

Remaining 2009 IndyCar Series Schedule

Jul. 5	Watkins Glen International
Jul. 12	Streets of Toronto
Jul. 26	Edmonton City Centre
Aug. 1	Kentucky Speedway
Aug. 9	Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course
Aug. 23	Infineon Raceway
Sept. 19	Twin Ring Motegi
Oct. 10	Homestead-Miami Speedway

Race Report: Richmond

RICHMOND June 27, 2009—Ryan Hunter-Reay brought the No. 14 ABC Supply Indy car home without a scratch in the SunTrust Indy Challenge at Richmond International Raceway Saturday night. Scott Dixon won the 300 lap race which turned out to be a snoozer with very little passing on the track.

Track position--or lack thereof--proved crucial tonight. Most of the passes took place on pit road, either through fuel strategy, quick stops or in the case of the caution flag on lap 137, a dose of good luck.

Hunter-Reay qualified 18th on Saturday but then was eighth quickest in final practice. Unfortunately, in the race, he struggled with the car "pushing" in the early going but after the first pit stop the car's handling improved due to adjusting tire pressures and adding some front wing.

Once he got the handling a bit better, Hunter-Reay could run with the leaders but couldn't pass anyone, which was the case for many of the competitors. He lost one lap on the track and then he lost a second lap when the caution flag came out after he had made a pit stop under green. The leaders were able to pit under the yellow.

Hunter-Reay finished 15th for the team's best finish since the street course events in the beginning of what has turned into a very tough season for Foyt and his ABC Supply team.



Ryan Hunter-Reay on track in the No. 14 car at Richmond International Raceway

"We brought it home, that's the one positive from the night," said Hunter-Reay after a grueling run around the 3/4-mile banked oval. "We started out with a lot of push and we made that a bit better. In fact, we made the ABC Supply car better as the night went on. We could hang with some decent cars out there but we just weren't going anywhere, it was just a procession for us. I'm really looking forward to turning right and left again, bring on the road courses please."

It was the first time that Ryan actually worked with A.J. in a race. "It was good, but we've got to work on the communication and I've got to get used to it. I didn't know what he meant on some things. One thing you do know is when A.J. tells you something, nine times out of 10 he's right. He's been there."

The team heads to Watkins Glen International for next weekend's race. It will be televised on Sunday, starting at 1pm EDT on ABC-TV.