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## Race Report: Kentucky Speedway

SPARTA, Ky. Aug.11 – Darren Manning started 18<sup>th</sup> and finished 13<sup>th</sup> in the Meijer Indy 300 at Kentucky Speedway Saturday evening. A.J. Foyt IV posted his career best finish of third behind winner Tony Kanaan and runner-up Scott Dixon.

Manning and crew never found the sweet spot on the No. 14 ABC Supply car Friday or on race day. They made a host of changes on the car to fins the elusive speed on the 1.5-mile superspeedway. It was the first time this season that the team didn't make gains with the car's set-up in the race.

The team did post quick pit stops in the seven and eight second range with one exception when a gun jammed. But at that point in the race, the miscue cost only one spot—to Buddy Rice. Manning regained the position on a restart but eventually had to relinquish it back.

"It was a tough weekend," said team owner A.J. Foyt. "We changed everything on the car but we kept running the same speed. It was very frustrating for all of us. But I'm very proud of

my grandson—he drove a helluva race."

The race had a wild end when Dario Franchitti went flying through the air for the second week in a row, only this time it was after the checkered

flag flew. Franchitti admitted afterwards that he didn't realize the race was over when he rode up quickly on a slowing Matsuura. Franchitti tried to avoid Matsuura but rode over his wheel which launched Franchitti into another aerial act. He emerged un-

injured.

Manning heads to the Europe Sunday in preparation for the LeMans Series race at Spa Francorchamps in Belgium where he'll drive an LMP2 car

for Embassy Racing. It is the first of three races that he will run, with the other two events being held after the IndyCar Series season ends.

The IndyCar Series takes a weekend off before heading into its final three events of the season, the first

of which is the Motorola Indy 300 at Infineon Raceway in Sonoma, Calif. That race will be televised on ESPN at 3:30 pm ET Sunday, Aug.26.



Darren Manning signing autographs at the ABC tent



Pit Stop at Kentucky Speedway