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DEBRIS DAMAGE DOESN'T DETER MEARS; SCORES A TOP-25 FINISH AT CHARLOTTE

CONCORD, NC - (May 25, 2014) When practice kicked off on Thursday at Charlotte Motor Speedway, Casey Mears and his Germain Racing team ended up 33

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in the opening practice session. Fortunately, things turned around when the camo-clad No. 13 GEICO Military Chevrolet SS took to the track for practice on Saturday, as they ended up 16

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in the respective sessions. Of greater significance, Mears turned in the sixth best ten-lap average in the morning before later recording the eighth fastest ten-lap average in final practice, indicating the car showed consistency over a longer period of time.

After qualifying 34th for Sunday's Coca-Cola 600, Casey Mears and the GEICO Racing team were banking on the changing track conditions to play in their favor in allowing them to race to the front. The fact that the event is the longest race on the circuit at 600-miles - and that it begins in sunny conditions and finishes under the lights - guarantees that nothing is guaranteed.

