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Paul Menard
Sprint Cup Series Statistics in the
Budweiser Shootout at
Daytona International Speedway

Starts: 1
Wins: 0
Poles: 1
Top 10: 0
Laps Led: 2
Average Start: 1
Average Finish: 12

Race Info:

February 18, 2012
Daytona International Speedway
2.5-mile Tri-Oval
Budweiser Shootout
Two segments - 25 laps and 50 laps

Race Broadcast Info:

TV: FOX 8 p.m. EST
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**BUDWEISER SHOOTOUT Preview**

The PEAK/Menards Chevrolet in the Budweiser Shootout at Daytona International Speedway ... Paul Menard will pilot Chassis No. 335 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 Talladega Superspeedway in October, where Menard started seventh and finished 12th.

Grab Some Buds! ... On Saturday night, Menard will make his second Budweiser Shootout appearance. In July 2008, Menard earned the pole award at DIS, qualifying him for the 2009 Budweiser Shootout. He started from the pole position when he drew the top spot during Budweiser's annual Shootout Draw Party and finished the two-segment event 12th.

New Faces on the No. 27 team ... Three new faces will sport the signature neon yellow this season, joining the veteran No. 27 Peak/Menards team. Clint Almquist was a member of the No. 29 RCR team in 2011 and joins the No. 27 crew as a road mechanic. During the week, the Blythe, Calif., native is an RCR fabricator. Statesville, N.C.'s Josh Threatte joins as an engineer. When he's not crunching numbers you can find this extreme athlete sky diving, rock climbing and mountain biking. On race day, newcomer Matt Kreuter will be fueling the No. 27 Chevrolet Impala. Kreuter joins from the No. 33 RCR team and was named NASCAR Sprint Pit Crew Challenge Rear Tire Carrier Individual Champion in both 2010 and 2011.

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In the Rearview Mirror: 2011 ... Menard and the No. 27 Chevrolet team closed the 2011 season at Homestead-Miami Speedway enduring a series of rain showers and a persistent tight-handling condition to finish 16th. On the strength of one win, four top-five and eight top-10 finishes, Menard finished a career-high 17th in the NSCS driver championship point standings.

"It will help us for both the 150s and the Daytona 500. With the rules changes that have been made in an effort to break up the tandem draft, racing in the Budweiser Shootout will give us the chance to see what the cars are going to do with the new package. It will be a big test session. Obviously, we want to win, but we're going to try to learn as much as possible as well."

- Paul Menard