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# PREVIEW

## PAUL MENARD

## TURTLE WAX/MENARDS CHEVROLET

DARLINGTON RACEWAY

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**This Week's Turtle Wax/Menards Chevrolet at Darlington Raceway ...** Paul Menard will pilot chassis No. 328 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 Las Vegas Motor Speedway where Menard brought home a 12<sup>th</sup>-place result after starting from the 18<sup>th</sup> position.

**Ready to Tame the Lady in Black ...** In his four previous starts at Darlington, Menard has finished each of his contested races and completed 97 percent of his laps (1,424 of 1,468). He has a 31<sup>st</sup>-place average starting position and an average finishing position of 28<sup>th</sup> with his best finish of 15<sup>th</sup> coming in the May 2009 event.

**Trackside in Darlington ...** Menard will appear on SPEED Channel's Trackside from Darlington which will be broadcast Friday night at 10 p.m. EDT. The show will be recorded at the SPEED stage, which will be located directly behind the main grandstands, following the NSCS qualifying session at the historic 1.366-mile oval.

**Year in Review ...** Menard has recorded career-best performances at many of the race tracks that the NSCS has traveled to this season. Despite slipping to 15<sup>th</sup> in the driver championship point standings, Menard heads to Darlington a mere 13 points out of the coveted 12<sup>th</sup> spot.

### 2011 Season Statistics:

<b>Starts:</b> 9	<b>Top-five finishes:</b> 2	<b>Top-10 finishes:</b> 3
<b>Best start:</b> 4th (Auto Club Speedway, March)		
<b>Best finish:</b> 5th (Bristol Motor Speedway, March & Texas Motor Speedway, April)		
<b>Average finish:</b> 16.8	<b>Average start:</b> 13.2	<b>Laps led:</b> 53

**About Turtle Wax ...** For over 70 years, Turtle Wax has remained a family-owned company based in the Chicago area. Turtle Wax is the global leader and the most widely recognized name in total car care products, selling over 1,250 products in the retail and commercial markets in 90 countries worldwide. For more information on Turtle Wax, please visit [www.turtlex.com](http://www.turtlex.com).

**Race Rewind ...** Menard and the No. 27 team were victims of Saturday night short-track racing circumstances at Richmond Int'l Raceway when they were collected in a late-race pile up while running in the top 10. After making multiple pit stops to work on the damaged Chevrolet and to nurse an overheating engine to cooler temperatures, Menard and the No. 27 team completed the 400-lap event with a disappointing 37<sup>th</sup>-place result.



*"Darlington is definitely a throwback race track. You drive into this little town and all you see is this huge race track. It definitely allows you to feel the roots of NASCAR."*

— Paul Menard