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"It's honestly hard to predict if it's going to become a fuel mileage race or not again at Kansas (Speedway). It just depends on how cautions fall. If they fall in our favor, we might be able to play the fuel mileage game. If they don't, then we can't. It's pretty simple, I guess."

— Paul Menard

# PREVIEW

## PAUL MENARD SCHROCK/MENARDS CHEVROLET

KANSAS SPEEDWAY

OCTOBER 9, 2011

**This week's Schrock/Menards Chevrolet at Kansas Speedway ...** Paul Menard will pilot Chassis No. 379 from the Richard Childress Racing NASCAR Sprint Cup Series stable. This is a brand new No. 27 Chevrolet Impala that will turn its first laps during opening practice on Friday at Kansas Speedway.

**By the Numbers at Kansas ...** In his five career NSCS starts at Kansas, Menard has finished each of his contested races and completed 99.7 percent of his laps (1,274 of 1,278), leading for 11 circuits. He has an average starting position of 12<sup>th</sup> and an average finishing position of 22.2. In his October 2010 visit to the 1.5-mile oval, Menard made his best start of second and logged his best finish of eighth. He also has three top-10 finishes in five NASCAR Nationwide Series starts, claiming the pole position in his first NNS visit to the Kansas City-based race track (October 2004), and one NASCAR Camping World Truck Series start in July 2003.

**Last Time Around Kansas ...** The Eau Claire, Wis., native started his No. 27 Chevrolet from the ninth position in June but handling issues plagued the racer throughout the 267-lap race. The Slugger Labbe-led team made adjustments in order to neutralize the handling, but the team was forced to settle for a 19<sup>th</sup>-place result.

**A Loopy Year in Review ...** After 29 races, Menard has an average starting position of 12.2, ranking him eighth among of all drivers and sixth among those competing full time. He maintains an average running position of 16.9, has made 3,107 green-flag passes (ranked fifth of all drivers), has spent 3,751 laps racing in the top 15 (ranked 18th of all drivers), is ranked fourth in the Loop Data category of Quality Passes (1594 green-flag passes while running in the Top 15). He has also completed 95.6 percent of his laps (8,069 of 8,443).

### 2011 Season Statistics:

**Starts:** 29      **Win:** 1      **Top-five finishes:** 4      **Top-10 finishes:** 7      **Laps led:** 81  
**Best start:** 2nd (Pocono, June and Chicagoland)      **Best finish:** 1st (Indianapolis)

**Paul Menard LIVE for Chevy Q&A ...** Fans can see Menard live on Sunday, October 9 at 9:45 a.m. on the Chevy Stage, located outside the frontstretch in the midway area. The RCR driver will be part of a question-and-answer session hosted by Chevrolet.

**About Schrock ...** Schrock is a manufacturer of quality cabinetry, offering beautiful styling and creative organization solutions for the entire home. Schrock is part of the MasterBrand Cabinets family of brands, the #1 cabinet manufacturer in North America. For more information, visit [www.schrockatmenards.com](http://www.schrockatmenards.com).

**Race Rewind ...** Paul Menard started his Richard Childress Racing machine from the third position, his best career start at the Dover, Del.-based facility. The Pittsburgh Paints/Menards team rallied to a 16<sup>th</sup>-place finish in the closing laps at Dover International Speedway after working throughout the afternoon to neutralize the handling of the No. 27 Chevrolet Impala around the "Monster Mile."

**Double Duty Weekend ...** In addition to his driving duties with RCR's No. 27 team, Menard will drive Kevin Harvick Incorporated's No. 33 Menards Chevrolet in Saturday's 300-mile NASCAR Nationwide Series race at Kansas. The race will air live on ESPN2 beginning at 3:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time and will be broadcast live on MRN Radio and Sirius Satellite Radio.

