



SHELBY AMERICAN RACE REPORT

PAUL MENARD • No. 98 Moen/Menards Ford Fusion



- The No. 98 Ford qualified for the Shelby American in the 26th position
- Menard scored his third consecutive top-20 finish of the season at Las Vegas Motor Speedway
- The Wisconsin native picked up one position in the point standings and now stands in 17th

Race Summary: After qualifying in the 26th spot for the start of the Shelby American at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Menard radioed to crew chief Slugger Labbe early in the event that although the Menards Ford Fusion was tight in the center and loose off the corners of the track, overall it was handling pretty well. The crew bolted on four fresh tires during the first pit stop of the day and after a miscue in the pits that resulted in a return trip to pit road, Menard returned to the track in the 27th spot.

The No. 98 Ford broke into the top 20 just prior to the halfway point of the event and Labbe continued to make positive adjustments to the handling of the car. Though the car became a little loose during the closing stages of the race, Menard battled his way to a 17th- place finish. The Menards Racing team has scored top-20 finishes in each of the three events during the 2010 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series campaign.

Crew Chief Slugger Labbe on the Las Vegas Event: "I kind of got us in trouble on the first start because I had Paul go a little quicker than the tire changer could finish his job, so that was my fault. We got behind and then we put two tires on during the third stop in the race and the Menards Ford just didn't react like we had hoped and it got too loose. Our car turned good all day long, which is a good thing, so we'll take these three top twenties in a row. It's something Paul has never done in his career, so we'll just keep building on that. I feel really good about our cars, what we're doing, and the pit crew. Paul's feedback is awesome and I think everyone is growing together and that's positive, so we'll just keep getting good finishes and move forward."

Next Race

Date: March 7, 2010
Race: Kobalt Tools 500
Laps: 325 Laps/500.5 Miles

TV Information: 1p.m. ET on FOX
Radio Information: 1p.m. ET on PRN and Sirius/XM
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