

MEARS' PERSEVERANCE NETS TOP 25 FINISH IN MICHIGAN'S IRISH HILLS

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Brooklyn, MI (June 15, 2014) - On a bright and sunny Father's Day in Brooklyn, MI, Casey Mears stood at the car with his father, Roger Mears, for a few photos during pre-race. Mears then held his own children for pre-race prayer and set off to race in the Quicken Loans 400 at Michigan International Speedway.

Throughout the weekend's three practice sessions and Friday's qualifying session, the Germain Racing crew was focused on making the No. 13 GEICO Chevy SS adjustable so the team could tighten up the car's chassis as the race progressed. Loose was the predicted condition that most drivers would complain of, and that held true.

Starting from the 31st position, Mears spent the early laps of the race more concerned with avoiding crash contact than wondering how the GEICO Chevy was handling. As the field attempted to complete the first lap of competition under the green flag, the No. 55 car of Brian Vickers slid up into the wall just in front of Mears, bringing out the event's caution flag of the day.

"That's one. If history repeats itself, get ready, because there will probably be two more crashes like that before we can get to racing today," Crew chief Bootie Barker said to Mears over the team radio.

As Barker predicted, after six caution laps, there was another failed attempt to restart the racing action at Michigan. The green fla



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