



**AJ ALLMENDINGER**  
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## **Allmendinger Puts Best Buy Ford on Front Row at Watkins Glen**

13 August 2011 (Watkins Glen, NY)-- AJ Allmendinger posted a fast lap time of 69.997 seconds (126.041 mph) with the No. 43 Best Buy Ford Fusion around the 2.45-mile Watkins Glen circuit to score a front row start for the 26th annual Helluva Good Dips at the Glen on Saturday.

The spot is his fourth front row start of the 2011 NASCAR Sprint Cup season as he looks to move up from 17th in the championship standings as the Chase deadline of Richmond continues to loom ever closer.

Allmendinger finished the 2010 Watkins Glen race fourth after starting in fourth and the California native will look to convert his front row start into something even better on Sunday.

"I'm proud of the Best Buy Ford and everyone at Richard Petty Motorsports," said Allmendinger as he was greeted by a throng of journalists. "I'm not going to lie, it's great to get in front of Marcos (Ambrose) today. He's the man here. So to put up a lap a little better than him is pretty cool. I still think he's going to be the guy to beat tomorrow. This is a great starting spot and a great day. We just keep building momentum and hopefully we can get a win. The big thing is to just keep getting better and have a strong finish to the season and build off that."

The race is the third for Allmendinger with new Crew Chief Greg Erwin.

"The results haven't showed it, but we've been getting better and better," said AJ. "It's great to have him making the calls on what kind of changes we need-big or small, just trying to figure out what we need with the cars. He's got so much experience. We've had solid weekends at Indy, Pocono, and ever since we've unloaded here at the Glen. Marcos is the guy to beat but I think we might have something for everyone else."

*About Walldinger Racing, Inc.: Walldinger Racing was formed in 2006 to support AJ Allmendinger's motorsports career by developing commercial opportunities and partnership programs.*

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