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**MEARS SURVIVES MULTIPLE SETBACKS TO SALVAGE 26<sup>TH</sup> PLACE FINISH IN KANSAS**

**Kansas City, KS (May 10, 2014)** - Casey Mears and his GEICO team entered Kansas with three consecutive top 20 finishes under their belts and were looking to continue that run. Saturday marked the first time the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series raced at night at Kansas Speedway and the full grandstands reflected the significance of the event.

Mears and his No. 13 GEICO Chevrolet SS were quick off of the truck and ended up 11<sup>th</sup> at the close of the weekend's opening practice session on Friday. Final practice saw Mears 26<sup>th</sup> on the board before he later qualified 27<sup>th</sup> for the 5-Hour Energy 400.

When race fans arrived at the track for Saturday evening's 267-lap event, rain threatened the area and even caused a short delay. The precipitation cleared quickly and the green flag set the field underway just a few minutes after the scheduled start time. Mears and his GEICO Chevy rolled off of the starting grid from the 27<sup>th</sup> position and quickly moved into the top 25 on the opening lap. Unf



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