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# RACE REPORT

## PAUL MENARD

## DURACELL/MENARDS CHEVROLET

INFINEON RACEWAY

JUNE 26, 2011

### The No. 27 Duracell/Menards Chevrolet Team Finishes 17<sup>th</sup> at Infineon

A strong qualifying effort on Friday afternoon put Paul Menard and the Duracell/Menards team in the third position for the start of the Save Mart 350 at Infineon Raceway, marking his career-best start at the Sonoma, Calif.-based facility. Damage to the front fenders resulted in handling issues that plagued the No. 27 Impala early in the 110-lap race and Menard quickly slipped backwards. The Slugger Labbe-led team made air pressure adjustments during each of Sunday's five pit stops in order to neutralize the tight condition that the Eau Claire, Wis., native was battling and in hopes of improving his drive off of the turns. Spending the majority of his day in the top 20, Menard worked his way quietly around the 1.99-mile track in an effort to bring home a top-15 finish. Running 16<sup>th</sup> on lap 105, and in typical road-course racing fashion, contact with a competitor resulted in him being shuffled back three positions to 19<sup>th</sup> only two laps later. In the closing laps, he climbed back to a 17<sup>th</sup>-place result.

**Start – 3<sup>d</sup>**

**Finish – 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Laps Led – 0**

**Points – 17<sup>th</sup>**

#### PAUL MENARD QUOTE:

“Obviously, this wasn’t the result that we had hoped to have at Infineon Raceway, but we still fared better than some and our average finish didn’t gain or lose us much in the way of points. The Duracell/Menards team worked hard all weekend, but now we’ll turn our attention towards heading back to Daytona next week.”

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