



Notes & Quotes: SunTrust Indy Challenge at Richmond Int'l Raceway Darren Manning: No. 14 ABC Supply Dallara/Honda

- **Darren Manning on Richmond:** "The first time I ever saw Richmond it was definitely a bit of a shock. It was the first time I had run a track that small and with that much banking but I think it is one of the most enjoyable tracks that we run on. Even though it hasn't been too lucky for me and it's one of those tracks where it's difficult to pass and even more difficult to hide, I like it, it's fun to drive there. It takes driver input, it's not one of those flat out tracks like the superspeedways where you never lift or a short-lining track like Iowa where if you run the bottom, no one can pass you. It's a two-lane track and it has more of a racing line attitude. The bottom's shorter but it's also slower. There are opportunities to pass but you have to work hard at it."
- **300 Laps vs. 250:** This year the race has been lengthened to 300 laps from its original 250 laps.
- **A.J. Foyt will not be at the race this weekend.** Team director Larry Foyt will be calling the shots for the ABC Supply Racing team in his father's absence. A.J. has been impressed with how his son has handled the family business since being named Team Director in 2006. "Larry has done a great job for me," said Foyt. "I had a conflict come up this weekend and it's nice to be able to hand over the reins to Larry where normally I would have had to make other arrangements on the Houston end."
- **Past performances at Richmond:** The Foyt team's best finish at Richmond is 6th with Airton Dare in 2002 and their best start is 7th with Eliseo Salazar in 2001. Manning's best start is 10th in 2005 when he was credited with 15th after tangling with a lapped car with ten laps to go. He was running seventh at the time. He started 13th last year (grid set according to points when qualifying was rained out) and finished 14th after a miscommunication from the pits cost him two spots at the end of the race.
- **Hardesty Roofing** of Midlothian, Va. 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. Monica Hardesty and a guest will receive selected merchandise, race tickets, hospitality and garage passes, plus a Meet and Greet with 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 SunTrust Indy Challenge** will be shown live at 8:30 p.m. eastern time Saturday night, June 28 on ESPN-TV.
- **For more information on the Foyt Racing program,** please check our web site: www.ajfoytracing.com.