



VISION RACING FACT SHEET
Meijer Indy 300 – Aug. 1, 2009
Kentucky Speedway

- **TAKING THE VISION TO KENTUCKY:** The Meijer Indy 300 will be the fifth trip to the 1.5-mile oval at Kentucky Speedway for Vision Racing and sixth visit for driver Ed Carpenter. The team's best result at Kentucky came in 2007 when A.J. Foyt IV led 13 laps in a Vision Racing machine and finished a career-best third. In addition, that same year all three Vision team entries finished in the top-10 at Kentucky Speedway with Foyt IV, Carpenter and Tomas Scheckter behind the wheel. Carpenter earned a new best finish at the track as well as his third top-ten there in last year's event while also setting the fastest lap of the race when he finished in the sixth spot after starting from eighth. He was actually in the third place with just nine laps remaining in the race but had to come in for a splash of fuel. Unfortunately for teammate Foyt IV, his race came to an end following his third pit stop when he had to bring the car back in on lap 136 due to a mechanical failure originally attributed to the gearbox. He was running in the eighth position at the time.
- **BACK TO THE MENARDS DAY-GLO YELLOW:** Vision Racing will return to the very recognizable day-glo Menards yellow livery for the No. 20 machine this weekend after running the matte grey and day-glo orange William Rast paint scheme in the most recent events at Toronto and Edmonton in Canada. Watch for the fluorescent yellow Menards/Johns Manville car glow in the dark this weekend under the lights on Saturday night at Kentucky Speedway.
- **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** After forming and joining the Indy Racing League in 2005, Vision Racing is celebrating its fifth season of competition in 2009. Since the team embarked upon IndyCar Series competition, eight drivers have piloted five (Nos. 2, 20, 21, 22, 90) different team entries. Those drivers have combined for an additional 45 top-10 finishes, plus 10 top-five finishes, three more podium finishes and 42 laps led. Over the previous four years the quest for the team's first victory has been top priority and Vision Racing is confident that year five will be the season where that it happens. The team's best ever finish occurred in the 2009 season opener as Ryan Hunter-Reay drove from 14th to finish second in the race. That podium finish also put Vision second in the championship point standings which was also its' the highest-ever ranking. The Meijer Indy 300 will be the team's **78th IndyCar Series event** since their first season in 2005.
- **FIRST-HAND FROM THE FAMILY:** Since the beginning of the season, Vision Racing team co-owner, Lauren George has been writing a blog, much to the enjoyment of the fans, which has been featured both on the team's Facebook fan page (www.facebook.com/VisionRacing) and on the team's new website (www.VisionRacing.com/fans). Lauren's most recent submission which chronicles the family's mini-summer vacation is perhaps her most heartfelt post to date. And if that wasn't enough, her father and fellow team co-owner, Tony George, got into the act this past weekend by publishing his thoughts and opinions exclusively on the team's website early in July, in response to a recent announcement. The pair are planning to continue submissions periodically throughout the remainder of the season,

exclusively at VisionRacing.com. Not to mention, Carpenter has begun adding a video blog to the site now in addition to his updates on his continued “tweets” at www.twitter.com/edcarpenter20.

- **ON OVALS AND SUPERSPEEDWAYS:** The team’s best finish on an oval is third scored by Tomas Scheckter at The Milwaukee Mile in 2006 and again in 2007 by A.J. Foyt IV at Kentucky Speedway. However, the team’s overall best finish came on the streets of St. Petersburg, Fla. in the 2009 season-opener when Ryan Hunter-Reay finished in the second position. In the team’s most recent oval affair, the Iowa Corn Indy 250 at Iowa Speedway, Carpenter started 13th, and finished tenth giving him his second consecutive top-ten oval finish and fourth top-ten oval finish for the season. The best oval finish this season was recorded by Carpenter in the 2009 Indianapolis 500 when he drove from 17th to finish eighth.
- **FIND US ONLINE, ANYTIME:** In late June, the team launched the newly remodeled www.VisionRacing.com. The site not only features great design and features, but also boasts its own fan site with additional content just for fans. The site is also the hub of the team’s social media experiment for the 2009 season. Vision Racing has established itself in the realm of online social media and networking via accounts at Twitter, Facebook and YouTube this season; allowing fans, friends, followers and even members of the media the opportunity to closely follow and interact with the five-year IndyCar Series participant. Be sure to follow the team’s Twitter feed all race weekend long at Kentucky for behind the scenes info, pictures and maybe even an impromptu, trackside “tweet-up!” The team’s new site was designed by RACERSITES.COM.
- **ON LOAN:** Considered a win-win situation for all involved, Vision Racing driver Ryan Hunter-Reay has taken over piloting duties of A.J. Foyt’s No. 14 ABC Supply entry for the remainder of the 2009 IndyCar season in a deal that began at Iowa. Hunter-Reay, who drove the No. 21 Vision Honda Dallara to a second place podium finish in the 2009 season opener at the Honda Grand Prix of St. Petersburg in Florida, and has transferred his driving services to A.J. Foyt Racing as a temporary replacement for the injured Vitor Meira.
- **2009 TEAM HIGHLIGHTS:** This season’s highlight to date came in the season-opener in St. Petersburg, Fla. when Ryan Hunter-Reay started 14th and drove all the way to finish in second place. Since then, Carpenter has added four top-ten finishes at Kansas, Indianapolis, Texas and Iowa.
- **AS SEEN ON TV:** Patrick Dempsey joined Vision Racing prior to the 2006 season, taking on a new role that has been making hearts race in a literal way as a team co-owner. Known for his scene-stealing turns in such ‘80s nostalgia classics such as *Can’t Buy Me Love* and *Loverboy*, Patrick Dempsey continues to please America with his explosive charisma and versatile talent. Dempsey is the star of the ABC drama “Grey’s Anatomy.” Dempsey’s no stranger to the racetrack when he’s not in front of the camera. A true racer at heart, he’s currently driving professionally in Grand American Cup class sports car racing with Dempsey Racing, formerly Hypersport. He raced a Ferrari F430 GT with Team Seattle in this year’s 24 Hours of Le Mans and also competed in the 2009 Rolex 24 at Daytona.
- **A TEAM WITH A VISION:** Vision Racing is owned and operated by Tony and Laura George, their daughter Lauren George and actor Patrick Dempsey of ABC’s Grey’s Anatomy and is based in Indianapolis, Indiana in a 32,000 square foot facility. The team competes full-time in the IndyCar Series and is entering its fifth season of IndyCar Series competition and second year of Firestone Indy Lights racing. Vision Racing continues to proudly perpetuate the legacy of the Hulman-George family through

motorsports excellence, by demonstrating the traditions and heritage of the Indianapolis 500 and Indy car racing.

Ed Carpenter – No. 20 Menards/Vision Racing Dallara/Honda/Firestone:

Birthday: March 3, 1980; **Hometown:** Marshall, Ill.; **Residence:** Indianapolis, Ind.

Had best finish at Kentucky last season when he took sixth place.

- **AT KENTUCKY:** The 1.5-mile ovals are one of Ed Carpenter's strengths and that showed in last year's visit to Kentucky Speedway when he earned a new best finish at the track of sixth, as well as his third top-ten there. He started the 2008 event in eighth, set the fastest lap of the race and was running in third place with just nine laps remaining in the race when he had to come in to the pits for a splash of fuel. Carpenter has five total previous attempts at Kentucky. He had another good run in 2007 with a finish of seventh by charging from the back of the field after a stalled engine on his first pit stop. In his debut at Kentucky Speedway in 2004, Carpenter started in 14th and finished in the eighth spot in his rookie season with Cheever Racing. In 2005 he started in the 21st spot with Vision Racing, but a mechanical failure sent him into the wall and took him out early; leaving him in the 22nd position. In 2006 Carpenter started eighth and charged up to fifth before spinning in the pit exit lane after his first pit stop. He finished in 11th. He will be looking for his fourth top-ten finish at the track and his fifth of the season on Saturday night.
- **MOST RECENTLY:** Starting 23rd spot on the grid for the Rexall Edmonton Indy, held at the Edmonton City Centre Airport, Carpenter drove a clean race, took advantage of others' mistakes and took the checkered flag in the 16th position driving the No. 20 William Rast machine. Carpenter made just two pit stops in the 95-lap event, which was a green-lap affair up until two laps from the finish when Tomas Scheckter made contact with the wall. The race finished under caution, but the lack of a full-course yellow allowed the field to spread out amidst the 1.973-mile road course during the contest. Unfortunately, Carpenter dropped one spot in the IndyCar Series championship point standings to the 16th position with 186 total points (194 points behind the leader).
- **BABY ON BOARD:** Just as planned, Carpenter and wife Heather (Pettigrew) welcomed their second child into the world on June 1st as the 8 lb. 1 oz., 20 inch long Ryder Carpenter arrived on his due date. Young Ryder has been traveling the IndyCar Series circuit with his family at just a few weeks old; joining the schedule back in June for the Iowa event and tagging along ever since. Big sister, Makenna was born in October 2007, while the couple was married November 8, 2005 on the Island of St. Thomas.
- **TWEET, TWEET:** With the birth of his second child, son Ryder, Carpenter decided it would be the perfect time to make his debut on Twitter.com as well; joining Vision Racing's Twitter efforts. You can view Carpenter's Twitter updates at www.twitter.com/edcarpenter20 and follow the team at www.twitter.com/visionracing.
- **2009 SEASON:** This is the sixth full season in IndyCar Series competition for Carpenter and the seventh season that he has participated in overall. Carpenter is looking to build off of four top-ten finishes earned in the last six consecutive oval races. His top-ten finishes came on the ovals of Kansas, Indianapolis, Texas and Iowa.

- **LEADER LAPS:** In his fifth IndyCar Series start in at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway for the 92nd running of the Indianapolis 500 in 2008, Carpenter recorded his first laps led in an IndyCar. He led the field for three laps under caution and finished an Indianapolis 500 career-best, fifth. His most recent leader lap came this season at Texas Motor Speedway when Carpenter was credited for leading one lap. He has a total of four (4) career-leader laps.
- **BACK WITH MENARDS:** The No. 20 Vision Racing machine again features the most recognizable car on track as it carries the day-glow yellow color of Menards for the second consecutive season. Menards returned as the primary sponsor of the No. 20 Vision Racing Dallara/Honda/Firestone, driven by Ed Carpenter. The Menards sponsorship also continues a long-lasting relationship between the home store retailer with Carpenter. The 28-year-old driver carried the Menards livery in 2002, with Sinden Racing in Firestone Indy Lights competition and well before that his days of dirt track racing behind the wheel of quarter midgets.
- **NEW VIEW FROM THE COCKPIT:** Carpenter still has the same view from the cockpit that he's always had, but fans of the driver will notice a different look coming from his cockpit this season as his helmet is carrying the distinct colors and logos of the premium jean and clothing retailer, William Rast, for the 2009 season.
- **ED "CARPENTER":** Carpenter and his arsenal of power tools were busy again this past off-season as he was knee deep in a house flipping project with a long time friend as well as occupied with rehab projects around his own home. Of course, Menards has been an essential part of Carpenter's home repair ventures. Prior to his current real estate investment, Carpenter and his "do-it-yourself" mentality crafted his home repair skills with his first home and family heirloom. The home is located in Speedway, Ind. was purchased as new in 1955 by stepfather Tony George's parents, Elmer and Mari George. Tony grew up in the home as a boy and for a time, drivers A.J. Foyt and Roger McCluskey lived in the basement.
- **DOUBLE DUTY:** Ed Carpenter made history in September 2003 at Chicagoland Speedway when he became the first driver to compete in a Firestone Indy Lights event and an IndyCar Series event on the same weekend.
- **INAUGURAL BRICKYARD WINNER:** Carpenter won the inaugural Firestone Indy Lights Firestone Freedom 100 in 2003 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Making him an inaugural winner at the famed Indianapolis Motor Speedway along with Ray Haroun (Indianapolis 500), Jeff Gordon (Brickyard 400), and Michael Schumacher (United States Grand Prix).
- **BIG MAN ON CAMPUS:** Carpenter graduated from 2009 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament qualifying Butler University, Indianapolis, Ind., with a marketing degree in May 2003.
- **DID YOU KNOW?** Carpenter enjoys water skiing, snowboarding, hunting and cycling. His racing heroes include Al Unser Jr., A.J. Foyt, and Lance Armstrong and he has two dogs; a Rottweiler named Bentley and a Chihuahua named Rosco.
- **ED AT-A-GLANCE:** Carpenter is participating in his sixth season in the IndyCar Series, and his fifth with his second team in Vision Racing. The 28-year-old made his IndyCar debut at Chicagoland Speedway in 2003 for PDM Racing, which made him the first driver to compete in an IRL Indy Pro Series event and an IndyCar Series event on the same weekend. Carpenter, who has been with the team since it's inception in 2005, is determined to make his sixth season overall, the best for both he

and the team. Last year Carpenter recorded seven top-10 finishes, two top-fives and his first leader laps.

- **Highest Career Start:** 4th – Michigan International Speedway, 2006/Vision Racing
- **Highest Career Finish:** 5th – Chicagoland Speedway, 2006/Vision Racing
 -- Homestead-Miami Speedway, 2008/Vision Racing
 -- Indianapolis Motor Speedway, 2008/Vision Racing
- **Laps Led:** 4
- **Top-5's:** 3
- **Top-10's:** 25
- **Starts:** 93
- **Running at Finish:** 66 (70.9%)

Fast Stats – 2009 IndyCar Series Results

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VENUE	START	RAN AS HIGH AS	FINISH	STATUS	POINTS STANDING
St. Pete	22	3	18	Contact	18
Long Beach	23	3	18	Running	21
Kansas	10	6	9	Running	17
Indianapolis	17	6	8	Running	14
Milwaukee	19	15	16	Running	16
Texas	10	1	9	Running	14
Iowa	13	10	10	Running	12
Richmond	14	8	13	Running	13
Watkins Glen	21	10	16	Running	14
Toronto	19	12	15	Running	15
Edmonton	23	16	16	Running	16

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About the Meijer Indy 300: The Meijer Indy 300 will be held on at Kentucky Speedway and will air live on Saturday, Aug. 1st at 8:00 p.m. ET on VERSUS, as well as IMS Radio Network, XM IndyCar Series Racing Channel 145, XM Sports Nation Channel 144 and on the web at www.IndyCar.com.

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