

PREVIEW

PAUL MENARD

QUAKER STATE/MENARDS CHEVROLET

TEXAS MOTOR SPEEDWAY

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This Week's Quaker State/Menards Chevrolet at Texas Motor Speedway ... Paul Menard will pilot chassis No. 351 from the Richard Childress Racing NASCAR Sprint Cup Series stable. This No. 27 Chevrolet Impala is a brand new addition to the RCR fleet, and will see its first laps on the race track during Thursday's opening practice session.

Slightly different colors on the Quaker State/Menards Chevrolet in the Lone Star State ... The No. 27 Quaker State/Menards Chevrolet will sport a slightly different look this weekend, carrying a special paint scheme. "Quaker State green" and "Menards yellow" will don the Impala as the Sprint Cup Series races under the lights of Texas Motor Speedway on Saturday night.

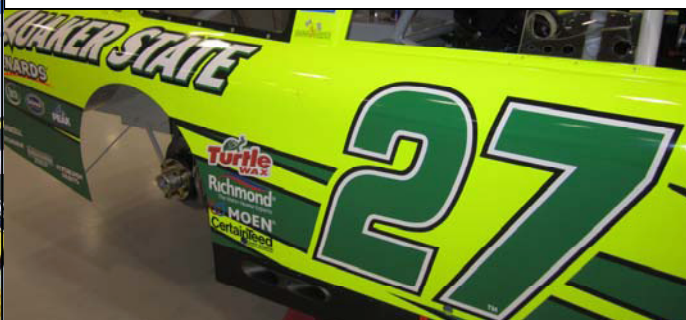
Deep in the heart of Texas ... In his nine previous starts at Texas Motor Speedway, Menard has one top-10 finish, completed 94 percent of his laps (2,835 of 3,016) and led for one circuit. He has an average starting position of 22.3 and an average finishing position of 23.6, with his best finish of 10th coming in his most recent visit to the 1.5-mile facility (November 2010). His best start at the Fort Worth-based speedway came in April 2009 when he took the green flag in the fifth position.

Menard Career Highlights ... Number of NSCS starts: 153; Career best start: 1st (Daytona International Speedway, July 2008); Career best finish: 2nd (Talladega Superspeedway, October 2008); Top-five finishes: 3; Top-10 finishes: 10

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Race Rewind ... Last week, Menard and the No. 27 team were relegated to a 38th-place finish at Martinsville Speedway when damage to the Menards Chevrolet was sustained on track, causing the motor to expire. Menard heads to Texas tied for 12th in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series driver championship point standings.

Double Duty Weekend ... In addition to his driving duties with RCR's No. 27 team, Menard will drive Kevin Harvick Inc.'s No. 33 Menards Chevrolet in Friday night's 300-mile race. The race will air live on ESPN2 beginning at 8:30 p.m. EDT and will be broadcast live on PRN Radio and Sirius Satellite Radio.



"I feel really good about heading back to Texas (Motor Speedway). You drive Texas a little different than you would Charlotte (Motor Speedway) or Atlanta (Motor Speedway). There are some characteristics of TMS that I enjoy and seem to work out pretty well. One of the coolest sensations I've felt while racing is when we qualified at Texas in the fall. I think we broke the track record. We had a really good car and held it almost wide open."

-- Paul Menard