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**VISION RACING FACT SHEET**  
**Nikon Indy 300 – Oct. 26, 2008**  
**Streets of Surfers Paradise, Gold Coast, Australia**

**Vision Racing Fast Facts:**

- **TAKING THE VISION TO AUSTRALIA:** Vision Racing hopes to have the “Midas Touch” for its first venture to the Gold Coast of Australia as the IndyCar Series makes its debut there in a non-points race on the streets of Surfers Paradise. Team drivers Ed Carpenter and A.J. Foyt IV will both make their first attempt Down Under as well. Also making the trip will be team road-course consultant, Bryan Herta, who will continue his role behind pit wall with advising the team and drivers on their road racing approach.
- **A NOT-TOO EXTREME MAKE-OVER:** The Vision Racing cars will sport a new paint scheme for the race Down Under. The two team entries will both feature a predominantly grey scheme with some yellow and red accents for the Nikon Indy 300. The paint scheme change is not so much a fashion statement as one of convenience, as the team will be able to bring along just one back-up car to the Gold Coast street event and with a uniform scheme, the cars’ body work parts will be more aesthetically interchangeable.
- **STRONG RUNS FOILED AT CHICAGOLAND:** In the most recent race at Chicagoland Speedway in September, drivers A.J. Foyt IV and Ed Carpenter got off to strong starts only to have their races characterized by being fast, but very unlucky. Carpenter started 13<sup>th</sup> and Foyt 15<sup>th</sup> at the green flag, but the pair would not remain there very long as both drivers ran as high as fourth in the race. Carpenter was in fourth on lap 36 when a right front suspension failure sent him into the wall to endure heavy contact and damage. Foyt was hard-charging in turn four of the last lap and looking to regain the fifth spot from Will Power when he slid on worn tires and careened through the infield grass as the checkered flag waved
- **4<sup>th</sup> SEASON:** Vision Racing is finishing up their fourth season while maintaining a two-car operation for much of the 2008 season with returning drivers Ed Carpenter and A.J. Foyt IV. They also welcomed back Davey Hamilton for the 92<sup>nd</sup> running of the Indianapolis 500 and hired veteran Paul Tracy for the Rexall Edmonton Indy affair at Edmonton. The Nikon Indy 300 will be the team’s **66<sup>th</sup> IndyCar Series event** since their first season in 2005.
- **ON ROAD/STREET COURSES:** The team’s best finishes on a road or street course is fourth scored by Paul Tracy this season at Edmonton. Prior to that a pair of sixth place drives by Tomas Scheckter on the streets of St. Petersburg last year and by Ed Carpenter in 2006 at Watkins Glen International remained the team’s best road and street drives. Overall the team’s highest finishes on any track are third place drives by Scheckter in 2006 at the Milwaukee Mile (oval) and by A.J. Foyt IV last year at Kentucky Speedway (oval).
- **2008 TEAM HIGHLIGHTS:** After 17 races, team drivers Carpenter, Foyt and Tracy have combined to give Vision Racing four top-five finishes and eight additional top-10 finishes. The team’s best finish this season was a fourth place drive scored by Tracy. Carpenter (Homestead and Indianapolis) and Foyt

(Iowa) have each logged fifth place finishes as well. The team's best starting position for 2008 came at Kansas when Foyt started fifth. Carpenter's best start also came at Kansas when he took the green flag in the sixth spot.

- **SIGHTS SET ON GOOD HEALTH:** In May the team announced the launch of the **Vision Racing Wellness Tour** which has allowed race fans to receive free cholesterol screenings and diabetes education at IndyCar Series events nationwide. Lilly -- a worldwide leader in diabetes treatment, research and education based in Indianapolis,-- provided the diabetes education component of the Wellness Tour, while team partner Polymer Technology Systems, Inc. provided its revolutionary CardioChek® home cholesterol test system to complete the cholesterol screening. **The Vision Racing Wellness Tour screened a total of 5600 people over 24 events in 2008.**
- **BATTLING DIABETES WITH FILM:** While the Wellness Tour will not be on site in Australia, the impact of Lilly's efforts to battle the world wide epidemic of diabetes can be seen State-side via the Heartland Film Festival. Team owner Laura George sits on the board of directors for **the Heartland Film Festival** which **will feature a short documentary produced by Lilly titled, *Life for a Child*.** The film depicts the struggles of children with diabetes in the developing world, where access to care and medicine is scarce; as a result, many children die or develop severe complications such as blindness and nerve disease. To combat this problem, Lilly supports a program called Life for a Child, run by the International Diabetes Federation, which provides hope to many of these children in 17 developing countries. A year ago, Lilly financed the filming of a documentary on this issue, and enlisted a veteran Hollywood filmmaker named Edward Lachman (a noted cinematographer who was nominated for an Oscar in 2003) to direct; filming took place in Nepal last October.
- **NEW AND OLD FOR 2008:** New sponsors Menards and DIRECTV joined returning sponsor CardioChek to grace the No. 20 machine driven by Ed Carpenter for the 2008 season. The Menards sponsorship also brings the likes of Johns Manville, Energizer, Moen, Peak Antifreeze, Pittsburgh Paints, Sylvania, SuperClean and Quaker State. Continuing the new sponsor lineup on the No. 20 are MUUD Coffee and NÜSSLI Group. Starting at Indianapolis, Lilly Diabetes joined the team on the No. 2 car piloted by A.J. Foyt IV for the balance of the season. This season the team has also undergone some personnel changes. Former crew chief, Keven Kukulewicz was appointed to the team manager in May. In addition, returning engineers Nathan O'Rourke and Al Bodey have been joined by newcomer and lead race engineer, Jeff Britton. Overseeing the race strategy for Carpenter will be Britton and Foyt will be directed by team owner Tony George while Britton will be lead engineer on Carpenter's car and Foyt will take technical direction from O'Rourke. Starting at Mid-Ohio, IndyCar Series veteran and winner Bryan Herta will serve as a road-course consultant for the team for the remainder of the season. At Edmonton, Canadian driver Paul Tracy joined the team in the team's No. 22 machine, sponsored by Subway.
- **AS SEEN ON TV:** Patrick Dempsey joined Vision Racing prior to the 2006 season, taking on a new role that has been making hearts race in a literal way as a team co-owner. Known for his scene-stealing turns in such '80s nostalgia classics such as *Can't Buy Me Love* and *Loverboy*, Patrick Dempsey continues to please America with his explosive charisma and versatile talent. Dempsey is the star of the ABC drama "Grey's Anatomy." Dempsey's no stranger to the racetrack when he's not in front of the camera. A true racer at heart, he's currently driving professionally in "Grand American Cup" class sports car racing with Hypersport. Patrick also attended the Skip Barber and Panoz Racing Schools and began racing in the Panoz GT Series in 2004. Dempsey finished an impressive third at the Panoz GT race in Road Atlanta in early May 2005. He also competed in the April 2005 Toyota Celebrity Race at Long Beach and the 2005 Baja 1000 with drivers Boris Said and Oriol Servia.
- **A TEAM WITH A VISION:** Vision Racing is owned and operated by Tony and Laura George as well as actor Patrick Dempsey of ABC's Grey's Anatomy and is based in Indianapolis, Indiana in a 32,000 square foot facility. The team competes full-time in the 16-race IndyCar Series schedule, and competed in the Rolex 24-Hour endurance race in Daytona, Florida for the second time. Competing amidst its

fourth season in the IndyCar Series the team features returning drivers Ed Carpenter and A.J. Foyt IV for 2008. Vision Racing continues to proudly perpetuate the legacy of the Hulman-George family through motorsports excellence, by demonstrating the traditions and heritage of the Indianapolis 500 and IndyCar Racing.

**A.J. Foyt IV – No. 2 Lilly Diabetes/Vision Racing Dallara/Honda/Firestone:**

*Looking for strong debut Down Under.*

*Finished 10<sup>th</sup> at Belle Isle in most recent street course event.*

- **AT AUSTRALIA:** The Nikon Indy 300 will be A.J. Foyt IV's first attempt on the streets of Surfers Paradise as the IndyCar Series makes its debut to the Gold Coast of Australia. Foyt's best road/street course finish came last season at Belle Isle when he took ninth. This season his best road/street course finish again came on the streets of Belle Isle when he took 10<sup>th</sup>.
- **MOST RECENTLY:** Foyt, who qualified and started from the 15<sup>th</sup> position in the season championship points finale, drove as high as fourth in the race, but a late race incident left him in the 13<sup>th</sup> spot. Due to an incident on lap 189, the race was restarted for the final time with just six laps remaining while Foyt was in the fifth position. With just one lap to go, Foyt was in sixth and looked to regain the fifth spot back from Will Power when he lost grip in turn four while making a strong move to the outside. Foyt slid off track and through the infield grass as the checkered flag waved. He finished the season 19<sup>th</sup> in the championship point standings with 280 points.
- **2008 SEASON:** This is the sixth season of participation in the IndyCar Series competition for Foyt and his fifth full season as he only participated in one race in 2006. After 17 races, Foyt has a best finish of 5<sup>th</sup> at Iowa and three other top-10 drives. His best start this year is fifth at Kansas. He's been running at the finish in 10 events. He finished 19<sup>th</sup> in the championship point standings.
- **NEW SPONSOR:** In May, **Eli Lilly & Co.** announced that it would become a strategic partner in the team's Vision Racing Wellness Tour, which brings free cholesterol screening and diabetes education to IndyCar Series fans, as well as those fans at the Allstate 400 at the Brickyard and Red Bull Indianapolis GP at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. In addition, the uniform of team driver A.J. Foyt IV and his No. 2 Vision Racing Dallara/Honda/Firestone machine were made to display the branding of Lilly, including Lilly Diabetes.
- **FIRST LEADER LAPS:** In his only IndyCar Series start in 2006 with Andretti-Green Racing at Chicagoland Speedway, Foyt led his first race for three laps and ended up finishing in the 12<sup>th</sup> spot. He added 13 leader laps to his IndyCar Series career tally at Kentucky Speedway last season where he also finished a career-high third. This year he led three laps in his debut at Edmonton. He has led a total of 19 laps in his IndyCar Series career.
- **FROM CREW TO DRIVER:** Despite his famous name, Foyt earned his way up the racing ladder. His first job was working at the race shop as a parts washer and he served on the crew and changed right-front tire for A.J. Foyt Racing IndyCar Series driver Ayrton Daré during 2002 season.
- **INDY'S YOUNGEST:** Foyt is the youngest driver to race in the Indianapolis 500. His rookie attempt at the Greatest Spectacle in Racing occurred on his 19th birthday, May 25, 2003. Prior to moving to the IndyCar Series, Foyt won Firestone Indy Lights Championship in 2002 with four wins in seven events.
- **INDY LIGHTS CHAMPION:** Foyt also won the inaugural Firestone Indy Lights title in 2002 before stepping up to the IndyCar Series the following season as an 18-year-old.
- **DID YOU KNOW?:** A.J. Foyt IV appeared in the 2005 Warner Brothers movie release, *The Dukes of Hazzard*, which also starred Jessica Simpson, Johnny Knoxville, Seann William Scott, Burt Reynolds and Willie Nelson.
- **A.J. AT-A-GLANCE:** Joining Vision Racing in 2007, A.J. Foyt IV is entering his fifth full IndyCar Series season and will participate in his sixth season overall. His first full season came in 2003 after driving for

grandfather and legendary driver, A.J. Foyt. He drove for Foyt Enterprises from 2003 to 2005. In 2006 he drove in the season finale for Andretti Green Racing in place of the injured, Dario Franchitti.

- **Highest Career Start:** 5<sup>th</sup> – Kansas Speedway, 2008/Vision Racing
- **Highest Career Finish:** 3<sup>rd</sup> – Kentucky Speedway, 2007/Vision Racing
- **Laps Led:** 19
- **Top-5's:** 2
- **Top-10's:** 12
- **Starts:** 82
- **Running at Finish:** 52

**Ed Carpenter – No. 20 Menards/Vision Racing Dallara/Honda/Firestone:**

*Aiming for Accolades in Australia.*

*Ran as high as eighth in most recent street course event at Belle Isle.*

- **AT AUSTRALIA:** Ed Carpenter will be aiming for accolades in Australia this weekend as he makes his debut in the Nikon Indy 300 on the streets of Surfers Paradise. Carpenter shares the team's second-best finishes on a road/street course with his sixth place run at Watkins Glen in 2006. He has been running at the finish in all six of the road/street course events this season with his best finish of 14<sup>th</sup> coming on the most-recent street course event at Belle Isle.
- **MOST RECENTLY:** At Chicagoland Speedway, Carpenter started 13<sup>th</sup> and made a hard charge through the field from the moment the green flag was waved to sit solidly in fourth position by lap 12. While still running in the fourth spot on lap 36, Carpenter suffered a right front suspension failure and made heavy contact with the wall which ended his race early. Carpenter finished 28<sup>th</sup> in the race and 15<sup>th</sup> in the championship point standings with 320 points.
- **2008 SEASON:** This is the fifth full season in IndyCar Series competition for Carpenter and the sixth season that he has participated in overall. After 17 races, Carpenter has a best finish of fifth at Homestead and Indianapolis and five other top-10 drives. His best start this year was sixth at Kansas. He's been running at the finish in 13 events. He finished 15<sup>th</sup> in the point standings.
- **FIRST LEADER LAPS:** In his fifth IndyCar Series start in at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway for the 92<sup>nd</sup> running of the Indianapolis 500, Carpenter recorded his first laps led in an IndyCar. He led the field for three laps under caution and finished fifth.
- **BACK WITH MENARDS:** The team's expanded sponsorship portfolio for the 2008 IndyCar Series season included the addition of Menards as the primary sponsor of the No. 20 Vision Racing Dallara/Honda/Firestone, driven by Ed Carpenter. Not only does this mark the return of the recognizable Menards sponsorship in the IndyCar Series, but also reunites the home store retailer with Carpenter. The 27-year-old driver carried the Menards livery in 2002, with Sinden Racing in the Indy Pro Series.
- **ED "CARPENTER":** Carpenter and his arsenal of power tools have been busy this past off-season as he has been knee deep in a house flipping project with a long time friend. Of course, Menards has been an essential part of Carpenter's home repair ventures. Prior to his current real estate investment, Carpenter and his "do-it-yourself" mentality crafted his home repair skills with his first home and family heirloom. The home, which he still owns, is located in Speedway, Ind. was purchased as new in 1955 by stepfather Tony George's parents, Elmer and Mari George. Tony grew up in the home as a boy and for a time, drivers A.J. Foyt and Roger McCluskey lived in the basement.
- **DOUBLE DUTY:** Ed Carpenter Made history in September 2003 at Chicagoland Speedway when he became the first driver to compete in a Firestone Indy Lights event and an IndyCar Series event on the same weekend.

- **INAGURAL BRICKYARD WINNER:** Carpenter won the inaugural Firestone Indy Lights Firestone Freedom 100 in 2003 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Making him an inaugural winner at the famed Indianapolis Motor Speedway along with Ray Haroun (Indianapolis 500), Jeff Gordon (Brickyard 400), and Michael Schumacher (United States Grand Prix).
- **BIG MAN ON CAMPUS:** Carpenter graduated from 2008 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament qualifying Butler University, Indianapolis, Ind., with a marketing degree in May 2003.
- **BIG DADDY:** Carpenter and wife Heather (Pettigrew) celebrated the birth of their first child (Makenna) in October of 2007. The couple was married November 8, 2005 on the island of St. Thomas.
- **DID YOU KNOW?:** Carpenter enjoys water skiing, snowboarding, and cycling , his racing heroes include Al Unser Jr., A.J. Foyt, and Lance Armstrong and he has two dogs; a Rottweiler named Bentley and a Chihuahua named Rosco.
- **ED AT-A-GLANCE:** Carpenter is participating in his fifth season in the IndyCar Series, and is with his second team in Vision Racing. The 27-year-old made his IndyCar debut at Chicagoland Speedway in 2003 for PDM Racing, which made him the first driver to compete in an IRL Indy Pro Series event and an IndyCar Series event on the same weekend. Carpenter, who has been with the team since it's inception in 2005, is determined to make his fifth season overall, the best for both he and the team. Last year Carpenter recorded six top-10 finishes.
  - **Highest Career Start:** 4<sup>th</sup> – Michigan International Speedway, 2006/Vision Racing
  - **Highest Career Finish:** 5<sup>th</sup> – Chicagoland Speedway, 2006/Vision Racing
    - Homestead-Miami Speedway, 2008/Vision Racing
    - Indianapolis Motor Speedway, 2008/Vision Racing
  - **Laps Led:** 3
  - **Top-5's:** 3
  - **Top-10's:** 21
  - **Starts:** 82
  - **Running at Finish:** 56

<b>The Driver's Thoughts On/About...</b>
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**A.J. FOYT IV – NO. 2 Lilly Diabetes/Vision Racing Dallara/Honda/Firestone:**

*On race at Australia..* "I am really looking forward to going to Australia for the first time and racing there. There are no points up for grabs so this is an opportunity for us to work on our road and street course program for the 2009 season and gauge any developments we've made since the end of the season. I'm excited for this race and for all of the other things going on around the race. I hear that it's going to be a pretty cool atmosphere down there and I'm excited to be a part of that and to meet all of our great fans there."

**ED CARPENTER – NO. 20 Menards/Vision Racing Dallara/Honda/Firestone:**

*On race at Australia...* "Ever since Australia was rumored to be on the schedule I was looking forward to going there. I've heard a lot of great things about the Gold Coast, Surfers Paradise and the event there. It's going to be a great experience to take the IndyCar Series there and to be a part of the Australian culture. The racing should be good as well and I think the fans are going to appreciate the show that we put on. As a team we are looking to go there and achieve our objectives of running a clean race, acquiring as much data as we can and continue to make up ground in our road and street course package for the 2009 season. We have improved in our road and street course performance throughout the season and Australia

gives us one more opportunity to keep the momentum going and to keep us moving along that learning curve.”

<b>Fast Stats – 2008 IndyCar Series Results</b>
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**A.J. Foyt IV – No. 2 Lilly Diabetes/Vision Racing Dallara/Honda/Firestone:**

VENUE	START	RAN AS HIGH AS	FINISH	STATUS	POINTS STANDING
Homestead	25	7	9	Running	9
St. Pete	24	9	11	Running	12
Japan	8	7	15	Contact	17
Kansas	5	4	8	Running	14
Indianapolis	31	21	21	Running/Fire	16
Milwaukee	18	11	17	Running	20
Texas	15	10	12	Running	18
Iowa	18	5	5	Running	13
Richmond	8	8	24	Contact	14
Watkins Glen	22	10	19	Contact	17
Nashville	24	19	22	Handling	18
Mid-Ohio	23	17	18	Running	19
Edmonton	17	1	12	Running	18
Kentucky	10	8	20	Mechanical	19
Infineon	24	13	20	Running	19
Belle Isle	17	7	10	Running	19
Chicagoland	15	4	13	Contact	19

**Ed Carpenter – No. 20 Menards/Vision Racing Dallara/Honda/Firestone:**

VENUE	START	RAN AS HIGH AS	FINISH	STATUS	POINTS STANDING
Homestead	24	5	5	Running	5
St. Pete	21	7	18	Running	10
Japan	7	4	6	Running	10
Kansas	6	3	10	Running	9
Indianapolis	10	1	5	Running	7
Milwaukee	17	5	20	Contact	9
Texas	12	5	9	Running	8 (tied)
Iowa	9	8	23	Mechanical/Contact	10
Richmond	13	11	11	Contact/Running	10
Watkins Glen	21	11	17	Running	11
Nashville	8	4	8	Running	10
Mid-Ohio	22	5	15	Running	12
Edmonton	23	4	13	Running	13
Kentucky	8	3	6	Running	11
Infineon	23	6	23	Spin/Running	12
Belle Isle	20	8	14	Running	13

Chicagoland	13	4	28	Contact	15
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**DAVEY HAMILTON – No. 22 The Computer is Personal Again – HP/Kingdom Racing/Vision Racing Dallara/Honda/Firestone:**

VENUE	START	RAN AS HIGH AS	FINISH	STATUS	POINTS STANDING
Indianapolis	18	14	14	Running	N/A

**PAUL TRACY – No. 22 Subway Vision Racing/Walker Racing Dallara/Honda/Firestone:**

VENUE	START	RAN AS HIGH AS	FINISH	STATUS	POINTS STANDING
Edmonton	15	4	4	Running	N/A

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**About the Nikon Indy 300:** The 60 lap Nikon Indy 300 will air live on Saturday, Oct. 25 at 10:30 p.m. ET on ESPN Classic, as well as IMS Radio Network, XM IndyCar Series Racing Channel 145, XM Sports Nation Channel 144 and on the web at [www.IndyCar.com](http://www.IndyCar.com). The race will re-air on Sunday, Oct. 26 at 11 p.m. on ESPN2.