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**NO SHOCKS, NO PROBLEM: MEARS COLLECTS TOP 20 FINISH AT KENTUCKY**

**Sparta, KY (June 28, 2014)** - As the summer picks up, so has Casey Mears and his GEICO team. Coming off of a strong run in Sonoma where Mears finished 13

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and earned the Sherwin-Williams Fast Lap of the Race award, the team was aiming for success at Kentucky Speedway. Germain Racing has worked hard to improve their performance on intermediate tracks and Kentucky would aid in the cause.

While first practice caused concern when the No. 13 GEICO Chevrolet SS was 31<sup>st</sup> on the board, crew chief Bootie Barker and the Germain Racing crew made changes that saw Mears catapult up the speed chart to 17

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in Happy Hour. He would later qualify 26

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- just behind close friend Jimmie Johnson who was 25

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- when he navigated the 1.5-mile oval in 29.440-seconds, at a



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