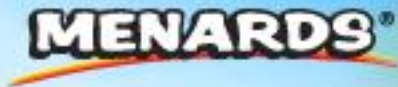


# #44 Ansell/Menards Ford Fusion



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Post-Race Report

## Frank Kimmel Rally's Back to Finish 6<sup>th</sup> at DuQuoin

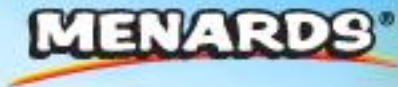
**DuQuoin, IL** - The No. 44 Ansell-Menards Ford, driven by Frank Kimmel, finished 6<sup>th</sup> in the Southern Illinois 100 presented by Federated Auto Parts from the DuQuoin State Fairgrounds. Frank Kimmel qualified the Ansell-Menards Ford in the 23<sup>rd</sup> position, but the entire morning was full of difficulties for the Kimmel Racing team to overcome.

From the very beginning of this morning's practice the Ansell-Menards Ford lacked speed, as Frank posted only the 22<sup>nd</sup> fastest speed in practice. The team would find the issue near the end of practice. Apparently the engine on the Ansell-Menards Ford had an internal issue. The Kimmel Racing team elected to bring out the backup Ansell-Menards Ford and put it through pre-qualifying technical inspection. The backup Ansell-Menards Ford was the same car that Frank finished 6<sup>th</sup> with at Madison International Speedway last weekend and prior to today had never raced on dirt.

However, it seemed that the rough luck made Frank and the Kimmel Racing team more determined to fight through the adversity and come away with a good finish. From the drop of the green flag, Frank was able to quickly move the Ansell-Menards Ford through the field. By the first pit-stop Frank had driven the Ansell-Menards Ford into the top fifteen. The team would catch another break when others had to pit under the next caution, which moved Frank up to 7<sup>th</sup>. From that point, Frank would stay inside the top ten and race as high as 5<sup>th</sup> before eventually taking the checkered flag in the 6<sup>th</sup> position. In the other Kimmel racing entry, Will Kimmel would finish 8<sup>th</sup> in the Messina Wildlife-Menards Ford.

"Not a bad day for our backup Ansell-Menards Ford, especially considering how things started. Turn two was our weak point today but we made up great time in the other turns. I tell you I did more sliding than I'm comfortable with on this dirt track and I think that's where the dirt racing regulars have the advantage. Overall, I'm happy with the result and extremely proud of my guys for working so hard today. I'm excited to see what we can get at Salem, Kansas and Toledo," said Frank Kimmel after the race.

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Continue to watch for Frank Kimmel at Salem Speedway driving the No. 44 Ansell-Menards Ford on September 17<sup>th</sup> for the Kentuckiana Ford Dealers ARCA Fall Classic presented by Federated Auto Parts in the ARCA Racing Series presented by Menards. Also, be sure to visit a Menards location to purchase your next pair of Ansell Gloves. More information can be found at [www.frankkimmel.com](http://www.frankkimmel.com), [www.ansellracingus.com](http://www.ansellracingus.com), [www.menardsracing.com](http://www.menardsracing.com), and [www.arcaracing.com](http://www.arcaracing.com).