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## INDY 500 DAY 4 VISION RACING / PANTHER RACING

### PRACTICE NOTES & QUOTES

#### NEW Associate Sponsor Joins No.20 Entry

VISION RACING PRACTICE REPORT - May 18, 2010

(Indianapolis Motor Speedway)

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. - Vision Racing returned to action Tuesday in practice for the 2010 Indianapolis 500 after rain washed out the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on Monday. Practice got underway shortly after 1 p.m. (ET) after crews were able to dry the 2.5-mile track after showers earlier in the day.

Team driver Ed Carpenter and his Panther Racing squad quickly got to work turning 26 laps in Vision Racing's No. 20 Honda powered Dallara, sponsored by Fuzzy's Ultra Premium Vodka machine.

Carpenter's top lap on the day came in at 223.348 mph and was 21<sup>st</sup> on the speed charts.

The midnight black No. 20 Fuzzy's Ultra Premium Vodka car had a slightly new look for practice this afternoon as DEEM has joined the team as an associate sponsor for the race and is featured on the car's front wing end fence and engine cover. DEEM is a mechanical and electrical company centrally located in Indianapolis, Indiana with satellite offices throughout the Midwest, down to the southeastern United States.

Carpenter will be making his 100<sup>th</sup> IZOD IndyCar Series start and is preparing for his seventh Indianapolis 500-mile race and sixth with Vision Racing. Last season Carpenter started 17<sup>th</sup> and drove to eighth place finish. His best drive at Indianapolis came in 2008 when he started 10<sup>th</sup>, drove his first career IndyCar Series leader laps (3) and finished fifth.

Dan Wheldon of Panther Racing, Carpenter's teammate for the month, had another respectable day on the speed charts turning in the fifth fastest lap of the day with an average speed of 225.378 mph. in the National Guard No. 4 Dallara/Honda/Firestone car. Wheldon completed a total of 24 laps.

IZOD IndyCar Series action will resume Wednesday at noon for practice and will conclude at 6 p.m.

Want more Vision Racing news, photos and tidbits from the track? Find us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/visionracing](http://www.facebook.com/visionracing); follow us on Twitter: [www.twitter.com/visionracing](http://www.twitter.com/visionracing) and; read all about us on Charles West's daily INDY 500 blog: [www.visionracing.com/fans](http://www.visionracing.com/fans).

The Indianapolis 500 will air live on Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at noon ET on ABC, 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](http://www.IndyCar.com).

### Practice Results and Quotes: (May 18, 2010)

Ed Carpenter - No. 20 Fuzzy's Vodka/Vision Racing/Panther Racing Dallara/Honda/Firestone

Top Speed in Practice: 223.348 mph

Top Time in Practice: 40.2958

Number of Laps in Practice: 26

Overall Rank in Practice: 21<sup>st</sup> on speed chart

Best Lap This Month: 224.592 (May 15, 2010)

#### *On practice:*

"We didn't quite get all the things done that we wanted to today. We found out we have a lot less tires available to us than we thought we were going to be allotted for the month so we only used one set of tires today. We tested a couple of things but I really would have liked to have run a lot more. I'm happy with the progress we are making. We started off we a really good car overall and that helps since we have such limited amount of running time. We'd be in a LOT worse position if we had any problems to sort out but we haven't. I feel good about where we are right now. I think today was a frustrating day because I finally realized that I really don't like this new two week format. I prefer having a week to work on qualifying and a week to work on the race set up. That's what Indy is all about. Brian Barnhart always says there are two races at Indy, one for the pole and one for the race. It just feels weird this year. I think I've made up my mind that I am not a fan of this shortened format for May."

Dan Wheldon - No. 4 National Guard/Panther Racing Dallara/Honda/Firestone

Top Speed in Practice: 225.378 mph

Top Time in Practice: 39.9329

Number of Laps in Practice: 24

Overall Rank in Practice: 5<sup>th</sup> on speed chart

Best Lap This Month: 225.609 (May 15, 2010)

*On practice:*

"It actually helped the National Guard Panther Racing team that there wasn't any track activity yesterday because it gave the boys an extra day to really take their time and put the No. 4 car back together. They did a great job working on it the last couple days. They rolled it out at the start of the day and I think my fourth lap we were quickest we've been all month and I was (third on the speed chart). We have a lot of momentum on the team and I'm not at all surprised we were able to come out of the gate so quickly today."

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About the Indianapolis 500: The 200 lap/500 mile Indianapolis 500 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway will air live on Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at noon ET on ABC, 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](http://www.IndyCar.com).

About Fuzzy's Ultra Premium Vodka: Fuzzy's Ultra Premium Vodka is a grain-based vodka and is a product of Fuzzy's Spirits, LLC located in Sellersburg, Indiana. Fuzzy's Spirits, LLC is dedicated to providing responsible golfers and non-golfers with a refreshing vodka drink to enhance their enjoyment of the moment. Fuzzy's Ultra Premium Vodka recently received the prestigious gold medal rating from the Beverage Testing Institute in Chicago, and is currently available in twelve states. [www.fuz.com](http://www.fuz.com) / [www.fuzzyvodka.com](http://www.fuzzyvodka.com)

About DEEM: DEEM is a mechanical and electrical company centrally located in Indianapolis, Indiana with satellite offices throughout the Midwest down to the southeastern United States. DEEM offers HVAC, Plumbing, Electrical, Refrigeration, Industrial Piping, Building Automation, and Sheet Metal Installation and Services. Currently, DEEM is licensed to perform in many regions throughout the country. [www.deemfirst.com](http://www.deemfirst.com)

About Vision Racing: Vision Racing is owned and operated by Tony and Laura George as well as actor Patrick Dempsey of ABC's Grey's Anatomy and is based in Indianapolis, Indiana. The team competed full-time in the IZOD IndyCar Series for five seasons from 2005-2009 and is entering its sixth season of IZOD IndyCar Series competition with an entry in the 2010 Indianapolis 500 as a collaboration with Panther Racing. In 2009 IZOD IndyCar competition, Vision Racing scored two hard-earned 2nd place podium finishes and posted their best career start (4th), seven top-10 results and their highest total of laps led, laps competed and races completed in a season. Driver Ed Carpenter has finished 5th and 8th in the previous two Indianapolis 500s. 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 IndyCar Racing.

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