

Vital Express's Drake Performs the "Double" at Indy

USAC Standout Competes in Menards Infiniti Pro Series Freedom 100 and Tony Hulman Classic

Indianapolis, IN (<u>PRWEB</u>) June 9, 2004 -- Jay Drake has undoubtedly turned some heads in his Menards Infiniti Pro Series debut at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway this week. Making his series debut, qualifying for the Futuba Freedom 100 and firmly establishing himself as a contender have been at the top of the agenda. As if that wasn't enough fun for one week, Drake also did double duty Saturday, as he competed in the Futuba Freedom 100 and then traveled to the Terre Haute (Ind.) Action Track to compete in the Tony Hulman Classic USAC National Sprint Car event.

Drake, who qualified his No. 25 <u>Vital Express</u> sponsored machine in fourth position for the Futuba Freedom 100, posted a two-lap qualifying run average of 189.192 mph around the 2.5-mile oval. His speed initially broke the standing Menards Infiniti Pro Series mark set in 2003 by Ed Carpenter before driver Thiago Medeiros topped the speed charts at 189.274 mph. Solidly in the show, Drake is extremely pleased with the team's efforts.

"Just to come here and get to drive around this racetrack, it's a dream come true for me," Drake said. "Even it it's just temporarily, you know, to come here and qualify for a race and have them say, 'It's a new track record,' that's something you dream about as a little boy, and you never really think it's going to happen in any form. I think having all these good people behind me makes it easier. I mean to have a guy like Larry Curry, you know, if he tells me the car is going to do something, I know it's going to do it. When you have that kind of confidence, it makes it a little bit easier."

Drake, who currently leads the USAC National Sprint Car Series points championship, left the Indianapolis Motor Speedway immediately following the Futuba Freedom 100 to pilot his No. 20 Tony Stewart Racing Enterprises entry at the Terre Haute Action Track. Drake won back-to-back season opening USC National Sprint Car races to take the lead in the series. With <u>Vital Express</u> as a sponsor on Drake's sprint car effort, the team is looking at the possibility of not only two races but two wins as well.

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