

PREVIEW

PAUL MENARD

LIBMAN/MENARDS CHEVROLET

RICHMOND INT'L RACEWAY

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This Week's Libman/Menards Chevrolet at Richmond International Raceway ... Paul Menard will pilot chassis No. 342 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 is making its competitive debut this weekend at the 0.75-mile Virginia facility. Menard tested this car at Walt Disney World Speedway (Orlando, Fla.) in January.

Menard at Richmond ... In eight starts at RIR, Menard has finished each of his contested races and completed 99.3 percent of his laps (3,187 of 3,210), leading for one circuit. He has a 31st-place average starting position and an average finishing position of 27.2 with his best finish of 16th coming in the May 2007 event. His best start at the 0.75-mile oval came in his last visit (September 2010) when he took the green flag in the seventh position. He has also recorded two top-five and four top-10 finishes and led for 160 laps at RIR in NASCAR Nationwide Series competition.

It's Been a Very Good Year ... Menard has recorded career-best performances at nearly every track the NSCS has traveled to this season. He heads to Richmond 11th in the driver championship point standings, a mere three points out of 10th.

2011 Season Statistics:

Starts: 8	Top-five finishes: 2	Top-10 finishes: 3	Laps led: 53
Best start: 4th (Auto Club Speedway, March)	Average start: 13.6		
Best finish: 5th (Bristol, March, and Texas, April)	Average finish: 14.2		

Meet the Driver ... Menard will sign autographs at the Menards/RCR souvenir hauler located in the merchandise area at RIR, on Saturday, April 30 from 3:15 – 3:45 p.m. EDT.

Virginia is for...racing! ... Two members of the No. 27 Libman/Menards team hail from the Commonwealth of Virginia. Curt Bowman, gas man and fuel system mechanic, is from Meadows of Dan, Va., while tire specialist Chris Sherwood is a Portsmouth, Va., native.

About Libman ... For over 110 years, the Libman family has made quality their utmost priority. William Libman started The Libman Company in 1896 with one mission; to make the finest, most durable wire-wound corn brooms. William's sons, grandsons and great grandchildren have since expanded that mission to include the finest mops, brooms, brushes and cleaning tools. For more information on Libman, please visit www.libman.com.

Race Rewind ... Two weeks ago, Menard and the No. 27 team brought home a 12th-place finish from Talladega Superspeedway after running inside the top 10 for the majority of the 188-lap event. Following the final caution of the afternoon, Menard found himself looking for a drafting partner on the restart. He persevered and claimed a top-15 result.



"RCR has one of the best short track programs, and Slugger and I are learning a lot from what the other guys have done in the past. At Phoenix we hit on a couple of things that I think will definitely help us this weekend in Richmond."
— Paul Menard