

PREVIEW

PAUL MENARD SERTA/MENARDS CHEVROLET

AUTO CLUB SPEEDWAY

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This Week's Serta/Menards Chevrolet at Auto Club Speedway ... Paul Menard will pilot Chassis No. 347 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 Friday's practice session at the Fontana, Calif.-based race track.

Menard in Fontana ... In his eight previous starts at Auto Club Speedway, Menard has finished each of his contested races and completed 98.1 percent of his laps (1,913 of 1,950). He has an average starting position of 28.5 and an average finishing position of 26.5, with his best finish of 18th coming in the February 2010 event. His best start at the two-mile speedway came in September 2007 when he took the green flag in the 20th position.

Menard Career Highlights ... Menard has made 151 NSCS starts and earned three top-five and 10 top-10 finishes. His logged his career best start in July 2008 when he started from the pole position at Daytona International Speedway. His career best finish of second came at Talladega Superspeedway in October 2008.

Meet the Press ... Menard will field questions from members of the press inside of Auto Club Speedway's deadline room on Friday, March 25, at 10:30 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time.

WYPALL* Wipers Crew Chief of the Race Honors for Labbe ... Slugger Labbe was voted the WYPALL*Wipers Crew of the race following the NSCS event at Bristol Motor Speedway. He is now in the running to be named the WYPALL* Wipers Crew Chief of the Year. Labbe will also appear on ESPN's NASCAR Now on Wednesday, March 23, at 5 p.m. EDT.

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Race Rewind ... Last week, Menard and the No. 27 team recorded their best 2011 finish of fifth at Bristol Motor Speedway. The top-five finish moved him to fifth in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series driver championship point standings.

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"Intermediate tracks are horsepower tracks, and we have the best engines in the garage. The cars are really nice. There are a couple things that Slugger is bringing to the table that is going to help excel the intermediate program. We had some success last year at intermediate tracks. We know what we did, we know what the RCR group did and now we'll make the best of both worlds and come up with an even better package."

-- Paul Menard

