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Alex Drives into Indianapolis History



Ready to face the press

Clerical Medical and Manx Sports Aid Foundation-backed 22-year-old Alex Lloyd dominated the Freedom 100 race at Indianapolis on 25th May, leading every lap to become the first driver ever to win on the Indianapolis road course and oval.

Alex took the chequered flag in the 100-mile Indy 500 support race to make it 4 wins out of 4 races, equalling the series' record of four consecutive wins.

"It's been a stressful weekend because we started off struggling a little bit yesterday morning (in qualifying). It's all credit to the Sam Schmidt Motorsports team and to (sponsor Forrest Lucas') Lucas Oil--just a fantastic team that has put together a fantastic car," said Lloyd as he recounted his slow start with an outdated set-up on his Dallara racecar.

"I won here on the road course last year with the F1 Race (the Liberty Challenge), but there's nothing to describe the feeling of crossing the line here on the oval during Carb Day and putting the car in Victory Lane," he said.

"This track is different from every other oval and different from every other track. It's a unique place," he concluded.

It isn't easy to convey the emotion and the sense of history you feel when you drive on this incredible oval.



Alex takes the chequered flag after leading for all 40 laps to become the first person to win on the historic Indianapolis oval and the road course



"This is the best feeling I've ever had," Lloyd bubbled after taking the chequer, "I've won some races before and I've won some important awards, I've even won here before, but I've never experienced anything like that. Crossing the line here at Indianapolis on the oval on Carb Day is something I've dreamed about since I came here for the first time last year. I can't tell you how much it means. There are not that many chances you get to win at Indianapolis on the oval. To be the first driver [to win] on the oval and road course is something very special.

"The team did an unbelievable job," he continued, "The car was so fast - it really was just a fantastic day. I can't put into words how happy I am"

Alex qualified 2nd, but drove around the outside of Turn 1 to take the lead on the first lap, and was never headed, despite a

spate of yellow flags. Timing of restarts is an art on ovals, and Alex managed to nail every one and retain the lead throughout the race, making it look easy, although it definitely wasn't!

The next race is this coming weekend at the short, one-mile oval at Milwaukee – the Milwaukee mile – which is a totally different kettle of fish. Indianapolis is a 2.5 mile superspeedway with four very different corners. Milwaukee is a short flat oval with what amounts to two very fast, but not flat-out corners – a completely different setup and a totally different racing strategy. Alex was quickest in the test at Milwaukee and is optimistic of his chances for a good result on Saturday, race day.



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