

Day Two

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

Practice

Welcome to the 2020 Open-Wheels 500 Mile Race presented by Mitchell Transmissions. These Daily Trackside Reports are compiled for the media's use, as well as for official record-keeping for Open-Wheels Motorsports Sanctioning. Tanner Watkins, president of the Open-Wheels 500 Mile Race, is here to assist you and answer your questions during the month of November.

This is the second edition of the Open-Wheels 500 Mile Race Daily Trackside Report, but the tradition of these reports comes via the Indianapolis 500. The Daily Trackside Report was first distributed at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in 1967, and this year's event featured the 54th edition of the "DTR." As mentioned on the first page of the 1967 Daily Trackside Report, "This press information has been compiled as an added source of your information in your coverage of the '500.' It is our sincere wish that it will be of assistance in your assignment."

Timing and scoring links may be found at <https://open-wheels.com/timing/> where up-to-the-second lap times and speeds will be posted.

Feature stories, reports, driver quotes and notes, and photos will be posted on the Open-Wheels.com 500 Mile Race Media Site, <https://open-wheels.com/media/> where detailed information, including media advisories and audio/video clippings, are also posted. Updates will also be provided on Twitter via @OpenWheels500. Media information will also be distributed via the official Open-Wheels.com 500 Mile Race Discord server. Contact Open-Wheels Motorsports Sanctioning (Media@Open-Wheels.com) to be added to the Discord server.

TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE (All Times Eastern)

1:00-9:00 PM Open-Wheels 500 Mile Race Practice (OWTV)
8:00 PM *Today at the 500* Airing (OWTV)

ENTRY UPDATES

- A handful of drivers are not eligible to take to the track as they have not accepted the league invite to Open-Wheels Motorsports Sanctioning on the iRacing site. These drivers are: #82 Nathan Byrd, #81 Frederick Campbell, #38 Brian Greenlee, #222 Christian Macrelli, #718 Michael O'Hora, and #77 Thales Toledo.

OPEN-WHEELS 500 MILE RACE PRACTICE

- 1:00 PM – **GREEN**. The Speedway is open for practice for all entrants.
- 1:10 PM – iRacing IndyCar veteran Tim Doyle puts his No. 14 Ludicrous Speed Chevrolet at the top of the leaderboard with a lap at 38.919 seconds – a speed of 231.250 miles per hour. It is the fastest no-tow lap completed in practice thus far.
- 1:21 PM – Swedish driver Jesper Öhrman knocks Doyle from the session's top spot with a best lap at 38.917 seconds – a smidge quicker at 231.261 mph.
- 1:35 PM – Cesare Manzato puts the No. 99 North Sim Racing Chevrolet P1 in the session's early going with a best lap of 38.881s – 231.476 mph.
- 2:10 PM – Through the first hour of Tuesday's practice, 12 drivers have posted times thus far and 13 cars have been presented on pit lane at the Speedway. Micael Hagstrom has completed the most laps thus far with 51.
- 2:50 PM – AJ Musselman is the new leader in practice with a best lap at 38.748 seconds – a 232.270-mph lap. Musselman was fourth-fastest during Sunday's opening practice session.
- 2:51 PM – 17 drivers have posted times thus far in practice.
- 3:31 PM – Eight drivers are under the 39-second mark today, and Hagstrom continues to pace the field with 121 laps completed through the session's first two-and-a-half hours.
- 4:41 PM – Marco Brasil has made his first appearance on-track this month, going fourth-fastest at 38.893 seconds – 231.404 miles per hour – for his best of 18 laps so far.
- 4:50 PM – Hagstrom has 195 laps completed to this point, and currently sits seventh-fastest at 38.970s (230.947mph).
- 4:58 PM – Brasil now goes fastest in the session with a best lap at 38.477 seconds – a whopping 233.906 mph. Brasil is a former pole sitter at the iRacing Indianapolis 500 and last year's seventh-place qualifier at the Open-Wheels 500.
- 5:08 PM – Öhrman jumps up to second-quick in today's practice with a best lap at 38.619 seconds – or 233.046 miles per hour.
- 6:10 PM – 11 drivers have times quicker than 39 seconds, while 36 total participants have run sub 40-second laps.

7:45 PM – 43 drivers have posted laps at-speed today, besting the number from Opening Day (41) just one off of the number of practice participants for Tuesday (practice two) last year.

8:00 PM – The second edition of *Today at the 500* for 2020 goes live on Open-Wheels TV. Guests on the show include former iRacing Indianapolis 500 top split winners Adam Blocker and Ray Kingsbury, as well as Open-Wheels Motorsports Sanctioning's vice president of competitions, Carter McCue.

8:45 PM – The No. 06 machine driven by Ryan Schuld puts up a stunner of a lap – 38.555 seconds and 233.433 mph – to move into second place on today's leaderboard.

9:00 PM – Practice concludes for Tuesday of qualifications week. Marco Brasil was fastest at 233.906 miles per hour, and a total of 2,190 laps were turned today in practice with 375 incidents accounted for.

The fastest trap speed on the day was the 241.5 mph mark established by AJ Musselman. Ryan Schuld (241.4 mph) was closely behind.

Three Italian drivers finished inside the top 11 spots on Tuesday – Cesare Manzato (P5), Andrea Giacometti (P8) and Angelo Luigi Sileo (P11).

A total of 43 cars were on-track today, and 57 cars are at the Speedway in total. Every driver appearing on-track on Tuesday piloted a Dallara IR-18 chassis. There were zero yellow flag periods. The high today was 78 degrees Fahrenheit and the track temperature began the session at 112 degrees Fahrenheit, ending the session at 115 degrees Fahrenheit. Winds were out of the North at 2 mph.

Cars on the track today (in order of speed): #812 Marco Brasil, #06 Ryan Schuld, #87 Jesper Öhrman, #53 AJ Musselman, #99 Cesare Manzato, #14 Tim Doyle, #33 Taylor Cox, #83 Andrea Giacometti, #60 Doug South, #61 Micael Hagstrom, #71 Angelo Luigi Sileo, #59 Evan Adams, #313 Dylan Freckelton, #63 Fábio Vianna, #5 Oliver Silva, #35 Hunter Smith, #02 Matt Hollibaugh, #30 Jimmil Hawkins, #32 Chris Wilhite, #89 Joshua Huffine, #29 Christopher Mitrison, #845 Andrew Marquez, #46 Jeffrey Stanton, #96 Manuel Gomez, #26 Aaron Roufs, #47 Rob Powers, #85 Jalberillo Garcia, #62 Charles Teed, #924 Filippo Filippini, #98 Pierre Bourdon, #52 Lewis Woodall, #72 Dave Steadman, #97 DJ Johnson, #777 Christopher Kresge, #36 Eric Peterson, #18 Brandon Ehrhardt, #12 Raul Alvarez, #515 Aaron Allen, #41 Niall McBride, #39 Hugo Olsson, #43 Dakota DiCienzo, #80 Wilson Neto, and #74 Adam Blocker.

FASTEST TIMES/SPEEDS OF THE DAY

Pos.	Car	Name	Team	Time	Speed (mph)
1.	812	Marco Brasil	TENT FACTORY SIMRACING	38.477	233.906
2.	06	Ryan Schuld	JHR Racing	38.555	233.433
3.	87	Jesper Öhrman	3-Crowns Racing	38.619	233.046
4.	53	AJ Musselman	Turn 4 Racing	38.748	232.070
5.	99	Cesare Manzato	North Sim Racing	38.881	231.476
6.	14	Tim Doyle	Ludicrous Speed	38.889	231.428
7.	33	Taylor Cox	LÜG Racing	38.908	231.315
8.	83	Andrea Giacometti	North Sim Racing	38.916	231.267
9.	60	Doug South	All American iRacers	38.938	231.137
10.	61	Micael Hagstrom	Team Players Hagstrom Racing	38.971	230.941

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MARCO BRASIL LEADS SECOND PRACTICE AT OPEN-WHEELS 500

On Tuesday, the drivers vying for one of 33 spots in the second Open-Wheels 500-mile Race took to the virtual Indianapolis Motor Speedway for the second day of practice. When all was said and done, Marco Brasil led the way as the TENT FACTORY SIMRACING driver posted a best lap of 38.477 (233.906 miles per hour) on the 2.5-mile oval in his Chevrolet-powered entry.

In second, the Dare Devil Brewing JHR Honda of Ryan Schuld ended the session just .078 of a second behind Brasil, with Jesper Ohrman of 3-Crowns Racing also breaking the 233 mile per hour mark.

“Practice for (teammate) Hunter Smith and I was solid today,” Schuld remarked afterward.

“This is our first go around trying to make the show, and we’re 100% focused on qualifying trim. We’re happy with our progress and have a few busy days ahead. I decided to find a big tow lap like Marco Andretti always does at Indy and it’s always fun to see yourself at the top of the leaderboard.”

After finishing Sunday’s opening practice in fourth, AJ Musselman of Turn 4 Racing equaled that mark in Tuesday’s practice while North Sim Racing’s Cesare Manzato filled out the top five.

“It was another great day for the #53 AJM Consulting/AJMusselman.com Chevy powered by Dallara,” Musselman remarked afterward.

“We decided to save the equipment and have minimal track time today after a very productive Opening Day this past weekend. I’d be lying if I said I wasn’t nervous about this weekend – I’m totally on edge and currently trying to balance how much I’m willing

to push it for the extra tenth vs. crash and break the car. Tune in this weekend for what I'm sure will be a drama-filled event."

Like Musselman, Manzato also was quick to emphasize the importance of qualifying weekend.

"There are more than two tenths between me and Tim Doyle in a four-laps average," he noted.

"So, I don't think I have much chance of getting into the top 33. Anyway, as a result of this event of a good IndyCar team was born in North Sim Racing and I'm happy about that, so thanks for this!"

Between Brasil and Adam Blocker in 43rd on the practice two chart, the margin was 2.374 seconds, with the top 16 drivers clocking a best lap in excess of 230 miles per hour. Between the top 39 times, the overall margin was 0.996 of a second – continuing to set the stage for a thrilling conclusion to this week's action and qualifying weekend.

POST-PRACTICE DRIVER QUOTES

P2. RYAN SCHULD (No. 06 JHR Racing Dallara IR-18 Honda): "Practice for Hunter Smith and I was solid today. This is our first go around trying to make this show, and we're 100% focused on qualifying trim. We're happy with our progress and have a few busy days ahead. I decided to find a big tow lap like Marco Andretti always does at Indy, and it's always fun to see yourself at the top of the leaderboard!"

P3. JESPER ÖHRMAN (No. 87 3-Crowns Racing Dallara IR-18 Honda): "Today was mostly about getting a feel for the race, trying to find a comfortable setup. Still got work to do obviously, but the car feels pretty good. Also, it's a nice change from trying to fine tune the qualifying set and it gives me the confidence to believe in my ability, that I will make the race, cause that's obviously the goal. I know I can do it."

P4. AJ MUSSELMAN (No. 53 Turn 4 Racing Dallara IR-18 Chevrolet): "It was another great day for the #53 AJM Consulting/AJMusselman.com Chevy-powered Dallara. We decided to save the equipment and have minimal track time today after a very productive Opening Day this past weekend. I'd be lying if I said I wasn't nervous about this weekend. I'm totally on edge and currently trying to balance how much I'm willing to push it for the extra tenth vs. crash and break the car. Tune in this weekend for what I'm sure will be a drama-filled event!"

P5. CESARE MANZATO (No. 99 North Sim Racing Dallara IR-18 Honda): "There are more than two tenths between me and Tim Doyle in a four-laps average, so I don't think I have much chance of getting into the top 33. Anyway, as a result of this event a good IndyCar team was born in North Sim Racing, and I'm happy about that, so thanks for this!"

P7. TAYLOR COX (No. 33 LÜG Racing Dallara IR-18 Honda): "We got a good tow today on our hot lap but we did find a couple things in qualifying trim which was encouraging. I think we still need to find a tenth or two to be comfortable this weekend but overall, we're pretty happy with the LÜG Racing Chevy. This is our first '500' so it's a good feeling to be towards the top of the pylon, but there's still work to be done."

P8. ANDREA GIACOMETTI (No. 83 North Sim Racing Dallara IR-18 Chevrolet): "Not a bad result today; draft lent a helping hand and it's nice to have two North Sim Racing drivers in top-10! Now, qualifying setup tests can't stop. So much work to do, so much time still to cut down; not an easy task but.. hey, I'm sure we'll be at our best!"

P9. DOUG SOUTH (No. 60 All American iRacers Dallara IR-18 Honda): "Happy to get under 39 (seconds), but it's only one lap and I'm still working on stringing a few of those together. Realistically, I don't think I have much of a chance to get into the top-33. But I'm here for the experience and to learn what I can so that I can improve going forward. Special thanks to AAiR for all the help and encouragement!"

P10. MICAEL HAGSTROM (No. 61 Team Players Hagstrom Racing Dallara IR-18 Chevrolet): "Well, we made over 200 laps at the practice (on Tuesday) and we can't find the speed to reach the 38 (second lap) so it's a bit confusing... I think we try too hard at the moment changing too much on the car and in the end it confuses everybody. We tried a lot but we didn't score so, we just have to work our butt off to make this happen. It is a little harder with a one-man team when it comes to such big events; you want to share ideas and strategy with another driver. We made some race stints and that worked really good, a good stability with good speed in our race setup. We also practiced some pitstops cause I know how important it is to make it perfect in a race as Indy 500. With the qualifying day coming closer it makes you both nervous and excited but "I feel the need... the need for speed" as Maverick said!"

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8:00 PM	<i>Qualifications Draw Special on RaceSpot TV</i>