Michigan Winner Casey Mears Racing No.	13 Valvoline™ NextGen™ Ford Fusion for
Germain Racing on Sunday	

- Mears won at MIS in the ARCA Racing Series in 2003, leading 55 of 100 laps
- Germain Racing has competed in 3 series at MIS earning a best Sprint Cup Series finish of 15th, NNS of 8th and 2nd-place in NCWTS
- MIS ranks 10th for Casey Mears on list of NSCS tracks by average finish
- Mears has 321 NSCS starts heading into MIS with 46 top-ten finishes, 12 top-fives, one win and 3 poles
- Bootie Barker is crew chief for the Valvoline NextGen Fusion and has been with Germain Racing since 2009

Mooresville, N.C. (June 14, 2012) - Germain Racing is proud to race a Valvoline[™]-sponsored entry for the first time in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series this weekend at Michigan International Speedway. Previously, the team sported the Valvoline colors in NASCAR's other two premier divisions. Sunday, veteran driver Casey Mears will wheel the No. 13 Valvoline NextGen[™] Ford

Fusion around the freshly repaved 2.0-mile oval.
"The Germain family has had a long-standing relationship with Ashland and the Valvoline products in our automobile dealerships. Valvoline has been a long-time supporter of Germain Racing," explained team owner Bob Germain Jr. "So it's very exciting for us to run the Valvoline NextGen Ford Fusion to help promote the NextGen recycled oil products to NASCAR Sprint Cup Series fans."
In addition to Michigan, Germain Racing will carry the Valvoline NextGen paint scheme at Ashland's hometown race track, Kentucky Speedway.
"I'm very glad to have Valvoline NextGen on and in our Ford Fusion this weekend. Valvoline has supported Germain Racing since 2010 but this will be the first time we have run this paint scheme in the Sprint Cup Series. It's also the first of two races for this partnership, in Michigan and Kentucky so I hope that we will be able to have a couple good runs for them," said Mears. "The NextGen oil is 50-percent recycled so it comes from a better base stock which makes it a better oil as well as a green product to help our environment."
Mears is looking forward to racing at Michigan, although the California native is not sure what his past experience there will bring to the table given the track's fresh pavement.

"I've always enjoyed racing at Michigan," explained Mears. "I liked driving it in the past because of the way it was paved; you could run the top, middle and bottom. But I don't know how the repave is going to change that. It has been a decent track for me though and I've had some really good runs there—finished 2nd two years in a row in Indy Lights and won a race in ARCA. I'm looking forward to going back."
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