



## **MENARD TO START 10<sup>th</sup> IN SUNDAY'S AAA 400 AT DOVER INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY**

**DOVER, Del. (September 25, 2009)** – Paul Menard, driver of the No. 98 Energizer / Menards Ford Fusion will start Sunday's AAA 400 at Dover International Speedway from the 10<sup>th</sup> position. Sunday's start will mark Menard's third best starting position of the season.

"If we get a top-20 start out of the deal, I'll be pretty happy," said Menard immediately following his qualifying run. "We really struggled in qualifying the last few months. So, we put a big emphasis on it this weekend, and it just gained us so much more track position. Our race cars have been pretty good, we just haven't been able to qualify and that really puts you behind the 8-ball when the green flag drops. Hopefully the rain holds out tomorrow, but if it doesn't we've got some notes we can look back on. The rain's not supposed to come until the afternoon, so hopefully we'll get our session in and we'll be okay for the race on Sunday.

"This really says a lot about our No. 98 Energizer / Menards team. We've had good cars all season, but just haven't qualified well. We came into today knowing we need to qualify better and we did. If we can have some good runs tomorrow in practice, I think we'll have a pretty solid race on Sunday."

Coverage of the AAA 400 at Dover International Speedway will be aired on ABC television, MRN Radio and Sirius Satellite Radio.

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### **ABOUT MENARDS**

Well-known as the place to "Save Big Money," Menards is a family-owned home improvement retailer with 252 hometown hardware stores in 12 Midwestern states. Menards carries all the tools, materials and supplies for all your home improvement needs from just needing a light bulb to building a new house. Most Menards stores also carry name brand appliances, pet products, lawn and garden supplies and even groceries as your one-stop shopping experience. There is something for everyone at Menards from the beginning do-it-yourselfer to the experienced contractor. The company's strength and success can be seen in the well-stocked and maintained stores, the lowest prices in the area and the way guests are always treated like family in a hometown hardware store atmosphere.

### **ABOUT YATES RACING**

Yates Racing currently operates three motorsports teams in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series. Formerly known as Robert Yates Racing, the team is owned by Doug Yates, who took the reins after his father, Robert Yates, retired following the 2007 season. In 2008, Doug partnered with Max Jones; a former road racer and long-time race team championship General Manager. During Yates Racing's 21-year tenure in the NASCAR Sprint Cup series, the organization has earned a

total of 57 wins, 49 poles, 270 top-five finishes, 433 top-ten finishes, and a NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Championship. In 2009, Hall of Fame Racing has teamed up with Yates Racing to field the No. 96 Ford Fusion in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series.