



**Notes & Quotes: Rexall Edmonton Indy**  
**Darren Manning: No. 14 ABC Supply Dallara/Honda**

- **Darren Manning on racing at Edmonton:** "I've never been there but I hear it's fast and wide which is good. It's supposed to be a fun track to drive with some very fast complex chicanes. I've heard it's quite like Cleveland which I've driven before and it's also on an airport. Because of that, the surface is a little bumpy but it gives opportunity for overtaking which will be quite good. I'm not too worried about not being there before because in Europe I was always having to learn new tracks very quickly so it won't take me too much time to figure it out. After I do, we can get on to getting the ABC car going well."
- **Manning on racing in Canada:** "The fans in Canada are very knowledgeable about motorsports. They don't have that many international races there so they really do come out for the ones that they do have. Canada's a great fan base for the IndyCar Series and another feather in its cap. This circuit is another variation to the tracks that we've been running so it's a different discipline for the drivers. It makes it more interesting for us and keeps us on our toes. It's all good."
- **Life in the Fast Lane:** Close friends off the track (if not on the golf course where they are constantly challenging each other), Manning and A.J. Foyt IV will be traveling together to Edmonton, Canada tomorrow. Manning will be hitching a ride on the Gulfstream (G-III) jet that A.J. Foyt IV and his girlfriend Casey Irsay will be using to fly into Edmonton. It will be their first time to Edmonton, and Foyt IV's first time racing in Canada. Manning, who raced in the 2003 Champ Car World Series, competed on the street circuits in Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver that season. After the race, they are planning to stay over to go fishing for walleye (among others) in the North Saskatchewan River.
- **Mid-Ohio performance:** Manning and the team worked together to give another strong performance despite a rocky start when they qualified 21<sup>st</sup>. The team made some changes to the car after qualifying which the driver really liked in the race morning warm-up. Then their pit strategy to quickly take advantage of the track drying out from the rain storm enabled them to climb to second by lap six. Varying fuel strategies and some untimely yellows came into play to affect the final outcome, but Manning finished eighth for his third straight top-10 finish and fifth top-10 of the season. Manning moved up one spot in the point standings to 13<sup>th</sup>.
- **Past Performances on road courses in 2008:** Manning qualified 11<sup>th</sup> at St. Pete and was challenging for sixth when the paddle shift mechanism experienced problems, dropping him to 13<sup>th</sup>. Earlier this month at Watkins Glen, Manning posted his career best finish of second after starting eighth. He had his worst start on a road course at Mid-Ohio (21<sup>st</sup>) but quickly jumped into second by lap six through pit strategy, and finished eighth.
- **The Rexall Edmonton Indy** which will be shown live Saturday, July 26 at 5:00 p.m. ET on ESPN.
- **For more information on the Foyt Racing program**, please check our web site: [www.ajfoyracing.com](http://www.ajfoyracing.com).