



**DALE COYNE RACING NEWS ARCHIVES**

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# Takuma Sato Joins Dale Coyne Racing with RWR

On December 9, 2021



Plainfield, IL (Thursday, December 9, 2021) – Dale Coyne Racing with Rick Ware Racing has signed two-time Indianapolis 500 Champion Takuma Sato to drive its #51 Honda powered entry for the entire 2022 NTT INDYCAR SERIES season.

“I am extremely excited that we were able to work out a deal with Dale, Rick and everyone at Dale Coyne Racing,” shared Sato. “With Honda an integral part of Dale Coyne Racing, it seemed like a great fit. The team has proven year after year that they are very competitive on all types of circuits.

“Particularly the speed that team has shown in recent years at the Indy 500 were very impressive. I am really looking forward to working with my new environment and can’t wait to get started.”

Sato brings 12 years of NTT INDYCAR SERIES experience with him to the team. In his 198 starts, he has finished on the podium 14 times and has six wins, including his two Indianapolis 500 victories. The 44-year-old driver has also started on pole position 10 times, has led 896 laps and has 70 top 10 finishes.

**“Takuma has shown that he is one of the best drivers to ever race in the NTT INDYCAR SERIES. Winning the famed Indianapolis 500 twice, we look forward to competing with our package of a good car with a great driver in the 500 next year. All of us on our team welcome the very talented Mr. Sato into our fold for 2022,”** said team co-owner Dale Coyne.

Hailing from Tokyo, Japan, Sato spent seven seasons in Formula 1 prior to his arrival in the NTT INDYCAR SERIES in 2010. He most recently spent the last four seasons with the Rahal Letterman Lanigan Racing team.

Team co-owner Rick Ware added: “I am excited to have Takuma join the Dale Coyne Racing with RWR Family for 2022. Takuma’s experience within motorsports is extensive, not just in the United States, but around the world. With Takuma’s experience, and vast knowledge of the cars, we are really looking forward to stepping up the program and having a successful season, and maybe even add another INDIANAPOLIS 500 win to his list of achievements.”

The 2022 NTT INDYCAR SERIES season kicks off on the Streets of St. Petersburg February 25 – 27, 2022.

## **Dale Coyne Racing Signs Indy Lights Standout David Malukas for 2022, Forms Partnership with HMD Motorsports**

On December 15, 2021



Plainfield, IL (Wednesday, December 15, 2021) – Dale Coyne Racing announced today that it has entered a partnership with HMD Motorsports and has signed Indy Lights vice-champion David Malukas to drive its #18 Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports entry for the 2022 NTT INDYCAR SERIES season.

Malukas is a Road to Indy graduate who hails from southwest suburban Chicagoland, about 10 miles from the Dale Coyne Racing shop. He claimed seven wins, seven poles and a series-leading 16 podiums in 20 races on his way to a second place in the Indy Lights Presented by Cooper Tires Championship this past season. He also set two track records at St. Petersburg (qualifying) and Detroit (race).

“I am very happy to join Dale Coyne Racing for my first season in the NTT INDYCAR SERIES,” expressed Malukas. “It has been my dream since a little kid to get to this point and I am thrilled to get it started with this team. After my first test with DCR, I felt right at home. They are like family already and I am excited to see what we can accomplish. Bring on 2022!”



Sneak peek at our #18 entry or 2022.

Prior to his 2021 Season in Indy Lights and after the enforced hiatus of the 2020 Indy Lights season, Malukas finished second in the 2020 Formula Regional Americas Championship powered by Honda with two wins, 15 podiums, one pole and top-five finishes in all 17 races. He made his Indy Lights debut in 2019 finishing sixth in the Championship with six top-five results. Earlier in his young career, the 20-year-old driver finished fourth in his rookie Indy Pro 2000 Championship in 2018 and competed in the USF2000 Championship in 2017 after picking up multiple wins as he moved up through the karting ranks.

Malukas got his first taste of an NTT INDYCAR SERIES car this past October and topped the time sheets during a driver evaluation day with the team at Barber Motorsports Park.

“I’ve been following David in Indy Lights and I was very pleased by what I saw. He had a remarkable season and then he impressed everyone when we tested him back in October. It was his first time in an Indy car and he was the fastest one at the test, even ahead of a veteran driver. And, on top of it all, he comes from right down the road in Chicago, so it’s a perfect fit for us to run David next season,” shared Team Owner Dale Coyne.

“We’re also excited about our new partnership with HMD Motorsports. We can’t wait to start building on this relationship and we’re looking forward to a successful season together.”

HMD Motorsports has been competing in the Road to Indy (RTI) since 2017 picking up numerous race wins, podiums, pole positions and track records across all three RTI ladder programs. In 2021, HMD Motorsports turned their focus towards the Indy Lights Series where they claimed 10 wins, 33 podiums and the Team Championship title.

“Having the HMD Motorsports name in IndyCar was a goal that we had set several years ago and is the first step in the overall plan for the future,” explained Mike Maurini, General Manager of HMD Motorsports. “IndyCar is experiencing major growth and HMD is able to be involved at the right time for our drivers, and partners. Tying the successful Indy Lights program, and business, to an IndyCar effort gives the HMD name a ladder to the upper echelon of open wheel racing in North America. The goal is to continue to win in Indy Lights, expand and grow a commercial side of the business, and advance drivers up into the NTT INDYCAR SERIES.”

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#### **ABOUT DALE COYNE RACING**

Dale Coyne Racing (DCR) is an NTT INDYCAR SERIES team based in Plainfield, IL, about 40 miles southwest of downtown Chicago. The team has participated in every season of the INDYCAR/Champ Car World Series since 1984. DCR has claimed multiple victories and podium finishes over the years, including its first win in 2009 with the late, great Justin Wilson at Watkins Glen and back-to-back wins in 2017 and 2018 on the Streets of St. Petersburg with then driver Sebastien Bourdais. In 2021, the team picked up three more podium finishes and a pole position with former Formula 1 driver Romain Grosjean. Team owner Dale Coyne is a true racer with a long history in racing. As an Indy car driver for five years, and a team owner for nearly 40 years, he is among the most experienced team owners in the Series paddock and highly respected by his peers. Coyne is a Midwestern entrepreneur who designed and built Route 66 Raceway and would partner with Tony George and Bill France to build Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet, IL. He is also a

franchisee of multiple Sonny's BBQ restaurants. He is known for discovering and mentoring young drivers in the early stages of their career, such as current Series Champion Alex Palou.

#### **ABOUT HMD MOTORSPORTS**

HMD Motorsports is one of the premiere teams in the Indy Lights Presented by Cooper Tires program. Based in Brownsburg, Indiana, the team will run five drivers in the 2022 edition of the series as look to continue to build a brand and grow. With numerous race wins and podium results through 2018 and 2019, the Illinois based program went through a complete rebrand and overhaul as they moved to the Indianapolis area. With the 2020 Indy Lights season cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic, HMD Motorsports explored other avenues of racing while keeping their complete staff intact. Returning to the Road to Indy in 2021 and making their official series debut since the overhaul, HMD Motorsports was a dominant force. Adding on highly experienced personnel to a strong driver lineup, HMD Motorsports immediately became a frontrunning team with ten wins and thirty-three podiums, ultimately claiming the Team Championship title and three of the top four positions in the 2021 championship chase. A growing success, HMD Motorsports is committed to a long future in the Indy Lights Championship, as well as future growth, as the team continues to help drivers in their path to the top level of North American motorsports.

## **Ed Jones Fights Way Back From Early Race Incident to Finish 12th in Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach**

On September 26, 2021



**Ed Jones Race Summary:**

**Ed Jones, behind the wheel of the No. 18 SealMaster – Dale Coyne w/ Vasser Sullivan Honda, fought his way back from an early race incident to finish 12th in the 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES finale, the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach in Long Beach, CA.**

**Jones started ninth, the inside of Row 5, on the 1.968-mile, 11-turn temporary street circuit**

**On the second lap of the 85-lap contest, Jones had contact with another car. Jones was later assessed a drive through penalty for avoidable contact and fell to 25th.**

**Jones showed his determination and skill by working his way through the field to climb back in the top-10.**

**He ran in 10th place until the closing laps of the race when he lost two positions fighting a tire issue and finished 12th.**

**Ed Jones Race Quote:**

**“It was an eventful day for the SealMaster Honda. At the start of the race I was pushing to gain positions, everyone stacked up and unfortunately I caught another car and spun him. So we got penalized for that and went to the back of the field. We had to work our way forward. We did a good job getting back up to 10th. We had a major issue on the last stint with the tires and lost 2 positions. We had a great car today,”**

**Ed Jones Fast Facts:**

**In four races on the streets of Long Beach, Jones has two top-10 finishes with a best showing of third in 2018 (sixth in 2017).**

**The 2021 Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach was Jones’ 63rd career NTT INDYCAR SERIES start.**

**Jones is contesting his fourth NTT INDYCAR season and first with Dale Coyne w/ Vasser Sullivan.**

**In 63 career INDYCAR SERIES starts, Jones has earned 17 top-10 finishes including three podium performances, third at Indy in 2017, and third at Long Beach and Detroit Race 2 in 2018. Jones’ best qualifying position is fourth, Detroit Race 1 this year, the Indianapolis 500 in 2019 and the Detroit Race 2 in 2018.**

**Jones was the 2017 INDYCAR Rookie of the Year and was the top-rookie finisher in the 2017 Indianapolis 500, placing third.**

**Jones, 26, was born in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (of British citizenship) and currently resides in Miami, Florida.**

# Grosjean Completes Successful Rookie Season in Long Beach

On September 26, 2021



Long Beach, CA (September 26, 2021) – After a successful rookie season which included four top fives, six top tens, three podium finishes and 53 laps led, Romain Grosjean’s final race of the 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES season didn’t end as planned after making contact with the wall on Lap 57, sending him to the back of the field and into 24th place.

The race started out well for the Dale Coyne Racing with RWR driver. Sitting sixth on the grid, Grosjean moved into fifth place on the opening lap and took over fourth on Lap 7. The driver of the #51 Nurtec ODT Honda continued in fourth for the majority of his first stint but was running second when he entered pit lane for his first stop during a full course caution on Lap 21.

With cars on multiple different strategies, Grosjean found himself in 10th during the Lap 31 restart. The Swiss born Frenchman then climbed to eighth on Lap 34 before taking over seventh on Lap 44 with a pass on Alexander Rossi.

Grosjean next entered pit lane on Lap 55 for his second stop of the 85-lap race. However, a couple of laps after exiting pit lane he made contact with the wall damaging the rear suspension. While the Dale Coyne Racing with RWR crew did a great job to repair the car, the damage was done and Grosjean would have to settle with 24th place.



**“My first season in IndyCar is finished. I’m pretty happy with everything we’ve achieved. Getting three podiums has been amazing. The last race in Long Beach didn’t come our way but we’ve learned so much. I’ve had an incredible time with Dale Coyne Racing with RWR, I can’t thank them enough for giving me this opportunity to drive the #51 Nurtec ODT. Now I’m looking forward to the future,”** expressed Grosjean following his final race with the team.

In addition to his three podium finishes, Grosjean ends the season with one pole and eight top seven starts in 12 races. He finished second in the Rookie of the Year standings behind Team Penske’s Scott McLaughlin.

**“The entire team and myself are very proud to give Romain a rejuvenated youth in racing. He’s come here and proven that he is still very competitive and one of the best drivers in the world. We wish him well with his move to Andretti next year. I’d also like to congratulate Alex Palou, who ran for us last year, on winning the championship this year, showing his true ability,”** shared Team Owner Dale Coyne.

## **Grosjean to Start on Third Row at Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach**

On September 25, 2021



**Long Beach, CA (September 25, 2021) – For the fifth time this season, Dale Coyne Racing with RWR driver Romain Grosjean will be starting in the top six after recording the sixth fastest lap in Saturday's Firestone Fast Six qualifying session which set the grid for tomorrow's Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach**

**Grosjean went out in Group 2 in the first round of qualifying and immediately jumped to the top of the charts. At the end of the 10-minute session, his best time of 1:08.7144 was good enough for fourth and a place in the Fast 12.**

**In the second round, Grosjean continued to show his speed, once again jumping up to first after his first timed lap. This time however, he maintained his first place by registering a dominating lap of 1:08.1776 which allowed him to move on to the final round of qualifying.**

**In the Firestone Fast 6, Grosjean was pushing hard to try and secure pole position for his #51 Nurtec ODT team, but a brush with the wall on his third lap cost him some precious tenths and he had to settle with a lap of 1:08.7577 and a sixth place on the starting grid the season finale.**

**"It's a bit bittersweet. In the Fast 12 we went really fast and had a big margin over second and a huge one over third," shared Grosjean. "In the last round of qualifying, I struggled a bit more with my Nurtec ODT car but I'm happy with a top 6 start. It's my first time in Long Beach, so it's good. We didn't start the weekend with the best car yesterday, but we made some really good progress so I'm happy with that and now I'm really looking forward to the race."**

**In 12 starts this season, Grosjean has four top five, including three podium finishes, and six top ten finishes and has led 53 laps. He has one pole position and has started in the top seven in eight events.**

**The Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach goes green at 12:45pm local time (3:45pm ET) and will be broadcast live on NBCSN from Noon ET (3pm ET).**

# Ed Jones to Start Ninth in Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach

On September 25, 2021



## Ed Jones Qualifying Summary:

Ed Jones qualified the No. 18 SealMaster – Dale Coyne w/ Vasser Sullivan Honda eighth for the 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES finale, the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach, on the 1.968-mile, 11-turn temporary street circuit in Long Beach, CA.

Jones went out in Group 2 in Round 1 of qualifying and posted a fast time of 1:08.8772 putting him sixth on the speed charts of the 14 drivers in his group.

In the second round, Jones ran a quick lap of 1:08.8153, the eighth fastest of the 12 drivers.

However, he was later penalized for not reducing his speed by 20% during a local yellow. As a result he lost his fastest time. His second fastest lap, 1:08.8797 puts him ninth on the starting grid for tomorrow's race.

## Ed Jones Qualifying Quote:

“It’s been a solid weekend so far for the SealMaster Honda team. The car was good in practice and we made progress each session. We qualified ninth, which is a good starting position, and we can work to move forward during the race.”

**Ed Jones Fast Facts:**

The ninth place starting spot ties Jones' third best of the season. He qualified fourth at Detroit Race 1, eighth at Portland and ninth for the Indy GP.

This is his best starting spot in four attempts at Long Beach surpassing his previous high of 13th in 2017 and 2018. In three previous races he has two top-10 finishes with a best showing of third in 2018 (sixth in 2017).

The 2021 Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach will be Jones' 63rd career NTT INDYCAR SERIES start and fourth on the streets of Long Beach.

Jones' has finished in the top-10 three times this season. His best finish is sixth at Nashville. He placed ninth at Detroit Race 1 and 10th at Laguna Seca.

Jones is contesting his fourth NTT INDYCAR season and first with Dale Coyne w/ Vasser Sullivan.

In 62 career INDYCAR SERIES starts, Jones has earned 17 top-10 finishes including three podium performances, third at Indy in 2017, and third at Long Beach and Detroit Race 2 in 2018. Jones' best qualifying position is fourth, Detroit Race 1 this year, the Indianapolis 500 in 2019 and the Detroit Race 2 in 2018.

Jones was the 2017 INDYCAR Rookie of the Year and was the top-rookie finisher in the 2017 Indianapolis 500, placing third.

Jones, 26, was born in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (of British citizenship) and currently resides in Miami, Florida.

**Race Broadcast:**

The 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES season finale, the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach, will be broadcast live, September 26, on NBCSN at 3:00 p.m. ET.

# Grosjean Charges to Podium Finish at Laguna Seca

On September 19, 2021



Laguna Seca, CA (September 19, 2021) – Romain Grosjean charged through the field aboard his #51 Dale Coyne Racing with RWR Nurtec ODT Honda on Sunday moving up 10 spots to claim his third NTT INDYCAR SERIES podium with a third-place finish, making 27 passes along the way, 15 of which were for position.

Grosjean, who started 13th, immediately gained three positions when the green flag fell on the 95-lap race and climbed to ninth on the second lap. Not long after a Lap 5 restart, he moved up to eighth and then made his way to first by the time he pitted on Lap 20.

Following his stop, Grosjean fell to 13th, but it wouldn't be long before he made his way back into the top 10. He then got as high as third before making his second pit stop for another fresh set of primary Firestone tires and fuel on Lap 46.

The Swiss-born Frenchman returned to the track in ninth position and once again started passing cars as he climbed his way back to first on Lap 69. Grosjean made his final trip down pit lane with 22 laps to go.

Exiting pit lane in seventh, he gained a position nearly every lap and took over third place with six laps remaining, just over nine seconds behind the second place of Alex Palou and just over 12 seconds from leader Colton Herta.

Grosjean once again charged through lapped cars cutting the gap to Palou to 1.73 seconds at the checkered and 3.71 seconds to the leader.

“What a race! I’m really happy with third today after where we started. I was trying to make my way through the field, and I pushed really hard. Our Nurtec ODT car was fast, the team once again gave me a really good car. I think you need to be confident in what you can do in the car. I made some good passes. I had a couple of close moments, but it all worked out in the end. The race was fun. Turn one is a good place to overtake, the corkscrew is another good place to do so. Now it’s easy to say, but I wish we would have pitted five laps earlier because the tires were still very good at the end,” shared Grosjean.

With today’s result, Grosjean closed the gap in the Rookie of the Year standings to 20 points with one race to go.

The Dale Coyne Racing with RWR team is now heading to Long Beach for the season finale on September 26, 2021.

# Ed Jones Finishes in Top-10 at Firestone Grand Prix of Monterey

On September 19, 2021



## Ed Jones Race Summary:

Ed Jones piloted the No. 18 SealMaster – Dale Coyne w/ Vasser Sullivan Honda to a 10th place finish in the Firestone Grand Prix of Monterey in Monterey, CA.

Jones qualified 14th on the 2.258-mile, 11-turn, WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca permanent road course.

He lost a couple of places on the opening lap, however quickly recovered and as various pit strategies played out he was sitting in third when he made his first pit stop.

When he rejoined the race, Jones was in a tough spot and lost several positions.

However, he continued to drive hard, and again, as the pit strategies played out was in fourth when he made his second stop.

He came back out in 14th place, worked his way up to 10th before making his final stop.

Jones reentered the race in 10th where he remained until the checkered flag.

**Ed Jones Race Quote:**

**“I feel that we had a top-six car. We lost a few positions at the start of the race, made them back up and it was looking good. After the first stop we came out in a difficult position and were a bit defenseless. We recovered to get back to 10th, which is good. I’m looking forward to Long Beach**

**Ed Jones Fast Facts:**

**This was Jones’ third top-10 finish of the season. His best finish is sixth at Nashville. He placed ninth at Detroit Race 1.**

**This is his best finish in two starts at Laguna Seca. In his Laguna Seca debut he finished 23rd in 2019.**

**The 2021 Firestone Grand Prix of Monterey was Jones’ 62nd career NTT INDYCAR SERIES start.**

**Jones is contesting his fourth NTT INDYCAR season and first with Dale Coyne w/ Vasser Sullivan.**

**In 62 career INDYCAR SERIES starts, Jones has earned 17 top-10 finishes including three podium performances, third at Indy in 2017, and third at Long Beach and Detroit Race 2 in 2018. Jones’ best qualifying position is fourth, Detroit Race 1 this year, the Indianapolis 500 in 2019 and the Detroit Race 2 in 2018.**

**Jones was the 2017 INDYCAR Rookie of the Year and was the top-rookie finisher in the 2017 Indianapolis 500, placing third.**

**Jones, 26, was born in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (of British citizenship) and currently resides in Miami, Florida.**

**Next Race:**

**The final race of the 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES season, Round 16, will be the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach, Sept. 24-26, on the 1.968-mile, 11-turn temporary street circuit in Long Beach, CA. The race will be broadcast live, September 26, on NBCSN at 3:00 p.m. ET.**



# Ed Jones Qualifies 14th for Firestone Grand Prix of Monterey

On September 18, 2021



## Ed Jones Qualifying Summary:

Ed Jones qualified the No. 18 SealMaster – Dale Coyne w/ Vasser Sullivan Honda 14th for the Firestone Grand Prix of Monterey on the 2.258-mile, 11-turn, WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca permanent road course in Monterey, CA.

Jones went out in Group 2 in Round 1 of qualifying and was solidly in the top-six of the 14 drivers in his group until the last lap of the 10-minute session when three drivers posted their fast lap.

Jones' fast time of 1:11.4692 put him seventh on the speed charts just missing the top-six and advancing to Round 2 of qualifying by a little more than a 10th of a second.

## Ed Jones Qualifying Quote:

“The SealMaster Honda has a lot more potential. We were expecting the conditions to be similar to yesterday, but it changed quite a bit and we struggled. A lot of the guys who had a fast practice lost some competitiveness in qualifying and we were in that boat. We can still move forward from where we qualified and we have an extra set of red tires for the race.”

**Ed Jones Fast Facts:**

This is Jones' best starting position in two qualifying attempts at Laguna Seca, his previous high was 18th in 2019. In his Laguna Seca debut he finished 23rd.

The 2021 Firestone Grand Prix of Monterey will be Jones' 62nd career NTT INDYCAR SERIES start.

Jones is contesting his fourth NTT INDYCAR season and first with Dale Coyne w/ Vasser Sullivan.

In 61 career INDYCAR SERIES starts, Jones has earned 16 top-10 finishes including three podium performances, third at Indy in 2017, and third at Long Beach and Detroit Race 2 in 2018. Jones' best qualifying position is fourth, Detroit Race 1 this year, the Indianapolis 500 in 2019 and the Detroit Race 2 in 2018.

Jones was the 2017 INDYCAR Rookie of the Year and was the top-rookie finisher in the 2017 Indianapolis 500, placing third.

Jones, 26, was born in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (of British citizenship) and currently resides in Miami, Florida.

**Race Broadcast:**

Round 15 of the 16-race 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES season will be the Firestone Grand Prix of Monterey. The race will be broadcast live, September 19, on NBC Network at 3:00 p.m. ET.

## Seventh Row Start for Grosjean at Laguna Seca

On September 18, 2021



Laguna Seca, CA (September 18, 2021) – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR driver Romain Grosjean was once again quick during qualifying on Saturday for tomorrow's Firestone Grand Prix of Monterey but traffic on his fast lap cost him a place in the Fast 12 meaning Grosjean had to settle with 13th on the starting grid of a very competitive NTT INDYCAR SERIES field.

Grosjean went out in Group 1 of qualifying and spent the first half of the session sitting in first place. However, after coming in for a fresh set of red Firestone tires, the Swiss-born Frenchman fell to fourth in his group before then registering the seventh fastest lap of the session. His time of 1:11.5303 around the 2.238-mile, 11-turn road course was only 0.0027 seconds from making it to the next round.

“Our Nurtec ODT car was very quick again today in qualifying but unfortunately I got caught up behind another car on my fast lap and that cost us some time. The time lost meant that we were not able to make it into the Fast 12. Starting in the middle of the field isn't ideal, but we will fight our way back up the tomorrow,” shared Grosjean.

The driver of the #51 Nurtec ODT Honda sits second, 38 points behind Team Penske's Scott McLaughlin, in the Rookie of the Year standings.

The penultimate round of the 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES season will be broadcast live on NBC from Noon local time (3pm ET) on Sunday, September 19, 2021.

## Ed Jones Fast in Grand Prix of Portland

On September 13, 2021



### Ed Jones Race Summary:

Ed Jones, behind the wheel of the No. 18 SealMaster – Dale Coyne w/ Vasser Sullivan Honda, was working on a podium finish in the Grand Prix of Portland when an untimely yellow flag impacted the team's strategy.

Jones qualified eighth on the 1.964-mile, 12-turn Portland International Raceway permanent road course. He started on the outside of Row 4.

On the opening lap of the race several cars became involved in an incident in Turn 1. Jones avoided the melee and was in third place when the race resumed.

He ran in the top-three for the majority of the first two stints, mainly in the top-two, including leading two laps, even though he was saving fuel.

Following his second, and final pit stop, a late race yellow flag prevented him from moving through the field. He finished 11th.

**Ed Jones Race Quote:**

“It was a solid day for the SealMaster Honda. The car was fast and we deserved a better finish. We ran up front for most of the race. At the start, we managed to avoid the incidents and made our way through. We had to fuel save a lot and at the same time we maintained great pace. The race was looking really good for us. I think we were headed for a podium finish. Unfortunately, an untimely yellow towards the end really hurt our strategy. The team did a great job and we still have two more races before the end of the season.”

**Ed Jones Fast Facts:**

This is Jones’ best finish in three races at Portland International Raceway. His previous high was 14th in 2019.

The 2021 Grand Prix of Portland was Jones’ 61st career NTT INDYCAR SERIES start.

Jones is contesting his fourth NTT INDYCAR season and first with Dale Coyne w/ Vasser Sullivan.

In 61 career INDYCAR SERIES starts, Jones has earned 16 top-10 finishes including three podium performances, third at Indy in 2017, and third at Long Beach and Detroit Race 2 in 2018. Jones’ best qualifying position is fourth, Detroit Race 1 this year, the Indianapolis 500 in 2019 and the Detroit Race 2 in 2018.

Jones was the 2017 INDYCAR Rookie of the Year and was the top-rookie finisher in the 2017 Indianapolis 500, placing third.

Jones, 26, was born in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (of British citizenship) and currently resides in Miami, Florida.

**Next Race:**

Round 15 of the 16-race 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES season will be the Firestone Grand Prix of Monterey, September 17-19, on the 2.258-mile, 11-turn, WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca permanent road course in Monterey, CA. The race will be broadcast live, September 19, on NBC Network at 3:00 p.m. ET.

## Early Contact Hinders a Fast Grosjean in Portland

On September 12, 2021



Portland, OR (September 12, 2021) – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR driver Romain Grosjean was the fastest car on track during Sunday’s Grand Prix of Portland but, unfortunately, he was unable to turn it into a top result after contact at the start of the race sent him to the back of the field and multiple laps down. Despite the setback, Grosjean was able to salvage a 22nd place finish all while registering the fastest race lap.

The driver of the #51 Nurtec ODT (Rimegepant) Honda suffered damage at the start of the race following contact with another competitor going into Turn 1. While the team did a great job repairing the damage to the left front suspension, Grosjean returned to the track on Lap 17, but he had lost 15 laps to the leaders in the process.

From that point on, Grosjean used the remainder of the race to gain experience around the 12-turn, 1.964-mile road course and he was continuously one of the fastest cars on track, registering the fastest race lap on his 83rd orbit of the circuit with a lap time of 59.4381 seconds, half a second quicker than anyone else.

“Portland was definitely not the weekend that we were hoping for,” shared Grosjean after the race. “Qualifying was not easy and I made a mistake going into Turn 1 at the start. I’m sorry to everyone

that was involved. The Dale Coyne Racing with RWR crew did an amazing job fixing our Nurtec ODT car and we went out there and had the fastest lap of the race. It's too bad because we had really good pace, but we lost too much time at the beginning. Hopefully we do better next week at Laguna Seca."

With today's result Grosjean continues to sit second, but 38 points behind, in the Rookie of the Year standings. The Swiss-born Frenchman and the Dale Coyne Racing with RWR crew will have a chance to cut into that gap when they return to action next weekend at WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca for the penultimate round of the 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES.

## Ed Jones Qualifies Eighth for Grand Prix of Portland

On September 11, 2021



### Ed Jones Qualifying Summary:

Ed Jones qualified the No. 18 SealMaster – Dale Coyne w/ Vasser Sullivan Honda eighth for the Grand Prix of Portland on the 1.964-mile, 12-turn Portland International Raceway permanent road course in Portland, OR

Jones went out in Group 2 in Round 1 of qualifying and posted a fast lap of 58.9330 putting him fifth on the speed charts of the 14 drivers in his group.

In Round 2 he ran a quick time of 59.0247 placing him eighth.

**Ed Jones Qualifying Quote:**

“It was a strong qualifying run for the SealMaster Honda. The first practice was up and down. We were quick from the get go then had a few issues, so we weren’t sure where we were pace wise. In qualifying, the car felt good. The first round we were strong. In the second round we just missed advancing by a small margin. Overall, a solid place to start and I’m excited for the race tomorrow.”

**Ed Jones Fast Facts:**

This is Jones’ second best qualifying position during the 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES season behind a fourth place spot at Detroit Race 1.

It is the fifth time Jones will start in the top-12 in 10 road/street races this season.

Today’s eighth place qualifying spot ties Jones’ best at Portland International Raceway in three attempts. He previously qualified eighth in 2018. In two previous races his best finish is 14th in 2019.

The 2021 Grand Prix of Portland will be Jones’ 61st career NTT INDYCAR SERIES start and third at PIR.

Jones is contesting his fourth NTT INDYCAR season and first with Dale Coyne w/ Vasser Sullivan.

In 60 career INDYCAR SERIES starts, Jones has earned 16 top-10 finishes including three podium performances, third at Indy in 2017, and third at Long Beach and Detroit Race 2 in 2018. Jones’ best qualifying position is fourth, Detroit Race 1 this year, the Indianapolis 500 in 2019 and the Detroit Race 2 in 2018.

Jones was the 2017 INDYCAR Rookie of the Year and was the top-rookie finisher in the 2017 Indianapolis 500, placing third.

Jones, 26, was born in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (of British citizenship) and currently resides in Miami, Florida.

**Race Broadcast:**

The Grand Prix of Portland is Round 14 of the 16-race 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES season. The race will be broadcast live, September 12, on NBC Network at 3:00 p.m. ET.



# Qualifying Penalty Costly for Grosjean

On September 11, 2021



Portland, OR (September 11, 2021) – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR driver Romain Grosjean had the speed during Saturday's qualifying for the Grand Prix of Portland but a qualifying penalty for interference sent him down the time charts and 21st on the starting grid for Sunday's race.

Grosjean went out in Group 1 of qualifying and maintained a position in the top six throughout most of the session but after getting caught in some traffic and while trying to build a gap from the other cars ahead of him it was judged he had impeded the lap of another competitor.

Prior to the penalty, Grosjean was sitting in seventh place with a lap of 59.22 seconds, a mere 0.0089 seconds behind the sixth place cut off which would have allowed him to move on to the second round. The penalty took away his two fastest laps which meant he had to settle for 11th in his group.

In 10 starts this season, Grosjean has three top five and five top ten finishes and has led 49 laps. He has one pole position and has started in the top seven in seven events.

The Grand Prix of Portland will be broadcast live on NBC from Noon local time (3pm ET) on Sunday, September 12, 2021.

# Grosjean Impresses in Oval Debut

On August 22, 2021



Madison, IL (August 21, 2021) – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR driver Romain Grosjean impressed in his oval debut on Saturday night at World Wide Technology Raceway. The rookie gained a ton of experience and put on quite the show as he made it all the way to eighth before taking the checkered flag in 14th, a result that was no way indicative of his on-track performance.

Grosjean, who was starting 14th, didn't get a chance to get into a rhythm early on as the first part of the race was marred by caution periods. It wasn't until a Lap 77 restart, that things truly got under way.

The driver of the #51 Nurtec ODT was sitting 14th at the restart. On lap 84 he got by oval veteran Tony Kanaan for 13th, then he made his way around Dalton Kellett one lap later to take over 12th. Three laps later he got by Conor Daly for 11th and then moved into the top 10 on Lap 90 after passing Jack Harvey.

That wasn't it for Grosjean as he gained one more spot to move into ninth after getting the better of fellow rookie Scott McLaughlin.

**The Swiss-born Frenchman then took over eighth place when a car ahead of him headed to pit lane. He remained in that position until his second pit stop on Lap 124.**

**With track conditions changing, passing became more difficult as the race went on, and with an unlucky yellow flag following his third stop on Lap 183, Grosjean fell to 14th, where he would eventually cross the finish line.**

**“I finished my first oval race. It was a very, very good experience. We tried a strategy that didn’t quite go our way, so the end result isn’t as good as our race, but we had a fast car, we learned a lot. I made a couple of mistakes on cold tires and got into the marbles, but I was able to save it and I managed to make some good passes. I’m happy with this first oval race, I’m a little dizzy right now but tomorrow should be better,” said Grosjean.**

**In ten starts this season, Grosjean has three top five and five top ten finishes and has led 49 laps. He has one pole position and has started in the top seven in seven events.**

**Dale Coyne Racing with RWR will be back on track in three weeks, September 11 – 12, 2021 for the Grand Prix of Portland. The first of three back-to-back races that will close out the 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES season.**

# Early Race Incident Knocks Ed Jones out of Bommarito Automotive Group 500

On August 21, 2021



## Ed Jones Race Summary:

Ed Jones was involved in an early race incident that ended the No. 18 SealMaster – Dale Coyne w/ Vasser Sullivan Honda's Bommarito Automotive Group 500 at World Wide Technology Raceway in Madison, IL.

Qualifying took place earlier in the day and Jones went out fifth of the 24 drivers to make a qualifying attempt. He posted the 13th fastest two-lap average speed, 178.380 mph, on the 1.25-mile oval, however started 12th after another competitor was given a nine grid position penalty.

On lap three of the 260-lap race Graham Rahal got a run on Jones. He never passed Jones, however while running side-by-side the two made contact ending Jones' race.

## Ed Jones Race Quote:

**“It’s frustrating. The track was super green at the start of the race. It was very unnecessary to take that kind of a risk on lap three. Graham (Rahal) got a run on me, but he was never ahead of me. I had the inside of the corner. Bommarito Automotive Group put on a great event and it’s a shame to have the SealMaster car go out so early. We just have to push on and get ready for the next race.”**

**Ed Jones Fast Facts:**

**The 2021 Bommarito Automotive Group 500 was Jones’ 60th career NTT INDYCAR SERIES start and third on the World Wide Technology Raceway oval.**

**In three starts at WWTR, Jones has a best finish of eighth in 2018. His best starting position is 12th in 2017, 2018 and this year.**

**Jones is contesting his fourth NTT INDYCAR season and first with Dale Coyne w/ Vasser Sullivan.**

**In 60 career INDYCAR SERIES starts, Jones has earned 16 top-10 finishes including three podium performances, third at Indy in 2017, and third at Long Beach and Detroit Race 2 in 2018. Jones’ best qualifying position is fourth, Detroit Race 1 this year, the Indianapolis 500 in 2019 and the Detroit Race 2 in 2018.**

**Jones was the 2017 INDYCAR Rookie of the Year and was the top-rookie finisher in the 2017 Indianapolis 500, placing third.**

**Jones, 26, was born in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (of British citizenship) and currently resides in Miami, Florida.**

**Next Race:**

**Round 14 of the 16-race 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES season will be the Grand Prix of Portland, August 10-12, on the Portland International Raceway 1.964-mile, 12-turn permanent road course in Portland, OR. The race will be broadcast live on NBC Network at 3:00 p.m. ET.**

## Grosjean Looking to Gain Experience in Oval Debut

On August 20, 2021



Plainfield, IL (August 20, 2021) – Romain Grosjean will be making his much-anticipated oval racing debut this weekend as he takes on the World Wide Technology Raceway aboard his #51 Dale Coyne Racing with RWR Nurtec ODT Honda for the Bommarito Automotive Group 500 on Saturday.

Grosjean, who ruled out running on the superspeedways this season, always remained open about racing at the 1.25-mile, egg shaped oval. His first taste of the track came in late July during his one-day rookie orientation test and it didn't take long for him to confirm his intentions of participating in the 260-lap race, even if he said that it was very different from everything he's ever done before.

"I'm going into my first oval race this weekend at World Wide Technology Raceway so there's obviously still a lot to learn for me this weekend. I'm really feeling like a rookie going into the race," expressed Grosjean. "I really want to go there and gain as much experience as possible and do the best we can, obviously. The key word on Saturday will be experience, through practice, qualifying and the race and, of course, to get the maximum out of it."

Grosjean is coming off another strong weekend at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway where he picked up his second podium finish of the season. In nine starts this season, Grosjean has three top five and five top ten finishes and has led 49 laps. He has one pole position and has started in the top seven in seven events.

Despite missing the three superspeedway events earlier this season, Grosjean remains in the hunt for Rookie of the Year honors as he sits in second place in the rookie standings, only seven points behind Team Penske's Scott McLaughlin.

This weekend will also mark Grosjean's first NTT INDYCAR SERIES one-day show with all on track activity at World Wide Technology Raceway taking place the same day. Action kicks off with a 90-minute practice session from 12:15pm local time. It will be followed by qualifying at 4:00pm local time with both practice and the qualifying being streamed live on Peacock TV.

The Bommarito Automotive Group 500 will go green at 7:45pm local time (8:45pm ET) and will be broadcast live on NBCSN from 7:00pm local time (8:00pm ET).

## Ed Jones Pre-Race Notes Bommarito Automotive Group 500

On August 20, 2021



Ed Jones Summary:

**Ed Jones will pilot the No. 18 Team SealMaster-Dale Coyne w/ Vasser Sullivan Honda in the Bommarito Automotive Group 500, August 21 on the World Wide Technology Raceway 1.25-mile oval in Madison, IL (greater St. Louis Metro area).**

**Ed Jones Fast Facts:**

**The 2021 Bommarito Automotive Group 500 will be Jones' 60th career NTT INDYCAR SERIES start and third on the World Wide Technology Raceway oval.**

**In two previous starts at WWTR Jones has a best qualifying position of 12th in 2017 and 2018. His best finish is eighth in 2018.**

**Jones is contesting his fourth NTT INDYCAR season and first with Dale Coyne w/ Vasser Sullivan.**

**In 59 career INDYCAR SERIES starts, Jones has earned 16 top-10 finishes including three podium performances, third at Indy in 2017, and third at Long Beach and Detroit Race 2 in 2018. Jones' best qualifying position is fourth, Detroit Race 1 this year, the Indianapolis 500 in 2019 and the Detroit Race 2 in 2018.**

**Jones was the 2017 INDYCAR Rookie of the Year and was the top-rookie finisher in the 2017 Indianapolis 500, placing third.**

**Jones, 26, was born in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (of British citizenship) and currently resides in Miami, Florida.**

**Next Race:**

**Round 13 of the 16-race 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES season will be the Bommarito Automotive Group 500, August 21. The race will be broadcast live on NBCSN at 8:00 p.m. ET.**



# Two for Two for Grosjean at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway

On August 14, 2021



Indianapolis, IN (August 14, 2021) – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR driver Romain Grosjean picked up his second podium finish of the season on Saturday with a second-place finish at the Big Machine Spiked Coolers Grand Prix on the road course at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Grosjean once again put in a solid drive throughout the race as he maintained his third place starting position in his two first stints. Once pit stops had cycled through following his last trip to pit lane on Lap 60, he continued to run in third.

The first full course caution of the race came out on Lap 68 and Grosjean was able to take advantage of the restart to get by Colton Herta to take over second place on Lap 72.

From then on, the driver of the #51 Nurtec ODT Honda built a gap despite having no more push to pass as he tried to catch the lead car. However, another full course caution came out on Lap 77, which meant that the gap he had built now meant nothing.

Fortunately, Grosjean had another great restart and he was able to hold on to his second place at the restart with six laps remaining.

The Swiss-born Frenchman built a small cushion in the final laps and crossed the checkered flag in second to claim his second second place finish of the season. His first podium of the season also came at IMS during the GMR Grand Prix in May.



“It’s been a cool weekend. We’ve been very competitive the last few races. We had a good car all day long. We fought at the front and I’m happy with second, but obviously we’d like to be first,” expressed Grosjean. “We ran out of push to pass early in the race. I had to use quite a bit to get around some cars that were a lap down. At the end the cars around me all had more than I did so when the restart happened, I just knew I had to go flat out and try not to make any mistakes. I knew I was quite good in the last corner, and that we were able to get a good run down the straight and we were able to get a good run into Turn 1 and that worked out really well for us.”

Cody Ware in the sister #52 Nurtec ODT entry continued to gain experience in the NTT INDYCAR SERIES as he picked up two positions throughout the race to take the checkered flag in 25th position in what was his third career start.

The Dale Coyne Racing with RWR team will next be heading to World Wide Technology Raceway on August 21, where Romain Grosjean will be making his oval debut.

# Ed Jones Finishes 14th in Big Machine Spiked Coolers Grand Prix

On August 14, 2021



## Ed Jones Race Summary:

Ed Jones drove a solid race in the No. 18 SealMaster – Dale Coyne w/ Vasser Sullivan Honda to finish 14th out of 28 cars in the Big Machine Spiked Coolers Grand Prix at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Speedway, IN.

Jones started 18th on the 2.439-mile, 14-turn IMS permanent road course.

He had a phenomenal start, picking up six positions in the first seven laps.

Jones ran in the low teens most of the first stint, slipping into the top-10 for a few laps and getting as high as sixth as various pit strategies played out.

He was in the low teens again the entire second stint, however dropped back following his second pit stop.



Jones ran in the low 20's for the entire third stint. Then had an outstanding final stint picking up nine positions to finish 14th.

**Ed Jones Race Quote:**

“We had some great passing, some great racing today. The start of the race was very good. When we have decent pace we can challenge people, make some good passes and make it entertaining. On the restart of the last stint I was trying to be aggressive and sensible at the same time. I made some good passes and other people made some mistakes, so I took advantage of that. I think we may have gone the wrong way with the tire strategy and unfortunately, the pace wasn't always there to move forward. I think we finished above where we should have based on ultimate speed.”

**Ed Jones Fast Facts:**

The 2021 Big Machine Spiked Coolers Grand Prix was Jones' 59th career NTT INDYCAR SERIES start and fifth on the Indianapolis Motor Speedway road course.

In five starts on the IMS road course Jones has a best finish of sixth in 2019. He finished 14th in both the IMS road course races this year, the GMR Grand Prix in May and today's Big Machine Spiked Cooler Grand Prix.

Jones is contesting his fourth NTT INDYCAR season and first with Dale Coyne w/ Vasser Sullivan.

In 59 career INDYCAR SERIES starts, Jones has earned 16 top-10 finishes including three podium performances, third at Indy in 2017, and third at Long Beach and Detroit Race 2 in 2018. Jones' best qualifying position is fourth, Detroit Race 1 this year, the Indianapolis 500 in 2019 and the Detroit Race 2 in 2018.

Jones was the 2017 INDYCAR Rookie of the Year and was the top-rookie finisher in the 2017 Indianapolis 500, placing third.

Jones, 26, was born in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (of British citizenship) and currently resides in Miami, Florida.

**Next Race:**

Round 13 of the 16-race 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES season will be the Bommarito Automotive Group 500, August 21 on the World Wide Technology Raceway 1.25-mile oval in Madison, IL (greater St. Louis Metro area). The race will be broadcast live on NBCSN at 8:00 p.m. ET.

## Second Row Start for Grosjean at IMS

On August 13, 2021



Indianapolis, IN (August 13, 2021) – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR driver Romain Grosjean once again put in an impressive performance during qualifying on the road course at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway picking up a third place starting position after missing out on pole by less than half of a tenth of a second. His teammate in the #52 Nurtec ODT (Rimegepant) entry, Cody Ware, will be starting 27th for his third NTT INDYCAR SERIES start.

Right from the start of qualifying for his group, Grosjean jumped up to first place on the time sheets and stayed there for most of the first-round session before falling to fifth. He then

improved his time to a 1:11.20 on his sixth and final lap of the session, which allowed him to move on to the Firestone Fast 12.

In the final qualifying round, the Swiss-born Frenchman jumped up to second on his second time around the 14-turn road course. After falling to 10th following his third lap, he jumped to the provisional pole on his penultimate time around and once again improved his time with a lap of 1:10.7418. While his time initially placed him first, he ended up missing out on pole position by 0.0271 seconds.

“Top three qualifying at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. We have a pretty good record at this track with first in May and third today. We’ve done a really good job with the #51 Nurtec ODT Honda from practice to qualifying to improve the car. I think we have a good race car for tomorrow. I’m excited for the race. Hopefully we can go and pick up our first win,” shared Grosjean.

With today’s qualifying result, Grosjean now has seven top seven starts this season.

Cody Ware went out in the first qualifying group and improved his time with every lap, finally placing himself 27th on the grid for Saturday’s race.

“I think we started the day off pretty good. Obviously having no laps at this track always puts you behind the eight ball a little bit but I feel the team overcame some adversity and we got the car to where I was comfortable,” said Ware. “Going into qualifying I felt pretty good about it even though the time did not reflect how good the car was. I’m really looking forward to an exciting day tomorrow in the 52 Nurtec ODT (Rimegepant) Honda where I feel like we will have a good pace.”

The Big Machine Spiked Coolers Grand Prix at Indianapolis Motor Speedway goes green at 1:00pm ET on Saturday, August 14, 2021 and will broadcast live on NBCSN.

# Ed Jones Qualifying Recap – IMS Road Course

On August 13, 2021



## Ed Jones Qualifying Summary:

Ed Jones, behind the wheel of the No. 18 SealMaster – Dale Coyne w/ Vasser Sullivan Honda went out in Group 2 in Round one of qualifying and posted the ninth fastest lap in his group of 14 drivers with a time of 1:11.4360.

He will start on outside of Row 9 in tomorrow's Big Machine Spiked Coolers Grand Prix on the 2.439-mile, 14-turn Indianapolis Motor Speedway road course in Speedway, IN.

## Ed Jones Qualifying Quote:

"We are really fast on black (primary) tires. We just didn't get a run on the red (alternate) tires in practice, so it was a bit of an unknown going into qualifying. It's frustrating, we just need to learn more about the car in morning warm up."

## Ed Jones Fast Facts:

Jones is coming off his best performance of the 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES season, a sixth place showing in the Big Machine Music City Grand Prix in Nashville, TN. Jones, who started 26th , improved a spectacular 20 positions, the most of any driver in the field.

**The 2021 Big Machine Spiked Coolers Grand Prix will be Jones' 59th career NTT INDYCAR SERIES start and fifth on the Indianapolis Motor Speedway road course.**

**In four previous starts on the IMS road course he has qualified in the top-10 twice with a best starting position of fifth and a best finish of sixth both in 2019. Earlier this season Jones qualified ninth and finished 14th in the GMR Grand Prix.**

**Jones is contesting his fourth NTT INDYCAR season and first with Dale Coyne w/ Vasser Sullivan.**

**In 58 career INDYCAR starts, Jones has earned 16 top-10 finishes including three podium performances, third at Indy in 2017, and third at Long Beach and Detroit Race 2 in 2018. Jones has a best starting position of fourth, Detroit Race 1 this year, the Indianapolis 500 in 2019 and the Detroit Race 2 in 2018.**

**Jones was the 2017 INDYCAR Rookie of the Year and was the top-rookie finisher in the 2017 Indianapolis 500, placing third.**

**Jones, 26, was born in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (of British citizenship) and currently resides in Miami, Florida.**

**Race Broadcast:**

**Round 12 of the 16-race 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES season will be the Big Machine Spiked Coolers Grand Prix, August 13-14. The race will be broadcast live on NBCSN at 12:30 p.m. ET.**



## Grosjean Hoping To Go One Better at IMS

On August 13, 2021



Indianapolis, IN (August 13, 2021) – For the first time in his NTT INDYCAR SERIES career, Dale Coyne Racing with RWR driver Romain Grosjean will be heading to a racetrack that he’s previously raced at, and it’s not just any racetrack, it’s where he’s had the best IndyCar weekend of his career so far.

To say that Grosjean is looking forward to returning to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway road course for the Big Machine Spiked Coolers Grand Prix would be an understatement. While conditions will be different from his last visit in May, the Swiss-born Frenchman is still carrying plenty of momentum with him onto the 2.439-mile, 14-turn road course which includes part of the famed oval.

“We’re racing again at Indianapolis Motor Speedway this weekend. The last time out in May, we had pole position and we finished second in the race,” expressed Grosjean. “With that previous performance, there’s obviously a lot of expectations coming into the weekend, but conditions will be much different this weekend. It should be much hotter and we’re running with NASCAR this weekend so the rubber on the track will be different as well. That said, we’ll keep working, keep pushing hard, keep the momentum going and hopefully we can have a good race. Would be great to have the same pace as last week in Nashville but this time with a bit more luck in the race!”

In his eight starts so far this season, Grosjean has a best finish of second and a pole, both claimed at the GMR Grand Prix at IMS in May. Overall, he's also started in the top seven in six events and has two top-five and four top ten finishes.

Once again this weekend Cody Ware will be aboard the team's #52 Nurtec ODT entry. The NTT INDYCAR SERIES rookie will be making his third series start and will be doing double duty at IMS as he'll also be taking part in the NASCAR Cup event on Sunday aboard Rick Ware Racing's the #51 entry.

Ware and Grosjean along with their NTT INDYCAR SERIES competitors will have a one-hour practice session on Friday, August 13 from 3:00pm ET with qualifying taking place that evening at 7:00pm ET.

The Big Machine Spiked Coolers Grand Prix at Indianapolis Motor Speedway goes green at 1:00pm ET on Saturday, August 14, 2021.

All sessions will be streamed live on Peacock TV with qualifying and the race broadcast on NBCSN. Race coverage begins Saturday at 12:30pm ET.

## Ed Jones Finishes Sixth in Inaugural Music City Grand Prix

On August 9, 2021



**Ed Jones Race Summary:**

**Ed Jones made up 20 positions to bring the No. 18 SealMaster – Dale Coyne w/ Vasser Sullivan Honda home in sixth place in the inaugural Big Machine Music City Grand Prix in Nashville, TN.**

**Jones, who qualified 26th on the 2.17-mile, 11-turn downtown temporary street circuit, was on the move from the drop of the green flag.**

**He worked his way into 10th place when he was assessed a drive through penalty for avoidable contact dropping him to 22nd.**

**Jones immediately went back on the offensive battling his way through the field and on the last lap made a dramatic pass to take over sixth place.**

**The 20 position improvement was the most of any driver and when the checkered flag flew Jones had earned his best finish of the 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES season.**

**Ed Jones Race Quote:**

**“It was an amazing day in the SealMaster Honda. The car was really fast. After a couple of unfortunate practices and qualifying we started in the back at 26th. We had some ups and downs during the race, however made our way forward. We finished sixth, our best finish of the season, so I’m really looking forward to the next race.”**

**Ed Jones Fast Facts:**

**The 2021 Big Machine Music City Grand Prix was Jones’ 58th career NTT INDYCAR SERIES start and fourth at Mid-Ohio.**

**Jones is contesting his fourth NTT INDYCAR season and first with Dale Coyne w/ Vasser Sullivan.**

**In 58 career INDYCAR starts, Jones has earned 16 top-10 finishes including three podium performances, third at Indy in 2017, and third at Long Beach and Detroit Race 2 in 2018. Jones has a best starting position of fourth, Detroit Race 1 this year, the Indianapolis 500 in 2019 and the Detroit Race 2 in 2018.**

**Jones was the 2017 INDYCAR Rookie of the Year and was the top-rookie finisher in the 2017 Indianapolis 500, placing third.**

**Jones, 26, was born in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (of British citizenship) and currently resides in Miami, Florida.**

**Next Race:**

**Round 12 of the 16-race 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES season will be the Big Machine Spiked Coolers Grand Prix, August 13-14, on the 2.439-mile, 14-turn Indianapolis Motor Speedway road course in Speedway, IN. The race will be broadcast live on NBCSN at 12:30 p.m. ET.**

## Great Pace Not Rewarded for Grosjean in Nashville

On August 8, 2021



Nashville, TN (August 8, 2021) – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR driver Romain Grosjean had great pace during the inaugural Music City Grand Prix but unfortunately, he wasn't rewarded with the finishing position he deserved for his effort, having to settle with 16th on the results sheet. His teammate Cody Ware in the sister #52 Nurtec ODT entry was also having a solid race with his 20th position also not reflective of his performance over the weekend.

Starting fifth, Grosjean immediately gained a position at the start as did Ware who moved into 26th. However, the race went yellow not long after the green flag and didn't resume until Lap 10. While Grosjean maintained his position at the restart, Ware was sitting 23rd.

Both drivers were then able to turn some green flag laps with Grosjean continuing in fourth, but another full course caution would come out on Lap 16. During that caution period Ware moved up to 16th but was then collected at the restart in a multiple car incident which damaged his front wing.

A red flag then came out as the AMR Safety Team cleared the incident. When the race resumed about 12 minutes later Ware was in 22nd place.

Both Grosjean and Ware headed to pit lane under yellow on Lap 32 with Grosjean in 12th following his stop and Ware in 21st.

Grosjean then inherited the lead during another caution period on Lap 52 and led the field to green on Lap 54. With another yellow coming out on Lap 55, Grosjean elected to head to pit lane for what would be his final stop. In the meantime, Ware in the #52 Nurtec ODT car had made his way up to seventh before making his final stop on lap 56.

Unfortunately for Grosjean, he then received an avoidable contact penalty as he was fighting his way back up the field. The drive-thru penalty caused him to fall to 17th. He would end up gaining one position to take the checkered flag in 16th with Ware ending his race in 20th.

**Romain Grosjean – #51 Nurtec ODT Honda**

“The first Nashville race is in the books. It was a bit of an exciting and eventful one. We had the pace, and we were up there with the top guys, we led a few laps but with all the yellows you had to be lucky to win and that’s what happened today, we didn’t get lucky. It’s a bit of a tough one to digest because we had the pace and were fighting at the front but the cautions didn’t go our way. We’ll try again next week in Indianapolis.”

**Cody Ware – #52 Nurtec ODT Honda**

“It was an honor to be in the inaugural event at Nashville. I had goosebumps at the start of the race. Early on we were just surviving and got caught up in someone else’s mess. Luckily, we didn’t have too much damage and only had to change the nose. We cycled up to 7th at one point which was awesome to race up front. Unfortunately, our race ended early but we will look forward to the Indy Road course next weekend.”

The team will be back in action next weekend for another round on the road course at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

# Grosjean to Start Fifth in Inaugural Music City Grand Prix

On August 7, 2021



**Nashville, TN (August 7, 2021) – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR driver Romain Grosjean made another trip to the Firestone Fast 6 on Saturday during qualifying for the Music City Grand Prix and guaranteed himself a fifth place on the starting grid for Sunday’s inaugural event. Cody Ware in the team’s sister #52 Nurtec ODT entry will be starting 27th.**

**Both Nurtec ODT drivers went out in the second group during Round 1 of qualifying on the 2.15-mile 11-turn street course. While Grosjean made it to the Fast 12 round with the sixth fastest lap in his group, Ware was 14th fastest in the group as he continues to progress with every session.**

**In Round 2 of qualifying, Grosjean continued to improve his lap times, registering a fastest lap of 1:15.01. The time initially placed him first, but he would find himself in seventh once the checkered flag fell on the session. However, Josef Newgarden’s sixth place lap at the time was disallowed following his contact with the wall in the final minute and Grosjean was able to move on to the Fast 6.**

**It marked the second time this season that the Swiss-born Frenchman has made it to the Firestone Fast 6 and his fourth time qualifying in the top 5 (Detroit Doubleheader didn’t feature a**

fast 6). He put in a fastest lap of 1:15.40 on his third and final lap of the six minute session which placed him sixth on the results sheet but fifth on the starting grid to due to a grid penalty to another competitor.

**Romain Grosjean – #51 Nurtec ODT Honda**

“Another Fast 6 today, which is great for us. We’ve been pushing hard in qualifying, and it paid off today. Yesterday the #51 Nurtec ODT Honda was awesome, but today the track changed a bit and we couldn’t quite get it as we want it. The good thing is that we have time to make some more changes before warm up and to get it ready for the race.”

**Cody Ware – #52 Nurtec ODT Honda**

“We made big strides today. The Dale Coyne Racing with RWR team did a mega job helping me get comfortable and up to speed in the Nurtec ODT Honda around the Music City Grand Prix. I keep learning every day and I’m looking forward to the race tomorrow.”

The inaugural Music City Grand Prix is scheduled to go green on Sunday, August 8 at 4:45pm local time and will be broadcast on NBCSN from 5:30pm ET. Drivers will also get a 30-minute warm up from Noon local time.

## **Rookie Grosjean Completes First Oval Test, Ready for World Wide Technology Raceway Debut Next Month**

On July 28, 2021

Plainfield, IL (July 28, 2021) – Romain Grosjean felt like a real rookie as he turned his much anticipated first laps on an oval yesterday during a team test at World Wide Technology Raceway. With his rookie test now in the books the Dale Coyne Racing with RWR driver is ready to take part in his first oval race, the Bommarito Automotive Group 500, on August 21, 2021.

The driver of the #51 Nurtec ODT (Rimegepant) Honda turned a productive 166 laps (the third most laps of the day) around the 1.25-mile egg-shaped oval which features varying degrees of banking in each corner.

While there was a lot for him to learn throughout the day, Grosjean had a successful test. His fastest lap time of 25.3625 seconds was less than half of a second behind the best lap of the day and quicker than oval veterans Sebastien Bourdais and Ed Carpenter.

“Today was pretty good. It was my first time on an oval and it’s very, very different from everything I’ve done before. So, obviously, there’s a lot for me to learn on ovals, from the feel of the car, to how to go fast to the feeling of knowing what I need in the car. I want to say that everyone that thinks driving on an oval is easy, is getting it completely wrong! It’s actually very tough, and special, but I had a lot of fun,” shared Grosjean.

“We went through the day and gathered a lot of information. In that aspect it was super positive. We worked well and we learned that we could extract more performance from the car which is

great. At the end of the day, on the last, long run the car felt very nice and I was happy with it. I think that was key for us today, getting some key data, getting me comfortable in the car and being able to attack on a long run. Now we can put it all together when we come back in a few weeks for my first oval race. I'm really looking forward to it."

The Bommarito Automotive Group 500 at World Wide Technology Raceway takes place on August 21, 2021 with practice, qualifying and the race all on the same day.

## Grosjean Makes Up 11 Positions to Finish Seventh at Mid-Ohio

On July 4, 2021



### Norman places 20th in NTT INDYCAR SERIES debut

Lexington, OH (July 4 2021) – Romain Grosjean drove his #51 Nurtec ODT Dale Coyne Racing with RWR car to a seventh-place finish in Sunday's Honda Indy 200, climbing 11 positions to claim his fourth top ten finish this season. Rookie Ryan Norman put in a solid performance in his #52 KOINU INU / EVO entry making up six positions to cross the finish line in 20th place.

Right from the start both drivers made up some ground with Grosjean gaining one position on the first lap, despite suffering damage to the nose of his car, and Norman three positions.



Grosjean then moved into 11th following a Lap 4 restart while Norman moved into 20th place. The Indy Lights graduate took advantage of the second full course caution to make his first pit stop on Lap 7 before continuing in 22nd place.

By Lap 11, Grosjean had made it into the top 10 and was running ninth one lap later. By the time he headed to pit lane for his first stop on Lap 26, he had made it up to eighth.

Following his stop, Grosjean fell to 14th but he quickly climbed his way back into the top ten a handful of laps later. He once again took over eighth place on Lap 33 and with very little passing throughout the field in the second part of the race, he would run in that position for most of the remaining laps. Grosjean was able to climb to seventh on the penultimate lap where he ended up taking the checkered flag.

As for Norman, the rookie ran as high as 12th before making his second stop on Lap 32. He then climbed his way back into the top 20 following his second stop and ran 19th for the majority of his second stint. The rookie went on to finish a strong 20th in his NTT INDYCAR SERIES debut registering competitive lap times with his fastest lap only a tenth of a second off of his teammate's.

**Romain Grosjean – 7th**

**“A seventh-place finish at Mid-Ohio, it was a pretty good race! We had the right strategy starting on the Red tires, I was able to make up a lot of positions at the start. The Nurtec ODT car didn't feel the best today, but we had some damage after a first lap contact, so I'm sure that didn't help. But we had the right strategy and we made good pit stops and we eventually finished seventh, after starting 18th on a track that isn't the easiest to overtake, so I'm very happy with that!”**

**Ryan Norman – 20th**

**“I just finished my first IndyCar race, that was pretty exciting! Everything went well. I kept it clean and consistent, and I was able to climb up and gain some positions with some good passes. We ran some competitive lap times, it's just hard to come back from 26th place on the grid but overall, I'm very happy with the experience and how today went. I'll just have to work on my qualifying in the future to be able to start further up because positioning is so important in the Series. I want to thank Dale Coyne and Rick Ware for giving me this opportunity. I'd love to be back!”**

**Dale Coyne Racing with RWR's next event will come next month with the Music City Grand Prix taking place August 8, 2021 on the streets of Nashville.**

# Ed Jones Collected in Early Race Incident at Honda Indy 200

On July 4, 2021



## Ed Jones Race Summary:

Ed Jones, behind the wheel of the No. 18 SealMaster – Dale Coyne w/ Vasser Sullivan Honda, picked up three positions during an opening lap crash, however when the race restarted he was collected when Will Power spun ending his Honda Indy 200 at Mid-Ohio in Lexington, Ohio.

Jones qualified 16th on the challenging 2.258-mile, 13-turn Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course permanent road circuit.

On the opening lap three cars were involved in an incident moving Jones into 13th place.

When the race restarted, Power spun directly in front of Jones. The ensuing cloud of smoke made it impossible to see anything and Jones was collected in the incident severely damaging the left front of the No. 18 SealMaster Honda ending his race three laps into the 80 lap contest.

## Ed Jones Race Quote:

“It’s frustrating. The SealMaster Honda was going to be strong in the race. We picked up three positions at the start and I was confident would pick up a few more. Unfortunately, I got caught up

in the incident and had nowhere to go. I couldn't see a thing. I'm disappointed for the crew and our sponsors SealMaster and Sport Clips who had a lot of people at the race today. The last few races it's been one thing after another. Surely we are going to catch a break at some point."

**Ed Jones Fast Facts:**

The 2021 Honda Indy 200 at Mid-Ohio was Jones' 57th career NTT INDYCAR SERIES start and fourth at Mid-Ohio.

In four races at Mid-Ohio, Jones has a best finish of 13th in 2019.

Jones is contesting his fourth NTT INDYCAR season and first with Dale Coyne w/ Vasser Sullivan.

In 57 career INDYCAR starts, Jones has earned 15 top-10 finishes including three podium performances, third at Indy in 2017, and third at Long Beach and Detroit Race 2 in 2018. Jones has a best starting position of fourth, Detroit Race 1 this year, the Indianapolis 500 in 2019 and the Detroit Race 2 in 2018.

Jones was the 2017 INDYCAR Rookie of the Year and was the top-rookie finisher in the 2017 Indianapolis 500, placing third.

Jones, 26, was born in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (of British citizenship) and currently resides in Miami, Florida.

**Next Race:**

Round 11 of the 16-race 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES season will be the Big Machine Music City Grand Prix, August 8, in Nashville, TN. The race will be broadcast live on NBCSN at 5:30 p.m. ET.

## Ninth Row Start for Grosjean at Mid-Ohio

On July 3, 2021



**-Norman to start 26th in his NTT INDYCAR SERIES debut –**

**Lexington, OH (July 3, 2021) – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR driver Romain Grosjean qualified 18th in his #51 Nurtec ODT entry for Sunday's Honda Indy 200 at Mid-Ohio Sports Course while his teammate Ryan Norman placed himself 26th on the starting grid for his NTT INDYCAR SERIES debut.**

**Both drivers went out in Group 2 in Round 1 of qualifying and while Grosjean sat in the Top 6 for most of the 10-minute session and was on a fast lap that could have put in him the Top Six, another trip to the Fast 12 wasn't in the cards for the rookie. His fastest lap of 1:06.86 was only good enough for ninth in his group.**

**Fellow rookie Norman, improved with every lap this weekend and qualifying was no different. The Ohio-native registered a fastest lap time of 1:07.50, but wasn't able to move up the charts and he had to settle with 13th in his group.**

**Romain Grosjean – 18th**

**“Qualifying with our #51 Nurtec ODT Honda didn’t go our way today. It’s a long race tomorrow and the car is fast so we’ll just have to fight our way to the front.”**



**Ryan Norman – 26th**

**“It’s great to be here at Mid-Ohio driving an Indy car for Dale Coyne Racing with RWR. While we would’ve liked to start a bit further up the grid, it’s been a great experience being on track with all these amazing drivers. I’ve learned a lot so far. One area that is completely new to me is driving with the alternate Red Firestone tires. They have a such great amount of grip that it takes a certain amount of trust in the tires to push as hard as you can, so that might have cost us a bit today, but it’s part of the learning curve. We have good long-term pace so I’m looking forward to having a clean race tomorrow, and we’ll try to race our way to the front in our #52 KOINU INU / EVO Honda.”**

**The Honda Indy 200 at Mid-Ohio will go green Sunday, July 4 at 12:05pm ET and will be broadcast live on NBC starting at Noon ET.**

## Ed Jones Pre-Race Notes – Mid-Ohio

On July 1, 2021



### Ed Jones Summary:

Ed Jones will pilot the No. 18 Team SealMaster-Dale Coyne w/ Vasser Sullivan Honda in the Honda Indy 200 at Mid-Ohio, July 2-4 ,on the challenging 2.258-mile, 13-turn Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course permanent road circuit in Lexington, Ohio.

### Ed Jones Fast Facts:

Jones is contesting his fourth NTT INDYCAR SERIES season and first with Dale Coyne w/ Vasser Sullivan.

The 2021 Honda Indy 200 at Mid-Ohio will be Jones' 57th career NTT INDYCAR SERIES start and fourth at Mid-Ohio.

In three previous races at Mid-Ohio, Jones has a best starting position of 11th in 2018 and a best finish of 13th in 2019.

Jones is 19th in the 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES championship standings with 120 points.

In 56 career INDYCAR starts, Jones has earned 15 top-10 finishes including three podium performances, third at Indy in 2017, and third at Long Beach and Detroit Race 2 in 2018. Jones has

a best starting position of fourth, Detroit Race 1 this year, the Indianapolis 500 in 2019 and the Detroit Race 2 in 2018.

Jones was the 2017 INDYCAR Rookie of the Year and was the top-rookie finisher in the 2017 Indianapolis 500, placing third.

Jones, 26, was born in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (of British citizenship) and currently resides in Miami, Florida.

#### Next Race:

Round 10 of the 16-race 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES season will be the Honda Indy 200 at Mid-Ohio, July 4. The race will be broadcast live on NBC at 12:00.

## Grosjean Excited for Mid-Ohio Roller Coaster

On July 1, 2021



Plainfield, IL (July 1, 2021) – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR driver Romain Grosjean is looking to pick up where he left off two weekends ago as he enters this weekend's Honda Indy 200 at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course.

**The driver of the #51 Nurtec ODT Honda drove hard from start to finish at the last NTT INDYCAR SERIES round at Road America, passing cars left and right as he made his way to a top five finish.**

**In preparation for Mid-Ohio, Grosjean was able to discover the elevation changes, high-speed corners, flowing corners and tight corners of the 2.258-mile, 13-turn road course last week during a one-day test.**

**“I’m looking forward to the weekend. We had a good testing session at Mid-Ohio last week, which was great. It allowed me to discover the track. It really feels like a roller coaster! I had a lot of fun. The weather is not amazing yet, but I think it will get better for the weekend,” said Grosjean. “I’m excited for this fourth of July weekend and hopefully we can keep things going after our performance in the #51 Nurtec ODT Honda a couple of weekends ago.”**

**In his six starts so far this season, Grosjean has a best finish of second and a pole, both claimed at the GMR Grand Prix in May. Overall, he’s also started in the top seven in five events and has two top-five and three top ten finishes.**

**As announced last week, Indy Lights Graduate Ryan Norman will be making his NTT INDYCAR SERIES debut as Grosjean’s Dale Coyne Racing with RWR teammate this weekend aboard the #52 KOINU INO / EVO entry.**

**Both drivers will get a Friday afternoon practice session, from 2:30pm to 3:15pm Eastern time with Practice 2 going green on Saturday, July 3 at 9:05am ET. Qualifying for Round 10 of the 2021 season will start later that day at Noon ET and will be followed by final practice later in the day at 3:30pm.**

**All practice sessions and qualifying will be streamed live on Peacock with qualifying also broadcast on a tape delay on NBCSN.**

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**The Honda Indy 200 at Mid-Ohio will go green Sunday, July 4 at 12:05pm ET and will be broadcast live on NBC starting at Noon ET.**



# Ryan Norman Set for NTT INDYCAR SERIES Debut at Mid-Ohio

On June 24, 2021



Plainfield, IL (June 24, 2021) – Indy Lights Series graduate and Cleveland, Ohio native, Ryan Norman will be making his NTT INDYCAR SERIES debut next weekend at the Honda Indy 200 aboard the No. 52 Koinu Inu / EVO entry of Dale Coyne Racing with RWR at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course.

Norman, who will be representing partners Koinu Inu, EVO and Three Chord Bourbon on his No. 52 Honda, had the opportunity earlier this week to test with the team at his home track alongside Romain Grosjean ahead of his first official appearance as an NTT INDYCAR SERIES driver next week.

“My goal throughout my whole racing career has been to become an NTT INDYCAR SERIES driver,” said Norman. “So many years of hard work and sacrifices have finally paid off and I want to thank Dale Coyne for giving me a shot to show what I can do in the series. It’s an honor to be able to drive for DCR. They have shown over the years that they have created a great competitive program and I can’t wait to see what we can accomplish together. I’m more prepared than ever before to show that I belong in IndyCar and can fight for podiums and wins. It’s time to get to work!”

The 23-year-old driver started his racing career on two wheels in his native Cleveland, Ohio and was a successful motocross racer. He transitioned to cars in 2015 and found immediate success, winning in multiple classes and winning the SCCA Formula Atlantic Championship.

Norman then moved to the competitive Indy Lights Series in 2017 where he drove for Andretti Autosport and scored podiums and victories over three seasons finishing fourth in the Championship.

Recently, he joined Bryan Herta Autosport in 2020 to compete full-time in the #33 Hyundai Veloster N TCR and won the drivers' championship alongside co-driver Gabby Chaves. For 2021, Norman joined Parker Chase in the #98 Elantra N TCR.

The former Indy Lights driver will get a first chance to measure himself to the rest of the field on Friday, July 2 from 2:30pm ET during the first practice session. The Honda Indy 200 goes green on Sunday, July 4 at 12:05pm ET and will be broadcast live on NBC.

#### **About Koinu Inu**

##### **What is Koinu Inu?**

Koinu Inu (\$KOINU) is a team-built, community driven ERC-20 token project that combines three of the most popular & rapidly growing industries in the world – DeFi (Cryptocurrency), Video Games + Gambling. The team's goal is simple and attractive – to become the world's most popular and profitable eSports Casino & Token Marketplace.

##### **What can it do?**

The \$KOINU platform will allow holders to wager tokens against others in popular eSports titles like Call of Duty, Overwatch, League of Legends, Valorant, Rocket League & many more. Token holders will also be able to wager tokens on Professional eSports matches to win a portion of a shared prize pool.

#### **About EVO**

EVO is a revolutionary athlete-development company which plans to eliminate the financial burdens of tomorrow's champions and change the way fans experience sports through the power of investment. EVO aims to take skilled professional athletes in individual sports and provide them with world-class development and support, in exchange for a share of future earnings. A portion of those earnings will be shared with EVO investors, and this model will allow athletes to focus on winning, without the burdens of financial constraints.

#### **About Three Chord Bourbon**

##### **WHO WE ARE**

Founded by music legend, Neil Giraldo, Three Chord celebrates creativity, community, and tradition by bringing together the award-winning musician and producer's love of whiskey and music with his passion for conversations with family and friends.

Inspired by the simplicity yet infinite expressions of the three chord progression — the foundation of the blues — Neil collaborated with master blender and distiller, Ari Sussman, to bring together notes from a variety of whiskeys to create products with distinctive flavor profiles that balances simplicity and complexity in perfect harmony.

##### **WHAT WE DO**

Three Chord sources high quality and rare whiskies from the top distilleries in Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina and Indiana for use in blends, single-source bottlings, and special releases. By using carefully selected barrels and combining unique flavor profiles, Three Chord creates an expression that is greater than the sum of its parts. Three Chord whiskies are aged in heavy toast 4 char #1 barrels, French and American oak “hybrid” char #3 barrels, barrels imported from Cognac (not charred), and barrels from Spain, (not charred). After blending, they are returned to the barrels a second time, then bottled in Chelsea, Michigan.

For a full list of states of distribution and availability please visit <http://www.ThreeChordBourbon.com>

## Fifth Place Finish for Grosjean at Road America

On June 20, 2021



### Cody Ware Completes First NTT INDYCAR SERIES Race in 19th

Elkhart Lake, WI (June 20, 2021) – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR driver Romain Grosjean drove hard from the green to the checkered flag to pick up a top five finish at the REV Group Grand Prix presented by AMR at Road America on Sunday while his teammate Cody Ware in the sister #52 Nurtec ODT entry held his own and went on to finish his first NTT INDYCAR SERIES race in 19th on the lead lap.

Grosjean, who started seventh, immediately jumped to sixth at the start of the 55-lap race and maintained his position until his first pit stop on Lap 11. By the time a full course caution came out on Lap 16, Grosjean was back up to seventh following his stop while Ware was running 23rd.

The race resumed on Lap 19 and Grosjean took advantage of the restart to move into fifth place where he remained until his second stop under caution on Lap 24. Ware also took advantage of the caution period to pit from his 20th place in the field.

With the green flag back out on Lap 26, Grosjean once again picked up some positions at the restart and took over 11th. A couple laps later, Grosjean had made his way back into the top 10 and was running 8th by the time another caution came out on Lap 35.

While Grosjean was making his way back up, Ware was also gaining positions, climbing to 19th on Lap 34, and was running 14th by the time he made his final pit stop on Lap 40. Grosjean then made his way to pit lane on Lap 41 from fourth.

Following their stops, Grosjean was running 13th with Ware 22nd. However, they had moved up to sixth and 20th respectively when a final caution period came out on Lap 52.

Both drivers then gained one final spot on the restart with Grosjean moving into fifth and Ware into 19th.

#### **Romain Grosjean – Finished 5th**

“Top five at Road America, what a day, what a race. We had some pretty cool battles out there. It was a wild race, but we made some really good setup changes from the warmup to the race and the Nurtec ODT car felt good. I managed the tire degradation fairly well. I’m really pleased with the work of the team so hopefully we’ll have more fun racing at Mid-Ohio in a couple laps.”

#### **Cody Ware – Finished 19th**

“What an awesome debut here at Road America, coming home P19. I raced hard all the way to the checkered flag and got to learn around some great people. I raced hard and learned a lot trying to figure these cars out. I couldn’t ask for a better day. Thank you to Nurtec ODT, Dale Coyne Racing, Rick Ware Racing and everyone that made the day possible. I’m super glad to be here.”

Next up for the Dale Coyne Racing with RWR team will be the Honda Indy 200 at Mid-Ohio in two weeks.

# Damaged Suspension Ends Strong run by Ed Jones at Road America

On June 20, 2021



## Ed Jones Race Summary:

Ed Jones was having a strong race in the No. 18 SealMaster – Dale Coyne w/ Vasser Sullivan Honda when his rear suspension gave way ending his REV Group Grand Prix at Road America in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin.

Jones started 12th on the scenic 4.014-mile, 14-turn permanent road course.

He ran at, or near, the top-10 for much of the race getting as high as seventh.

On lap 50 of the 55-lap contest, he was running in 13th place with at least one car needing to pit for fuel and several others saving fuel.

While working lap 51, the left rear suspension gave way ending his race.

## Ed Jones Fast Facts:

**The 2021 REV Group Grand Prix was Jones' 56th career NTT INDYCAR SERIES start and fourth at Road America.**

**In four races at Road America, Jones has finished in the top-10 twice with a best showing of seventh in 2017 (ninth in 2018). He has qualified in the top-12 all four times. In three previous races he**

**Jones is contesting his fourth NTT INDYCAR season and first with Dale Coyne w/ Vasser Sullivan.**

**In 56 career INDYCAR starts, Jones has earned 15 top-10 finishes including three podium performances, third at Indy in 2017, and third at Long Beach and Detroit Race 2 in 2018. Jones has a best starting position of fourth, Detroit Race 1 this year, the Indianapolis 500 in 2019 and the Detroit Race 2 in 2018.**

**Jones was the 2017 INDYCAR Rookie of the Year and was the top-rookie finisher in the 2017 Indianapolis 500, placing third.**

**Jones, 26, was born in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (of British citizenship) and currently resides in Miami, Florida.**

**Next Race:**

**Round 10 of the 16-race 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES season will be the Honda Indy 200, July 4, on the 2.258-mile, 13-turn Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course permanent road circuit in Lexington, Ohio. The race will be broadcast live on NBC at 12:00 p.m. ET.**

# Grosjean to Start Seventh at Road America

On June 19, 2021



Elkhart Lake, WI (June 19, 2021) – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR driver Romain Grosjean made it into the Fast 12 for the fifth time this season during qualifying for tomorrow’s REV Group Grand Prix presented by AMR and placed himself seventh on the starting grid, missing out on the Firestone Fast 6 by half a tenth of a second. His teammate Cody Ware in the sister #52 Nurtec ODT entry qualified 25th for his NTT INDYCAR SERIES debut, posting a lap time that was faster than his NASCAR rival Jimmie Johnson.

**Romain Grosjean – Starting 7th**

– Placed fifth in Round 1/Group 1

“P7 in qualifying at Road America, it’s not bad but obviously we were hoping for more. We’ve been struggling to find the right balance on the car. The track has been changing quite a bit from the testing we did two weeks ago. We have the warmup next and I think our long run pace will be very different than our one lap pace so we’re going to work on that and hopefully have a good race tomorrow.”

**Cody Ware – Starting 25th**

**“Qualifying went pretty well for us, I was really happy. We made a few changes this morning for free practice 2 which didn’t really go to our advantage but Don Bricker (engineer) and my whole team did a great job dialing the car back to where it needed to be and we found some speed for qualifying and it really paid off. I’m looking forward to the race tomorrow.”**

**The REV Group Grand Prix presented by AMR is scheduled to go green at 11:45am local time and will be broadcast live on NBCSN from 11:00am local time (Noon eastern).**

## **Ed Jones Qualifies 12th for REV Group Grand Prix**

**On June 19, 2021**



**Fourth Consecutive Time Jones Reaches Second Round of Qualifying on a Road/Street Course**

**Ed Jones Qualifying Summary:**

**Ed Jones qualified the No. 18 SealMaster – Dale Coyne w/ Vasser Sullivan Honda 12th for the REV Group Grand Prix on the scenic 4.014-mile, 14-turn Road America permanent road course in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin.**

**Jones went out in Group 2 in Round 1 of qualifying and posted a fast lap of 1:45.7968, putting him fifth on the speed charts of the 13 drivers in his group.**



In Round 2 he ran a quick time of 1:46.2270, placing him 12th.

Jones has now advanced to the second round of qualifying in four consecutive road/street races, and four of the six road/street races held so far during the 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES season.



**ED JONES**  
NO. 18 DALE COYNE W/ VASSER SULLIVAN  
#REVGROUPEGP // ROAD AMERICA

**SealMaster**

**QUALIFIED: 12<sup>TH</sup>**  
ROUND 1 (GROUP 2):  
**5<sup>TH</sup> Fastest // 1:45.7968**  
ROUND 2:  
**12<sup>TH</sup> Fastest // 1:46.2270**

#### Ed Jones Qualifying Quote:

“It was a good day for the SealMaster Honda team. After missing practice yesterday we knew it was going to be difficult. The guys did a good job preparing the car and we were fast right away today starting with the morning practice. Q1 (first round of qualifying) was really good. In Q2 (second round) I made a few mistakes and we might have missed the balance a little bit. We had the car to go through to the Firestone Fast Six we just didn’t maximize it as much as I would have liked. However, we have good pace and a good race car.”

#### Ed Jones Fast Facts:

The 2021 REV Group Grand Prix will be Jones’ 56th career NTT INDYCAR SERIES start and fourth at Road America.

In four attempts at Road America, Jones has qualified in the top-12 all four times. In three previous races he has finished in the top-10 twice with a best showing of seventh in 2017 (ninth in 2018).

Jones is contesting his fourth NTT INDYCAR season and first with Dale Coyne w/ Vasser Sullivan.

In 55 career INDYCAR starts, Jones has earned 15 top-10 finishes including three podium performances, third at Indy in 2017, and third at Long Beach and Detroit Race 2 in 2018. Jones has a best starting position of fourth, Detroit Race 1 this year, the Indianapolis 500 in 2019 and the Detroit Race 2 in 2018.

Jones is 18th in the 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES championship standings with 113 points.

Jones was the 2017 INDYCAR Rookie of the Year and was the top-rookie finisher in the 2017 Indianapolis 500, placing third.

Jones, 26, was born in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (of British citizenship) and currently resides in Miami, Florida.

#### Race Broadcast:

Round 9 of the 16-race 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES season will be REV Group Grand Prix, June 20. The race will be broadcast live on NBCSN at 12:00 p.m. ET.

## Cody Ware to Make NTT INDYCAR SERIES Debut at Road America

On June 15, 2021



Plainfield, IL (June 15, 2021) – NASCAR driver Cody Ware will be making his NTT INDYCAR SERIES debut this weekend at Road America with Dale Coyne Racing with RWR aboard the team’s No. 52 Nurtec ODT (rimegepant) entry.

Ware, who drives full-time in the NASCAR Cup Series for Rick Ware Racing (RWR), got his first taste of an Indy car earlier this year during a test day with the team at Sebring International Raceway. He also turned his first laps at Road America two weeks ago as part of a rookie test day.

“To be a part of an NTT INDYCAR SERIES race is such an honor, and a surreal experience for me. I never would’ve thought that I would ever go down the open wheel route for a multitude of reasons,” expressed Ware. “But thanks to RWR, Dale Coyne Racing, and Biohaven / Nurtec ODT I am getting an opportunity to compete at the highest level of open wheel motorsport in the US. Road America is an ideal place to make my debut and I am so excited to learn and soak it all in. Having two great teammates such as Romain Grosjean and Ed Jones will help take some of the edge off the learning curve if only a little.”

In addition to his time in the NASCAR Cup and the Xfinity Series this season, Ware finished fourth in the LMP2 Class at the 24 Hours of Daytona earlier this year. The 25-year-old driver has a diverse racing pedigree, taking home rookie of the year honors in the 2014 Lamborghini Super Trofeo North America series and claiming the 2019/2020 LMP2 Asian Le Mans Championship.

“What started as a 3-4 race sponsorship to roll out a marketing program for BioHaven and Nurtec ODT (rimegepant) in the NTT INDYCAR SERIES, turned into a full-season sponsorship commitment with the No. 51 Honda,” shared Rick Ware, Owner of Rick Ware Racing and co-entrant, Dale Coyne Racing with RWR. “Thanks to their continued partnership, we’re excited to add a few races for the No. 52 entry, starting with Road America this weekend.”

Cody Ware will take to the track on Friday, June 18 for his first official NTT INDYCAR SERIES practice session. The REV Group Grand Prix goes green at 11:45am local time on Sunday, June 20, 2021.

## Ed Jones Detroit Dual #2 – Race Report

On June 14, 2021



Ed Jones Race Summary:

**Ed Jones had a fantastic start to the race picking up five positions, however suffered a shock absorber failure significantly affecting the performance of the No. 18 Team SealMaster Honda, and ruining what was a strong start to Detroit Grand Prix Race 2.**

**Jones advanced into the Fast 12, qualifying 11th on the 2.35-mile, 14-turn, temporary street circuit in Detroit, Michigan.**

**He had a fantastic start to the race picking up five positions.**

**On lap 12, while running in sixth position, Jones suffered a shock absorber failure.**

**The failure significantly affected the performance of the car, however Jones fought on bringing the car home in 17th place.**

**Ed Jones Race Quote:**

**“We had a fantastic car for the start of the race and were able to make up positions. Then we just lost all pace. We couldn’t understand it. After reviewing the post-race data it’s now clear I lost a damper on lap 12. This track is the worst place to have that happen and I was just holding on. We are working to identify the cause of the failure and with the weekend we had, I’m ready to get to Road America and go racing again.”**

**Ed Jones Fast Facts:**

**The 2021 Detroit Z Grand Prix Race 2 was Jones’ 55th career NTT INDYCAR SERIES start and eighth on the Belle Isle temporary street circuit.**

**Jones earned 13 points today and jumped another position in the 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES championship standings (a net total of five spots during the Detroit Grand Prix Doubleheader) to 18th with 113 points.**

**Jones is contesting his fourth NTT INDYCAR season and first with Dale Coyne w/ Vasser Sullivan.**

**In 55 career INDYCAR starts, Jones has earned 15 top-10 finishes including three podium performances, third at Indy in 2017, and third at Long Beach and Detroit Race 2 in 2018.**

**Jones was the 2017 INDYCAR Rookie of the Year and was the top-rookie finisher in the 2017 Indianapolis 500, placing third.**

**Jones, 26, was born in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (of British citizenship) and currently resides in Miami, Florida.**

**Next Race:**

**Round 9 of the 16-race 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES season will be REV Group Grand Prix, June 20. On 4.048-mile, 14-turn Road America permanent road course. The race will be broadcast live on NBCSN at 12:00 p.m. ET.**

## Weekend of Highs and Lows for Grosjean in Detroit

On June 13, 2021



Detroit, MI (June 13, 2021) – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR driver Romain Grosjean had the pace to run at the front as he displayed in qualifying, but nothing went his way in Race 2 on Sunday in Detroit with his day ending in flames due to a brake fire with 12 laps to go.

Once again, Grosjean put in another strong qualifying performance earlier in the day by placing his #51 Nurtec ODT (Rimegepant) car fifth on the starting grid. The Frenchman was actually on his way to another third place on the grid when a red flag came out in the final moments of the Fast 12 session.

With a fast car under him, the Swiss-born Frenchman was looking forward to a good race, but he was unable to maintain his position at the start as he ended up caught in between two cars, making contact with both of them.

Fortunately for Grosjean, there was no damage to the car, and he was able to continue and take advantage of an early caution period on Lap 2 to head to pit lane for a set of Firestone primary tires. From there, he started fighting his way back.

However, that wasn't the end of the misfortunes for the driver the of the #51 Nurtec ODT Honda as he was penalized with a drive thru for avoidable contact on Lap 30 which sent him to the back of the field.

Unfortunately for Grosjean, he was unable to make it any higher than 18th from that point on despite registering lap times as quick as the leaders.

With nothing going their way, Grosjean's race then came to an end with 12 laps remaining as he was forced to stop on track due to a brake fire.

"It was a pretty eventful weekend in Detroit," said Grosjean. "I think we had two mega qualifying results with a third yesterday and fifth today. But I got sandwiched at the race start and I lost a fair bit of positions. Then we tried to come into the race, but I picked up a drive thru penalty and we tried to come back from there. Eventually we had a brake fire, and I had to extinguish a fire, but we're all good here! I think the positive of the day is that we improved the #51 Nurtec ODT car a lot from yesterday and we can now look forward to Road America."

Grosjean will be back in action next weekend, June 18 – 20, 2021 for the REV Group Grand Prix at Road America.

# Ed Jones Finishes Ninth in Detroit Grand Prix Race 1

On June 12, 2021



## Ed Jones Race Summary:

Ed Jones, behind the wheel of the No. 18 SealMaster – Dale Coyne with Vasser Sullivan Honda, finished ninth today in the Detroit Grand Prix Race 1.

Jones qualified fourth on the 2.35-mile, 14-turn, temporary street circuit in Detroit, Michigan.

He ran in the top-four for the majority of his first stint leading two laps. Late in the stint he dropped back as his red “alternate” tires severely degraded.

Jones was technically running in 15th place, actually sixth since nine cars needed to pit for fuel, when a horrific crash occurred on lap 24 eventually bringing out a red flag.

One hour and 18 minutes later the race resumed and the nine cars quickly pitted putting Jones in sixth place.

He moved into fifth place almost immediately and remained there until pitting for the final time on lap 45.

Jones rejoined the race in 12th place, however quickly moved into seventh where he stayed until a second red flag came out on lap 65 to remove a stranded car.

The second red flag, with just five laps left, created a “shootout” situation. Adding to the drama, race leader Will Power was unable to get his car restarted and had to retire, moving Jones up to sixth.

During the restart a furious flurry of cars all pounced. Jones simultaneously avoided contact and defended before slotting into ninth place where he finished.

Ed Jones Race Quote:

“We were sixth going into the last restart, a few drivers made some desperate moves and I got mixed up in it, which moved us back. So, the final result was little frustrating, but overall it was a solid day and I feel confident for tomorrow.”



Ed Jones Fast Facts:

The 2021 Detroit Grand Prix Race 1 was Jones’ 54th career NTT INDYCAR SERIES start and seventh on the Belle Isle temporary street circuit.

Jones earned 23 points today and jumped four positions the 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES championship standings to 19th with 100 points.

In seven races at Detroit, Jones has now finished in the top-10 four times with a best showing of third in 2018 Race 2. He was sixth in 2018 Race 1 and ninth in 2017 and 2021 Race 1. Jones has a best starting position of fourth, this year for Detroit Race 1 and in 2018 at Detroit Race 2.

The fourth place qualifying position is his best of the 2021 NTT INDYCAR season, surpassing a ninth place starting spot in the GMR Grand Prix and tied his best previous starting position at Detroit.



Jones is contesting his fourth NTT INDYCAR season and first with Dale Coyne w/ Vasser Sullivan.

In 54 career INDYCAR starts, Jones has earned 15 top-10 finishes including three podium performances, third at Indy in 2017, and third at Long Beach and Detroit Race 2 in 2018.

Jones was the 2017 INDYCAR Rookie of the Year and was the top-rookie finisher in the 2017 Indianapolis 500, placing third.

Jones, 26, was born in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (of British citizenship) and currently resides in Miami, Florida.

Next Race:

Round 8 of the 16-race 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES season will be Race 2 of the Detroit Grand Prix Doubleheader, tomorrow, June 13. The race will be broadcast live on NBC at 12:00 p.m. ET on June 13.

## Tough Day for Grosjean in Race 1 at Detroit Grand Prix

On June 12, 2021



**Detroit, MI (June 12, 2021) – It was a tough and unlucky day for Dale Coyne Racing with RWR driver Romain Grosjean in Race 1 of the doubleheader at the Detroit Grand Prix with his race coming to an end six laps early.**

**Despite once again putting in a great qualifying performance by placing third on the starting grid, Grosjean wasn't as fortunate in the 70-lap event. While the Swiss-born Frenchman stayed with the lead group in the opening laps, even taking the lead on Lap 5, he fell to 19th after exiting pit lane on Lap 6, opting for an early stop to switch to the primary Firestone tires.**

**Grosjean was still running 19th when a full course caution for an incident in Turn 6 came out on Lap 23 and he was 17th when a Red Flag put a temporary stop to the race on Lap 27. With the Series needing to make repairs to the wall in Turn 6, the race was stopped for over 75 minutes.**

**Once the race resumed, the leaders made their first stop which meant Grosjean was able to move up the field into eighth place. However, luck wasn't on his side and he had to return to pit lane on Lap 35 with a puncture following contact with Pagenaud.**

**The unscheduled stop sent him to the back of the field into 21st place. While Grosjean was able to make his way back into ninth place by the time he entered pit lane for his final stop, he ended up making contact with the Turn 9 wall five laps later, putting an early end to his race.**

**“We had a very good qualifying for Race 1 in Detroit, third on the grid, not knowing the track, was pretty amazing,” shared Grosjean. “Then for the race, we struggled a bit more with the balance. But we were hanging in there at the restart following the red flag and we were looking good. I made an attacking move on Simon Pagenaud but sadly we touched, and it caused a puncture. After that, I was running at the back and I was trying to find some pace for tomorrow, but I was a bit optimistic, and I ended up in the wall. Overall, our qualifying was good but for the race we still need to improve the car to be better tomorrow.”**

**Grosjean is hoping to bounce back tomorrow, Sunday, June 13, in Race 2 which will go green at 12:50pm. Qualifying for the 70-lap event will take place earlier that morning at 9:00am ET.**

# Grosjean Carrying Momentum to Detroit Doubleheader

On June 11, 2021



Detroit, MI (June 11, 2021) – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR driver Romain Grosjean may have been out of the #51 Nurtec ODT Honda for a few weeks now, but he’s still carrying momentum from his memorable weekend at the GMR Grand Prix last month into this week’s Detroit Grand Prix doubleheader event.

Grosjean is coming off the best NTT INDYCAR SERIES weekend of his career after claiming pole position and a second place in what was only his third series start.

Once again, this season, the Swiss-born Frenchman will be discovering a new track as he takes on the challenging 2.35-mile, 13-turn temporary street circuit on Detroit’s Belle Isle.

“The Detroit Grand Prix will be a brand-new track for me, so there will be a lot to learn again,” said Grosjean. “I’ve done a few laps on my bike and it seems like a super cool, flowing circuit so I’m looking forward to discovering it aboard my #51 Nurtec ODT Honda. It will obviously be a big challenge with the bumpiness of it from what I heard from the other drivers, but I can’t wait to get on track and see for myself.”

Grosjean will get a 75-minute practice session on Friday, June 11 at 5pm ET to familiarize himself with the track. Qualifying for Race 1 will then take place Saturday, June 12 at 11am ET with the race going green at 2:05pm ET.

Race 2 will go green at 12:50pm on Sunday, June 13 with qualifying for the 70-lap event taking place at earlier that morning at 9:15am ET.

Both races will be broadcast live on NBC with practice and qualifying being streamed live on Peacock. Qualifying will also be broadcast live on NBCSN.

## Fittipaldi Completes First Indy 500

On May 30, 2021



INDIANAPOLIS (May 30, 2021) – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR driver Pietro Fittipaldi completed his first Indianapolis 500 on Sunday, driving his #51 Nurtec ODT Honda to a 25th place finish after a solid performance.

The result could have been much different had there been one more caution period in the 200-lap race but nonetheless, Fittipaldi picked up valuable experience as he raced around the Indianapolis Motor Speedway 2.5-mile oval for the first time.

**Fittipaldi lost a few positions from his 13th place on the grid at the start of the race but maintained 17th place for the majority of his first stint.**

**The Miami-born Brazilian headed to pit lane for his first stop on Lap 30 and while he exited the pits in 33rd, he had made his way back up to 30th by the time a full course caution came out a handful of laps later. Fittipaldi was then 22nd by the time the field took the restart on Lap 47.**

**The fastest Indy 500 rookie qualifier continued to maintain his strong race pace and was running 18th by the halfway mark of the event. He made his third pit stop on Lap 104 and the team then gambled with bringing him once again on Lap 119 during what was the final caution period in the hopes of only having to do one more stop.**

**While Fittipaldi made his way up as high as third by the time he made his fourth stop with just over 40 laps to go, he ended up having to visit pit lane one last time for a splash of fuel with five laps remaining.**

**“It wasn’t the finish we were looking for. We got caught out by the first yellow after our first stop,” explained Fittipaldi. “We were making our way back up on the restarts and the #51 Nurtec ODT car was really racy. Every restart we made up two or three spots. We were running in the teens when we made the call to pit under the last yellow to then try and save fuel to only have one more stop to do, but it didn’t go our way. Had a yellow come out, it would have been great, and we would be looking at a different result. It just wasn’t our day.**

**“Overall, I’m really happy with my first experience at the Indy 500. The Dale Coyne Racing with RWR team has done a great job. I want to thank everyone for all their hard work.”**

**The Dale Coyne Racing with RWR team will be back in action in two weeks as the NTT INDYCAR SERIES returns to Belle Isle for the Detroit Grand Prix doubleheader weekend June 12 and 13, 2021. Romain Grosjean will be back behind the wheel of the #51 Nurtec ODT car for the event.**

**Fittipaldi will be back with the team for the final oval race of the season at WorldWide Technology Raceway in August.**

# Team Takes Gamble to Finish Top-Five in Indy 500; It Doesn't Pay Off

On May 30, 2021



## Ed Jones Race Summary:

Dale Coyne Racing with Vasser Sullivan took a gamble during today's 105th Running of the Indianapolis 500 for a shot at a top-five finish. However it didn't pay off.

Ed Jones qualified the No. 18 Team SealMaster-Dale Coyne Vasser Sullivan Honda 11th lining up in the middle of Row 4, for the "Greatest Spectacle in Racing."

Jones ran most of the race in the low to mid-teens and got as high as third.

Shortly after his third pit stop the second yellow flag of the race came out and the team decided to gamble, pitting again for fuel in an attempt to finish the race with just one more stop while the vast majority of the other cars would need two stops.

Unfortunately, they came up short and Jones had to pit on the second to last lap for a splash of fuel, dropping him to the back of the finishing order.

**Ed Jones Race Quote:**

**“The SealMaster Honda was fast. It was just very hard to overtake. There were not a lot of drivers moving forward. I was able to pass a few people, but it was very difficult. We had bad luck with the yellow flag coming out right after our first pit stop. So we lost a few positions there. Then, with the pack not moving much, we decided to get aggressive with our pit strategy and unfortunately it ended up hurting us. I think we had a top-eight car, but it didn’t work out that way. It’s frustrating, but we tried to do something to get to the front and it didn’t payoff.”**

**Ed Jones/Vasser Sullivan Racing Fast Facts:**

**Jones earned 10 points today and is now 23rd in the 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES championship standings with 77 points.**

**Jones is contesting his fourth NTT INDYCAR season and first with Dale Coyne w/ Vasser Sullivan.**

**The 2021 Indianapolis 500 was Jones’ 53rd career NTT INDYCAR SERIES start.**

**In 53 career INDYCAR starts, Jones has earned 14 top-10 finishes including three podium performances, third at Indy in 2017, and third at Long Beach and Detroit Race 2 in 2018.**

**Jones is the 2017 INDYCAR Rookie of the Year and was the top-rookie finisher in the 2017 Indianapolis 500, placing third.**

**Jones, 26, was born in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (of British citizenship) and currently resides in Miami, Florida.**

**The 2021 Indy 500 was the 10th time Jimmy Vasser and James “Sulli” Sullivan have partnered to enter a car in the Indianapolis 500. In 10 Indy 500 races they have finished in the top-10 six times. Their car was running in the top-10 two other times when contact forced it from the race.**

**A Vasser Sullivan entry has finished in the top-five three times with one victory, Tony Kanaan in 2013, Kanaan third in 2012 and Santino fourth in 2020.**

**Vasser and Sullivan first teamed up in 2011 with Tomas Scheckter as the driver. He finished eighth.**

**Next Race:**

**Round 7 and 8 of the 16-race 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES season will be the Detroit Grand Prix Doubleheader, June 12 and 13 on the 2.35-mile, 14-turn, temporary street circuit in Detroit, Michigan. The race will be broadcast live on NBC at 2:00 p.m. ET on June 12 and 12:00 p.m. ET on June 13.**

## Outstanding Second Run by Ed Jones puts Him 11th on the Indy 500 Grid

On May 22, 2021



### Ed Jones Qualifying Summary:

On an extremely hot day, it took an outstanding second attempt by Ed Jones in the No. 18 Team SealMaster-Dale Coyne w/ Vasser Sullivan Honda to qualify 11th for the 105th Running of the Indianapolis 500.

Jones went out fifth of the 35 drivers to make their first qualifying attempt earlier in the day and posted a four-lap average speed of 230.246 mph.

Late in the afternoon, with time running out for qualifying, Jones was sitting 19th on the grid. Several other drivers had attempted to improve their times, most failing and one crashing.

With the bit in his teeth, Jones produced a gutsy four-lap average of 231.044 mph moving him up eight places on the starting grid, making him the biggest mover of the day.

Jones produced two laps at over 231 mph and his slowest lap, the fourth came in at 230.535. The four-lap average was just .060 of a second from putting him in the Fast Nine.



**Jones will lineup in the middle of Row 4 for next Sunday's "Greatest Spectacle in Racing."**

**Ed Jones Qualifying Quote:**

**"It was an up and down day. The first run in qualifying we were very conservative, however the SealMaster team did a fantastic job getting the car prepared for the second attempt. I had a solid run and moved up eight spots to P11. Time now to concentrate back on race prep."**

**Ed Jones Fast Facts:**

**In four qualifying attempts at the Brickyard, Jones has a best starting position of fourth in 2019. Coincidentally, this year's 11th place starting spot is the same as when he had his best Indy 500 finish, third, in 2017.**

**The 2021 Indianapolis 500 will be Jones' 53rd career NTT INDYCAR SERIES start.**

**Jones is 19th in the 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES championship standings with 67 points.**

**Jones is contesting his fourth NTT INDYCAR season and first with Dale Coyne w/ Vasser Sullivan.**

**In 52 career INDYCAR starts, Jones has earned 14 top-10 finishes including three podium performances, third at Indy in 2017, and third at Long Beach and Detroit Race 2 in 2018.**

**Jones was the 2017 INDYCAR Rookie of the Year and was the top-rookie finisher in the 2017 Indianapolis 500, placing third.**

**Jones, 26, was born in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (of British citizenship) and currently resides in Miami, Florida.**

**Next Race:**

**Round 6 of the 17-race 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES season will be the 105th Running of the Indianapolis 500, May 30. The race will be broadcast live on NBC beginning at 11:00 a.m. ET.**

# Fittipaldi Fastest Rookie in Indianapolis 500 Qualifying

On May 22, 2021



**INDIANAPOLIS (May 22, 2021) – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR driver Pietro Fittipaldi put in a spectacular four lap run to take home fastest rookie honors in Saturday’s qualifying session for the Indianapolis 500 by placing himself 13th on the starting grid for next week’s race.**

**After four days of practice in which the Indy 500 rookie improved with every session as he gained more and more experience around the 2.5-mile oval, Fittipaldi was the 15th driver to take to the track in Saturday’s qualifying session.**

**The #51 Nurtex ODT driver immediately posted a lap over 231 mph and followed it up with three more laps in the 230mph range to guarantee himself a spot in his first Indianapolis 500.**

**His four-lap average initially placed him fifth and he was 11th once all cars had made their first attempt. By the end of the 5 hour and 50 minute session, Fittipaldi was 13th. He will be starting on the inside of Row 5.**

**Position: 13th**

**Lap 1: 231.542mph**

**Lap 2: 230.942mph**

**Lap 3: 230.598mph**

**Lap 4: 230.306mph**

**Four lap average: 230.846**

**Pietro Fittipaldi Quote:**

**“We knew we had a good car yesterday; the #51 Nurtec ODT Honda was very consistent but today is a new day. All the pressure and the hype, it’s four days of practice that are just building up to it. The nerves were there, it’s my first Indy 500 qualifying and it’s super intense. You have to go out and be committed and hold it wide open, flat out for four laps and we did that. The car was amazing, the Dale Coyne Racing with RWR team has done a great job. I’m just very happy to be here and super excited. We were thinking of going back out at the end to try and get into the Fast 9, I think the car had it in it, but at the end of the day we’re happy with where we qualified, and we didn’t want to risk it.”**

**Fittipaldi will get a two-hour practice session on Sunday, May 23 at 5pm ET to work on his race setup as well as a final practice session on Carb Day (May 28, 2021) at 11am ET. All sessions will be streamed on Peacock.**

**The 105th Running of the Indianapolis 500 takes place on Sunday, May 30 and will be broadcast live on NBC starting at 11:00am ET.**

# Dominating Run Ends with Second Place Finish for Grosjean at Indy

On May 15, 2021



**INDIANAPOLIS (May 15, 2021) – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR driver Romain Grosjean picked up his first NTT IndyCar Series podium finish with a second place in Saturday’s GMR Grand Prix thanks to a dominating run in only his third series start aboard his #51 Nurtec ODT Honda.**

Grosjean, who was starting on pole, dominated the first part of the race, gradually growing his lead with each lap and had a six second lead by the time he headed to pit lane on Lap 25 for his first of three stops.

The Swiss-born Frenchman then returned to the track in second place and regained the lead a couple of laps later when the car in front of him made his first stop.

Grosjean continued to lead until Lap 43 when his team decided to bring him into the pits for his second stop, but also to cycle him out of lapped traffic that was costing him precious time.

Despite good work by his #51 Nurtec ODT pit crew, Grosjean came out in third and moved up to second a couple of laps later before making his way back to first on Lap 60 when eventual race winner Rinus Veekay pit from the lead.

The Dale Coyne Racing with RWR driver led another few laps, for a total of 44 laps led, before making his final stop on Lap 63.

Grosjean once again exited pit lane in third and made his way back to second with 20 laps remaining. Despite chasing down the leader as best he could, Grosjean had to 'settle' for second after dominating the first part of the 85-lap event.

"It's not a bad day! I think we're kind of disappointed to be second but also super happy. I was telling the team, guys, it's a great day. You can't be disappointed being second. It's fantastic!" shared Grosjean. "We've had a strong car all weekend. We were leading the race quite easily in the first stint. We got a bit unlucky with traffic and back markers and I think that cost us a chance to go for the win, but also Rinus (Veekay) was quite fast on a different strategy. The right one, I guess.

"But we've done great work, and finishing second in my third race starting in INDYCAR, it's pretty big. It is a tough championship. There's super good talent here, super fast drivers."

Pietro Fittipaldi will be returning behind the wheel of the #51 Nurtec ODT machine on Tuesday, May 18 as practice for the Indianapolis 500 gets underway at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Grosjean will be back in action with the team next month at the Detroit Grand Prix.

# Ed Jones GMR Grand Prix Race Recap

On May 15, 2021



## Ed Jones Race Summary:

Ed Jones piloted the No. 18 Mouser Molex-Dale Coyne Racing with Vasser Sullivan machine, to a 14th place finish in the GMR Grand Prix on the on the 2.439-mile, 14-turn Indianapolis Motor Speedway road course in Speedway, Indiana.

Jones, who qualified a season-high ninth, ran in the top-10 for the first stint of the race getting as high as third.

During the second stint, which he ran on the black primary tire, his pace declined and he began to lose ground to the leaders.

He dropped to 14th place where he essentially stayed for the remainder of the race.

## Ed Jones Race Quote:

“It was a tough race for us. We made up some positions at the start and then we just didn’t have the pace. Once we put on the black tires, I think that is where we lost all the track position because when we were all on reds (alternate tires) it seems we were similar pace and everyone

**just stacked up .It was a frustrating day, however there were some positive takeaways from the weekend. We will push forward for the Indy 500.”**

**Ed Jones Fast Facts:**

**Jones earned 16 points today and is now 19th in the 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES championship standings with 67 points.**

**In four races on the IMS road course he has a best finish of sixth in 2019.**

**Jones is contesting his fourth NTT INDYCAR SERIES season and first with Dale Coyne w/ Vasser Sullivan.**

**The 2021 GMR Grand Prix was Jones’ 52nd career NTT INDYCAR SERIES start.**

**In 52 career INDYCAR starts, Jones has earned 14 top-10 finishes including three podium performances, third at Indy in 2017, and third at Long Beach and Detroit Race 2 in 2018.**

**Jones was the 2017 INDYCAR Rookie of the Year and was the top-rookie finisher in the 2017 Indianapolis 500, placing third.**

**Jones, 26, was born in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (of British citizenship) and currently resides in Miami, Florida.**

**Next Race:**

**Round 6 of the 17-race 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES season will be the 105th Running of the Indianapolis 500, May 30, on the 2.5-mile Indianapolis Motor Speedway. The race will be broadcast live on NBC beginning at 11:00 p.m. ET.**

# POLE POSITION FOR GROSJEAN AT INDY

On May 14, 2021



INDIANAPOLIS (May 14, 2021) – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR rookie driver Romain Grosjean continued to impress and show his speed in his NTT IndyCar Series debut season on Friday by capturing his first NTT P1 Pole award for Saturday’s GMR Grand Prix at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

“Amazing,” expressed Grosjean. “When I saw the (first qualifying) group I was in, I was like, ‘Oh, dear, if we can get out of the first group, we’re going to be OK,’ and we did. That last few laps, we were on it. What a day for us. I’m happier than I have been in a very long time.”

Grosjean, who was also quick in practice earlier in the day, went out in Group 2 of Round 1 of qualifying and registered a fastest lap of 1:09.8556 which placed him fifth in his group and allowed him to move on to the Fast 12 for the second time this season.

The Swiss-Franco driver then secured his first trip to the Firestone Fast 6 with a third place thanks to a lap of 1:09.5476.

The driver of the #51 Nurtec ODT car then took to the final round of qualifying with a used set of Firestone alternate tires and immediately jumped to first place on his first lap. Despite falling to



second, Grosjean jumped back to P1 with a fastest lap of 1:09.4396 securing his first pole position in the series, in only his third NTT IndyCar Series start.

Grosjean is the second Swiss-born driver to capture a pole since Louis Chevrolet (1916 and 1917).

The Dale Coyne Racing with RWR driver will lead the field to the green flag when the GMR Grand Prix goes green at 2:45pm ET on Saturday, May 15. The race will be broadcast live on NBC from 2pm ET.

## **Ed Jones Qualifies Mouser Molex Machine Ninth for GMR Grand Prix**

On May 14, 2021



### **Ed Jones Qualifying Summary:**

Ed Jones had a strong performance in the No. 18 Mouser Molex-Dale Coyne Racing with Vasser Sullivan machine, qualifying ninth for the GMR Grand Prix on the Indianapolis Motor Speedway road course in Speedway, Indiana.

Jones went out in Group 1 in Round 1 of qualifying and posted the third fastest lap in his group of 12 drivers on the 2.439-mile, 14-turn IMS permanent road circuit.

Round 2 was interrupted by a red flag with approximately seven minutes left in the 10-minute session, with Jones sitting in 12th place.

When the track went green again there were only four and a half minutes remaining. Jones, now on red (alternate) Firestone tires, quickly got up to speed and posted the ninth fastest lap of the 12 cars in Round 2.

**Ed Jones Qualifying Quote:**

“The Mouser Molex car was super-fast today. The car looked great out there, and I guess that has given us a bit more speed. It was a good qualifying run, inside the top-10. The Coyne Vasser Sullivan crew did a great job preparing the car, we are focused on having a good race tomorrow.

**Ed Jones Fast Facts:**

The ninth place starting position is Jones’ best of the young 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES season.

It is his second highest qualifying position in four attempts on the Indianapolis Motor Speedway road course behind a fifth place starting position in 2019, his last start at IMS.

In the three previous races on the IMS road course he has a best finish of sixth, also in 2019.

Jones is 18th in the 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES championship standings with 51 points.

Jones is contesting his fourth NTT INDYCAR SERIES season and first with Dale Coyne w/ Vasser Sullivan.

The 2021 GMR Grand Prix will be Jones’ 52nd career NTT INDYCAR SERIES start.

In 51 career INDYCAR starts, Jones has earned 14 top-10 finishes including three podium performances, third at Indy in 2017, and third at Long Beach and Detroit Race 2 in 2018.

He has now qualified in the top-10 eight times in his INDYCAR career with a best starting position of fourth at Detroit Race 2 in 2018 and the Indianapolis 500 in 2019.

Jones was the 2017 INDYCAR Rookie of the Year and was the top-rookie finisher in the 2017 Indianapolis 500, placing third.

Jones, 26, was born in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (of British citizenship) and currently resides in Miami, Florida.

**Next Race:**

Round 5 of the 17-race 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES season will be the GMR Grand Prix, May 15. The race will be broadcast live on NBC beginning at 2:30 p.m. ET.

# Ed Jones Victim in Multi-Car First Lap Incident

On May 4, 2021



## Ed Jones Race Quote:

“I was actually really excited for the race. We had a great race car The SealMaster Honda was fast and I was confident we would have the best result of the season so far. We haven’t caught a break. We just have to make up for it the next two races. It’s a frustrating end to what was shaping up to be a good weekend for the SealMaster Coyne Vasser Sullivan team.

## Ed Jones Fast Facts:

Ed Jones, No. 18 Team SealMaster-Dale Coyne Racing with Vasser Sullivan, was a victim of a first lap incident that ended his XPEL 375 race at Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth, Texas.

Jones, who started 18th because the field was set by entrant points, was approaching the green flag when several cars became entangled collecting him in the process. The car was severely damaged ending his race in 22nd place.

The XPEL 375 was Race 2 of this weekend’s doubleheader on the 1.5-mile Texas Motor Speedway D-shaped oval. Race 1, the Genesys 300, was held yesterday. Jones finished 12th.

Jones earned eight points today and is now 18th in the 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES championship standings with 51 points.

**The 2021 XPEL 375 was Jones' 51st career NTT INDYCAR SERIES starts and fourth at Texas Motor Speedway.**

**The 12th place finish in the Genesys 300 was Jones' second best in four races at TMS behind a ninth place showing in 2018.**

**Jones is contesting his fourth NTT INDYCAR season and first with Dale Coyne w/ Vasser Sullivan.**

**In his 51 career INDYCAR starts, Jones has earned 14 top-10 finishes including three podium performances Third at Indy in 2017, and third at Long Beach and Detroit Race 2 in 2018.**

**Jones was the 2017 INDYCAR Rookie of the Year and was the top-rookie finisher in the 2017 Indianapolis 500, placing third.**

**Jones, 26, was born in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (of British citizenship) and currently resides in Miami, Florida.**

**Next Race:**

**Round 5 of the 17-race 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES season will be the GMR Grand Prix, May 14-15, on the 2.439-mile, 14-turn Indianapolis Motor Speedway road course. The race will be broadcast live on NBC beginning at 2:30 p.m. ET.**

# Competitive Run for Fittipaldi in Texas Race 1

On May 1, 2021



Fort Worth, Texas (May 1, 2021) – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR driver Pietro Fittipaldi put in a strong performance in Saturday night's Genesys 300, Race 1, at Texas Motor Speedway with a 15th place finish which wasn't indicative of his speed aboard his #51 Nurtec ODT machine.

With qualifying being canceled earlier in the day due to track drying delaying the start of practice, the starting grid was set on Entrant points, which meant Fittipaldi took the green flag in 14th position.

Despite losing a few spots at the start, the Brazilian got back into a rhythm and ran competitive lap times all while saving fuel and managing his tires, making his way up to ninth before a full course caution came out on Lap 56.

Fittipaldi then fell to 11th following the restart but made his way back into the top 10 by Lap 96. Things were looking promising for the driver of the #51 Nurtec ODT Honda as he made his way up the field, pitting from the lead on Lap 129.

Following his stop, Fittipaldi returned to the track in 17th. The team was hoping to repeat their performance from their previous stint but a full course caution on Lap 160 put a damper on those hopes with everyone now back on the same strategy.

The Dale Coyne Racing with RWR driver restarted with 38 laps to go in 16th and gained one more position on Lap 190 to take the checkered flag in 15th place.

“I’m super happy with my first race back in the NTT IndyCar Series tonight at Texas Motor Speedway,” expressed Fittipaldi. “We ran all the laps and I gained a lot of experience. I was lacking a bit of confidence in practice earlier today. The engineers and the team made a change in the car and it was a lot better for the race, they did a fantastic job. We were there running close to the top 10 and Dale made a great strategy call as well. We took a risk on the second pit stop to try and go very long because our tire degradation was very low. At the end it didn’t work out so we lost some spots, so who knows where we would have finished had it worked out. It’s oval racing so you have to take a risk. We ended up P15, I felt like we had more in the car, but I learned a lot and I’m super happy with the job we did today.”

Race 2 of the weekend at Texas Motor Speedway will be broadcast live on NBCSN from 5pm ET on May 2, 2021.

## Ed Jones Texas Motor Speedway Preview

On May 1, 2021



## **Genesys 300 and XPEL 375**

**Texas Motor Speedway – May 1-2, 2021**

### **Ed Jones Summary:**

**Ed Jones will pilot the No. 18 Team SealMaster-Dale Coyne w/ Vasser Sullivan entry this weekend in the Genesys 300 and XPEL 375 on the 1.5-mile Texas Motor Speedway D-shaped oval in Fort Worth, Texas. Jones has enjoyed some success at TMS finishing ninth in 2018 and leading his first career NTT INDYCAR SERIES lap.**

### **Ed Jones Fast Facts:**

**Jones is contesting his fourth NTT INDYCAR season and first with Dale Coyne w/ Vasser Sullivan.**

**The 2021 Genesys 300 and XPEL 375 will be Jones' 50th and 51st career NTT INDYCAR SERIES starts.**

**Jones is 19th in the 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES championship standings with 25 points.**

**In two previous races at TMS, Jones has a best starting position of 13 and a best finish of ninth both in 2018. He also led his first career NTT INDYCAR SERIES lap in 2018 at Texas.**

**In his 49 career INDYCAR starts, Jones has earned 14 top-10 finishes including three podium performances Third at Indy in 2017, and third at Long Beach and Detroit Race 2 in 2018.**

**He has qualified in the top-10 seven times in his INDYCAR career with a best starting position of fourth at Detroit Race 2 in 2018 and the Indianapolis 500 in 2019.**

**Jones was the 2017 INDYCAR Rookie of the Year and was the top-rookie finisher in the 2017 Indianapolis 500, placing third.**

**Jones, 26, was born in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (of British citizenship) and currently resides in Miami, Florida.**

### **Next Race:**

**Rounds 3 and 4 of the 17-race 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES season will be the Genesys 300, May 1 and the XPEL 375, May 2 at Texas Motor Speedway in Ft. Worth, Texas. The Genesys 300 will be broadcast live on NBCSN at 7:00 p.m. ET. The XPEL 375 will be broadcast live on NBCSN at 5:00 p.m. ET.**

# Strong Race for Grosjean in St. Petersburg

On April 25, 2021



**St. Petersburg, Florida (April 25, 2021) – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR driver Romain Grosjean had another strong outing in his #51 Nurtec ODT machine in Sunday's Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg gaining five positions on his way to finishing 13th.**

**Starting 18th, Grosjean moved up to 17th at the start and remained in that position until his team called him into the pits on Lap 16. The Frenchman continued to run in 17th for most of his next stint before making it up to sixth ahead of his next stop on Lap 37.**

**Despite showing great pace throughout the race, the Frenchman continued to run in 16th for his penultimate stint and had made it up to 13th before entering pit lane on Lap 67 for his final stop.**

**Grosjean exited pit lane in 16th and had moved up to 14th by the time a full course caution came out seven laps later.**

**The Dale Coyne Racing with RWR driver was running 14th when the race resumed on Lap 77 and would gain one more position, moving into 13th before taking the checkered flag.**



“The first race for me in St. Petersburg is done. We tried to play with the strategy today since we were starting further back in our Nurtec ODT Honda but we never really got lucky with the yellows,” said Grosjean. “I feel we did a good job this weekend. We’ve learned a lot in the race. It was very physical today, very hard but ultimately the team did a good job. We’re going to keep working, keep improving and the next one will be better.”

The Dale Coyne Racing with RWR team will be back in action next weekend with Pietro Fittipaldi making his first official appearance of the season behind the wheel of the #51 Nurtec ODT Honda for the doubleheader weekend at Texas Motor Speedway May 1 – 2, 2021.

## Ed Jones Finishes 20th in Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg

On April 25, 2021



### Ed Jones Race Summary:

Ed Jones, No. 18 Team SealMaster-Dale Coyne Racing with Vasser Sullivan, finished 20th in the Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg on the streets of St. Petersburg, Florida. Jones started 21st of the 24 drivers to take the green flag on the 1.8-mile, 14-turn temporary street circuit.

The team pitted early in the race in a strategy move, and along with Jones making numerous on track passes got as high as third.

Jones ran most of the race in the mid-teens and at one point had legitimately gained seven positions making him the most improved of any driver.

While working lap 80 of the 100-lap contest, Jones was involved in an incident. By the time the car was restarted and he rejoined the race he was in 20th place where he finished.

Ed Jones Race Quote:

“Our weekend really started with this morning’s warmup when we were eighth. We had issues in all practice sessions and qualifying up until then. Starting as far back as we did for the race, we had to try a few things in an effort to get a positive result. Unfortunately, the gamble didn’t quite work out, and I made a mistake in the end trying to pass a lapped car that was going slow. I made some good moves and we showed good pace, so hopefully we will be strong in the next race,”



Ed Jones Fast Facts:

Jones earned 10 points today and is now 19th in the NTT INDYCAR SERIES championship standings with 25 points.

In four races at St. Petersburg, Jones has two top-10 finishes with a best showing of eighth in 2018 (10th in 2017),

Jones is contesting his fourth NTT INDYCAR season and first with Dale Coyne w/ Vasser Sullivan. The 2021 Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg was Jones’ 49th career NTT INDYCAR SERIES start.

In his 49 career INDYCAR starts, Jones has earned 14 top-10 finishes including three podium performances Third at Indy in 2017, and third at Long Beach and Detroit Race 2 in 2018.

Jones was the 2017 INDYCAR Rookie of the Year and was the top-rookie finisher in the 2017 Indianapolis 500, placing third.

Jones, 26, was born in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (of British citizenship) and currently resides in Miami, Florida.

Next Race:

Rounds 3 and 4 of the 17-race 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES season will be the Genesys 300, May 1 and the XPEL 375, May 2 at Texas Motor Speedway in Ft. Worth, Texas. The Genesys 300 will be broadcast live on NBCSN at 7:00 p.m. ET. The XPEL 375 will be broadcast live on NBCSN at 5:00 p.m. ET.

## Ninth Row Start for Grosjean in St. Petersburg

On April 24, 2021



St. Petersburg, Florida (April 24, 2021) – It was another day of learning for Dale Coyne Racing with RWR driver Romain Grosjean in his first NTT IndyCar Series street course qualifying on Saturday, with the driver of the #51 Nurtec ODT Honda placing 18th on the starting grid for Sunday's race.

After placing ninth in the morning practice session, Grosjean took to the track in Group 2 of Round 1 of qualifying for the Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg. Despite registering a fastest lap of 1:00.8127, only 0.16 seconds from making it to the Fast 12, Grosjean found himself ninth in his group and 18th in a very competitive NTT IndyCar Series field.

“It’s my first time in an Indy car on a street course and it’s been a really good experience,” shared Grosjean. “We’ve been quickly up to speed but qualifying didn’t quite go our way. We tried different set ups and it didn’t work. I guess that’s part of the learning curve. We are ready for tomorrow for the race, and I think we can do well. I think starting from further back that it opens it

up a bit more for strategy, so we'll look at our options there. It's been a really cool experience, obviously a bit disappointed with qualifying but Sunday is when it counts."

Grosjean and his team will get a final 30-minute warm-up tomorrow at 9:05am ET to fine tune his car. The 100-lap Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg going green at 12:42pm ET. The race will be broadcast live on NBC from Noon ET on Sunday.

## Ed Jones Qualifies for Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg

On April 24, 2021



### Ed Jones Qualifying Summary:

Ed Jones qualified the No. 18 Team SealMaster-Dale Coyne Racing with Vasser Sullivan entry on the 11th row for the Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Jones went out in Group 1 in Round 1 of qualifying and posted the 11th fastest lap in his group of 12 drivers on the 1.8-mile, 14-turn temporary street circuit.

### Ed Jones Fast Facts:

The 2021 Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg will be Jones' 49th career NTT INDYCAR SERIES start and fourth on the streets of St. Petersburg.

In three previous races at St. Petersburg, Jones has two top-10 finishes with a best showing of eighth in 2018 (10th in 2017),

Jones is contesting his fourth NTT INDYCAR season and first with Dale Coyne w/ Vasser Sullivan.

Jones has made 48 career INDYCAR starts earning 14 top-10 finishes including three podium performances Third at Indy in 2017, and third at Long Beach and Detroit Race 2 in 2018. He has qualified in the top-10 seven times in his INDYCAR career with a best starting position of fourth at Detroit Race 2 in 2018 and the Indianapolis 500 in 2019.

Jones was the 2017 INDYCAR Rookie of the Year and was the top-rookie finisher in the 2017 Indianapolis 500, placing third.

Jones, 26, was born in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (of British citizenship) and currently resides in Miami, Florida.

**Race Broadcast:**

Round 2 of the 17-race 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES season will be the Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg, April 25, on the streets of St. Petersburg, Florida. The race will be broadcast live on NBC Network beginning at 12:00 noon ET. Green flag is at 12:42 p.m. ET.

## Grosjean to Make NTT IndyCar Series Street Circuit Debut in St. Petersburg

On April 23, 2021



St. Petersburg, Florida (April 23, 2021) – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR driver Romain Grosjean will be discovering a new circuit this weekend on board his #51 Nurtec ODT machine as the NTT IndyCar Series heads to the streets of St. Petersburg for Round 2 of the 2021 season.

Grosjean is no stranger to street circuits, having raced at places like the famed Monaco track, amongst others, however this will be the first time he takes to a street course in his NTT IndyCar Series Honda powered car.

The Frenchman had a strong debut at Barber Motorsports Park last weekend, qualifying seventh and finishing in tenth in his first IndyCar race.

“After a very positive first race in Barber with my Dale Coyne Racing with RWR team, I’m very much looking forward to discovering a new track and different type of tires,” said Grosjean. “We’re going to keep the same attitude as last week and keep learning. There’s still a lot to learn, the championship as well as the circuit and the conditions and so on. I can’t wait to get on track and hopefully we can do well again this weekend in our Nurtec ODT car.”

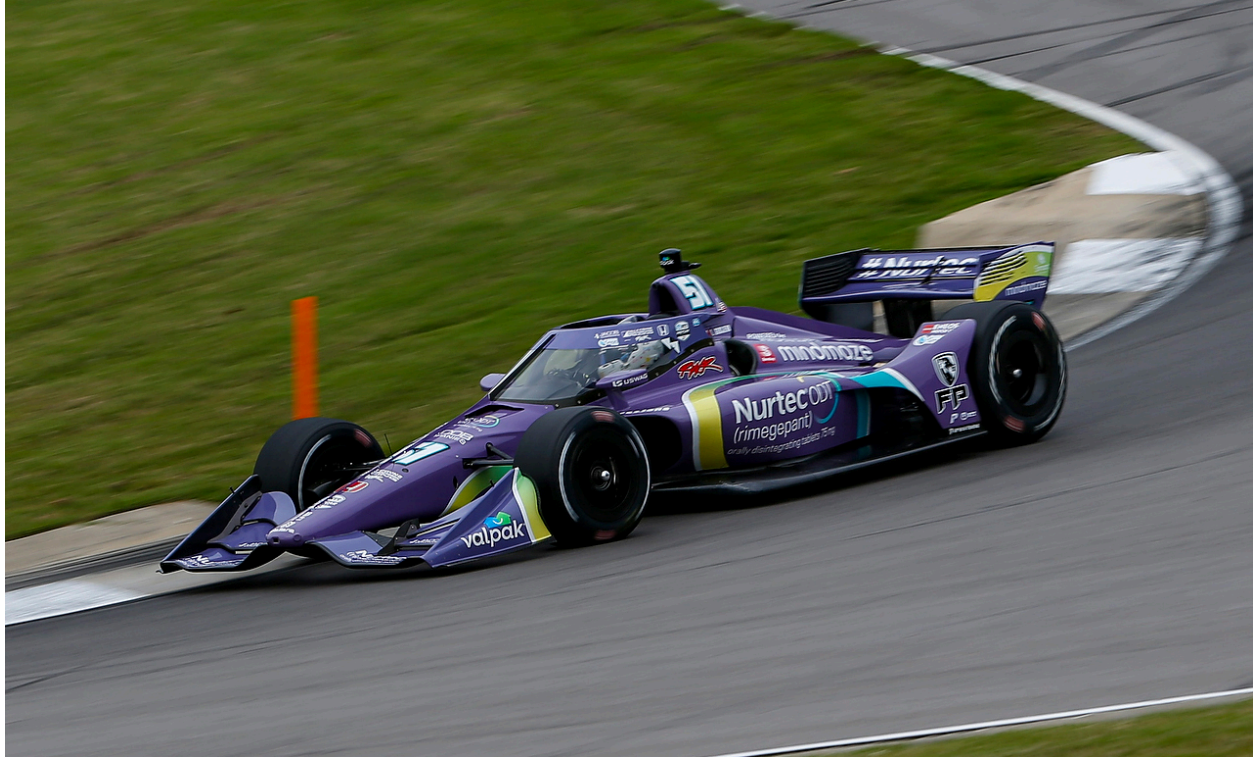
Grosjean, who leads the rookie standings after Race 1, will get his first taste of the 1.8-mile, 14-turn street circuit on Friday, April 23 at 4:15pm ET. Drivers will then get another 45-minute practice session on Saturday, April 24 at 9:45am ET ahead of that afternoon’s qualifying session at 1:45pm ET.

Teams will get a final 30-minute warm-up at 9:05am ET on Sunday, April 25 with the 100-lap Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg going green at 12:42pm ET.

The race will be broadcast live on NBC from Noon ET on Sunday and all practice sessions and qualifying will be streamed live on Peacock. Qualifying will also be broadcast on tape delay on NBCSN on Saturday, April 24 at 10:00pm ET.

# Top 10 Finish for Grosjean in NTT IndyCar Series Debut

On April 18, 2021



Leeds, Alabama (April 18, 2021) – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR driver Romain Grosjean capped off his birthday weekend and return to racing, 140 days after his Formula 1 accident in Bahrain, with a solid 10th place finish in his first NTT IndyCar Series race on Sunday at Barber Motorsports Park.

The Frenchman who qualified seventh for the Honda Indy Grand Prix of Alabama maintained his position in what was his first rolling start all while avoiding a multicar incident on the opening lap aboard his #51 Nurtec ODT machine.

Grosjean and his team opted to make two stops in what became a fuel strategy race early on. With cars pitting ahead of him, Grosjean moved up to fifth on Lap 18 and was running third when he entered pit lane for his first stop on Lap 33.

Following his stop, Grosjean found himself in 16th but he would quickly make his way back into the top 10 where he continued to run until his final stop on Lap 62.

The driver of the #51 Nurtec ODT Honda would go on to place 10th in his debut NTT IndyCar Series race, as the top finishing rookie.

**“It was my first race in the NTT IndyCar Series and my first top 10 finish, so we can be very happy with that,” shared Grosjean “We fought at the front for some time, and we did our best. We learned a lot today, and overall, we can be very proud of our weekend. (About his first rolling start) The rolling start wasn’t pretty! I got caught a little bit, but I just need to get used to it. It’s not easy. You have to get the right timing, but it was fun. Now we move on to St. Pete where we’ll try to do better.”**

**Grosjean and his Dale Coyne Racing with RWR team will be back in action next weekend (April 23 – 25) on the streets of St. Petersburg for the Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg.**

## **Ed Jones Finishes 15th in 2021 Season Opening Honda Indy GP of Alabama**

**On April 18, 2021**



### **Ed Jones Race Summary:**

**Ed Jones piloted the No. 18 Team SealMaster-Dale Coyne Racing with Vasser Sullivan entry to a 15th place finish in the 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES season opening Honda Indy Grand Prix of Alabama at Barber Motorsports Park in Leeds, Alabama.**

**Jones started 13th of the 24 drivers to take the green flag on the 2.3-mile, 17-turn permanent road course.**



He spent most of the race running in the mid-teens getting as high as eighth.

**Ed Jones Race Quote:**

**“We were having a pretty good weekend of practice. In qualifying the track conditions threw us off a little bit. We were also having an issue with straight line speed, so it made us feel we were less competitive than we were. I think we over compensated with the changes we made for the warmup, so we were on our back foot for the race. It was a tough race. We did the best we could. A few changes here and there would have made a big difference. So, I’m looking forward to St. Petersburg next weekend.”**

**Ed Jones Fast Facts:**

**The 15th place finish is Jones’ best in four races at Barber surpassing a 16th place showing in 2018.**

**The 2021 Honda Indy GP of Alabama was Jones’ 48th career NTT INDYCAR SERIES start and fourth at Barber Motorsports Park.**

**Jones has made 48 career INDYCAR starts earning 14 top-10 finishes including three podium performances. Third in the Indianapolis 500 in 2017, and third at Long Beach and Detroit Race 2 in 2018.**

**Jones is contesting his fourth NTT INDYCAR SERIES season and first with Dale Coyne w/ Vasser Sullivan.**

**Jones was the 2017 INDYCAR Rookie of the Year and was the top-rookie finisher in the 2017 Indianapolis 500, placing third.**

**Jones, 26, was born in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (of British citizenship) and currently resides in Miami, Florida.**

**Next Race:**

**Round 2 of the 17-race 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES season will be the Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg, April 23-25, on the 1.8- mile, 14-turn temporary street circuit in St. Petersburg, Florida. The race will be broadcast on NBC Network at 12:30 PM ET.**

# Grosjean Celebrates Birthday by Qualifying Seventh at Season Opener

On April 17, 2021



Leeds, Alabama (April 17, 2021) – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR driver Romain Grosjean celebrated his birthday on Saturday by taking part in his first official on track activities in the NTT IndyCar Series and by qualifying an impressive seventh for his debut race in his #51 Nurtec ODT Honda.

The rookie entered his first qualifying session with the hopes of making it into the Fast 12. Grosjean easily accomplished that goal by placing second in Group 2 of Round 1 of qualifying and then exceeded his expectations by registering a fastest lap of 1:05.76 to place himself seventh on the starting grid. The Frenchman missed out on the Fast 6 by a mere six hundredths of a second.

“What a day, seventh in qualifying, that’s clearly above expectations!” expressed Grosjean. “But being so close to the Fast 6, obviously, I was really hoping we would get in but it’s still really great. The Dale Coyne Racing with RWR team really helped me to understand the qualifying tires. We’ve done really good work with the set up and I think we know where to look to go faster which is very positive. We’re going to enjoy this today but let’s focus on tomorrow. We have 90 laps of

racing to do, I need to learn tire degradation, fuel saving, refueling, pit stops, how an IndyCar race goes. So, still a lot to learn tomorrow but I'm really happy with today."

Drivers will also get a 30-minute warm up on Sunday, April 18 at 10:30am local time (11:30am ET) that will be streamed live on Peacock.

The 90-lap season opening round will go green at 2:42pm Local time (3:42pm ET) on Sunday, April 18 and will be broadcast live on NBC starting at 2:00pm local time (3:00pm ET).

## **ED JONES QUALIFIES ON SEVENTH ROW FOR 2021 SEASON OPENING HONDA INDY GP OF ALABAMA**

On April 17, 2021



### **Ed Jones Qualifying Summary:**

Ed Jones qualified the No. 18 Team SealMaster-Dale Coyne Racing with Vasser Sullivan entry on the seventh row for tomorrow's 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES season opening Honda Indy Grand Prix of Alabama at Barber Motorsports Park in Leeds, Alabama.

Jones went out in Group 1 in Round 1 of qualifying and posted the seventh fastest lap in his group of 12 drivers on the 2.3-mile, 17-turn permanent road course.

Ed Jones Qualifying Quote:

**“I’m really pleased with the way the No. 18 SealMaster – Coyne Vasser Sullivan team performed today. They did a great job preparing the car. We were fast in the second practice session and in qualifying we missed getting into Round 2 by a couple thousandths of a second. We have a good race car and I’m confident we can be very competitive tomorrow.”**

**Ed Jones Fast Facts:**

**Jones is contesting his fourth NTT INDYCAR SERIES season and first with Dale Coyne w/ Vasser Sullivan.**

**The 2021 Honda Indy GP of Alabama will be Jones’ 48th career NTT INDYCAR SERIES start and fourth at Barber Motorsports Park.**

**In his previous three races at Barber, Jones has a best starting position of 11th in 2018 and a best finish of 16th also in 2018.**

**Jones has made 47 career INDYCAR starts earning 14 top-10 finishes including three podium performances. Third in the Indianapolis 500 in 2017, and third at Long Beach and Detroit Race 2 in 2018.**

**He has qualified in the top-10 seven times in his INDYCAR career with a best starting position of fourth at Detroit Race 2 in 2018 and the Indianapolis 500 in 2019.**

**Jones was the 2017 INDYCAR Rookie of the Year and was the top-rookie finisher in the 2017 Indianapolis 500, placing third.**

**Jones, 26, was born in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (of British citizenship) and currently resides in Miami, Florida.**

**Race Broadcast:**

**The 17-race 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES season opens tomorrow, April 18 with the Honda Indy Grand Prix of Alabama.**

## Birthday Boy Grosjean Makes Racing Return at Barber

On April 15, 2021



Plainfield, IL (April 15, 2021) – The season opening event on the 2021 NTT IndyCar Series schedule will be a weekend of celebrations for Dale Coyne Racing with RWR rookie Romain Grosjean. The Formula 1 veteran will be celebrating his 35th birthday on Saturday, he will also be making his first official IndyCar start on Sunday, but more importantly, this weekend will mark his return to racing 140 days following his fiery crash in Bahrain last November.

A veteran of 179 Formula 1 starts, Grosjean is kicking off his IndyCar rookie season at Barber Motorsports Park April 17 – 18. While Grosjean is new to the series, he did have the opportunity to test at the 2.38-mile, 17-turn permanent road course during pre-season testing earlier this year. The test was also his first time aboard his #51 Nurtec ODT Honda powered machine.

Despite having the chance to learn the track in February, the Dale Coyne Racing with RWR driver admits that there's still a lot to learn heading into his first race weekend.

**“It’s a big thing for me to get to do my first race in the NTT IndyCar Series, for a few reasons. It’s the first one, and it’s a super exciting new challenge for me with Dale Coyne Racing with RWR but also because it’s my first race back 140 days after my big crash in Bahrain and obviously getting back into racing means a lot to me so there’s a lot of excitement ahead of race one,” expressed Grosjean.**

**“Obviously, there’s still a lot to learn, so for me the target this weekend is to learn as much as I can about IndyCar. How you race, how you manage your tires, what’s the fuel situation like. We’ve only had three days of testing and we didn’t use the option tire so qualifying will be a challenge. But I’m very open-minded about it and I think my engineer Olivier (Boisson) will tell me as much as he can, and I’ll obviously ask for as much information as I can ahead of time. It should be a very exciting first race and I can’t wait until Sunday to see how it goes.”**

**Grosjean will be on track for the first official practice session of the season on Saturday, April 17 at 10:00am local time (11am ET). A second practice session will follow in the afternoon at 1:40pm local time (2:40pm ET) ahead of qualifying at 4:55pm local time (5:55pm ET). Drivers will also get a 30-minute warm up on Sunday, April 18 at 10:30am local time (11:30am ET).**

**The 90-lap season opening round will go green at 2:42pm Local time (3:42pm ET) on Sunday, April 18 and will be broadcast live on NBC starting at 2:00pm local time (3:00pm ET).**

**All practice sessions and qualifying will be streamed live on Peacock with qualifying also being broadcast on tape delay on NBCSN Saturday, April 17 at 9:00pm ET.**

## Pietro Fittipaldi Returns to Dale Coyne Racing with RWR

On March 4, 2021



Plainfield, IL (Thursday, March 4, 2021) – Pietro Fittipaldi is returning to the team with which he made his NTT INDYCAR SERIES debut three years ago to pilot its No. 51 Dale Coyne Racing with RWR entry at all 2021 oval events on the schedule.

Fittipaldi will share driving duties of the team's #51 full season entry with his former Haas F1, and now current Dale Coyne Racing with RWR teammate, Romain Grosjean who is taking part in all the road and street course races on the schedule.

"I'm very happy to be racing the ovals this season in the No. 51 car for Dale Coyne Racing with RWR," said Fittipaldi. "I'm especially excited for the Indianapolis 500. It's been a dream of mine since I was a kid to race in the Indy 500. All of Dale's cars were competitive there last year and the last few years, and we're looking to do the same this year.

"I'm also very happy to be sharing the car with Romain (Grosjean). He's a good friend of mine. Over the years at Haas F1 we've become friends and it's great to be teammates with him again," continued the grandson of two-time Formula 1 Champion and two-time Indianapolis 500 winner, Emerson Fittipaldi. "Coincidentally the No. 51 is the same number I used in my Formula 1 debut

last year so it's a nice coincidence to have. I've worked with some of the guys at Dale Coyne Racing in the past so I'm happy to be working with them once again. I'm sure we'll be able to do great things. I'm really looking forward to it!"

The 2017 World Series Formula V8 3.5 Champion first joined Dale Coyne Racing in 2018 for a partial season where he ended up taking part in six races. The American-born Brazilian driver made his debut at Phoenix Raceway where he qualified an impressive 10th in his Series debut.

The 24-year-old was initially scheduled to attempt to qualify for his first Indianapolis 500 but an accident during qualifying at a World Endurance Championship round overseas in early May 2018 sidelined him for a couple of months and ended his chance of turning his first laps at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway that year.

Fittipaldi returned to the cockpit at the Mid-Ohio round later that season and picked up his best finish at the penultimate round of that season at Portland International Raceway with a ninth-place finish.

"We enjoyed working with Pietro in 2018, it's unfortunate that his season was shorter than planned, so it's great to be able to give him another chance to do some races in the NTT INDYCAR SERIES and that he has another chance to participate in the Indy 500 and fulfill one of his childhood dreams. We look forward to seeing him share our #51 entry alongside his former Haas F1 teammate Romain Grosjean, it gives us a strong line up for our full-time entry," said Team Owner Dale Coyne.

Following his first stint with Dale Coyne Racing in 2018, Fittipaldi became the official test and reserve driver for Haas F1, competed in the DTM series and the F3 Asian Championship. More recently, he made his Formula 1 debut last December with the Haas F1 team as a replacement for current teammate Romain Grosjean, taking part in the two final rounds of the season.

In addition to his four races with Dale Coyne Racing with RWR, Fittipaldi will continue as the Haas F1 reserve driver for the 2021 season.

Fittipaldi's NTT INDYCAR SERIES season will kick off at the Texas Motor Speedway doubleheader May 1 and 2, 2021 before heading to Indianapolis to turn his first official practice laps on oval at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.



# Romain Grosjean Completes First NTT INDYCAR SERIES Test

On February 23, 2021



**Birmingham, AL (Tuesday, February 23, 2021) – Less than three months following his fiery crash at the Bahrain Grand Prix last November, Romain Grosjean was back in a race car on Tuesday completing a successful first NTT INDYCAR SERIES test at Barber Motorsports Park.**

Grosjean completed 83 laps aboard his #51 Dale Coyne Racing with RWR entry. The team used the test to allow the NTT INDYCAR SERIES rookie to get comfortable and up to speed in his new surroundings.

“It felt good to be back in a race car. It really felt like home. It’s obviously a new car and I had to adjust a little bit to my new driving position, but things quickly felt quite smooth. I then discovered the joys of not having a power steering wheel. I don’t regret all the hours in the gym, but maybe I’ll do some more, just in case!” shared Grosjean.

“We worked on different things throughout the day. You always try and find the limit, which I did this morning in Turn 1, I wasn’t quite happy with that, but I understood something that you could do in Formula 1 and not in IndyCar, so it was a good learning experience,” continued Grosjean.

“Then there was a lot of learning about when you change the dampers and tools on the car, what it actually does to the car, what part of the corner. So, we worked on getting a feel for that. And also getting to learn to work with my engineer Olivier (Boisson) and getting to understand each other when it comes to communicating what the car is doing. That’s been our day, it’s been pretty good overall.”

Having suffered burns to his hands last November, Tuesday’s test was also an occasion for the Frenchman to see how his hands would feel gripped around the steering wheel of a race car.

“It went OK. It’s not perfect. There’s a nice big blister on my left thumb, which is not pretty, but driving wise it was OK. It wasn’t painful. I was being a bit careful on some of the curbs but generally it hasn’t been a limitation.”

Grosjean and the Dale Coyne Racing with RWR team will be back on track for another full day of testing on Monday, March 1 at Weathertech Raceway Laguna Seca.

The 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES season kicks off at Barber Motorsports Park on April 18, 2021.

## Formula 1 Veteran Romain Grosjean Joins Dale Coyne Racing with RWR for 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES Season

On February 3, 2021

 **DALE COYNE  
RACING**

WITH

**RWR**

**ROMAIN GROSJEAN**



Plainfield, IL (Wednesday, February 3, 2021) – A veteran of 180 Formula 1 starts, Romain Grosjean, is turning to the NTT INDYCAR SERIES for 2021, as he embarks on the next chapter of his racing career with Dale Coyne Racing with RWR.

The team is elated to announce that the former Haas F1 driver will be behind the wheel of the #51 Dale Coyne Racing with RWR full-time entry for all the road and street courses in 2021, with the oval races yet to be determined.

Following a nine-year Formula 1 career, which ended with the world watching as he escaped a fiery crash in the opening lap of the Bahrain Grand Prix in late November, Grosjean was presented with different opportunities as he mulled over his next career move. Ultimately, the Frenchman decided that the highly competitive NTT INDYCAR SERIES was the place to be.

“I’m very excited for this opportunity to race in the United States in the NTT INDYCAR SERIES,” expressed the 34-year-old Grosjean. “I had different options in front of me for this coming season and choosing to go IndyCar Racing was definitively my favorite one. Although, I’m not ready yet to take on the ovals! IndyCar has a much more level playing field than what I have been used to in my career so far. It will be exciting to challenge for podiums and wins again. My left hand is still healing, but we are just about ready to get back into the race car and to start this next chapter of my career.”

Early on in his career, Grosjean picked up seven junior championships which included winning the GP2 series in 2011 by 35 points. He spent the first four years of his Formula 1 career with Lotus where he finished a career best seventh in the 2013 Championship. He then moved to the Haas F1 team in 2016 where he spent the last five seasons. Grosjean scored 10 podium finishes over the course of his F1 career which included two second place podium finishes, both captured on North American soil.

“We’ve been talking to Romain for some time now, even before his accident at Bahrain,” commented Team Owner Dale Coyne. “He has shown interest in the NTT INDYCAR SERIES for the past several months and we’re very happy that he has chosen to pursue his career with us and excited to welcome a driver with his pedigree to America, the Series and our team. We feel that he’ll be a force to be reckoned with in the Series.”

Dale Coyne Racing with RWR co-entrant Rick Ware said: “We’re thrilled to be entering our first full season of NTT INDYCAR SERIES racing with Dale Coyne Racing, and to have a driver of the caliber of Romain Grosjean to run the street and road courses makes it that much more exciting for us. We’re looking forward to this season.”

The Frenchman will have 2017 IndyCar Rookie of the Year, Ed Jones, as his teammate in the team’s #18 Dale Coyne Racing with Vasser Sullivan entry which was announced last week. Both drivers will begin testing later this month at Barber Motorsports Park on February 22nd.

The 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES season gets underway on April 18, 2021 at Barber Motorsports Park.

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# Dale Coyne Racing Welcomes Rick Ware Racing with 2021 Effort

On January 29, 2021



Plainfield, Illinois & Mooresville, North Carolina (Friday, January 29, 2021) – Dale Coyne Racing announced today that it is entering into a collaboration with Rick Ware Racing for its No. 51 and No. 52 entries for the 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES.

The team, which will run under the Dale Coyne Racing with RWR banner, will field the No. 51 car (previously the No.19 and No. 55 cars) as a full season entry alongside its sister No. 18 Dale Coyne Racing with Vasser Sullivan entry.

The team further plans to run the No. 52 car at the Indianapolis 500 as a third entry under the DCR stable. Additionally, the No. 52 car is set to do a selection of other races that are yet to be determined.

“We were introduced to Rick Ware at last year’s Indy 500 where he ran James Davison in our third entry,” reported Dale Coyne. “It was interesting to see how similar his efforts in NASCAR Cup and IMSA were to ours. We have talked ever since that event and we are excited to welcome Rick Ware Racing into our family at DCR.”

The primary sponsor of the No. 51 car will be announced in the coming month with the driver of that season-long entry expected to be announced next week.

“I met Dale last year through our Indy efforts with David Byrd and struck up a friendship with him and his team,” commented Rick Ware. “I have thought a long time about expanding into IndyCar from our efforts in NASCAR Cup, Xfinity and IMSA, so this collaboration, was an easy and logical step. We look forward to a competitive 2021 and beyond together.”

Dale Coyne Racing enters its 38th year of competing in American open-wheel racing. Team Owner Dale Coyne, a Midwestern entrepreneur who designed and built Route 66 Raceway and

Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet, IL, is known for taking on young drivers and mentoring them in the early stages of their careers. The team has claimed multiple victories, most notably, winning back-back races at the Grand Prix of St. Petersburg in the past few years.

Rick Ware, a former driver himself and owner of Rick Ware Racing, made his NASCAR Cup Series debut in 1990 and spent the next decade racing in series such as ARCA and the Busch Series (now known as Xfinity Series) before turning to full time team owner duties. Rick Ware Racing (RWR) currently fields four charters in the NASCAR Cup Series; No. 15, 51, 52 and 53. Located in Mooresville, North Carolina, RWR has competed within NASCAR's top touring series since 2000. Over the past 20 years, RWR has competed in the Super Trofeo Series, IMSA, Asian Le Mans Series, ARCA and several other smaller series.

## Jones to Drive No. 18 Team SealMaster Dale Coyne Racing with Vasser Sullivan Entry for 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES Season

On January 27, 2021



PLAINFIELD, IL, (January 27, 2021) – Dale Coyne, Jimmy Vasser and James “Sulli” Sullivan announced today that Ed Jones will drive the No.18 car, co-entered by Dale Coyne Racing and Vasser Sullivan Racing for the 2021 NTT IndyCar Series season.

The team also announced that, for the fourth consecutive season, the car will carry primary sponsorship support from SealMaster Pavement Products and be entered as the No. 18 Team SealMaster-Dale Coyne Racing with Vasser Sullivan Honda.

Jones is the 2017 IndyCar Rookie of the Year and was the top-rookie finisher in the 2017 Indianapolis 500, placing third. He is also the 2016 Indy Lights Champion. Jones has made 47 IndyCar starts earning 14 top-10 finishes including three podium performances, the third at Indy in

2017, and third at Long Beach and Detroit Race 2 in 2018. Jones, 25, was born in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (of British citizenship) and currently resides in Miami, Florida.

**Quotes:**

**Dale Coyne, Team co-owner Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan:**

**“We’re very happy to have Ed Jones back with us and back in the NTT IndyCar Series this season. We were sad to see him leave after his first time with us but we’ve kept in touch since. Ed had a great rookie season at DCR in 2017, which included our best finish of third at the Indianapolis 500. Now with DCVS, we hope to continue where we left off with him and look forward to a strong season.”**

**James “Sulli” Sullivan, Team co-owner Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan:**

**“We’re full steam ahead having Ed Jones join us, and taking over the driver responsibilities for the No. 18 Team SealMaster machine. Ed has had some big moments in IndyCar, and we expect you’ll see some big moments with us together in 2021.”**

**Ed Jones, Driver No. 18 Team SealMaster – Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan Honda:**

**“I’m really excited to join the Coyne Vasser Sullivan team for the 2021 NTT IndyCar season. I started my IndyCar career with Dale, Jimmy and Sulli have had much success as owners together, and the combination of Coyne, Vasser Sullivan is a proven team over the last 3 seasons. I’m pumped for the opportunity to drive the #18 SealMaster machine and represent the SealMaster franchisees across the country, this really is the perfect opportunity.”**

**Jason Hedlesky, SealMaster Director of Franchise Development:**

**“We’ve enjoyed a successful partnership with the team. It’s been great for our brand. Renewing our commitment affords us the opportunity to keep SealMaster in the national spotlight of IndyCar racing, and on its international stage, as well.”**