



Notes & Quotes: Detroit Indy Grand Prix at Belle Isle

Darren Manning: No. 14 ABC Supply Dallara/Honda

- **Darren Manning on Detroit:** “Belle Isle is an interesting track. As with all street circuits, it’s pretty bumpy but that’s to be expected. We had a good finish here last year so hopefully we can do better than that the second time around.”
- **Last Race:** Manning and the ABC Supply team struggled to find the optimum set-up for Infineon Raceway in Sonoma, Calif. He started 21st and finished 22nd after an alternative fuel strategy didn’t work out as they had planned. He is still 14th in the standings.
- **Past performances at Detroit:** Manning finished fourth at Detroit last year which had tied his career best finish in the IndyCar Series until his second place performance at Watkins Glen International earlier last month. Prior to 2007, A.J. Foyt’s team raced in four Detroit Grands Prix at Belle Isle: 1992 - Brian Bonner started 20th, finished 10th; 1993 – Robby Gordon started 8th, finished 8th; 1994 – Bryan Herta started 18th, finished 9th and in 1995, Eddie Cheever started 20th, finished 25th having made contact with Alessandro Zampedri on lap 14.
- **Lagrow Roofing and Siding**, located in Bangor, Mich., is this weekend’s winner of the ABC Supply Your Name Here Promotion for its customers. The company name will be put on the top of the sidepods of the No. 14 ABC Supply Dallara/Honda. Joe Lagrow will receive selected merchandise, race tickets, hospitality and garage passes, plus a Meet and Greet with A.J. Foyt and Darren Manning. The “Your Name Here” promotion selected winners by random drawing from a pool of entries sent in by ABC Supply customers earlier this year.
- **Following the race at Infineon**, A.J. Foyt’s team stayed in California until Wednesday when they departed for Detroit. Larry Foyt and A.J. Foyt IV and their girlfriends toured several wineries in Napa. They met up with Manning and his girlfriend and his cousin for dinner one evening (Manning flies to Detroit Thursday). The senior Foyt and a couple team members took a ride down to San Francisco and came back on the Pacific Coast Highway, a twisty, turning road with vistas on the Pacific Ocean. “I got a real work-out with all of the switchbacks and esses. I might send my driver there before next year’s race. It was alright until I almost ran out of gas, the light came on about 20 miles before there was a town with a gas station. I was coasting as much as I could. It cost \$4.30/gallon but I was glad to fill it up. Of course the station two blocks down was selling it for \$3.85/gallon but I didn’t know that.”
- **The Detroit Indy Grand Prix** will be shown live at 3:30 p.m. eastern time Sunday afternoon, August 31 on ABC-TV. **For more information on the Foyt Racing program**, please check our web site: www.ajfoytracing.com.