

Date of Birth **Aug. 21, 1980**

Marital Status **Married - Jennifer**

Children **Daughter - Remi**

Residence **Charlotte, NC**

Hobbies **Snow skiing, dirt bikes, shooting, boating & karting**

The Eau Claire, Wisconsin, native first climbed behind the wheel of a go kart at the age of eight and competed in the Wisconsin area. He won two Briggs Class Championships during his karting career. Before making his NASCAR debut, he raced in the International Ice Racing Association, winning 10 IIRA events. Menard moved to the NASCAR Challenge Series, earning his first pole award and win during his rookie season (2001). In 2002, he earned two wins in the NASCAR Grand-Am Rolex Sports Car Series.

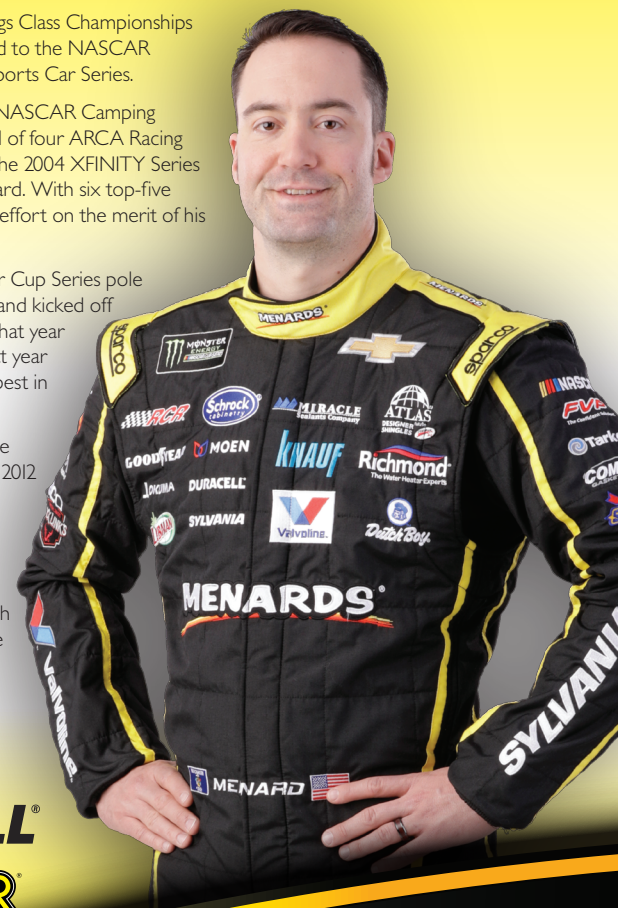
In April 2003, Menard made his first career ARCA Racing Series presented by Menards start with Andy Petree Racing. In June, he made his first career NASCAR Camping World Truck Series start. That same year, he made his first XFINITY Series start and his first Cup Series start. The then 23-year-old competed in a total of four ARCA Racing Series events, earning his first pole award and driving to his first win at Talladega Superspeedway after starting from the 38th position. Menard started the 2004 XFINITY Series season competing for Andy Petree Racing. Midseason, however, he joined forces with Dale Earnhardt, Inc., and earned his first XFINITY Series pole award. With six top-five and 15 top-10 finishes in 2005, Menard finished the season a career high sixth in the driver championship point standings. The following year, he tied the effort on the merit of his first career XFINITY Series victory, seven top-five and 16 top-10 finishes.

In 2007, Menard made the move to full-time competition in the NASCAR Cup Series and won Rookie of the Race honors in four events. His first career Cup Series pole award came in his 39th career start at Daytona International Speedway in 2008. Menard made the move to Robert Yates Racing after the 2008 season and kicked off 2009 in the No. 98 entry. Heading into the 2010 season, Yates Racing merged with Richard Petty Motorsports placing Menard under the RPM banner. That year he finished with a then career-best one top-five and six top-10 finishes. The Wisconsin native also returned to full-time XFINITY Series competition that year driving the No. 98 entry for Roush Fenway Racing, capping the season off with a fifth-place finish in the driver championship point standings, his career-best in the series.

Joining the RCR family for the 2011 season, the year was highlighted with his first Cup Series win at Indianapolis Motor Speedway in the Brickyard 400. He went on to complete 2011 with four top-five and eight top-10 finishes with 82 laps led, and finished 17th in the driver championship point standings. The 2012 season was a stellar year for the Richard Childress Racing driver as he recorded a career-high finish of 16th in the points, accumulating one top-five and nine top-10 finishes, while leading all competitors in NASCAR's premier series in laps completed (10,406 of 10,442). In 2013, consistency played a role as Menard finished 17th in the championship standings on the strength of three top-five and nine top-10 finishes.

The 2014 season was a solid year for Menard as he recorded a career-best five top-five and 13 top-10 finishes en route to a 21st-place finish in the standings. Menard carried the momentum from 2014 to 2015, earning his first berth in the Chase for the Cup Championship with a 14th-place point finish in the familiar No. 27 Menards Chevrolet SS. He completed the 2015 season with two top-five, five top-10 and 21 top-15 finishes. Menard completed the 2016 season with three top-10 and nine top-15 finishes. Paul also competed in eight NASCAR XFINITY Series events resulting in four top-five and six top-10 finishes.

The 2017 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series season marks Paul Menard's 11th year at NASCAR's premier level.



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