard now qualified for the Sprint Summer Showdown ... With last weekend's victory at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Menard was crowned the first qualifier for the Sprint Summer Showdown presented by HTC EVO 3D. The Summer Showdown is putting \$3 million on the line for drivers, their charities and one lucky fan in a six-race competition. Any driver who wins between Indianapolis and Bristol (the first five races) will become a finalist for the Labor Day weekend race in Atlanta (the sixth race). If one of those eligible drivers wins the Atlanta race, then the driver, the driver's charity and one lucky race fan each collect \$1 million. Fans can enter for their shot at the big bucks each week at www.sprint.com/speed.

By the Numbers at the 'Tricky Triangle' ... In nine career NSCS starts at the 2.5-mile tri-oval, Menard has finished all but one of his contested races and completed 96.3 percent of his laps (1,647 of 1,710). He has both an average starting and finishing position of 24.3. The last time around (June 2011), Menard logged his best start of second and it was in last year's August event that he earned his best finish of 13th at the Long Pond, Pa.-based facility.

2011 Season Statistics:

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| Starts: 20 | Top-five finishes: 4 | Top-10 finishes: 6 | Laps led: 81 |
| Best start: 2nd (Pocono Raceway, June) | Average start: 12 | | |
| Best finish: 1st (Indianapolis Motor Speedway, July) | Average finish: 16.8 | | |

WYPALL* Wipers Crew Chief of the Race Honors for Labbe ... Slugger Labbe was voted the WY-PALL*Wipers Crew of the race following the No. 27 Richard Childress Racing team's win at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. He is also in the running to be named the WYPALL* Wipers Crew Chief of the Year.

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Race Rewind ... Menard made history following the gutsy call to gamble on fuel mileage, becoming the first driver to earn his first career NASCAR Sprint Cup Series win at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. After starting the No. 27 Nibco/Menards Chevrolet from the 15th position in the famed Brickyard 400, Menard went to work, remaining in and around the top 15 until a tire got loose during a pit stop and he was assessed a penalty that sent him to the end of the longest line. With calculated pit strategy, Menard returned to the front of the pack, leading on four occasions for 21 laps and earning the win at the Brickyard.

"It has definitely been a crazy week, but so worth it. It's still sinking in, but now it's time to go back to work and focus on Pocono and the remaining races up to the Chase (for the NASCAR Sprint Cup). I think a top 10 is attainable. We qualified second there last time, but I sped down pit road and that cost us, especially at a place where track position is so vital. Everything goes back to minimizing mistakes and finishing races."
— Paul Menard

