

Remaining 2009 IndyCar Series Schedule

Aug. 9	Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course
Aug. 23	Infineon Raceway
Aug 29	Chicagoland Speedway
Sept. 19	Twin Ring Motegi
Oct. 10	Homestead-Miami Speedway

Honda Indy 200 at Mid-Ohio TV Schedule

Qualifications Show:
Saturday, August 8th
6:00 pm EST
VERSUS

Race Time:
Sunday, August 9th
1:00 pm EST
VERSUS

Race Report: Meijer Indy 300 at Kentucky Speedway

SPARTA, KY Aug. 1, 2009—A pit road accident on lap 48 sealed the fate of Ryan Hunter-Reay and the ABC Supply team in the Meijer Indy 300 at Kentucky Speedway Saturday night.

After losing Friday's practice and qualifying due to weeper holes oozing ground water onto the track, the starting field was set according to entrant's points, putting the No. 14 car in the 17th position on the grid. The teams did get 75 minutes of practice Saturday afternoon. Hunter-Reay was happy with the car except for a vibration in his right rear tire. Firestone took steps to correct the problem for the race which seemed to work.

In the race, Hunter-Reay moved up three positions by lap four but by lap 15, he radioed in that he was getting an aero push in traffic. Team owner A.J. Foyt told him to hang on until they could make a wing adjustment.

Unfortunately that first pit stop turned into a near disaster. On exit, Hunter-Reay had trouble getting it into first gear which cost him a precious second or two. At the same time, rookie Mike Conway was exiting his pitbox behind Hunter-Reay. As they raced out of their pit boxes, Mario Moraes came roaring into his which was the next pitbox ahead of Hunter-Reay. Moraes and Conway crashed and came sliding



Ryan Hunter-Reay in the No. 14 car during the Meijer Indy 300 at Kentucky Speedway on August 2nd

into Moraes' pitbox in front of Hunter-Reay who was able to stop before hitting either of them.

His ABC Supply crew wheeled him back and he rejoined the race. Since the accident happened under green, he lost two laps and dropped to 18th. From then on, it was a matter of driving a clean race and bringing the car home to the finish which he did.

The crew continued to adjust the car with slight changes and by the final fuel stint, he was able to keep pace with the leaders. He passed the couple of cars that were on his same lap and a couple more dropped out so Hunter-Reay finished 14th.

"We got a good start but my ABC Supply car had an aero push in traffic so we did a wing change on the first stop," said Hunter-Reay. "But when I came down and put it in first [gear] and revved the motor, it

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wasn't in gear so I popped it into gear again. But Moraes cleaned out our pit and that did the damage to our whole race, it put us two laps down. We fought back for the positions we could gain but it's a shame we had a problem on that first stop... horrible timing but that's the kind of year we've had."

Ryan Briscoe won the hard fought race but it was Ed Carpenter who stole the show driving Tony George's Vision Racing No. 21 car. Carpenter started 14th and moved into the top five by lap 30. He never left. He led five times for a total of 34 laps and was narrowly edged out at the line by .0162 of a second! It was Carpenter's best finish and tied his team's best finish of second, which Hunter-Reay had given them in St. Petersburg earlier this year. Briscoe won that race too.

With just one caution flag, the average race speed was 200.893mph—the second fastest in history. Third through fifth were Tony Kanaan, Helio

Castroneves and Graham Rahal.

The IndyCar Series moves to Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course this week. The race will be televised live on VERSUS Sunday afternoon, August 9th, starting at 1pm EDT.



Injured ABC Supply driver, Vitor Meira (right), talking with Ryan Hunter-Reay after practice at Kentucky Speedway on August 9th.

Mark Your Calendars—2010 IndyCar Series Schedule Announced

The Indy Racing League has announced the schedule for the 2010 IndyCar Series race season. Next year's schedule will consist of eight ovals and nine road/street courses beginning with a new event in Brazil in March.

The schedule will lose two of its current events—Milwaukee and Richmond, but will include a new race at Barber Motorsports Park in Birmingham, Alabama.

The 2010 Schedule is as follows:

Sunday, March 14—Brazil

Sunday, March 28—Streets of St. Petersburg

Sunday, April 11—Barber Motorsports Park

Sunday, April 18—Streets of Long Beach

Saturday, May 1—Kansas Speedway

Sunday, May 30—Indianapolis Motor Speedway

Saturday, June 12—Texas Motor Speedway

Sunday, June 20—Iowa Speedway

Sunday, July 4—Watkins Glen International

Sunday, July 18—Streets of Toronto

Sunday, July 25—Edmonton City Centre

Sunday, August 8—Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course

Sunday, August 22—Infineon Raceway

Saturday, August 28—Chicagoland Speedway

Labor Day Weekend—Kentucky Speedway

Saturday, September 18—Twin Ring Motegi

Saturday, October 2—Homestead-Miami Speedway