



Notes & Quotes: Camping World Grand Prix at The Glen Darren Manning: No. 14 ABC Supply Dallara/Honda/Firestone

- **Darren Manning on racing at the Glen:** "I'm looking forward to getting back to the road courses. We had a good run at the Glen last year and I think we have an even better car this year which will put us in a stronger position. Of course with the infusion of the champ car teams, it will be a lot more competitive which we saw at St. Pete—it's a lot tougher to get in the top 10... I love running at Watkins Glen because it has a little bit of everything. There are lots of high-speed corners plus a couple low speed ones so you need a good balance between high and low speed performance. It reminds me of one of my favorite tracks, the Spa Francorchamps circuit in Belgium. Both tracks have many undulations, long straights and high-speed corners. They're a lot of fun to drive."
- **Manning on wet weather as a factor at the Glen:** "Well, we practice and race in the rain so we won't lose practice time because of the weather. Growing up in England, I probably raced more in the rain than I did anything else so I wouldn't mind if it did rain." There is a 30% chance of rain and isolated thunderstorms for this weekend. Rain factored into the first two events at the Glen but last year the rain didn't hit until the teams started packing up their equipment.
- **Manning drove his motorcoach** from Richmond, Va. to the Glen, stopping in Hershey, Pa. where they make the Hershey chocolate bars. He didn't visit the candy factory but he joined a host of other IndyCar teams' coach drivers at the Hershey Park campground. He played baseball for the first time in his life, saying, "I learned I'm a big "pull hitter." I hit it out of the ballpark the first time at bat—I like the inside pitches. As for fielding, I couldn't catch a ball to save my life. I wanted to field them without using a glove like they do in cricket, but the guys wouldn't let me. They were afraid I might break a finger or something and then A.J. would kill me for getting hurt."
- **Past performances at the Glen:** Last year, Darren Manning started ninth and finished ninth in his first ever start at The Glen. The Foyt team's best finish at Watkins Glen is 5th with Felipe Giaffone in 2006. In the inaugural event in 2005, Jeff Bucknum drove to an 11th place finish after starting 19th.
- **William C. Rott & Sons** of Tonawanda, NY 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. Steven Rott 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.
- **The Camping World Grand Prix at the Glen** will be broadcast live at 3:30 p.m. eastern time Sunday afternoon, July 6 on ABC-TV.
- **For more information on the Foyt Racing program**, please check our web site: www.ajfoyracing.com.