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FAST FACTS

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Sprint Cup Series Statistics at Daytona International Speedway

Starts: 9
Wins: 0
Poles: 1
Top 5: 0
Top 10: 2
Laps Led: 35
Average Start: 22.1
Average Finish: 18.6
Laps Completed: 1571 / 1586 (99.1%)

Race Info:

February 26, 2012
Daytona International Speedway
2.5-mile Tri-Oval
DAYTONA 500
200 laps / 500 miles

Race Broadcast Info:

TV: FOX 12 p.m. EST
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PEAK / Menards Chevrolet

DAYTONA INT'L SPEEDWAY
FEBRUARY 26, 2012



DAYTONA 500 Preview

This Week's PEAK/Menards Chevrolet at Daytona International Speedway ... Paul Menard will pilot Chassis No. 338 from the Richard Childress Racing NASCAR Sprint Cup Series stable in the Daytona 500. This Chevrolet Impala was a new addition to the RCR fleet for the 2011 season and saw superspeedway competition as Menard's No. 27 in the Daytona 500, at Talladega Superspeedway in April and at Daytona International Speedway in the Coke Zero 400 in July. The car was last seen on track at Talladega in October, entered as the No. 33 Chevy 100 Years Chevrolet where the team started third and went on to claim RCR's 100th NASCAR Sprint Cup Series victory.

Change of Colors on the PEAK/Menards Chevrolet during Speedweeks ... The No. 27 PEAK/Menards Chevrolet will carry a special paint scheme during Speedweeks at Daytona. "PEAK blue" and "Menards yellow" will don the Impala as the Sprint Cup Series kicks off the 2012 season.

Time to Duel ... The Duels at Daytona features two 150-mile qualifying races that determine the starting lineup for the 54th running of the Daytona 500. On Thursday, Feb. 23 Menard will join RCR teammates Jeff Burton and Kevin Harvick in the first of the two qualifying shootouts and will start the 75-lap sprint from the eighth position.

New Faces on the No. 27 team ... Some new faces will sport the signature neon yellow this season, including Blythe, Calif., native Clint Almquist who was a member of the No. 29 RCR team in 2011. He joins the No. 27 crew as a road mechanic and works in RCR's fabricator shop during the week. Statesville, N.C.'s Josh Threatte joins the Slugger Labbe-led crew as an engineer. When he's not crunching numbers you can find this extreme athlete sky diving, rock climbing and mountain biking. On race day, newcomer Matt Kreuter will fuel the No. 27 Chevrolet Impala. Kreuter comes from the No. 33 RCR team and was named NASCAR Sprint Pit Crew Challenge Rear Tire Carrier Individual Champion in both 2010 and 2011. Tuning the ECR power under the hood of the PEAK/Menards machine this year is John Goodwin, who was on the No. 31 RCR team in 2011.

Gentlemen, Start Your Engines! ... The 54th Daytona 500 will mark Menard's 184th career start in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series. This will be his fifth consecutive run in the "Great American Race" and his 10th appearance at the 2.5-mile speedway.

Starting up Front at Daytona ... Menard earned his lone NSCS pole position at Daytona International Speedway. In 2008, he claimed the pole award for the Coke Zero 400 at Daytona (July). The following year, he started the Budweiser Shootout from the pole position when he drew the top spot during Budweiser's annual Shootout Draw Party.

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Paul Menard LIVE for Chevy Q&A ... Fans can participate in a question-and-answer session with Menard on Saturday, Feb. 25 at 9 a.m. EST on the Chevy Stage, located in the merchandise area outside turn four.

Race Rewind ... One year ago, RCR's newest team showcased their talents at Daytona and proved they were a force to be reckoned with by starting from the 19th position and demonstrating a solid performance to bring home a ninth-place finish in the 2011 Daytona 500.

In the Rearview Mirror: Budweiser Shootout ... Menard and the PEAK/Menards team quickly catapulted from their 24th-place starting position into the top-10, only to be collected in the first multi-car accident when the bright blue and yellow No. 27 Chevrolet was turned from behind and into the outside retaining wall, ending their night early with a 23rd-place result.

"The great thing about plate racing is that it's really anyone's game. It opens the door for a lot of guys and levels the playing field. It's a lot of fun from that perspective. We are coming off a great test at Daytona and two top 10s. I think we have a great chance to be up front."

— Paul Menard