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Bombardier Learjet 550
Texas Motor Speedway

Qualification Show:

Friday, June 5
at 7:00 pm ET
on VERSUS

Race Time:

Saturday, June 6
at 9:00 p.m. ET
on VERSUS

Race Report: ABC Supply/ A.J. Foyt 225

MILWAUKEE May 31, 2009—Great race day conditions made the ABC Supply/AJ Foyt 225 a great race for nearly everyone except the man for whom the race is named after and his team which had a tough day at the Milwaukee Mile.

With regular driver Vitor Meira sidelined for four months, A.J. Foyt hired Paul Tracy to drive the No. 14 ABC Supply car but Tracy's experience could not make up for a woeful race set-up.

"I'm sure everyone is disappointed," said Tracy who was a four-time winner of this race. "That wasn't what we were trying to do for ABC but we didn't end up in the wall and we just tried to do the best we could with what we had, and got to the finish. It was hard because the car wasn't handling well for the first 100 laps so I was really just trying to keep it off the wall and not wreck the car. It was definitely frustrating."

Foyt radioed to Tracy on his cool down lap, "You did a good job with a terrible car."

Tracy started 16th after the team went in a different direction for qualifying when Tracy wasn't happy with the car in practice. He was satisfied with the car in qualifying saying it was better but the team didn't have another practice to test their race set-up.



Driver, Paul Tracy, talking with A.J. Foyt after practice at the Milwaukee Mile on May 30th.

In the race Tracy jumped from 16th to 12th but then began dropping back as the car became very loose, forcing him to get totally out of the throttle entering turns one and three. The loss of momentum saw his lap times drop and it became a matter of hanging on until the first pit stop which unfortunately didn't come until 57 laps into the race. By then Tracy had lost two laps to leader Ryan Briscoe.

The ABC Supply crew made a big front wing adjustment—taking out three turns of front wing-- but it wasn't enough and by the time of the second stop, they took out two more. By then Tracy was five laps down and just trying to stay out of the way of the leaders although he said the car was handling much better. He finished six laps down to the leaders, due in part to there being only two caution periods, the last of which was for debris. It was one of the most

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accident-free races ever run here with only one car hitting the fourth turn wall, rookie Mike Conway.

Tracy soldiered through the frustrating race to finish in 17th position.

Scott Dixon won and was trailed by pole winner Ryan Briscoe, Dario Franchitti, Graham Rahal and Danica Patrick. The series heads to Texas Motor Speedway this week.



Paul Tracy on track in the No. 14 car during the ABC Supply/A.J. Foyt 225 at the Milwaukee Mile on May 31st.

A.J. Foyt IV Will Drive No. 14 ABC Supply Indy Car in Bombardier Learjet at Texas Motor Speedway

HOUSTON June 2, 2009—Coming home. A.J. Foyt IV, who began his IndyCar career as the driver of the No. 14, comes home to Texas to drive the ABC Supply-sponsored No. 14 again in the Bombardier Learjet 550 at Texas Motor Speedway this weekend. At this point, the deal is only for Texas.

“I’m excited to get the opportunity to run another race,” said Foyt IV. “I really like the track, and not just because it’s in Texas. It suits my style, it’s fast and the racing is close. Hopefully we get the result we’re looking for.”

“Anthony has always run well at this track,” said the senior Foyt of his decision to hire his grandson for this race. “He hasn’t had the results but most of that was because of things that he couldn’t help—tires going flat or problems on pit stops. He likes the track which is good because a lot of drivers don’t care for it. Plus we’ve worked with him so we know what he likes, and he knows what he wants from these cars.”

When asked about the demands of the track, Foyt IV said: “The track is pretty easy to run by yourself in practice and qualifying but it gets much tougher in the race. The racing is real close and the car doesn’t handle as well in the traffic but you’re still trying to run the same speed so it gets pretty tough, but I enjoy racing at Texas.”

Foyt IV knows what Texas-tough means--he drove for his legendary grandfather from 2003 through

2005. His best result at Texas Motor Speedway came with his grandfather’s team in 2004 when he started 11th and finished 10th. This year, Foyt IV returned to the ABC Supply team for the Indianapolis 500 where he qualified on the second day to start 19th. He finished 16th in the race.

Foyt IV is the second driver to replace the injured Vitor Meira whose return is not expected until late September.

The Bombardier Learjet 550 will be televised on the Versus channel Saturday night starting at 9pm Eastern time.



A.J. Foyt IV pictured here with his grandfather and team owner, A.J. Foyt, at the Indianapolis 500