

NASCAR Preview: MENCS at The Glen August 6, 2017

Watkins Glen International is located amidst the rolling hills of the beautiful Finger Lakes region of Upstate New York, providing a unique contrast between the sights and sounds of racing and the scenic beauty of majestic farmland. Natural wonders, unique attractions and some of the world's finest wine can all be found within the Finger Lakes region, an exciting area known for its ever-changing landscape patterns.

Traveling even the shortest of distances will find dramatic variations in scenery, which can range from forested hills and rugged mountains to fertile farmland and meandering streams. Nestled at the southern tip of Seneca Lake, the largest of the five Finger Lakes, Watkins Glen is strategically located to allow access to several major metropolitan markets including Buffalo, Syracuse, Rochester and Binghamton.



Explore the history and unspoiled beauty of the lake country's quiet villages, dynamic nightlife, culture, shopping and sophistication of the cities, while enjoying the best racing action of the season. It's all available and easy to reach in the wonderful Finger Lakes region.

At the track: Don't miss any of the action in 2017 with giant Jumbo Trons at every Grandstand! Off-track entertainment includes the Summer Stage: come enjoy the fun



and listen to some great music again in 2017 during the Friday night concert on the Summer Stage.

For the younger fans there is the Mc-Donald's Kids' Zone: open for kids of all ages, the McDonald's Kids' Zone offers inflatable attractions, games and appear-



ances from Ronald and the rest of the gang. Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Don't have your tickets yet? Choose from a variety of seating locations to get the best views of all the on-track action! All grandstands are available with Sprint Vision (large TV) views and check out the McDonald's Family Grandstand for a non-smoking, alcohol-free experience.

General Admission is also available for viewing from all around the facility. Visit www.theglen.com to purchase tickets today. (Photos: FL Hanyon, MSA)

MENCS Recap: Ricky Stenhouse Jr. wins second straight plate race in wild Coke Zero 400

By Reid Spencer, NASCAR Wire Service

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– The major story of Saturday night's Coke Zero 400 Powered by Coca-Cola
– Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s final run at his beloved Daytona International Speedway in the No. 88 Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet – turned out to be a footnote to Ricky Stenhouse Jr.'s masterful victory in a war of attrition that produced a race-



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record 14 cautions.

The driver of the No. 17 Roush Fenway Racing Ford, who got his first Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series victory in his 158th career start two months ago at Talladega, established himself as a restrictor-plate wizard with his second straight superspeedway win, this one after three laps of overtime.

Stenhouse lined up behind race leader David Ragan for a restart on Lap 162, after a caution for a backstretch collision involving Jamie McMurray, Denny Hamlin and Erik Jones slowed the action for the 14th time and sent the race to overtime.



JR'S LAST DAYTONA

Ragan pulled out to a two-car-length lead after the restart, but Stenhouse surged past him near the end of the backstretch and protected the top spot the rest of the way. Clint Bowyer charged into the

runner-up position at the finish, beating third-place finisher Paul Menard to the stripe.

After the Talladega victory, Stenhouse talked team owner Jack Roush into letting him keep the winning car. So the No. 17 team built another

superspeedway car that was just as fast. "I kept my Talladega car and told them to build a new one," said Stenhouse, who locked himself into the postseason playoff with his second victory of the season.



RICKY TAKES BOTH RESTRICTOR RACES

"They built a Fifth Third Ford that was really fast..."

"This is awesome! I've been coming here since 2008. I actually came in 2006 one time with Bobby Hamilton Jr., and it's cool to put it in Victory Lane and get our second win this year. I love it! Thank you to the fans for coming out here. Everyone at NASCAR. What a great weekend. America! 1776! We are the champs!... This validates what we did at Talladega."



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