

Dreyer & Reinbold Racing Had Ups and Downs in Texas

Fort Worth, TX (June 6, 2009)- Dreyer & Reinbold Racing had some ups and downs for the sixth round of the IndyCar Series at the Bombardier Learjet 550 in Fort Worth, Texas today. The Indianapolis-based squad endured plenty of action during the 228 lap race.

As the green flag dropped, all three Dreyer & Reinbold Racing drivers' Tomas Scheckter (No. 43 Mona Vie), Mike Conway (No. 24 Roll Coater) and Milka Duno (No. 23 CITGO) were off to a very good start. Unfortunately, that rapidly changed for the team. Coming out of turn two on the second lap, Milka Duno was in the wrong place at the wrong time. The No. 2 of Graham Rahal went sideways coming out of turn two, collecting HVM driver EJ Viso and unfortunately Duno was the victim of an unfortunate circumstance as she had nowhere to go and hit them both. As a result, the incident was the first caution of the day and ended the Venezuelan's race early.

Today marked Englishman Mike Conway's first time to compete at Texas Motor Speedway. The rookie started from 19th position and had a strong start. His race went in another direction when he began having trouble shifting on lap 48. Conway came in and the team had to repair his gear stack in pit lane. Luckily, the 25 year old was able to get back out on track, but unfortunately he went down 37 laps as a result. From that point on, Conway drove a solid race and brought the car home to the same place he started, in 19th position.

Newest member to the team, Tomas Scheckter, drove a good, consistent race. Starting from 18th position, the South Africa native immediately gained positions. From then on he stayed out of trouble and the No. 43 Mona Vie machine finished 13th.

Dreyer & Reinbold Racing heads straight to Watkins Glen for a test and then back home to Indianapolis for a weekend off. The team will hit the pavement June 21st in Iowa for the Iowa Corn Indy 250.

What they have to say.

Milka Duno, (No. 23 CITGO): "Graham (Rahal) spun and EJ Viso had nowhere to go and I took the left, but at the last moment my right rear made contact and Graham created the problem. It's unfortunate for the team and my crew. They worked so hard on the car and our day was ended early."

Mike Conway, (No. 24 Roll Coater): "We were just hanging in there on the start and after about 40 laps in we started having problems with the gearbox. It kept slipping into gear and eventually knocked out of gear and we only had third to run in. Obviously we couldn't run in third gear and we had to pull it in and see what the problem was. One of the parts bent and we had to replace the gears and that was that. We lost 30 laps or so, but I was able to finish the race and I learned quite a few things out there. It's just a shame we couldn't finish the race properly."

Tomas Scheckter, (No.43 Mona Vie): "Considering where we qualified and to finish 13th is good. We just worked at it and I have to thank these guys for keeping their heads up. I pushed everybody hard this weekend and they did a great job. Once again, I'm happy that Mona Vie is on the car. Now, we need to sit down and work at it and make sure that we finish these next races in the top ten."

Dennis Reinbold: "Unfortunately Milka had nowhere to go when Graham Rahal crashed and it ended her day before she could get up to speed, which was too bad. We thought that she would have a pretty good car. With Mike we had a gear problem that wouldn't allow him to downshift, so we had to fix it. We got back out and soldiered around and made up a couple of positions. With Tomas, we didn't have that much time to put the deal together. It came together at the last minute. We had hoped for a top ten finish and we were close with 13th. If a couple of things could have fallen our way a little better than they did, then we could have been in the top ten potentially. All in all, it's not the start that we wanted, but we are ready to build the program from here."

About Dreyer and Reinbold Racing

Dreyer & Reinbold Racing enters its 10th season of full-time competition in 2009, making it one of the longest-tenured teams in Indy Racing League competition. Current co-owners, Dennis Reinbold and Robbie Buhl, first teamed in full-time competition at the Walt Disney World Speedway in January of 2000. With Buhl behind the wheel, the two owners tasted victory in their debut race. The 2009 IndyCar Series season-opener on the streets of St. Petersburg marked Dreyer & Reinbold Racing's 200th series start. In its history, the team has boasted a championship list of alumni drivers. Besides Buhl, the team has run Indianapolis 500 winners Al Unser Jr., Buddy Lazier, and Buddy Rice, along with IndyCar Series race winner Ryan Briscoe. The team has one of the longest lines of heritage in American open-wheel racing and the Indianapolis 500 as Dennis Reinbold's grandfather, "Pop" Dreyer, built leading roadsters that raced at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway during the 30s, 40s, and 50s.?

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