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SBG, a Catapult Company, Powers RaceWatch for INDYCAR Team – Dale Coyne Racing

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London, UK — SBG, a Catapult company, is pleased to announce that another NTT INDYCAR SERIES team has joined the SBG Family. Dale Coyne Racing (DCR) recently signed a multi-year deal to use SBG motorsport race strategy platform RaceWatch beginning with the 2023 season.

Dale Coyne Racing is coming off of a strong rookie campaign in the #18 by David Malukas, featuring three top 10 finishes and starting in the top 10 seven times. Running in the #51, two time INDY 500 Champion Takuma Sato, ran strong on the ovals and continues to bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the team. The 2022 season was DCR's 39th consecutive year of competition in American open-wheel racing and there is much to be excited about heading into the 2023 season.

"We're delighted to add RaceWatch to our day to day workflow. The combination of powerful data analysis, intelligent prediction and clear visualizations, all fully synchronized with video and audio, made RaceWatch an easy choice to be part of our racing operations," said Alex

Athanasiadis, Performance Engineer, Dale Coyne Racing. “RaceWatch will bring together so much statistical data over a race week and weekend, the time savings will provide us with a critical competitive advantage over our rivals.

“RaceWatch enables more efficient and precise strategy and tactical decision making, in the lead up to and throughout qualifying and the race. Providing us with the right tools for analyzing our performance against competitors live, so we can feed key information to our drivers while they are out on track,” he continued.

“We are proud to welcome Dale Coyne Racing as our next partner in the NTT INDYCAR SERIES. RaceWatch has enabled race visualizations to support real-time decision making throughout the F1 grid since 2008 and we’re driven to bring that same technology to INDYCAR. We look forward to our continued growth with DCR” said Joe Schrimpl, Motorsport Sales Director, SBG, a Catapult company.

RaceWatch provides a uniquely clear and consolidated Head Up Display for the entire team whatever their area of analysis. It delivers rich visuals and an easy-to-use interface to instantly access pertinent detail while never losing sight of the big picture. Live modeling and tracking of driver performance, tire degradation, and pit stop analysis tools allow the engineers to predict performance and make instant strategic decisions while their drivers are out on track. The dashboards are tailored to assist with making real-time decisions, reacting to competitor actions or adjusting the strategic and tactical plan, as well as providing rigorous post-event analysis tools for consolidating data over a race weekend and the season as a whole.

DCR is the next INDYCAR team in the series to use SBG’s technology, joining the elite company of Formula One teams who compete with RaceWatch. SBG is also the Official Supplier of Race Control Systems for the Fédération Internationale de l’Automobile (FIA).

Over the last 10 years the RaceWatch solution has evolved rapidly from race to race to keep ahead of technological and performance advancements and remain at the cutting edge of the fastest and most technologically advanced sport in the world. Developed for precision decision making, the SaaS technology forms the core of the SBG and Catapult range of fully scalable and customizable solutions for diverse sports markets.

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 in Joliet, IL and is 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 2022 Series Champion Alex Palou.

About Catapult

SBG, a Catapult company, was established in 2008 to develop real-time pit wall strategy software for Formula 1 teams which has helped win several drivers and constructors World Championships. The company was recognized with a Queen's Award for Enterprise, Innovation 2019, and is an official supplier of Race Control Systems for the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile. Catapult acquired the company in 2021, where it joins the company's other performance and video solutions designed to optimize performance, avoid injury, and quantify return to play. Catapult has over 400 staff based across 24 locations worldwide, working with more than 3,400 elite teams in 137 countries globally. To learn more about Catapult and to inquire about accessing performance analytics for a team or athlete, visit us at catapultsports.com. Follow us at @CatapultSports on social media for daily updates.

NTT INDYCAR SERIES Announces 17-Race 2023 Schedule

on September 27, 2022

The graphic displays the 2023 NTT IndyCar Series season schedule. It features the series logo at the top left, followed by the text '2023 NTT INDYCAR SERIES SEASON SCHEDULE'. Below this, a grid lists 17 races, each with a race number, date, month, name, track type, broadcast network, and a small track map icon. At the bottom right, there is an image of a blue and white IndyCar with the number 23.

Race #	Date	Month	Track Name	Track Type	Broadcast
1	05	MAR.	STREETS OF ST. PETERSBURG	Street	NBC
2	02	APR.	TEXAS MOTOR SPEEDWAY	Oval	NBC
3	16	APR.	STREETS OF LONG BEACH	Street	NBC
4	30	APR.	BARBER MOTORSPORTS PARK	Street	NBC
5	13	MAY	INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY (ROAD COURSE)	Road	NBC
6	28	MAY	THE 107TH INDIANAPOLIS 500	Oval	NBC
7	04	JUN.	STREETS OF DETROIT	Street	NBC
8	18	JUN.	ROAD AMERICA	Street	USA
9	02	JUL.	MID-OHIO SPORTS CAR COURSE	Street	USA
10	16	JUL.	STREETS OF TORONTO	Street	peacock
11	22	JUL.	IOWA SPEEDWAY RACE 1	Oval	NBC
12	23	JUL.	IOWA SPEEDWAY RACE 2	Oval	NBC
13	06	AUG.	STREETS OF NASHVILLE	Street	NBC
14	12	AUG.	INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY (ROAD COURSE)	Road	USA
15	27	AUG.	WORLD WIDE TECHNOLOGY RACEWAY	Road	NBC
16	03	SEP.	PORTLAND INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY	Street	NBC
17	10	SEP.	WEATHERTECH RACEWAY LAGUNA SECA	Street	NBC

Highlights Include Exciting Lineup of Fan-Favorite Events Joined by New Site at Detroit, 13 Races on NBC

INDIANAPOLIS (Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2022) – INDYCAR has announced a 17-race schedule for the 2023 NTT INDYCAR SERIES as the sport's brash and bold athletes will be showcased with traditional weekend dates, 13 races on NBC and an exciting, late-summer swing leading to another climactic ending to the 2023 championship.

The 2023 season opens Sunday, March 5 on the streets of St. Petersburg, Florida. Thrilling, wheel-to-wheel racing then will take place all spring and summer, including the 107th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge on Sunday, May 28, before the season ends with a stirring climax Sunday, Sept. 10 at WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca in Monterey, California. The journey to a championship includes a stretch of eight races in the final nine weeks of the season, giving fans action nearly every weekend.

“The NTT INDYCAR SERIES is on an impactful upward trajectory, making progress at a pace that befits our thrilling style of competition,” Penske Entertainment Corp. President and CEO Mark Miles said. “The 2023 season provides an opportunity to further build on this trend, bringing our sport and its stars to more markets and households and reaching new consumers across the globe.”

For just the fourth time in the last 50 years, the INDYCAR SERIES will have 13 or more races on network television in the United States. The total appearances on broadcast television become 15 with the addition of PPG Presents Armed Forces Qualifying coverage, Saturday and Sunday, May 20-21, ahead of the Indianapolis 500 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

The first seven events of 2023 will be featured on NBC, including the “500.” The season also finishes with six of the final seven races on network television. The 2023 season will include three races on USA Network and for the second consecutive year one exclusive race on Peacock. Peacock will present live simulstreams of all races on NBC and USA Network, as well as live coverage of all qualifying and practice sessions next season.

In partnership with NBC Sports, the 2022 NTT INDYCAR SERIES was the most-watched season in six years and the most watched across NBC Sports on record. Powered by NBCUniversal’s popular streaming service, Peacock, the 2022 season also was the most-streamed season on record.

Half of the 2022 season’s 16 races on television featured a Total Audience Delivery (TAD) of more than 1 million viewers, the highest mark since 2008. Last year’s season opener, the Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg Presented by RP Funding, was the most-watched season opener in 11 years.

“We’re very excited for our 2023 NTT INDYCAR SERIES schedule and to build on this past season’s viewership milestones,” said NBC Sports, VP, Programming Mike Perman. “In providing comprehensive coverage across NBC, Peacock and USA Network, NBC Sports is once again looking forward to telling the stories of these world-class drivers and this compelling series.”

Traditional Dates, Races Return

The 2023 schedule includes the diversity that has been the hallmark of the NTT INDYCAR SERIES, the only open-wheel series on Earth that races on ovals, street circuits and permanent road courses. Drivers will compete in seven road course races, five street circuit events and five oval races.

After the 2023 season opens for the 13th time on the palm tree-lined Streets of St. Petersburg, Sunday, March 5, North America’s premier open-wheel racing series returns to Texas Motor Speedway on Sunday, April 2 for the series’ 36th race on the action-packed oval.

The Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach follows with its traditional mid-April date hosting the NTT INDYCAR SERIES on Sunday, April 16. It is the 39th time the INDYCAR SERIES has been featured on the iconic streets of Southern California as the event hosts its 48th edition.

Barber Motorsports Park plays host to its 13th NTT INDYCAR SERIES race, Sunday, April 30 before the series moves into the traditional Month of May cadence at Indianapolis Motor Speedway: the GMR Grand Prix on Saturday, May 13, “500” qualifying weekend, Saturday and Sunday, May 20-21, and the Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge, Sunday, May 28.

To date, tickets for the 107th edition of “The Greatest Spectacle in Racing” are moving at a near-record pace, after a near-sellout crowd of more than 300,000 attended the 2022 race.

The traditional early June date for the Chevrolet Detroit Grand Prix presented by Lear returns in 2023, but at a brand-new site. The debut of the Streets of Detroit circuit, a move to the downtown site from its previous location at Belle Isle Park, takes place Sunday, June 4. The nine-turn, 1.7-mile street circuit will provide unprecedented access with more than half of the event’s footprint open to the public. It is also a homecoming and a connection to the event’s heritage, which began on the downtown streets of the Motor City in 1982.

USA Network will feature the early-summer swing on the classic American road courses of the Sonsio Grand Prix presented by AMR at Road America, Sunday, June 18 and The Honda Indy 200 at Mid-Ohio, which returns for another Fourth of July weekend celebration, Sunday, July 2.

Road America will feature a newly repaved 4.048-mile layout. Mid-Ohio matches Long Beach as it hosts INDYCAR SERIES racing for the 39th year.

Summer Homestretch

The 2023 season hits its stride with eight races in the final nine weeks. Peacock once again will provide an exclusive presentation of the Honda Indy Toronto on Sunday, July 16, for the series’ annual appearance in Canada’s largest city.

After that, six of the final seven races will be featured on NBC broadcast television. It begins with two events expected to be even bigger and better than in 2022: the Hy-Vee INDYCAR Race Weekend and the Big Machine Music City Grand Prix.

The doubleheader at Iowa Speedway is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, July 22-23. In 2022, with support from Hy-Vee, the wildly popular weekend featured world-class concerts and thrilling wheel-to-wheel action at “The Fastest Short Track on The Planet.”

INDYCAR returns to the unpredictable Streets of Nashville on Sunday, Aug. 6. Last year, the fan-favorite event, marked by concerts and entertainment, featured the closest street circuit finish in INDYCAR SERIES history when six-time series champion Scott Dixon edged Scott McLaughlin by a margin of .1067 of a second.

With the Brickyard Weekend returning to a traditional August date, the NASCAR-INDYCAR tripleheader on the Indianapolis Motor Speedway road course features the NTT INDYCAR SERIES’ Gallagher Grand Prix, Saturday, Aug. 12 on USA Network.

The series finishes the season with three races on three consecutive weekends – all on NBC – beginning with the final oval of the season at World Wide Technology Raceway for the Bommarito Automotive Group 500, Sunday, Aug. 27. From there, it's the traditional two-race, West Coast swing featuring Portland International Raceway and the newly repaved WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca.

The 29th Grand Prix of Portland is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 3 while the 2023 NTT INDYCAR SERIES champion will be crowned and receive the Astor Challenge Cup at the 26th Firestone Grand Prix of Monterey on Sunday, Sept. 10.

“We have worked hard to achieve date and venue equity, which has been an ongoing goal at INDYCAR,” INDYCAR President Jay Frye said. “We are excited to return to downtown Detroit, and the repaves at Road America and WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca will add new challenges for the drivers and teams. The intensity level will also be at an all-time high as we conclude the season with three weekends in a row.

“As we build off the record-breaking 2022 season, we could not be more enthusiastic to see how 2023 unfolds.”

Start times for the 2023 events will be announced at a later date.

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Malukas' Stellar Rookie Season Comes to a Close with a 13th Place Finish

on September 11, 2022



Salinas, CA (Sunday, September 11, 2022) – David Malukas (#18 HMD Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports) didn't have the season finale he was hoping for on Sunday as he crossed the finish line in 13th place at WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca, but overall the rookie driver showed his worth throughout the season.

Started: 6th

Finished: 13th

Malukas was able to maintain his sixth position at the start of the race and headed to pit lane on Lap 11 for a used set of alternate tires.

Unfortunately, the rookie was struggling with tire degradation, and he had to return to pit lane on Lap 22 for a set of primary Firestone Tires.

The early stop meant that he fell to 20th after exiting pit lane, however, he did cycle back up to 11th before making his third stop on Lap 38.

When the race resumed after a caution period on Lap 43, Malukas was running 16th, from there he battled back up and was running 12th when he entered pit lane for his final stop on Lap 66.

While he ran a strong pace in his final stints, the rookie had to settle with a 13th place finish to end the season.

With today's result, Malukas ended up second in the Rookie of the Year battle.

Overall, this season, Malukas had a best finish of second at World Wide Technology Raceway and a best starting position of fifth (Toronto). He finished in the top 10 three times and started in the top 10 seven times.

David Malukas, #18 Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports Honda

“We really struggled today with tire degradation. The car wasn’t really feeling it. Which kind of stinks because in warm up we were really good on both tire compounds. That yellow came out at a bad time for us. So the last two stints we had to go long but I managed to salvage a 13th place finish. All in all, it was a tough race, but overall looking back at the season, for a rookie, it was a good season for us. At the start of the season, I made rookie mistakes, but I learned from them, and we continued to move forward and from the Month of May, connecting with the team we really just took off. The second half of the season was everything more than I could ask for. Thank you to Dale Coyne Racing, HMD Motorsports, everyone did an amazing job. Now onto next year.”

Sato’s 2022 Season Ends with Reflections of Stellar Moments



on September 11, 2022

Salinas, CA (Sunday, September 11, 2022) – Takuma Sato (#51 Nurtec ODT- Dale Coyne Racing with RWR) didn’t have the race he wanted at the season finale but reflecting back on highlights of the year he ran strong at Indy, Texas and Gateway and brought a wealth of knowledge and experience to the team.

**Started: 22nd
Finished: 23rd**

Sato had great start to the race moving up to 17th place from his 22nd place on the starting grid on the first lap.

Electing for a three-stop strategy, he had made his way to eighth by the time he entered pit lane on Lap 16.

He then battled his way back following his stop and was running 18th when he made his second stop on Lap 38.

Having tangled with another car on track, Sato aggravated an injury to his thumb but continued to run strong.

He pit from 23rd on lap 68 and went on to finish the race in that position.

In 17 races this season, Sato had a best finish of fifth (World Wide Technology Raceway) and a best starting position of second on the streets of Detroit this year. He finished in the top 10 four times and started in the top 10 six times.

Takuma Sato #51 Nurtec ODT Honda – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR

“The final race of the season was a really long one! I had a very good start. Strategy-wise it was a mixture across the field. Because of tires a lot had to do the four-stop strategy but we stuck with the three stop and didn’t quite have the pace. Plus, I had a little tangle with another car, and I already had some issues with my thumb but now it’s officially broken. So not a good day. I tried hanging on. Thank you to everyone for all the support. The 51 boys at Dale Coyne Racing with RWR, it was a privilege to have a great season with them. It’s a shame that we didn’t have a good finish today but it was great fun and I’m really happy to be a part of the team.”

Malukas Qualifies Seventh for Season Finale



on September 10, 2022

Salinas, CA (Saturday, September 10, 2022) – Rookie David Malukas (#18 HMD Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports) qualified seventh for Sunday's season finale at WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca by making a seventh trip to the second round of qualifying on Saturday.

Starting: 7th
 Round 1 (Group 1): 1st
 Best Lap: 1:11.7507

Round 2: 7th
 Best Lap: 1:11.6295

Malukas was the fastest of the Group 1 drivers thanks to a lap of 1:11.7507 registered on his final lap of the 10-minute session.

Segment 1 / Group 1 was hindered by a red flag about halfway through the session, so all cars had the opportunity to make only one timed lap as a final attempt at improving their position. The rookie was sitting fifth in his group just before crossing the timing line and jumped up to first while taking the checkered flag.

In Round 2, Malukas came close to making another trip to the Firestone Fast 6 but fell just 0.008 seconds from sixth place and had to settle with seventh on the starting grid.

Malukas enters the last race only five points behind Christian Lundgaard who starts 16th in the Rookie of the Year battle.

Malukas is making his first NTT INDYCAR SERIES start at WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca but he has competed at the track in Indy Lights in 2019 and 2021 picking up a best finish of second. So far this season, Malukas has a best finish of second at World Wide Technology Raceway and a best starting position of fifth (Toronto).

David Malukas, #18 Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports Honda

“We once again made it to the Fast 12 and we were so close to making it to the Firestone Fast 6. Unfortunately, with the local yellows I ended up only with one fast lap on the alternate tires. That lap was on the conservative side. I wanted to make sure we got at least one lap in because this track punishes you if you go just a little over the speed limit. If you hit the dust your lap is done. I wanted to make sure we weren’t just P12, I wanted to be up there. It hurts though because I missed it by only 8 thousandths of a second from the Fast 6. Looking back there were some places I could have pushed a bit more to find a few tenths. All in all, it was very, very tight. I think it was a good session for us especially from where we finished in the practices. I think it’s a good result heading into the race.”

Malukas Closes Gap in Rookie of the Year Battle at Portland



on September 4, 2022

Portland, OR (Sunday, September 4, 2022) – Rookie David Malukas (#18 HMD Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports) didn’t have the outcome he would have like in Sunday’s Grand Prix of

Portland but he did manage to climb to within five points of the leader in the Rookie of the Year standings with a 14th place finish.

Started: 10th

Finished: 14th

Malukas had a great start to the 110-lap event, picking up four positions on the first lap to move into sixth place.

He was running fifth by the time he made his first pit stop on Lap 16.

Unfortunately for the rookie, he, like others, struggled on the primary set of Firestone tires and lost positions during his second stint, running 14th for the majority of it.

The #18 HMD driver switched back to the alternate Firestone tire on his Lap 48 pit stop but the damage was already done, and he spent most of his stint in 15th position.

He made his final stop on Lap 79 and was able to move into 14th place on Lap 95, where he stayed until he took the checkered, but it wasn't without a fight trying to gain more positions.

With Sunday's finish, Malukas picked up six points on Christian Lundgaard to move to within five points in the Rookie of the Year battle going into the final race of the season next weekend at Laguna Seca.

So far this season, Malukas has a best finish of second at World Wide Technology Raceway and a best starting position of fifth (Toronto).

David Malukas, #18 Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports Honda

"We just finished the race in 14th after starting 10th. The start was great, I went on the outside of everyone, and we came out in sixth. Our first stint on Reds was very good. We choose to go with the primary tire for our second stint to see what we wanted to do for the rest of the race, and they just didn't perform as well as we would have liked them to. We had no pace and lost all the positions we had gained at the start and fell all the way back to 16th. We continued to push until the yellow flag came out near the end. We were all bunched up on the restart, and had a lot of push to pass but unfortunately was still not able to get by any cars. It wasn't the result we wanted but we were able to cut the gap to five points in the Rookie of the Year standings."

Sato Fights Back to Finish 18th in Portland



on September 4, 2022

Portland, OR (Sunday, September 4, 2022) – Takuma Sato (#51 Nurtec ODT- Dale Coyne Racing with RWR) had a bit of an up and down day at the Grand Prix of Portland but at the end of the day he crossed the finished line in 18th place.

Started: 22nd

Finished: 18th

Sato maintained his position at the start of the race and spent the majority of his first two stints in 22nd and 23rd position.

Following his second pit stop on Lap 54, he climbed up to 21st and he was running 18th after his final stop on Lap 79.

A full course caution then came out on Lap 84 and Sato received a penalty for not packing up quickly enough, so he had to give up three positions, which put him back in 21st place.

Not one to give up, Sato continued to push and was once again running 18th by the time he crossed the finish line.

In 16 races this season, Sato has a best finish of fifth (World Wide Technology Raceway) and a best starting position of second on the streets of Detroit this year.

Career facts:

Has six INDYCAR SERIES wins (2013 – Long Beach; 2017 – Indy 500; 2018 – Portland; 2019 – Barber, Gateway; 2020 – Indy 500)

10 poles (2011 – Iowa, Edmonton; 2013 – Houston Race 1; 2014 – St. Pete, Detroit Race 2; 2017 – Detroit Race 2, Pocono; 2019 – Barber, Texas; 2020 St. Louis Race 2)

Takuma Sato #51 Nurtec ODT Honda – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR

“The Portland race had some good sides and some not so good sides. We were hoping to have more yellows and were aiming for a two-stop strategy at the very, very beginning. But when we got to about 10 -15 laps in, we realized it wasn’t going to work so we went back to full power. At that time our car was working well, and we passed some cars. The 51 boys did great pit stops and helped me gain some positions as well. However, under the yellow we were told that we didn’t pack up quickly enough. That wasn’t our intention, but we got a penalty and that sent us back three places. In the end, we ended up 18th, it wasn’t ideal, but the team is working really hard. Hopefully we have a stress free, penalty free, good weekend at Laguna Seca.”

Malukas to Start from Row 5 at Portland



on September 3, 2022

Portland, OR (Saturday, September 3, 2022) – Rookie David Malukas (#18 HMD Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports) made it to the Fast 12 for the sixth time this season and placed himself 10th on the grid for Sunday’s Grand Prix of Portland.

Starting: 10th

Round 1 (group 2): 4th

Best Lap: 58.0506

Round 2: 10th

Best Lap: 58.4038

Malukas went out in Group 2 of Round 1 of qualifying and registered a fastest lap of 58.0506 seconds on his seventh timed lap of the session.

His fast lap initially placed him second in the group, but he ended up fourth by the time the checkered flag fell on the 10-minute session.

In Round 2, Malukas' fastest lap of 58.4038 seconds placed him sixth when he took the checkered flag but once all drivers had completed their final lap, he had fallen to 10th, just seven hundredths of a second separating him from another trip to the Firestone Fast 6.

Malukas is making his first NTT INDYCAR SERIES start at Portland International Raceway but he has competed at the 12-turn, 1.964-mile road course in Indy Lights and Pro Mazda.

During his last trip to Portland, he finished first and second in the Indy Lights Doubleheader weekend.

The rookie picked up his first podium of the season at the previous round at World Wide Technology Raceway. He has a best start of fifth (Toronto).

David Malukas, #18 Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports Honda

"We did make it to the second segment today, but we didn't really have the pace that we needed to make it to the Firestone Fast 6. Yesterday in practice we were very, very quick and it seems that with the higher track temps that's when we succeed. Once the track temps cool down, we start to struggle a little bit. We tried in Practice 2 this morning to find that time and we couldn't really get it there, but we did find a bit and closed the gap a little. It's not the result we wanted today in qualifying, but I think it's all good. If a P10 is bad for us, then I think it's all going swell."

Sato Looking to Repeat 2018 Performance in Portland



on September 3, 2022

Portland, OR (Saturday, September 3, 2022) – Takuma Sato (#51 Nurtec ODT- Dale Coyne Racing with RWR) is hoping to repeat his performance from the 2018 Grand Prix of Portland where he moved up from 20th on the grid to take the win after placing 22nd in the starting lineup for the Grand Prix of Portland.

Starting: 22nd

Round 1 (group 2): 11th

Best Lap: 58.6058

Sato took to the track in Group 2 in the first round of qualifying.

He recorded his best time on his eighth and final lap around the 12-turn, 1.964-mile road course with a lap of 58.6058 seconds.

His fastest lap placed him 11th in his group, and less than half a second from making it to the second round.

This will be Sato's fourth race at Portland International Raceway, in his first appearance in 2018, he climbed to the top step of the podium after starting from the 20th position.

His best starting position at PIR is 17th.

In 15 races this season, Sato has a best finish of fifth (World Wide Technology Raceway) and a best starting position of second on the streets of Detroit this year.

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10 poles (2011 – Iowa, Edmonton; 2013 – Houston Race 1; 2014 – St. Pete, Detroit Race 2; 2017 – Detroit Race 2, Pocono; 2019 – Barber, Texas; 2020 St. Louis Race 2)

Takuma Sato #51 Nurtec ODT Honda – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR

“We had a bit of a scary issue in practice yesterday and I lost a lot of track time, so I lost the chance to try the red Firestone tire. The only chance I had was this morning in practice, so it was a little bit challenging for us going into qualifying. We did try hard. The outcome wasn’t what we wished but the 51 Nurtec ODT car was pretty good in the final practice, and I feel much more positive after moving up to 13th in that session. I think we are wide open strategy wise. We can do many, many things and we can still overtake so I look forward to tomorrow’s race.”

David Malukas Scores First Podium with Second Place Finish at World Wide Technology Raceway



on August 21, 2022

Madison, IL (Saturday, August 20, 2022) – Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports’ David Malukas scored his first NTT INDYCAR SERIES podium with a second-place finish at the Bommarito Automotive Group 500 at World Wide Technology Raceway on Saturday thanks to a brilliant drive

Started: 12th

Finished: 2nd

Malukas took over second place with a daring move on Team Penske's Scott Mclaughlin on the final lap of the 260-lap.

Earlier in the race, Malukas ran consistently in the opening stints biding his time in a field that initially didn't see much passing.

As the race went on, he made his way up the field and was running fifth when the race was red flagged for rain on Lap 214.

Following the rain delay, the race resumed with 36 laps remaining.

Restarting fifth, Malukas made his way around lapped cars and took over fourth with a move on Will Power.

He then chased down Pato O'Ward and got by him for third with 17 laps remaining.

Throughout the race, the rookie also led four laps, made 34 on track passes and registered the second fastest race lap (175.693 mph).

Malukas currently sits second in the Rookie of the Year standings, 11 points behind Christian Lundgaard.

David Malukas, #18 Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports Honda

"Whew, that was really good! Wow! We knew the car was going to be good and it was just getting better and better. And, from the practice yesterday that was around the same time [as tonight's race], we knew that the cooler the track got, the better our car was compared to the others. So, this whole red flag deal [during the rain delay], I was just like, Please, please let it go green again! And when it went green, I knew that the car was just amazing. I'm not gonna lie though, being up in the front against [Will] Power and Pato [O'Ward], they know how to defend, they know how to block lines, it was really tough to get around them. All in all, the team did such a good job. They deserve it. What a good race!"

Takuma Sato Registers Best Finish of the Season with Fifth Place at World Wide Technology Raceway



on August 21, 2022

Madison, IL (Saturday, August 20, 2022) – Takuma Sato (#51 Nurtec ODT – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR) registered his best finish of the season with a fifth-place finish in the Bommarito Automotive Group 500 on Saturday night.

Started: 8th

Finished: 5th

Sato picked up a spot at the start of the race and ran seventh for the majority of his first stint.

He had moved up to sixth by the time he made his second stop on Lap 103.

Having pitted earlier than others, Sato gained some ground in clean air and took the lead of the race on Lap 127.

Sato was still leading when a full course caution came out on Lap 144, taking away the advantage he had built with his previous strategy,

He was eighth when the race returned to green on Lap 158 and was running sixth when the race was red flagged on Lap 217 due to rain.

Sato picked up one more spot during the final stint of the race, taking over fifth place on Lap 231, giving himself his best finish of the season.

He led 22 laps in the race.

Career facts:

Has six INDYCAR SERIES wins (2013 – Long Beach; 2017 – Indy 500; 2018 – Portland; 2019 – Barber, Gateway; 2020 – Indy 500)

10 poles (2011 – Iowa, Edmonton; 2013 – Houston Race 1; 2014 – St. Pete, Detroit Race 2; 2017 – Detroit Race 2, Pocono; 2019 – Barber, Texas; 2020 St. Louis Race 2)

Takuma Sato #51 Nurtec ODT Honda – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR

“This place has always brought us excitement and here we are again! I think it was a fantastic race for the spectators. I was pleased to bring home a top five for Honda, but we needed just a little bit more help. There were some guys a few laps down that didn’t let me go, and I think that cost me a

place or two. But, nevertheless, I’m thankful for Dale Coyne Racing with RWR and Honda. What a great result for all of us. Congratulations to David (Malukas) on his first podium.”

Takuma Sato to Start Eighth at World Wide Technology Raceway



on August 19, 2022

Madison, IL (Friday, August 19, 2022) – Takuma Sato (#51 Nurtec ODT – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR) came out strong in qualifying for the Bommarito Automotive Group 500 on Friday and ended up eighth on the starting grid for Saturday’s main event.

Starting: 8th

Lap 1: 180.476 mph

Lap 2: 179.623

Two-lap average: 180.048 mph

Sato was the eighth driver to take to the track aboard his #51 Nurtec ODT Honda.

He immediately jumped to the top of the timing sheet with a two-lap average of 180.048 mph.

The two-time Indy 500 Champion spent the majority of the session on the provisional pole.

With seven drivers remaining to make their qualifying run, he fell to second and ended up eighth on the starting grid.

Sato is making his seventh start at World Wide Technology Raceway.

He has a win (2019) and a pole at the 1.25-mile oval, as well as five top 10 finishes, including a second-place finish.

In 14 races this season, Sato has a best finish of seventh (IMS road course) and he has a best starting position of second on the streets of Detroit.

Career facts:

Has six INDYCAR SERIES wins (2013 – Long Beach; 2017 – Indy 500; 2018 – Portland; 2019 – Barber, Gateway; 2020 – Indy 500)

10 poles (2011 – Iowa, Edmonton; 2013 – Houston Race 1; 2014 – St. Pete, Detroit Race 2; 2017 – Detroit Race 2, Pocono; 2019 – Barber, Texas; 2020 St. Louis Race 2)

Takuma Sato #51 Nurtec ODT Honda – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR

“I think we did our best for qualifying, under the circumstance we are P8. The temperature dropped towards the end of the session, but even though the last cars to go out are already quick, I don’t think we would have been able to match them unfortunately. That said, the guys did a great job. David (Malukas) came here for the rookie test earlier this month so that gave us a good basis for our setup and then we made some more progress in Practice 1. Eighth I think is the best we could achieve as I did have a couple of moments but we did our best. Hopefully we’ll have a very strong race tomorrow.

Sixth Row Start for David Malukas at World Wide Technology Raceway



on August 19, 2022

Madison, IL (Friday, August 19, 2022) – Rookie David Malukas (#18 HMD Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports) will be starting the final oval of the season from the sixth row after qualifying 12th for the Bommarito Automotive Group 500.

Starting: 12th

Lap 1: 178.823 mph

Lap 2: 179.497 mph

Two-lap average: 179.159 mph

Malukas and his #18 HMD Honda were 10th in the qualifying line.

He registered a two-lap average of 179.159mph that initially placed him third on the provisional grid.

Once all 26 cars had made their qualifying attempts, Malukas found himself 13th on the timing sheet.

With one driver ahead of him getting a grid penalty, Malukas will be starting 12th.

The rookie is making his first start at World Wide Technology Raceway but has competed at the venue in Indy Lights, picking up a couple of wins last season after starting first and second.

Malukas has a best finish of eighth this season (Race 2 at Iowa Speedway) and a best start of fifth (Toronto) in 14 races.

David Malukas, #18 Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports Honda

“That was very exciting! We had one too many moments for my liking. As soon as we left the pits and went into my warmup lap, I had one. Thankfully I saved it, but I had many little moments during my qualifying run, so it was a long three laps, but the HMD car came back in one piece. We would’ve liked a starting position in the top 10 but despite all that the race car is still very quick. We have one more session to make some final changes and get ready for the race tomorrow. I’m looking forward to it.”

Seventh Place Start for Rookie Malukas in Nashville



on August 6, 2022

Nashville, TN (Saturday, August 6, 2022) – Rookie David Malukas (#18 HMD Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports) is making his first appearance on the streets of Nashville this weekend but it didn’t show as he placed himself an impressive seventh on the starting grid for tomorrow’s race.

Starting: 7th

Malukas went out in Group 1 of qualifying and despite a shortened session due to red flags, he managed to place himself third in his group with a lap time of 1:16.6882.

His result meant that he would be moving on to the second segment for the fifth time this season. The rookie then came close to securing a spot in the Firestone Fast Six but a small mistake in one of the turns cost him a few tenths and he missed out on the final round by only 3 hundredths of a second.

In segment 2, he registered a fastest lap of 1:14.9616 that initially placed him fifth in his group but he would end up seventh when all was said and done.

In addition to his five trips to the second round, he has made it to the Fast 6 twice this season, Malukas has a best finish of eighth this season (Race 2 at Iowa Speedway) and a best start of fifth (Toronto).

David Malukas, #18 Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports Honda

“Unfortunately, we didn’t make the Firestone Fast 6 today, we ended up one position away. I am a little bit frustrated from my end. We had a car to make it there and I made one mistake in one of the corners. It really hurts. It cost me multiple tenths and a place in the Top 6. It’s unfortunate that that happened but the team gave me a great car. I look forward to the race tomorrow.”

Tenth Row Start for Takuma Sato in Nashville



on August 6, 2022

Nashville, TN (Saturday, August 6, 2022) – Takuma Sato (#51 Nurtec ODT) and his Dale Coyne Racing with RWR team will be starting the Big Machine Music City Grand Prix from the 10th row on Sunday after qualifying 20th.

Starting: 20th

Sato was part of the second group to take to the track in Segment 1 of qualifying.

He registered his fastest qualifying time on his fifth lap.

His time of 1:15.5935 initially placed him seventh in his group.

He was 10th in his group when the checkered flag fell at the end of the session, meaning he wouldn't move on to the second round, missing out by less than four tenths of a second.

Sato is making his second start on the streets of Nashville

In 13 races this season, Sato has a best finish of seventh (IMS road course) and he has a best starting position of second on the streets of Detroit.

Career facts:

Has six INDYCAR SERIES wins (2013 – Long Beach; 2017 – Indy 500; 2018 – Portland; 2019 – Barber, Gateway; 2020 – Indy 500)

10 poles (2011 – Iowa, Edmonton; 2013 – Houston Race 1; 2014 – St. Pete, Detroit Race 2; 2017 – Detroit Race 2, Pocono; 2019 – Barber, Texas; 2020 St. Louis Race 2)

Takuma Sato #51 Nurtec ODT Honda – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR

“We had a good practice session earlier today and made good progress. So, we were looking forward to qualifying but it didn't work out really well. We thought we had a good qualifying but in the end, the lap times were very, very close. Unfortunately, we couldn't move up to the second round because we ended up tenth in our group. We still have a warmup tomorrow to prepare for the race. Last year the race was dramatic, so I think we still have a good chance and hopefully we have a good one tomorrow.”

Malukas Takes Checkered Flag in 13th at Gallagher Grand Prix



on July 30, 2022

INDIANAPOLIS (Saturday, July 30, 2022) – Rookie David Malukas (#18 HMD Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports) had another strong race on Saturday aboard his #18 HMD Honda however the final result wasn't indicative of his performance.

Started: 11th

Finished: 13th

Malukas had to avoid getting punted in the opening laps of the 85-lap event and fell to 18th from his 11th place on the starting grid.

The rookie then opted to pit on Lap 10 and switch to the alternate Firestone tire.

He returned to pit lane on Lap 35, just before a full course caution came out on Lap 36.

He was running 18th when the race returned to green on Lap 40

The rookie was 16th by the time he made his final stop on Lap 60.

He was 16th once all cars cycled through their final stops and he then fought his way back to take the checkered flag in 13th place.

Malukas' best finish this season came last weekend in Race 2 at Iowa Speedway where he finished eighth. He has a best start of fifth on the streets of Toronto.

David Malukas, #18 Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports Honda

“Sadly, this weekend was just unfortunate event after unfortunate event. In practice and qualifying we had some issues and now in the race we got punted in the early laps and that set us back. Then we had some unlucky yellows. We just can’t seem to get luck the whole way through a race. We fell back to 18th at one point and we worked our way back up to 13th so at the end of the day it isn’t too bad considering where we started. I think we could have been moving forward early on, I think we had a much better car than what our result is showing.”

Takuma Sato Finishes 15th in Gallagher Grand Prix



on July 30, 2022

INDIANAPOLIS (Saturday, July 30, 2022) – Takuma Sato (#51 Deloitte) and his Dale Coyne Racing with RWR team finished the Gallagher Grand Prix in 15th place on Saturday.

Started: 18th

Finished: 15th

Sato’s team opted to pit under the first caution period on Lap 4, and hope for more yellows further into the race that would give them an advantage.

Once all cars had made their first stops, Sato found himself in sixth place.

He was running fifth when he entered pit lane for his second stop on Lap 31.

Following his stop, he was running ninth when another full course caution came out on Lap 37.

The caution reset the field as everyone now had one more stop to go.

Sato had fallen to 13th by the time he made his final stop on Lap 59.

He crossed the finish line in 15th.

In 13 races this season, Sato has a best finish of seventh scored at the IMS road course earlier this year during the GMR Grand Prix and he has an overall best starting position of second on the streets of Detroit this year.

Takuma Sato #51 Nurtec ODT Honda – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR

“P15 today, probably not deserved, but we had to try. We decided to pit under the first yellow which we knew was really short for that stint and that it would be a sacrifice for the rest of the race. We were hoping to get another couple yellows and it didn’t turn out that way. It’s unfortunate we couldn’t get a better result. We tried, it was important to keep pushing and hopefully we get a better result in Nashville next weekend.”

Another Fast 12 Qualifying Performance for Malukas



on July 29, 2022

INDIANAPOLIS (Friday, July 29, 2022) – Rookie David Malukas (#18 HMD Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports) once again made it into the Fast 12 during qualifying on a road/street course this season, placing himself 11th on the starting grid for tomorrow’s Gallagher Grand Prix.

Starting: 11th

Best lap in Round 2: 1:10.5636

Round 1 / Group 2 – 6th

Best lap: 1:10.6239

Malukas registered a fastest lap 1:10.6239 in Group 2 of qualifying. The time placed him sixth in his group which allowed him to move on to the Fast 12 for the fourth time this season.

The rookie placed fifth early on in segment 2 and even jumped up to first thanks to his fastest lap of 1:10. 5636.

However, once all drivers had taken the checkered flag, he found himself 11th.

In addition to his four trips to the Fast 12, Malukas has made it into the Firestone Fast 6 twice this season.

He has a best start of fifth on the streets of Toronto.

Malukas' best finish this season came last weekend in Race 2 at Iowa Speedway where he finished eighth.

David Malukas, #18 Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports Honda

“We once again made it into Segment 2 but had some front brake issues and we couldn’t reach our maximum PSI in the front, so we had a lot of rear locking. It was a lot of fun to drive but very, very tough. That said, I think with the pace that we had it was still very, very good. It’s just a shame, I think the team did such a good job to make sure the #18 HMD car was where it needed to be and we just couldn’t show everything it had. I’m still very happy with 11th, I think that’s a good result and I look forward to the race tomorrow.”

Takuma Sato Qualifies on Ninth Row for Gallagher Grand Prix



on July 29, 2022

INDIANAPOLIS (Friday, July 29, 2022) – Takuma Sato (#51 Deloitte) and his Dale Coyne Racing with RWR team placed 18th on the starting grid for the Gallagher Grand Prix during qualifying on Friday.

**Starting: 18th
Round 1 / Group 1: 9th
Best Lap: 1:10.8276**

The two-time Indy 500 Champion went out in Group 1/Round 2 of qualifying and registered his fastest time on his penultimate lap around the 2.439-mile, 14-turn road course. His time of 1:10.8276 placed him ninth in his group and 18th on the starting grid. He missed out on the second round by just a couple of tenths of a second. Sato is making his 13th start on the Indianapolis Motor Speedway road course this weekend and is one of only six drivers that has competed in all the NTT INDYCAR SERIES IMS road course events. In his 12-road course starts at IMS, he has a best finish of seventh (2022), and a best starting position of 11th (twice). He also has six top 10 finishes on the IMS road course.

So far this season, Sato has a best finish of seventh scored at the IMS road course earlier this year during the GMR Grand Prix and he has an overall best starting position of second on the streets of Detroit this year.

Takuma Sato #51 Nurtec ODT Honda – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR

“It was a bit frustrating today. In practice we were off pace so much and we struggled. In qualifying, we adjusted the car and I think we came back halfway. In terms of the competitiveness, we just needed two more tenths to go on to the second segment. We have a warmup tomorrow and that’s a good thing. The car is getting better so hopefully we have a strong race. We do have two new sets of tires for the race and that will be an advantage for us.”

David Malukas Scores Best Finish of the Season in Iowa Race 2



on July 24, 2022

Newton, Iowa – (Sunday, July 24, 2022) – Rookie David Malukas (#18 HMD Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports) registered his best result of the season on Sunday with an eighth-place finish in the final round of the doubleheader at Iowa Speedway.

Malukas who was starting 14th, ran an impressive 300-lap race at Iowa Speedway moving up the field throughout the race.

The rookie even ran as high as first before making his way down pit lane for his first stop on Lap 69.

In his second stint, the driver of the #18 HMD car moved up from 18th all the way to 9th before making his second stop under caution on Lap 129.

Malukas entered pit lane from eighth on Lap 195 for his third stop of the race.

With a full course caution coming out on Lap 236, the entire field headed to pit lane.

He was running ninth when the race returned to green on Lap 250 and after exchanging positions with his teammate a few times, he went on to cross the finish line in eighth.

Today's result was Malukas' best finish of the season.

David Malukas, #18 Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports Honda

"I wasn't really a fan of Iowa Speedway before today's race but now I am a massive fan. What a joy of a race that was. Although today's race was 300 laps, it felt much shorter than yesterday. Every lap was either making a pass or setting up for a pass. It was chaos from start to finish but I kept moving up. The only cars that got by us were the McLarens and Penskes. Other than that, no one else could pass us, we were the ones going forward. At the end, I had an amazing battle with my teammate Takuma (Sato). Neither of us made it easy but in the end, I won that little battle, but it was a lot of fun and he pushed me to the end. Thank you to Hy-Vee for putting on such an amazing race weekend."

Takuma Sato Scores Top Ten Finish in Iowa Race 2



on July 24, 2022

Newton, Iowa – (Sunday, July 24, 2022) – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR's Takuma Sato scored his best oval finish of the season on Sunday in Race 2 of the Iowa Speedway doubleheader with a 10th place finish.

Starting from fourth, Sato ran in the top 4 for his entire first stint and led a couple of laps before making his first trip down pit lane on Lap 68.

Unfortunately for Sato, he ended up falling to 17th following his stop but made his way back to 12th before taking advantage of a full course caution to make his second stop on Lap 129.

Sato then led another three laps before making what the team hoped would be his final stop on Lap 199.

The team opted for a fuel saving strategy but decided to pit with the rest of the field during a caution on Lap 245 so they could run hard to the end of the 300-lap race with the rest of the field. Sato went on to battle with his teammate David Malukas, exchanging their 9th and 10th places a few times, before taking the checkered flag in 10th place.

In 12 races this season, Sato has a best finish of seventh at the GMR Grand Prix and a best start of second in Detroit.

Takuma Sato #51 Nurtec ODT Honda – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR

“We started from the second row for the second race of the weekend here in Iowa, so that was much better. The first part of the race was pretty much ‘follow the leader’ and we left the pack behind, which was good as I ran in the top five that whole time. Then we tried to stretch the fuel window because it’s a 300-lap race and that was our plan, and we were the last to pit with about 100 laps to go. We tried to save fuel to make it until the end because we were confident the rest of the field had to stop again for fuel. In the end the yellow came out and our strategy didn’t work out. Finishing 10th after starting 4th isn’t great but it’s great for the team to have both cars finish in the top 10.”

David Malukas Completes First IndyCar Short Oval Race



on July 23, 2022

Newton, Iowa – (Saturday, July 23, 2022) – Rookie David Malukas (#18 HMD Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports) completed his first NTT INDYCAR SERIES short oval race on Saturday with a 14th place finish.

Malukas continued to impress in qualifying earlier in the day by registering his best oval start of the season with a sixth place on the starting grid.

The rookie had a good start to the race maintaining his position in the top 6 through the first race restart on Lap 23.

Malukas fell out of the Top 10 on Lap 37 and was running 13th when he entered pit lane for his first stop on Lap 52.

Following the pit stop sequence, Malukas was once again running 13th.

He took advantage of a full course caution on lap 117 to make his second pit stop.

The driver of the #18 HMD machine was 19th when the race returned to green conditions on Lap 134.

He then made his final trip down pit lane on Lap 171 and with a long stint ahead of him, Malukas managed his tires and climbed his way back up in the final laps to take the checkered flag in 14th place.

In 11 races this season, the rookie has a best finish of ninth registered at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course and a best start of fifth (Toronto).

David Malukas, #18 Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports Honda

“We just completed Race 1 in Iowa. 250 laps and we ended up 14th at the end. We struggled with the car on the first and second stint. It was kind of on ice skates. I was gripping on to the steering wheel so hard, and I was so focused that I don’t think I blinked! I was just so focused to not spin out. We managed to survive those stints. The last stint was the longest, about 80 laps. I wasn’t sure which way the car was going to go so I ended up taking it easy and the last 10 laps I pushed and managed to move up from 19th to 14th. It was quite fun at the end to make some passes. Overall, I think it was a lot of lessons learned that will be useful for tomorrow’s race.”

Takuma Sato Looking Forward to Race 2 in Iowa After Strong Final Stint in Race 1



on July 23, 2022

Newton, Iowa – (Saturday, July 23, 2022) – Takuma Sato and his Dale Coyne Racing with RWR team didn’t have the race they were hoping for on Saturday at Iowa Speedway after placing 21st, but a strong run in the final stint of the 250 lap race gives them hope for the final round of the doubleheader on Sunday.

Earlier in the day Sato qualified ninth for the first race of the weekend aboard his #51 Deloitte Honda.

Unfortunately for Sato, he fell out of the top 10 at the start of the race and was running 21st by the time he entered pit lane for his first stop of the race on Lap 57.

Sato then returned to pit lane for his second stop on Lap 117 and was once again running 21st when he made what would be his penultimate stop on Lap 171.

The two-time Indy 500 Champion had to make an unscheduled stop on Lap 184 for a new front wing following contact with another competitor, which put him several laps down.

Sato has a best result of third (2018) at Iowa Speedway and has led 59 laps at the short oval throughout his career.

In 11 races this season, Sato has a best finish of seventh at the GMR Grand Prix and a best start of second in Detroit.

Sato will be starting fifth for Sunday's Hy-Vee Salute to Farmers 300.

Takuma Sato #51 Nurtec ODT Honda – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR

“We had a good qualification this morning and started P9 for today's race. Unfortunately, from the first lap I went backwards. It was impossible to hang on with the understeer I had. It looked like we were going to have a long, long day. Then we had a small incident during the race that was my fault, and I damaged the front wing. I had to come back to the pits for a new wing. The car felt completely different afterwards as the balance was better. I think we were one of the fastest cars in the entire last stint. So that's encouraging for tomorrow. Anyhow, I'm happy to be back in Iowa, in the Deloitte car today but I'm also looking forward to tomorrow as we go back to our purple Nurtec ODT car, and we'll be starting from the fifth position. It's looking very positive.”

Iowa Speedway Preview: Takuma Sato To Once Again Sport Deloitte Colors at Iowa // David Malukas Excited for Short Oval Debut



on July 22, 2022

Newton, Iowa – (Friday, July 22, 2022) – Dale Coyne Racing and drivers Takuma Sato (#51 Dale Coyne Racing with RWR) and David Malukas (#18 Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports) are

taking on the shortest track of the season this weekend at Iowa Speedway. Details for both drivers are below.

Takuma Sato To Once Again Sport Deloitte Colors at Iowa

Newton, Iowa – (Friday, July 22, 2022) – Takuma Sato and his Dale Coyne Racing with RWR team will have a couple of liveries at the Hy-Vee INDYCAR Weekend at Iowa Speedway. The Deloitte colors will once again be on display on the #51 car for Race 1 of the weekend while the Nurtec ODT colors will make their return for Sunday's race.

Following its initial reveal in Toronto, the #51 Deloitte Honda and its iconic green and black colors will be back in action for the first race of the weekend.

Takuma Sato is looking to bounce back from what was his shortest race of the season in Toronto last weekend where he was taken out on the first lap of the race.

The Japanese driver has 12 starts at Iowa Speedway.

Sato's best start at the 0.875-mile oval came in 2011 when he started on pole.

His best result at Iowa Speedway was a third-place finish in 2018.

The two-time Indy 500 Champion has led 59 laps at the short oval.

In 10 races this season, Sato has a best finish of seventh at the GMR Grand Prix and a best start of second in Detroit.

Takuma Sato #51 Nurtec ODT Honda – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR

"I'm extremely excited to be back in Iowa. This track is such an iconic short oval. Bumpy but high banking with multiple lanes available means a great race all the way to the end and it's only 18 seconds per lap! I have quite a few good memories here in Iowa, so I definitely look forward to this weekend especially after an unfortunate and disappointing early retirement last week in Toronto. It's the only double header weekend for this season and a cool looking Deloitte Car is back in Race 1! I would like to say a big thank you to the team, RWR and Nurtec ODT to let Deloitte carry over to Iowa and of course I'm looking forward to jumping back into our season's primary Nurtec ODT car for Race 2. It will be very busy and hard work for the team and especially the #51 boys but we had a productive test a few weeks ago and I'm confident we will have a good weekend."

David Malukas Excited for Short Oval Debut

Newton, Iowa – (Friday, July 22, 2022) – Rookie David Malukas (#18 HMD Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports) will be making his first start at Iowa Speedway this weekend. It will also be his first NTT INDYCAR SERIES race on a short oval.

Malukas is coming off one of his better overall weekend's this year, after qualifying a season best of 5th in Toronto.

The rookie had the chance to test and run his first unofficial laps at Iowa Speedway a little over a month ago.

Unlike other race tracks he's been to this season, this is the first time that Malukas will race on the 0.875-mile oval.

Malukas will be leaving on the support of his teammate, and veteran driver, Takuma Sato to give him a few pointers this weekend.

In 10 races this season, he has a best finish of ninth registered at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course. **David Malukas, #18 Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports Honda**

"I tested at Iowa Speedway with the team about a month ago. It's a very special track and it definitely has its own characteristics with it being such a short and bumpy oval. It will be my first

time racing there so thankfully I have Takuma (Sato) to continue to learn from like I did at the test. We didn't get as much track time as we would've liked when we were here, but I think overall we managed to find some pace at the end of the day. It will be an interesting weekend for us since it's a doubleheader. As I said, I'm confident going into the weekend, Takuma was quick at the test and I think the car is going to be very good and I know I'll get there with my driving as well. I'm looking forward to it."

Race Info:

Hy-Vee INDYCAR Weekend

Races 11 & 12 of 17

Track length: 0.875-mile short oval

Race 1: 250 laps

Race 2: 300 laps

Schedule (all times local)

Friday, July 22, 2022

Practice 1: 3:30pm – 5:00pm

Saturday, July 23, 2022

Qualifying: 9:30am

Race 1: 3:06pm

Sunday, July 24, 2022

Race 2: 2:30pm

Impressive Run and Learning Experience for Malukas in Toronto



on July 17, 2022

Toronto, ON (Sunday, July 17, 2022) – Rookie David Malukas (#18 HMD Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports) put in another strong performance on Sunday on the streets of Toronto registering the fastest race lap on the way to a 12th place finish which was in no way indicative of his overall performance.

Started: 5th

Finished: 12th

After a season best qualifying effort on Saturday, Malukas ran strong for the entire Honda Indy Toronto and registered the fastest race lap on Lap 15 with a time of 1:00.8307.

He was running seventh when he entered pit lane on Lap 12 and was back running in the top 10 by Lap 19.

Malukas held his own, running with veteran drivers and was sitting fifth when he made what would be his final stop.

Unfortunately for the rookie, an issue with the pit stop cost him some important positions and he fell to 14th following his trip down pit lane.

He continued to run strong and survived a second half of the race that saw quite a few caution periods to finish 12th.

Malukas has a best finish of ninth this season registered at the last round at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course.

David Malukas, #18 Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports Honda

“I survived the Honda Indy Toronto, and no blisters this time! There was a good amount of cautions and I think that helped! Overall, I’m very happy with how the race went. We managed to do a very early undercut and I was pushing like crazy on the second stint on the primary tire and we managed to gain a few positions. We had to do massive fuel saving to make that long second stint. We did lose a few positions here and there, but I learned a lot on how to judge when the car is going to make a move from behind me and when to use the push to pass button and defend. Overall, I learned a lot and I think it was a good day. Unfortunately, on the last pit stop when everyone pit together we managed to make a bit of a mistake on our part, so we lost a few positions there. I feel like in this one race I matured another 20 years!”

David Malukas Qualifies Season Best of Fifth at Honda Indy Toronto



on July 16, 2022

Toronto, ON (Saturday, July 16, 2022) – Rookie David Malukas (#18 HMD Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports) continued his impressive run on Saturday by registering his best starting position of the season with another trip to the Firestone Fast 6 and a fifth place on the grid for Sunday’s Honda Indy Toronto.

Starting: 5th

Best lap: 59.6140

Round 2 – 3rd

Best lap: 59.4638

Round 1 / Group 1 – 5th

Best lap: 59.8686

Malukas registered a fastest lap of 59.87 seconds in Group 1 of qualifying. The time placed him fifth in his group and onto the second round of qualifying for the third time this year.

He then registered the third fastest lap in the Top 12 and guaranteed himself a second trip to the Firestone Fast 6 this season.

His first lap in the final round of qualifying initially placed him second in the group but his fastest lap of the session placed him fifth on the starting grid.

Today's result is Malukas' best start of the season. His previous best was a sixth place in Detroit. Malukas' last trip to the Honda Indy Toronto was in 2019 when he took part in a pair of Indy Lights races in which he picked up two top 10 finishes.

Malukas has a best finish of ninth this season registered at the last round at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course.

David Malukas, #18 Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports Honda

“We made it into the Fast 6 today. What an incredible job from the team. From the start in Segment 1 all the way to the start of Segment 3 in the Firestone Fast 6, the team made the right decisions with the car, the tires and everything. I think we used the wrong set of tires for the last run that might have cost us a position a two, but overall to make it into the Fast 6 I'm more than happy. I see my name against these veterans so it's very cool for me. What a great job from the team.”

Takuma Sato Bounces Back from Practice Incident to Qualify 19th at Honda Indy Toronto



on July 16, 2022

Toronto, ON (Saturday, July 16, 2022) – Takuma Sato (#51 Deloitte) and his Dale Coyne Racing with RWR team bounced back from a practice incident on Saturday to qualify 19th in tomorrow's Honda Indy Toronto.

Starting: 19th

Round 1 / Group 1: 10th

Best Lap: 1:00.5324

Sato made contact with the wall in the morning practice session causing important damage to the left side of his #51 Deloitte car.

With the start of practice having been delayed, it meant that the crew had even less time to make repairs ahead of qualifying.

The team did an amazing job to get the car ready as they rolled onto pit lane with 5 minutes remaining before the start of qualifying.

Sato took to the track in Group 1 of qualifying and registered a fastest time of 1:00.5324 on his seventh and final lap.

His time placed him 10th in the group and 19th overall.

Takuma Sato is making his 13th start on the streets of Toronto this weekend where he has four top ten finishes including two fifth place results (Race 2 in 2014 and 2016).

He also has a best start of seventh (2018) around the 11-turn, 1.786-mile street circuit.

In nine races this season, Sato has a best finish of seventh at the GMR Grand Prix and a best start of second in Detroit.

Takuma Sato #51 Nurtec ODT Honda – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR

“Our qualifying was not the day we wanted, to be honest. I had a little accident at the end of the practice session this morning and with the practice having been delayed due to wall repairs from a support series incident, there wasn’t a lot of time between practice and qualifying. The 51 boys did a great job to fix up the car but we didn’t have enough time to do a complete set up on the pad so we didn’t know if the car was square, but obviously they did a great job. We only missed the next round by a few tenths, which is essential here. It’s a pity we didn’t do well today but congratulations to David (Malukas), he had a fantastic day. At least our sister car is doing really well so we should be able to find some speed for tomorrow’s warmup and have a very strong race. I’m very happy to have the Deloitte car this weekend. It’s a shame for the qualifying but we will have a strong day tomorrow.”

Takuma Sato to Sport Deloitte Colors at Honda Indy Toronto



on July 13, 2022

Plainfield, IL (Wednesday, July 13, 2022) – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR’s Takuma Sato will be sporting some new colors when his #51 Honda takes to the streets of Toronto this week with Deloitte Japan becoming a primary sponsor for the lone Canadian event.

Deloitte Japan has been a personal sponsor of Takuma Sato’s this season with their logo visibly placed on the #51 purple and white Nurtec ODT entry. However, for the team’s return to Toronto the #51 Deloitte Honda will feature the familiar black, white and green colors of Deloitte.

Additionally, Deloitte Japan has also invited AWS (Amazon Web Services) to join them on the car for the Honda Indy Toronto after making a first appearance on the #51 car during this year’s Indianapolis 500.

“I’m extremely excited to see the #51 Deloitte sponsored car,” expressed Sato. “Deloitte has been one of my title sponsors for 2022 and it’s fantastic to work together. The car and firesuit look very cool as it’s black and white with the company’s iconic green color. I’m also excited that this is

happening in Toronto as it's always a very popular race and we have missed last two seasons due to pandemic, so I am very much looking forward to visiting the venue again with the Deloitte color scheme and look forward to working more closely with them in the future.”

In addition to seeing their colors on the #51 car, Deloitte Canada will have a suite and will be entertaining clients and guests over the weekend.

“Deloitte Japan has been supporting Takuma all season and we're delighted to have it culminate with the primary sponsorship of our #51 car in Toronto this weekend,” shared Team Owner Dale Coyne. “The black, white and green Deloitte color scheme looks great, and we can't wait to see it on track. We look forward to hosting our Deloitte guests and we hope to make them proud in our much-anticipated return to Toronto.”

Takuma Sato will be making his 13th start on the streets of Toronto this weekend. He has four top ten finishes including two fifth place results (Race 2 in 2014 and 2016). He also has a best start of seventh (2018) around the 11-turn, 1.786-mile street circuit. So far this season, Sato has a best finish of seventh at the GMR Grand Prix and a best start of second in Detroit.

The Honda Indy Toronto takes place July 15 to 17 around the streets of Exhibition Place in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The race will be broadcast live on Peacock TV for US viewers.

David Malukas Picks up Best Finish of the Season with Ninth Place at Mid-Ohio



on July 3, 2022

Lexington, OH (Sunday, July 3, 2022) – Rookie David Malukas (#18 HMD Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports) picked up his best finish of his NTT INDYCAR SERIES career on Sunday with a ninth-place finish at the Honda Indy 200 at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course.

Started: 8th

Finished: 9th

Malukas, who led the morning warmup earlier in the day fell to ninth in the opening laps from his eighth place on the starting grid.

The rookie then moved up to seventh on a Lap 13 restart and ran in that position until his first pit stop on Lap 26.

He was running 11th when a full course caution came out on Lap 31 but he would fall back to 13th 10 laps later when the action returned to green.

Following a Lap 58 restart, gradually made his way back into the Top 10, before taking over ninth place on Lap 64.

Today's ninth place finish was Malukas' best finish of the season after finishing 11th twice earlier this year at Detroit and Texas Motor Speedway.

David Malukas, #18 Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports Honda

"It's our first top 10 finish. I'm really happy with a ninth place after starting eighth. The yellow flags were the worst thing that could have happened to us but we still managed to get a P9 out of it. We had some really good racing with veterans. I went inside and outside of Pagenaud and Harvey and then was behind Castroneves. It was cool to see what they were doing and learn from following them as well. Overall, I'm really happy with our race."

Takuma Sato Finishes 14th at Mid-Ohio



on July 3, 2022

Lexington, OH (Sunday, July 3, 2022) – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR's Takuma Sato didn't have the race he was hoping for at Mid-Ohio but the driver of the #51 Nurtec ODT climbed his way up to a 14th place finish, making 11 on track passes in the 80-lap event.

Started: 19th

Finished: 14th

Sato immediately gained a couple of positions at the start of the race to move into 17th place from his 19th spot on the grid.

He spent most of his first stint in 15th place and was running seventh when he headed to pit lane for his first stop on Lap 28.

Unfortunately for Sato, he went off track in Turn 9 while running 16th during his middle stint and that sent him to the back of the field in 24th.

Following his final stop on Lap 52, Sato climbed his way back up the field.

He moved into 15th on the Lap 63 restart before taking over 14th place with 10 laps remaining.

In eight races this season, Sato has a best finish of seventh at the GMR Grand Prix and a best start of second in Detroit.

Takuma Sato #51 Nurtec ODT Honda – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR

“The Mid-Ohio race was a pity. I think we had a good start using the advantage of the red tire and moving up quite a few places. Then the restart was also strong, and I was on my way to getting close to the top 10. Then I went a little wide on our middle stint and fell to the back of the field. The 51 guys did a good job today. It was a shame that we could get any higher in the field, but we still learned a lot of things from Mid-Ohio. The next one is Toronto and we’re really looking forward to that one after three years. We’ll keep pushing and hopefully we can have a good result there.”

Another Strong Qualifying Run Puts Rookie Malukas Eighth on the Grid at Mid-Ohio



on July 2, 2022

Lexington, OH (Saturday, July 2, 2022) – Rookie David Malukas (#18 HMD Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports) was once again impressive during qualifying for this weekend’s Honda Indy 200 at Mid-Ohio by placing eighth on the grid for tomorrow’s race.

Starting: 8th

Round 2 – 1:06.8201

Round 1 / Group 1 – 1:06.9932 – (6th)

Malukas went out in the first group in Round 1 of qualifying and immediately jumped to the top of the time charts.

After falling to fifth, he registered his best time of 1:06.9932 which put him back at the top, but he would end up sixth in his group at the end of the 10-minute session.

His position in group 1 meant that he would move on to the Fast 12 for the second time this season.

Once in the second round, he once again jumped to the top on his third lap and remained in that position until the final minute.

While his best lap of 1:06.8201 initially placed him first, he would end up 8th when all was said and done.

Unfortunately for Malukas, he was unable to improve his time on his final lap after being impeded by the car in front of him.

Malukas has an impressive record at Mid-Ohio. He finished on the podium in all 4 Indy Lights races at the track in 2021 with two second place finishes and two thirds.

He also finished second in the two Formula Regional Americas Championship events at Mid-Ohio in 2020.

The rookie driver has a best starting position of sixth (Detroit) so far this season and a best finish of 11th (Detroit and Texas Motor Speedway).

David Malukas, #18 Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports Honda

“I’m quite angry right now because I thought we were being impeded on my last lap but the car in front of me didn’t get a penalty for it, we left some time out there that I think would have sent us to the Fast 6. We were on a 66.5 lap which would have put us in the top 3. It’s unfortunate because I couldn’t show everything that the Dale Coyne HMD car had today. It was spectacular. We tried different things in practice and got to the top 6 in the first group and the car was right where it needed to be in the Fast 12. Unfortunately, I ended up getting blocked and couldn’t make it in. But overall, the fact that we’re unhappy with P8 shows that we’re going in the right direction.

Takuma Sato Qualifies on Row 10 at Mid-Ohio



on July 2, 2022

Lexington, OH (Saturday, July 2, 2022) – Takuma Sato (#51 Nurtec ODT) and his Dale Coyne Racing with RWR team will be starting from the 10th row in tomorrow's Honda Indy 200 at Mid-Ohio after qualifying 19th on Saturday.

Starting: 19th
Round 1 / Group 1:
Best Lap: 1:07.4645

Sato is making his 14th start at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course this weekend. He took to the track in Group 1 /Round 1 of qualifying and spent the first part of the session in the top five.

He registered his fastest lap time of 1:07.4645 on his sixth lap.

His lap time was good enough for 10th in his group which places him 19th on the starting grid.

His best start at the 2.258-mile, 13-turn road course was a third in 2017.

He has two top 5 finishes at the track with a best finish of 4th (2011).

In eight races this season, Sato has a best finish of seventh at the GMR Grand Prix and a best start of second in Detroit.

Takuma Sato #51 Nurtec ODT Honda – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR

“Qualifying was a little bit frustrating. Things didn’t come together for us in practice, so we had to change the car for qualifying and I think in the end it was not enough to adjust for the conditions. David (Malukas) did a good job qualifying in the Top 10 but for my side it’s a shame I couldn’t get through to the next round. The field is very, very tight and we still have the warmup session tomorrow. We’ll try our best tomorrow and hope for a good race.”

Takuma Sato Enjoys Good Battles at Road America



on June 12, 2022

Elkhart Lake, WI (Sunday, June 12, 2022) – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR’s Takuma Sato (#51 Nurtec ODT) had some good battles in Sunday’s Sonsio Grand Prix at Road America on his way to a 15th place finish.

Started: 19th

Finished: 15th

Sato immediately gained 3 positions at the start of the 55 lap race, moving from 19th to 16th by the end of the first lap.

He continued to gain positions and was sitting in 12th by Lap 10.

The driver of the #51 Nurtec ODT car entered pit lane on Lap 17 for his first stop.

Despite losing some positions with his pit stop and with cars on different pit cycles, he climbed as high as 6th prior to making his second stop on Lap 30.

With pit stops cycling through he was 17th following his final stop and gained a couple more positions with some good battles in his last stint to take the checkered flag in 15th place.

The two-time Indy 500 Champion was making his eighth start on the 4-mile, 14-turn road course this weekend.

So far this season, in nine races, Sato has a best finish of seventh at the GMR Grand Prix and a best start of second in Detroit.

Takuma Sato #51 Nurtec ODT Honda – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR

“It was an exciting race. At the start I overtook a couple of cars and gained a few more positions after that, but we lost a couple of places on our first pit stop and that really hurt us in terms of track position. Unfortunately, we didn’t gain back anything under the yellow and we always ended up cycling back to where we were. It was a tough race overall, but we fought really strong on the restarts and had some side-by-side overtaking, which was fun. In the end finishing 15th isn’t exactly what we wanted but as a team we showed some strengths.”

Road America Never Disappoints for Rookie Malukas



on June 12, 2022

Elkhart Lake, WI (Sunday, June 12, 2022) – Rookie David Malukas (#18 HMD Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports) has always enjoyed racing at Road America and Sunday's Sonsio Grand Prix was no different for the rookie who ended up 16th in the 55-lap race.

Started: 14th
Finished: 16th

Malukas was making his first NTT INDYCAR SERIES start at Road America this weekend.

Starting 14th, he was running 9th by the time he made his first pit stop on Lap 16.

Unfortunately, the rookie went a little long in his pit box and it cost him some important track positions and he fell to 22nd following his stop.

By the time he made his second stop on Lap 27, he had made his way back up to 15th.

The rookie held his own, and enjoyed some good battles on track, including some in the final laps of the event following a restart with three laps remaining.

In 8 races this season, the rookie has a best finish of 11th (Detroit and Texas Motor Speedway) as well as a best starting position of 6th (Detroit).

David Malukas, #18 Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports Honda

"This race, even if it's Road America, and it's 55 laps and a long race, it still felt short to me and it went by very, very quickly. Sadly, I made a mistake coming into the pits. I was trying to get the maximum I could on pit entry and a car pulled out in front of me and I got spooked a little bit and I ended up locking up the brakes on entry to the pit box, so that cost us some positions. In the end, I was P16. It's not the desired result, but there were a lot of good battles at the end, and I still had some push to pass while others didn't. It was a lot of fun. Road America never disappoints."

Next Up:

Honda Indy 200 at Mid-Ohio

Race 9 of 17

July 1 – 3, 2022

Track length: 2.258-mile, 13-turn permanent road course

Race Distance: 80 laps

Broadcast: NBC Noon ET, July 3, 2022

Rookie Malukas to Start from Seventh Row at Road America



on June 11, 2022

Elkhart Lake, WI (Saturday, June 11, 2022) – Rookie David Malukas (#18 HMD Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports) put in another strong qualifying effort on Saturday by placing himself 14th on the starting grid for tomorrow's Sonsio Grand Prix at Road America presented by AMR. His fastest time was less than four hundredths of a second from putting him into the Fast 12 for the second race in a row.

Starting: 14th
Round 1 / Group 2
Best Lap: 1:45.6017

Malukas went out in the second group in Round 1 of qualifying and immediately jumped to first place following his first timed lap. He then improved on his time but fell to third in his group before heading to pit lane for a fresh set of alternate Firestone tires. The driver of the #18 HMD car registered his fastest lap on his fifth and final lap around the 4-mile, 14-turn road course. His lap of 1:45.6017, which placed him seventh in his group and 14th on the grid, was only 0.0339 seconds from sending him to the Fast 12.

Malukas is making his first start at Road America aboard an Indy car this weekend. He has known success at the track in the Road to Indy, picking up three wins and three poles in the different series that make up the INDYCAR ladder system.

His most recent appearance at Road America came in 2021 where he started second and won Race 2 of the Indy Lights weekend after leading all 20 laps.

He also won both races from pole in the Indy Pro 2000 series in 2018, leading all laps.

The rookie driver qualified an impressive and career best sixth in Detroit last weekend before equaling his best finish of the season with an 11th place (Detroit and Texas Motor Speedway).

David Malukas, #18 Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports Honda

“Sadly, it was another short qualifying session for me, and unfortunately it was because of a mistake on my part. The Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports team did such a great job getting the car where it needs to be for qualifying. We had a bit of work to do after the practice sessions, but they gave me a strong car for qualifying. We used the red tires for both runs because we thought we had a good chance of making the Fast 12. Unfortunately, I made a mistake on both of my runs, and we lost time that would have allowed us to get into the next round.

Overall, I’m still happy being here at Road America and I know the car is very good, so hopefully we can have a good race tomorrow.”

Takuma Sato Registers a 10th Row Start at Road America



on June 11, 2022

Elkhart Lake, WI (Saturday, June 11, 2022) – Takuma Sato (#51 Nurtec ODT) and his Dale Coyne Racing with RWR team will be starting from the 10th row in tomorrow's Sonsio Grand Prix at Road America after qualifying 19th on Saturday.

Starting: 19th
Round 1 / Group 1:
Best Lap: 1:45.7045

Sato, who is coming off his best start of the season last weekend at Detroit where he qualified second, went out in Group 1 of the first round of qualifying.

He registered his fastest lap time on his second lap of the 12-minute session.

His fastest lap of 1:45.7045 initially placed him third in his group.

Sato was unable to improve his lap time once he switched to the alternate Firestone tires and he fell to 10th in his group.

The two-time Indy 500 Champion is making his eighth start on the 4-mile, 14-turn road course this weekend.

His best start and finish at the famed Elkhart Lake track came in 2018 when he qualified 7th and finished 4th.

The Japanese driver has five top 10 finishes in seven starts at Road America.

So far this season, Sato has a best finish of seventh at the GMR Grand Prix and a best start of second in Detroit.

Takuma Sato #51 Nurtec ODT Honda – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR

“We had a mixed day today. I think we have a good car on the primary tire but we couldn't make the most of it on the red tires when it counted in qualifying. So unfortunately, I couldn't get a good lap in that would have allowed us to make it to the second segment. Despite the mixed weather, we tried a couple of things in final practice, and I think the car is better. I'm more optimistic for the race now than I was after qualifying, so let's hope we can have a great race tomorrow. It should be an interesting one.”

Rookie David Malukas Registers Fastest Race Lap and Ties Season Best Finish in Detroit



on June 5, 2022

Detroit, MI (Sunday, June 5, 2022) – Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports rookie David Malukas tied his best finish of the season on Sunday by placing 11th in the Detroit Grand Prix after also starting a season best.

Started: 6th

Finished: 11th

Malukas started the race in sixth place after an impressive run in qualifying on Saturday, making his first trip to the Firestone Fast Six.

The rookie elected to start the race on the alternate Firestone tire and headed to pit lane on Lap 6 to switch to the primary tire.

While he fell to 20th following his stop, he made his way back up the field and was sitting seventh before he returned to pit lane on Lap 26.

The rookie made it as high as fifth before making his final stop on Lap 46.

He registered the fastest lap of the race on Lap 52 with a time of 1:16.4034.

His 11th place finish was his best finish on a road or street course this season. It tied his previous best finish of 11th at Texas Motor Speedway.

David Malukas – #18 HMD Honda – Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports

“It was an unexpected race. We were expecting the red tires to last longer than they did. Thankfully we made the early call to pit and switch to the primary tire. From that point on I had Rinus Veekay just kind of towing me around the rest of the stint. On my last stint, I tried really hard to get around Rosenqvist but couldn’t get it done, it’s always tough on a street course to pass. We managed to get the fastest lap near the end of the race. It destroyed the tires a little bit, but it was worth it! I’m quite happy with our result. It kind of stings when you start P6 and finish 11th you usually want to move up, not go backwards. But being a rookie, I’m happy to finish the race and to be the highest finishing rookie.”

Takuma Sato Runs Strong, Places 13th in Detroit



on June 5, 2022

Detroit, MI (Sunday, June 5, 2022) – Takuma Sato and his Dale Coyne Racing with RWR team were hoping for a better end result on Sunday after starting a season best of second for the Detroit Grand Prix, but despite running competitively he had to settle for a 13th place finish.

Started: 2nd

Finished: 13th

Sato fell to fourth at the start of the race and maintained that position until he entered pit lane on Lap 9 to switch from the alternate Firestone tires to the primary.

Following his stop, he fell to 23rd but made his way back up to seventh before heading to pit lane for his second stop on Lap 33.

The two-time Indy 500 Champion returned to the track in 15th place and once again made his way up to seventh before making his final pit stop on Lap 50.

With other cars on a two-stop strategy, Sato had to settle for a 13th place finish despite running some of the fastest lap times in the final laps of the race.

In seven races in 2022, Sato has a best finish of 10th on the streets of St. Petersburg.

Takuma Sato #51 Nurtec ODT Honda – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR

“It was a tough day for us in Detroit. We were happy to get a front row start but we were also hoping to have a great race, of course. But we couldn’t manage the red tires well as the drop off point was significant, so I started to lose too much compared the cars on primary tires. It was unexpected to be honest. So, we had to stop three times and that cost us. Overall, at the end of the weekend the team did a fantastic job. We showed great speed and hopefully we can carry this momentum to Road America next weekend.”

Takuma Sato Scores Front Row Start for Detroit Grand Prix



on June 4, 2022

Detroit, MI (Saturday, June 4, 2022) – Takuma Sato gave himself and his Dale Coyne Racing with RWR team their best start so far this season by registering the second fastest lap in Saturday’s Firestone Fast 6 qualifying for the Detroit Grand Prix aboard his #51 Nurtec ODT (Rimegepant) Honda.

Starting: 2nd
Firestone Fast 6 – 2nd
Best lap: 1:15.3490
Fast 12 – 5th
Best Lap: 1:14.9363
Group 2 / Round 1 – 6th
Best Lap: 1:15.3911

Sato's second place in qualifying is his best start this season. His previous best start was a third place at Texas Motor Speedway earlier this year.

Today's qualifying result is his second-best starting position on the racetrack at Belle Isle, having scored two pole positions in the past (2014 and 2017).

The driver of the #51 Nurtec ODT Honda guaranteed himself a position in the Firestone Fast 6 after placing himself sixth in the first round of qualifying and fifth in the Fast 12.

Sato sat in the provisional pole position until the final seconds of the six-minute session when Josef Newgarden bumped him to second with a time only 0.1337 seconds quicker.

He is making his 18th start at the Detroit Grand Prix this weekend and has a best finish of second (Race 2, 2015).

In six races in 2022, Sato has a best finish of 10th on the streets of St. Petersburg.

Takuma Sato #51 Nurtec ODT Honda – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR

“We're really proud of the Dale Coyne Racing team. David (Malukas) pushed me so hard in the first two rounds and I was finally able to hook up quite a good lap on in the Firestone Fast Six.

That was quite satisfying! We always knew that we had the speed, I just wasn't able to put everything together aboard our Dale Coyne Racing with RWR Nurtec ODT Honda until that point.

We were quite positive heading into the weekend, carrying the momentum from Indy. Everyone on the team is really happy, it's an absolutely great team effort.”

Rookie David Malukas Impresses with Sixth Place on the Grid in Detroit



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Detroit, MI (Saturday, June 4, 2022) – Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports rookie David Malukas impressed with his qualifying performance on Saturday making it into the Firestone Fast 6 by dominating the two previous rounds. The highest finishing rookie at this year's Indianapolis 500 will be starting a career best of sixth in Sunday's Detroit Grand Prix.

Starting: 6th

Firestone Fast 6 – 6th

Best lap: 1:16.6104

Fast 12 – 2nd

Best Lap: 1:14.8251

Group 2 / Round 1 – 1st

Best Lap: 1:14.8833

Malukas impressed right from the start of qualifying, immediately jumping up to P1 with his first timed lap.

He improved with each lap in Round 1 of qualifying and topped the 10-minute session, making it to the Fast 12 with ease for the first time this season.

In round 2, Malukas once again took over first place early on and was sitting second by the end of the session.

His performance sent him to the Firestone Fast 6 for the first time in his young career.

Malukas registered his best NTT INDYCAR SERIES start by placing sixth in the final round of qualifying.

So far in six races this season, he has a best finish of 11th at Texas.

The rookie finished third in Detroit in the second race of the doubleheader Indy Lights weekend last season.

David Malukas – #18 HMD Honda – Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports

“I feel like this whole start of the season we’ve always been close to finding the car right before qualifying, but we’d always miss it at the last second. For the first time now, we finally put it all together. I remember the first two laps and I thought ‘wow, the car is just spot on’. I came in and they asked me if I wanted any changes and I said do not touch it, this is very good! I’m so happy. Takuma and I had a friendly competition. I kept hearing that Takuma made it and kept asking for the times and that made me push even harder. I think it was very good for the team. I was this close to those walls!”

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David Malukas is Highest Finishing Rookie in Indy 500



on May 29, 2022

INDIANAPOLIS (Sunday, May 29, 2022) – Rookie David Malukas (#18 Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports) took part in his first Indianapolis 500 on Sunday accomplishing both goals he had set for himself heading into the 500-mile race by taking the checkered flag as the highest finishing rookie.

After running strong all month, Malukas started 13th on the 33-car grid and ran in or near that position for the majority of the race.

In a race that didn't see a lot of passing throughout the field, the rookie did make up positions on restarts which allowed him to move up as high as 8th twice during the race.

For his first Indy 500, Malukas drove a strong race and stayed out of trouble to take the checkered flag in 16th place as the highest finishing rookie.

The rookie's finish was a testament to his team's hard work and detailed preparation after they had to rebuild his car following an incident with another car on Carb Day.

David Malukas, #18 Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports Honda

"Race day is over, and the Month of May at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway has come to an end. We finished the race, it was everything I wanted. I wanted to finish and be the highest finishing rookie and we achieved both of those things today. So, I'm very happy. I've now realized why people say that this track chooses its winners because there are so many different things that can happen, and everything just needs to go your way. There's a lot of possibilities. Things didn't

always go our way, but we finished P16. Overall, I'm very happy, I made minimal mistakes from my side being a rookie and going into the next one I'm going to be expecting the race to be this long!"

Takuma Sato Has Strong Run, Finishes 25th in Indy 500



on May 29, 2022

INDIANAPOLIS (Sunday, May 29, 2022) – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR driver Takuma Sato had the speed and the car but was missing a bit of luck on Sunday in the 106th Indianapolis 500. A late race fuel saving gamble didn't pay off and the two-time Indy 500 Champion had to settle for a 25th place finish.

Starting 10th, Sato lost a couple of positions at the start but was quick to move back up.

He was sitting sixth by the time he entered pit lane for his first stop and once again was sitting sixth before making his second stop.

Halfway through the race he was sitting 10th and things were promising as he once again continued to move up the field before once again heading to pit lane on Lap 145.

Unfortunately, the driver of the #51 Nurtec ODT Honda lost some positions following his pit stop and fell to 13th.

The team gambled with 43 laps remaining and called Sato into the pits for fuel and new tires, hoping that a late race caution would then go their way.

Sadly, that was not the case and the DCR driver had to return to pit lane on Lap 193 for fuel, one lap before the desired yellow came out.

Sato would end up crossing the finish line in 25th place.

Takuma Sato #51 Nurtec ODT Honda – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR

“It was a very challenging race for us. We knew we had a car that was quite quick and reliable, and we had the opportunity to run hard, but it was tough. We ran as high as sixth, but we fell back to P12 later in the race. At that point it was almost impossible to come back with the low downforce. We did try hard, and the team did a fantastic job all month. We wanted to compete at the highest level, and we were there. We had the speed, I just wish we had a little bit more luck. Huge congratulations to Marcus Ericsson who won his first 500.”

Takuma Sato Qualifies 10th for Indianapolis 500

on May 22, 2022

INDIANAPOLIS (Sunday, May 22, 2022) – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR driver Takuma Sato put in another strong performance on Sunday, placing his #51 Nurtec ODT 10th on the grid for what will be his 13th Indianapolis 500, which takes place, next week on Sunday, May 29, 2022.

Position: 10th

Lap 1: 232.165 mph

Lap 2: 231.746 mph

Lap 3: 231.450 mph

Lap 4: 231.321 mph

Average: 231.670mph

Sato guaranteed himself a place in today's Top 12 qualifying thanks to a 12th place in yesterday's first day of qualifying in which he registered a four-lap average of 231.708 mph.

Sato was the first car to take to the track for a shot at the Fast 6, (which would then have given him a shot at pole position).

However, his strong and consistent four-lap average of 231.670 mph wasn't quite enough to get him into the Fast 6.

He'll be starting on the inside of Row 4, just ahead of his teammate David Malukas (#18 Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports) who is starting 13th on the inside of Row 5.

All drivers will get four more hours of practice to get their cars race ready with a two-hour session on Monday and another two-hour session on Carb Day (Friday, May 27).

Takuma Sato #51 Nurtec ODT Honda – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR

"Today was Indy 500 Pole Day and we are in the Top 10. A top 10 is great, but honestly speaking it was a tough day for us. We had a very good car on Fast Friday, the last practice day in preparation for qualifying. That all looked very strong but Saturday was a little difficult as we miscalculated a bit for the conditions. Today, we practiced before the session and tested our set up for qualifying and at the end of the day, we did everything we could. Ending P10 hurts a little but the race is a completely different thing. We are really excited about it. I think we have a very good car in traffic. There's still a little bit of work to do but we have two more sessions on Monday and Carb Day to do that."

Takuma Sato Makes it into Fast 12 in Indy 500 Qualifying



on May 21, 2022

INDIANAPOLIS (Saturday, May 21, 2022) – After leading all three days of practice, Dale Coyne Racing with RWR and driver Takuma Sato had a fast and interesting day on Saturday, but when all was said and done, the driver of the #51 Nurtec ODT Honda qualified for Sunday's Top 12 by placing 12th in Saturday's qualifying session thanks to a four-lap average of 231.708mph.

Attempt 1 (invalidated)

Lap 1: 232.319 mph

Lap 2: 232.558 mph

Lap 3: 232.135 mph

Lap 4: 231.775 mph

Average: 232.196 mph

Attempt 2

Lap 1: 232.482 mph

Lap 2: 231.890 mph

Lap 3: 231.244 mph

Lap 4: 231.221 mph

Average: 231.708 mph

Sato made two qualifying attempts on Saturday before placing 12th on what would be his final attempt.

He was sixth upon taking the checkered flag on his first try and was in 10th when his first qualifying attempt was invalidated because he impeded another car on track during his deceleration lap.

With rain in the forecast, the crew was ready and immediately went back in line once all cars had made their first qualifying runs.

Sato was on pace in his second outing, and despite a brush with the wall on his third lap his four-lap average of 231.708 mph was good enough to place him 12th.

The two-time Indy 500 Champion will be back on track Sunday, at 4pm for a shot at pole position. Takuma Sato #51 Nurtec ODT Honda – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR

“What an eventful day for us. Going into our first qualifying attempt we didn’t anticipate that speed. The conditions drastically changed from yesterday, and then there was the incident on my in lap, with interference with Marco (Andretti) on his warmup lap. Obviously, IndyCar gave me a penalty, which is totally fine. Since I lost my qualifying time, we had to go out again. We didn’t know exactly when the rain was going to start so we were fortunate to be able to make our second attempt. Going early in warmer temperatures is challenging but today we fortunately went faster and just got into the Top 12. In the end I think the Dale Coyne Racing team did a great job with David (Malukas) in 13th and myself in 12th.

Malukas Qualifies 13th for first Indianapolis 500



on May 21, 2022

INDIANAPOLIS (Saturday, May 21, 2022) – Rookie David Malukas (#18 Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports) put in two strong qualifying attempts on Saturday during qualifying for the Indy 500 but despite his impressive last run, he fell just short of making it into the Top 12 by just 0.1 mph, over a four-lap average.

Attempt 1

Lap 1: 231.601 mph

Lap 2: 231.294 mph

Lap 3: 231.077 mph

Lap 4: 230.962 mph

Average: 231.233

Attempt 2

Lap 1: 232.482 mph

Lap 2: 232.206 mph

Lap 3: 230.552 mph

Lap 4: 231.200 mph

Average: 231.607 mph

Malukas was the 13th car to take to the track on Saturday during qualifying. He registered a four-lap average of 231.233mph on his first attempt which initially placed him 8th. With other cars still having to qualifying, Malukas found himself 17th when all cars had made their guaranteed first attempt.

Malukas went back out for a second qualifying attempt and another shot at the Fast 12.

He improved his four-lap average to 231.607 mph and sat 12th until his teammate Takuma Sato bumped him to 13th and out of the Top 12 and the opportunity to go for pole position on Sunday.

The rookie was getting ready to make a third qualifying run when rain started falling around 2:15pm.

Another rain shower later in the day forced the end of the qualifying session.

Malukas will be starting on the inside of Row 5 for his first Indianapolis 500.

David Malukas, #18 Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports Honda

“Unfortunately, we missed out on the Top 12 by just one spot and ended up 13th. All in all, it ended up being small mistakes that cost us. The car was very quick, and we knew that from all the practice sessions. Going into today, for the first run the conditions were perfect. We trimmed and trimmed before going out but it still was too much downforce on the car. That was a bit unfortunate. On our second run, we had a good trim level on the car, but I made a mistake on my third lap and had to lift out of it in Turn 2. Takuma had the same thing happen, but he just kept his foot down cause he has that experience! And even by hitting the wall he was able to go get that one tenth that we lost by lifting. At least one of the Dale Coyne Racing cars was able to make it into the Top 12 and have a shot at pole position tomorrow.

Takuma Sato Tops Practice at IMS Two Days in a Row



on May 19, 2022

David Malukas Third Quickest on Day 3 of Practice

INDIANAPOLIS (Thursday, May 19, 2022) – Takuma Sato and his #51 Nurtec ODT Honda once again topped the time sheets on Wednesday during Day 3 of practice for the 106th running of the Indianapolis 500. His rookie teammate David Malukas in the #18 HMD Honda was third after the 6-hour session.

Sato and Malukas currently sit 1st and 7th respectively on the combined time sheet. Sato registered an average speed of 227.519mph on Wednesday with his fastest lap coming during Practice 2 on Tuesday with a 228.939mph average around the 2.5 mile famed superspeedway.

Malukas registered his fastest lap in Wednesday's session with an average speed of 226.869mph. The rookie has so far completed the most laps of the two DCR drivers with 206, while Sato has turned 181.

Day 2 of practice was cancelled due to weather.

Takuma Sato #51 Nurtec ODT Honda – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR

“Wednesday was rained out and so today is only our second day in practice with the normal boost. It was a very productive day with two cars in the top 3, which is a bonus. But more importantly we're getting happier with the car in traffic. Obviously, the speed it's nice to be on top

but it's irrelevant today, anybody can do it with new tires, a big pack and cooler temperatures in happy hour. Overall, it was a great day, we made huge progress in traffic and tomorrow is Fast Friday. I'm very excited personally to drive the DCR cars that have always been very fast in qualifying.

David Malukas, #18 Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports Honda

“That’s a wrap on day number 3 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. On day 2, we did nothing, but sit in my RV and do laundry! I think out of two days of total testing it’s been very good. The first day started strong as soon as the car went out on track. We were P7 at the end of that day and we still are seventh on the combined timed sheets for both days. Today we were P3 so I’m very happy with the team, the car is very good. Takuma (Sato) was P1 both days so that’s great. Friday we’ll be in full qualifying trim and making sure that our qualifying pace is there. Today was more about running in traffic and getting tows and runs. There’s still some work to do before the race but we’re getting there. So far, I’m very happy, knock on wood, everything has been good so far.”

Takuma Sato Finishes Season Best Seventh in GMR Grand Prix



on May 14, 2022

INDIANAPOLIS (Saturday, May 14, 2022) – Takuma Sato and his #51 Nurtec ODT Dale Coyne Racing Honda picked up his best finish of the season on Saturday climbing up to a seventh place in the GMR Grand Prix after falling as far back as 23rd in a wet and wild race.

Started: 13th

Finished: 7th

With the race starting under wet conditions, Sato was one of the first drivers to switch to the Alternate Firestone tires on the second lap of the race.

The early pit stop paid off as he then found himself in seventh place once other cars headed to pit lane for dry weather tires.

From there, Sato made his way up to fourth on a Lap 21 restart.

He ran in fourth until he entered pit lane on Lap 32 for a fresh set of alternate tires.

Following his stop, he climbed back up to seventh before going off track to avoid a spinning car on a Lap 42 restart.

After falling to the back of the field, he managed to make his way back up, all while switching from wet tires to dry tires, to wet tires again.

With the rain giving him a helping hand, and some on track battles he took the checkered flag in seventh place.

Today's result is his sixth top 10 finish on the IMS road course and his best finish this season.

Takuma Sato #51 Nurtec ODT Honda – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR

“That was a wild race. But it was great fun. We went back and forth and moved up as high as fourth, and that was a legitimate fourth. I think Colton (Herta) the two McLarens and myself were leaving the group behind. I think it looked pretty cool at the time but then on a later restart one car spun and to avoid it I went into the wet grass on dry tires and that was the end of the story as I spun. I felt really bad for the boys and basically went to the back of the field. Then, the rain helped me in the end. We unlapped ourselves and we put our head down and got the job done, finishing P7. It was such a dramatic race. The #51 Nurtec crew did a fantastic job to help me get me back up the field and I was able to push really hard battling side by side with very good drivers. There was some good overtaking. It's a shame we had that moment but other than that it has given us great momentum to carry into the Indy 500.”

Malukas Claims Best Road Course Finish of the season at GMR Grand Prix



on May 14, 2022

INDIANAPOLIS (Saturday, May 14, 2022) – Rookie David Malukas (#18 Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports) experienced his first wet race in the NTT INDYCAR SERIES on Saturday while also scoring his best finish on a road course with a 12th place at the GMR Grand Prix.

Started: 24th

Finished: 12th

Malukas entered pit lane on Lap 4 to switch from wet tires to the Firestone Alternate tire.

Following his first stop and with the track drying up, the rookie made some passes and went from 23rd to 15th by Lap 31.

He was sitting seventh when he entered pit lane on Lap 34 for another set of dry tires.

With rain picking up the HMD engineering crew made the call on Lap 42 to switch to wet tires but the gamble didn't pay off when the rain tapered off.

However, Malukas would return to wet tires on Lap 61 with rain picking up once again.

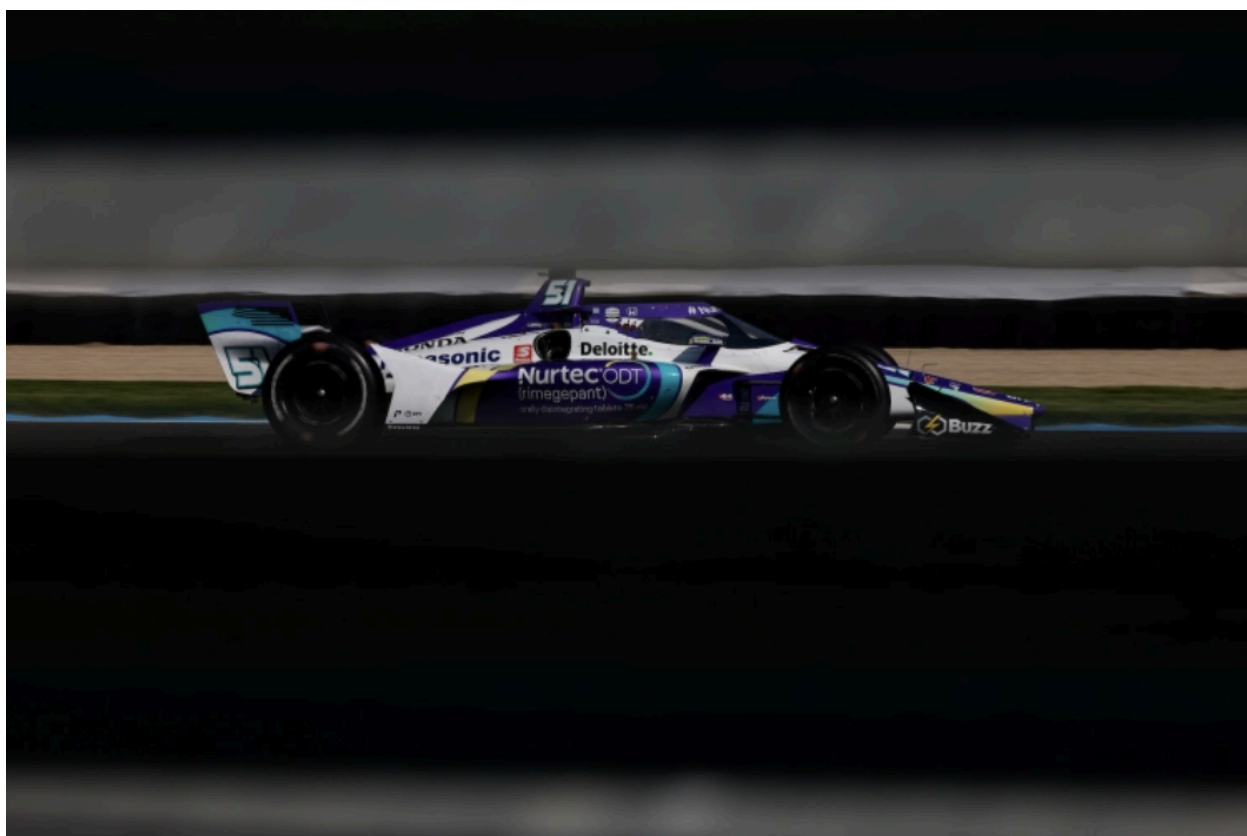
The driver of the #18 HMD Honda exited pit lane in 18th but would climb his way up to 12th to take the checkered flag.

In five NTT INDYCAR SERIES starts this season, Malukas has a best finish of 11th at Texas, and a best starting position of 18th (Long Beach and Barber Motorsports Park). His result at the GMR Grand Prix today is his best finish on a road or street course this season.

David Malukas, #18 Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports Honda

“Wow, what a race! I don’t even know what to say. It was a massive race of survival. I knew it was going to be that, but I still wasn’t expecting it to be that much. Thankfully we survived without any incidents. Everything went quite smoothly for us, for how chaotic the whole race was. It was wet at the start, but once it dried up we were very competitive on the dry tires and I made moves left and right and moved up some positions. But those last couple of laps with the heavier rain, we were hydroplaning going out of Turn 11 and they were still waving it green, I couldn’t believe it. It’s an incredible feeling going into Turn 1 at 180 miles per hour without really seeing much you still have to go flat. Not only did we end up surviving but we also finished with a good position.”

Takuma Sato Registers Best Road Course Qualifying of the Season



on May 13, 2022

INDIANAPOLIS (Friday, May13, 2022) – Takuma Sato and his #51 Nurtec ODT Dale Coyne Racing came close to making it to the Fast 12 for the first time this season but fell just short and had to settle with a 13th place on the Saturday grid for Saturday’s GMR Grand Prix.

Starting: 13th
Group 1 / Round 1: 7th
Best Lap: 1:09.8239

The two-time Indy 500 Champion went out in Group 1/Round 1 of qualifying and registered his fastest time on his 6th lap around the 2.439-mile, 14-turn road course. His time was one thousandth of a second short from allowing him to move on to the next round. His 13th place on the grid is his best starting position on a road/street course this season. He has an overall best starting position of third at Texas Motor Speedway this year. Sato is making his 12th start on the Indianapolis Motor Speedway road course this weekend. In his 11 road course starts at IMS, he has a best finish of 11th (twice), and a best starting position of 11th (twice).

He also five top 10 finishes on the IMS road course.

Takuma Sato #51 Nurtec ODT Honda – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR

“I’m quite excited to be back at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. We had high hopes going into qualifying. While it ended up being our best road course qualifying this season, we ended up missing on the second segment by just a thousandth of a second, so it’s a bit bitter. That said, we made good progress and hopefully in tomorrow’s warmup we can find some more speed and that we can have a strong race. But today was a little bit of mixed emotions.”

Malukas Makes Progress During Day 1 of GMR Grand Prix



on May 13, 2022

INDIANAPOLIS (Friday, May13, 2022) – Rookie David Malukas (#18 Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports) continued to make progress throughout the practice sessions and qualifying on the Indianapolis Motor Speedway road course on Friday. However, in a very competitive field, he ended up 24th on the starting grid for Saturday’s GMR Grand Prix.

Starting: 24th

Group 2 / Round 1: 12th

Best Lap: 1:10.4755

The rookie was sitting in the middle of the pack after his first qualifying lap.

He entered pit lane after his third lap and switched to the alternate Firestone tire and immediately registered his best time.

His fastest lap of 1:10.4755 initially placed him second of the group, but he ended up 12th when all was said and done.

Malukas is making his first NTT INDYCAR SERIES start on the Indianapolis Motor Speedway road course this weekend.

In four NTT INDYCAR SERIES starts this season, Malukas has a best finish of 11th at Texas, and a best starting position of 18th (Long Beach and Barber Motorsports Park).

The 2021 Indy Lights Vice Champion has a win and second place finish on the IMS road course in Indy Lights.

David Malukas, #18 Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports Honda

“It was a busy day at IMS today with two practice sessions and qualifying. We knew we had some work to do after practice 1. Then practice 2 started off great and we ended up in a good place going into qualifying. Unfortunately, it seemed like the pace was there. I thought the car felt very good and when I came in, I guess we didn’t have enough because we were P12 in our group. I was surprised because I thought we had the speed, but I guess at the end of the day when the car feels good it just proves that you’re not pushing enough! Overall, it was a good day, but it could have been a lot better. I really like this place and in Indy Lights I was always really quick here. I think it shows how strong the IndyCar field is here. Going into tomorrow we’re going to work on our setup and hopefully try and move up the field.”

Takuma Sato Finishes 13th at Barber Motorsports Park



on May 1, 2022

Leeds, Alabama (Sunday, May 1, 2022) – Takuma Sato gained four positions to finish 13th on Sunday in the Honda Indy Grand Prix of Alabama, a race that was mostly dictated by fuel saving strategies throughout the field.

Sato started his 12th race at Barber Motorsports Park in 17th place.

He gained positions right from the start and was sitting 11th by the time he entered pit lane on Lap 29.

A full course caution came out on Lap 33 which allowed Sato to takeover ninth place by the time the race resumed on lap 36.

On the restart, he was unable to maintain his position and fell a few spots to 13th before returning to pit lane for what would be his final stop on Lap 61.

Sato exited pit lane in 16th but climbed his way back up to 13th to take the checkered flag.

In four races so far in 2022, Sato has a best finish of 10th on the streets of St. Petersburg and a best start of third at Texas Motor Speedway.

Takuma Sato #51 Nurtec ODT Honda – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR

“It was a tough weekend for us. We gained a position at the start and made our way up to ninth to take the restart. We had the primary tires for the restart and that wasn’t in our favor as we lost ground a bit and I had to save fuel but everyone on track was in the same boat at that point. We were in better shape in the final stint, so I was able to overtake Newgarden, but it was a bit too

late. 13th isn't what we wanted but the team did fantastic pit stops and we're carrying some momentum now going to the Indy GP and the Indy 500 so just around the corner. I'm looking forward to that."

Rookie Malukas Takes Checkered Flag in 20th at Barber Motorsports Park



on May 1, 2022

Leeds, Alabama (Sunday, May 1, 2022) – Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports rookie David Malukas took part in his first NTT INDYCAR SERIES race at Barber Motorsports Park on Sunday. The outcome wasn't what he had hoped for, but he came home with a hard-fought 20th place.

Malukas lost a couple of positions in the opening laps, falling from 18th on the starting grid to 20th, but he maintained his position and gaps to veteran drivers such as Will Power and Simon Pagenaud.

Opting for a two-stop strategy, Malukas entered pit lane on Lap 29 from 13th. After exiting pit lane in 22nd, a full course caution brought the field back together and he ended up taking the restart in 16th place.

The rookie then fell to 19th on lap 38 and remained in that position for the majority of his stint. He made his final stop on Lap 61 and once again exited pit lane in 22nd. This time however, he gained a couple of positions to take the checkered flag in 20th place.

In four NTT INDYCAR SERIES starts this season, Malukas has a best finish of 11th at Texas, and a best starting position of 18th (Long Beach and Barber Motorsports Park).

David Malukas – #18 HMD Honda – Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports

“It was a tough race but I’m happy we survived what is supposedly one of the hardest races physically for drivers. There are a lot of elevation changes and fast long turns here. I am tired but I still feel like I had a lot of energy at the end. We did well with the fuel saving strategies. However, it was a bit unfortunate with how the yellow came out with what we were trying to do. At the end of the day, I think I tried my best, on my end. We had a bit of a kerfuffle in the pits and the bad timing on the yellow and we ended up coming out with a 20th place. But everyone at Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports did their best this weekend, the car felt good in the race and I’m happy we were able to finish.”

Takuma Sato Hoping for Exciting Sunday Afternoon at Barber



on April 30, 2022

Leeds, Alabama (Saturday, April 30, 2022) – Takuma Sato took part in qualifying for the Honda Indy Grand Prix of Alabama on Saturday. While he was on his way to a top six in Round 1, he ended up ninth in his group which guaranteed him a 17th place on the starting grid for Sunday’s main event.

Starting: 17th

Group 1 / Round 1: 9th

Best Lap: 1:06.7541

Sato was sitting sixth when he entered pit lane for a set of Firestone Alternate tires about halfway through the session and was on his way to a top three lap but ended up going off track on his penultimate lap, which cost him a chance of moving on to the next round.

He did however register his best time (1:06.7541) in qualifying on his seventh and final lap but it would only place him ninth in his group.

Sato ended the final practice session later in the day in an encouraging seventh place.

In his last four races at Barber Motorsports Park, Takuma Sato has three top 10 finishes, including a win from pole in 2019, as well as 8th (2018) and 9th (2017) place finishes.

Sato will be making his 12th start on the 2.3-mile 17-turn road course this weekend.

In three races in 2022, Sato has a best finish of 10th on the streets of St. Petersburg and a best start of third at Texas Motor Speedway.

Takuma Sato #51 Nurtec ODT Honda – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR

“It was a busy Saturday. It’s a mix of feelings for me today. On one side, it’s always nice for me to come back here at Barber because I have good memories here, but, unfortunately, we couldn’t find a good speed in qualifying. However, we found some speed in the last practice session on the Alternate Firestone tires. Relatively speaking we made up some ground and moved forward, so that’s encouraging. Tomorrow’s weather forecast can be a bit tricky, which is probably good for us. We’re good with tires for tomorrow so we can do whatever we want to. Now, we’ll tune up our Nurtec ODT car for tomorrow and hopefully we can have an exciting Sunday afternoon.”

Malukas Hopeful for Race Day Following Final Practice



on April 30, 2022

Leeds, Alabama (Saturday, April 30, 2022) – Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports rookie David Malukas was doing well during Round 1 of qualifying for Sunday’s Honda Indy Grand Prix of Alabama but an off track excursion and light contact with the barrier meant he would have to settle with an 18th place on the starting grid for tomorrow’s race.

Starting: 18th

Group 2 / Round 1: 9th

Best Lap: 1:06.8898

Malukas spent the first half of the 10-minute session in the top 6 of his group and was sitting fourth when he entered pit lane for a new set of Firestone alternate tires.

He was sitting seventh when he started his final lap. However, Malukas would end up going off course in Turn 13 and unable to improve on his time.

The rookie lost his fastest two laps due to causing a red flag.

Malukas made progress in the day’s final practice, moving up to ninth on the time sheet.

In his last official visit to Barber Motorsports Park in Indy Lights in 2021, the first generation American picked up a win, from pole, and set the fastest lap in Race 2 of the weekend. It was also his first Indy Lights win.

So far in his rookie NTT INDYCAR SERIES season, he has a best finish of 11th at Texas, and a best starting position of 18th (Long Beach).

David Malukas #18 HMD Honda – Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports

“It’s been a tough weekend so far, but we’ve made progress with every session. We had a decent car going into qualifying, I think we found what we needed. I was on a really good lap that could have possibly moved us into the second round of qualifying, but, unfortunately, on that lap someone in front of me put some dust on the track in Turn 9 and while I knew my lap was ‘done’ at that point, I was still committed and continued to push but there was more dust in Turn 13 and I lost it there. I managed to get it straightened out a bit, but it was too late and I ended up getting some damage. On the bright side, we had a good final practice and I think we’ll have a good pace for the race tomorrow.”

Malukas Returns to Where it All Began with Dale Coyne Racing



on April 27, 2022

Plainfield, IL (Wednesday, April 27, 2022) – Rookie David Malukas (#18 Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports) is more than excited to be returning to the scene of his first test with Dale Coyne Racing aboard an Indy car this weekend as the NTT INDYCAR SERIES heads to Barber Motorsport Park for the fourth round of the 2022 season.

Malukas turned his first laps behind the wheel of an Indy car last October at Barber Motorsports Park during a one-day test with Dale Coyne Racing.

The rookie was the fastest driver on track that they, ending the day atop the time charts.

In his last official visit to Barber Motorsports Park in Indy Lights in 2021, the first generation American picked up a win, from pole, and set the fastest lap in Race 2 of the weekend. It was also his first Indy Lights win.

So far in his rookie NTT INDYCAR SERIES season, he has a best finish of 11th at Texas, and a best starting position of 18th (Long Beach).

David Malukas, #18 Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports Honda

“Other than Road America, which is like my home race, I think Barber is the race weekend I’m looking forward to the most and that I’m most excited about. Mainly because that’s where I tested with Dale Coyne Racing for the first time, and it was my first ever test in an Indy car. I did my first two laps there and I was just screaming the whole time with excitement because I finally was able to feel the speed of an Indy car. I’m also excited because when we were there we had a really good test. I’ve also done well at Barber in Indy Lights and Indy Pro and I’ve always enjoyed the track so much. Plus, I know that we have a very good car for Barber, so that’s encouraging. I think we have a very good chance of picking up our best result so far. I can’t wait to get there and see how it goes. The hopes and dreams are high for this weekend!”

Race Info:

Honda Indy Grand Prix of Alabama

Race 4 of 17

Track length: 2.3-mile, 17-turn permanent road course

Race Distance: 90 laps

Schedule (all times local)

Friday, April 29, 2022

Practice 1: 3:00pm – 4:00pm (Peacock, INDYCAR LIVE!, INDYCAR Radio)

Saturday, April 30, 2022

Practice 2: 9:00am – 10:00am (Peacock, INDYCAR LIVE!, INDYCAR Radio)

Qualifying: 12:00pm – 1:15pm (Peacock, INDYCAR LIVE!, INDYCAR Radio)

Final Practice: 4:20pm – 4:50pm (Peacock, INDYCAR LIVE!, INDYCAR Radio)

Sunday, May 1, 2022

Race broadcast: Noon – 2pm (NBC, Peacock, INDYCAR LIVE!, INDYCAR Radio)

Green Flag: 12:15pm

Takuma Sato Looking to Bounce Back at Barber



on April 27, 2022

Plainfield, IL (Wednesday, April 27, 2022) – Takuma Sato and his #51 Nurtec ODT Dale Coyne Racing with RWR Honda will be taking on the twisty elevation changes of Barber Motorsports Park this weekend as the NTT INDYCAR SERIES enters its fourth race of the season and first on a road course.

In his last four races at Barber Motorsports Park, Takuma Sato has three top 10 finishes, including a win from pole in 2019, as well as 8th (2018) and 9th (2017) place finishes.

Sato will be making his 12th start on the 2.3-mile 17-turn road course this weekend.

In three races in 2022, Sato has a best finish of 10th on the streets of St. Petersburg and a best start of third at Texas Motor Speedway.

Takuma Sato #51 Nurtec ODT Honda – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR

“Barber Motorsports Park has a fantastic facility and it’s truly a great venue. The museum is amazing. It has some unbelievably rare and stunning collections of cars and motorcycles from all over the world. It’s simply impressive. It’s a must-see venue and it’s a great place to be for enthusiastic fans. The track is just as sweet too! Continuously sweeping high speed corners gives us a good but tough time and some of the elevation change makes it even more challenging. Since most of the track flows into each corner, it’s quite difficult to overtake but it’s not impossible. As I have a special memory at this place, I always enjoy racing at Barber. Also, the team had a good test there with David (Malukas) in the fall so that was very encouraging. It will be

my first time driving the #51 Nurtec ODT car on the road course so I'm very much looking forward to this weekend."

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Saturday, April 30, 2022

Practice 2: 9:00am – 10:00am (Peacock, INDYCAR LIVE!, INDYCAR Radio)

Qualifying: 12:00pm – 1:15pm (Peacock, INDYCAR LIVE!, INDYCAR Radio)

Final Practice: 4:20pm – 4:50pm (Peacock, INDYCAR LIVE!, INDYCAR Radio)

Sunday, May 1, 2022

Race broadcast: Noon – 2pm (NBC, Peacock, INDYCAR LIVE!, INDYCAR Radio)

Green Flag: 12:15pm

Takuma Sato Second Fastest in IMS Open Test



on April 22, 2022

Plainfield, IL (Friday, April 22, 2022) – The Dale Coyne Racing team completed a productive and encouraging two-day open test on Thursday at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, where 32 cars took to the track in preparation for next month's Greatest Spectacle in Racing.

Dale Coyne Racing with RWR driver Takuma Sato ended the open test second fastest on the combined speed charts. The two-time Indy 500 Champion posted a fastest lap of 229.427mph on his 61st lap of the 84 he turned in the rain delayed 4-hour session yesterday. He was one of only two drivers to break the 229mph mark.

His teammate David Malukas (#18 Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports) also took part in the two-day test, breezing through his Rookie Orientation on Day 1, before registering a fastest lap of 226.114mph on Day 2. The rookie logged a total of 100 laps around the famed 2.5-mile famed oval gaining all the experience he could, as he looks ahead to his first Indianapolis 500 next month.

Takuma Sato – #51 Nurtect ODT Dale Coyne Racing with RWR Honda

“It was a great to be back at Indianapolis Motor Speedway and to complete a valuable two-day test. It was my first run at IMS with Dale Coyne Racing with RWR. It was fascinating to feel how the car works and everything went smoothly. We still have a lot to learn, but it was good to see our performance. We had a number of test items to go through and the result was encouraging so it

was a very productive test. The team will be fully prepared to start May now, and I can't wait to get back to IMS in few weeks!"

David Malukas – #18 Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports Honda

"That was my first time driving an Indy car around the oval at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. I drove here on the road course, but this was something special. I was happy to finally get my first laps in after the rain delay on Wednesday. I completed my ROP on Day 1, went through all the stages and the car was very fast. On the second day we worked on running in traffic. There's so much to learn here and still a long way to go, but overall I'm really happy with how our test went and I can't wait to be back at IMS next month."

A Series of Unfortunate Events for David Malukas at Long Beach Puts End to a Strong Run



on April 10, 2022

Long Beach, CA (Sunday, April 10, 2022) – Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports rookie David Malukas had a good start to his first Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach, but a series of unfortunate events meant he would see his race end with nine laps remaining.

Started: 18th

Finished: 21st

- Malukas ran strong in his Grand Prix of Long Beach debut, having made his way to 11th before making his first pit stop on Lap 29.
- Unfortunately for the rookie, he crossed the pit exit line too soon upon returning to the track and had to serve a drive thru penalty.
- The penalty sent him to the back of the field, but still on the lead lap.
- Malukas then had to return to pit lane about 30 laps later to get his belts tightened for safety reasons but that would end up putting him two laps down to the leaders.
- A final unfortunate event happened on Lap 76 when he ended up making contact with the Turn 8 tire barrier while trying to avoid a spinning Jimmie Johnson.

David Malukas #18 HMD Honda – Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports

“I have a bit of bruises and blisters from my first Long Beach Grand Prix but what a series of unfortunate events this race was! I started off strong all while saving the black tires, hoping we could make them last longer and play with our strategy. However, after exiting pit lane with a set of red tires, I crossed the line too soon, which was unfortunate. After serving my drive thru penalty I was still on the lead lap so that was all good but then somehow one of my belts became undone and I had to head to pit lane again to get that fixed and that put me two laps down.

“At that point, I just wanted to bring it home but with about 10 laps to go, Jimmie Johnson spun going into Turn 8 and I tried my best to steer out of his way but I clipped the tire barrier and damaged the front end of my HMD car and that was the end of my race. I truly love the track here in Long Beach and wish things could have gone better but we had no luck this weekend. We had a really good test at Barber in October at my first test with the team so hopefully things can turn around for us at that race in a few weeks.”

Malukas Registers Best Street Course Qualifying Result in Long Beach



on April 9, 2022

Long Beach, CA (Saturday, April 9, 2022) – Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports rookie David Malukas will be starting his first Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach in 19th after taking part in Saturday's qualifying session for what will be his first race around the historic Long Beach circuit.

Starting: 19th

Group 1 / Round 1: 10th

Best Lap: 1:06.7925

- Malukas took to the track in Group 1 / Round 1 of qualifying and registered a fastest lap of 1:06.7925 on his sixth lap around the 1.968-mile, 11-turn street circuit.
- The rookie spent most of the session in the top six, sitting as high as third at one point, but he would find himself 10th in his group when all was said and done, only a couple tenths from moving to the next round.
- His 19th place on the starting grid for tomorrow's race is his best road/street course starting position this season.
- So far this year he has a best finish of 11th and a best starting position of 19th, both registered at Texas.

David Malukas #18 HMD Honda – Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports

“The Long Beach track is just amazing. From the first sector to the last sector, it’s such a beauty. And I love the hairpin. Qualifying didn’t go as well as we wanted to. The practices weren’t representative of our speed because it was hard to get a clean lap in so we knew the speed was there and we were aiming for a top 10. When we went into qualifying, we did really well on the black tires in the first part of the session but when we switched to the reds we expected them to peak on a certain lap but they didn’t and I think we missed it by one lap and that cost us the two tenths that we really needed to put us in the top six and onto the next round. Overall, I’m still happy. I think our tire strategy going into the race is good. We’ll try to survive, save the tires and see what we can do.”

Race Info:**Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach****Race 3 of 17****Track length: 1.968-mile, 11-turn temporary street circuit****Race Distance: 85 laps****Schedule (all times local)****Sunday, April 10, 2022****Warmup: 9:00am – 9:30am (Peacock & INDYCAR Radio)****Race broadcast: Noon – 3pm (NBC & INDYCAR Radio)****Green Flag: 12:45pm**

Takuma Sato Confident Heading into Race Day at Long Beach



on April 9, 2022

Long Beach, CA (Saturday, April 9, 2022) – Takuma Sato’s qualifying session around the streets of Long Beach didn’t go as planned aboard his #51 Nurtec ODT Honda, with the veteran driver placing 23rd on the starting grid for Sunday’s race.

Starting: 23rd

Group 1 / Round 1: 12th

Best Lap: 1:07.1001

- Sato went out in Group 1 / Round 1 of qualifying and registered his fastest time of 1:07.1001 on his sixth and final lap of the 10-minute session.
- His fastest time placed him 12th in his group and 23rd on the starting grid for what will be his 12th start at the 1.968-mile, 11-turn street circuit.
- The two-time Indy 500 Champion’s best finish in Long Beach was also his first NTT INDYCAR SERIES win (2013).
- In addition to his win, he has four other top 10 finishes at the famed street circuit, including his last two visits in 2019 (8th) and 2021 (9th).
- This season, Sato has a best finish of 10th on the streets of St. Petersburg and a best start of third at Texas Motor Speedway.

Takuma Sato #51 Nurtec ODT Honda – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR

“We tried to find a good balance and speed all through the practice sessions but unfortunately we struggled a bit. Our tire pressure wasn’t ideal for qualifying but I’m confident that we will have a good warm up tomorrow and then make our way through the field to have a good race on Sunday. We did it in St. Petersburg and I know we can do it here.”

Race Info:

Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach

Race 3 of 17

Track length: 1.968-mile, 11-turn temporary street circuit

Race Distance: 85 laps

Schedule (all times local)

Sunday, April 10, 2022

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Race broadcast: Noon – 3pm (NBC & INDYCAR Radio)

Green Flag: 12:45pm

Takuma Sato Optimistic Heading into Long Beach



on April 6, 2022

Plainfield, IL (Wednesday, April 6, 2022) – With the NTT INDYCAR SERIES returning to a street circuit this weekend, Sato is looking to pick up where he left off at the season opening round on the streets of St. Petersburg when he takes on the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach this weekend aboard his #51 Nurtec ODT entry. Sato was the biggest mover in the first race of the season on his way to his best finish so far in 2022.

Sato's best finish at the 1.968-mile, 11-turn street circuit was also his first NTT INDYCAR SERIES win in 2013.

He will be making his 12th start on the streets of Long Beach this weekend.

He has a best starting position of fourth in Long Beach, also in 2013.

In addition to his win, he has four other top 10 finishes at the famed street circuit, including his last two visits in 2019 (8th) and 2021 (9th), the series didn't compete in Long Beach in 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic.

In two races in 2022, Sato has a best finish of 10th on the streets of St. Petersburg and a best start of third at Texas Motor Speedway.

Takuma Sato #51 Nurtec ODT Honda – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR

“Long Beach is one of the iconic events in motorsport. It has a great history in racing, such an atmosphere with fans from all over the world with a large Japanese community on the west coast and fantastic restaurants, bars and so on. In addition, it's a special place for me too as I achieved my first IndyCar win back in 2013 with the unforgettable A.J.Foyt's #14 car, so I always very much look forward to going back to Long Beach. In general, street courses are always fun to drive, and they provide an exciting race and Long Beach has never failed those expectations. A heavy braking into turn 1 after a long straight provides us with a great opportunity for overtaking, the combination of both high speeds and complex sections are always challenging.

“We had a solid result at our first race in St.Petersburg, Florida, on a street course, where we were the biggest mover of the day, and we had a very competitive weekend at the last race in Texas too. Although technically the car is very different, we carry great momentum as a team and there is no reason why we cannot be competitive at Long Beach as well.”

Race Info:

Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach

Race 3 of 17

Track length: 1.968-mile, 11-turn temporary street circuit

Race Distance: 85 laps

Schedule (all times local)

Friday, April 8, 2022

Practice 1: 3:15pm – 4:15pm (Peacock & INDYCAR Radio)

Saturday, April 9, 2022

Practice 2: 8:45am – 9:45am (Peacock & INDYCAR Radio)

Qualifying: 12:05pm – 1:20pm (Peacock & INDYCAR Radio)

Sunday, April 10, 2022

Warmup: 9:00am – 9:30am (Peacock & INDYCAR Radio)

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David Malukas Looking for Redemption in Long Beach



on April 6, 2022

Plainfield, IL (Wednesday, April 6, 2022) – Rookie David Malukas is coming off his best performance of his young NTT INDYCAR SERIES career with an 11th place finish in his superspeedway debut a few weeks ago in Texas. The driver of the #18 Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports Honda is looking to the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach to improve on his street circuit performance after a disappointing round in St. Petersburg, Florida.

This weekend will mark Malukas' first-time racing on the streets of Long Beach.

The rookie was able to prepare for his first visit to the 1.968-mile, 11-turn street circuit thanks to some simulator testing a few weeks ago.

In one street circuit event this year (St. Petersburg), Malukas started 24th and finished 26th after contact ended his race early.

In addition to his best finish of 11th at Texas, the rookie has a best starting position of 19th, also registered at Texas.

David Malukas, #18 Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports Honda

“I can't wait to get on track in Long Beach this weekend. I want some redemption on a street circuit after our race in St. Petersburg earlier this season that ended abruptly! I'm happy we were able to get a full race in at Texas. I wore a heart rate monitor for that event to get a read on the cardiovascular aspect of a race and to help me be able to simulate that at home when I work out

so I can be better prepared for these races that are much longer than what I was used to in Indy Lights.

‘Also, as part of my preparation, I’ve been on the Honda simulator doing many, many laps around the Long Beach track to get me ready for the real thing. I think we have a really good car for Long Beach and I’m really excited about it. Long Beach also seems like a fun track, that tight hairpin turn at the end was very new to me on the sim, so that was fun to learn. I’ve also watched a lot of videos and talked to my teammate Takuma Sato and the team. I think we’re ready, but only time will tell once we get on track! I’m looking forward to it.’

Race Info:

Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach

Race 3 of 17

Track length: 1.968-mile, 11-turn temporary street circuit

Race Distance: 85 laps

Schedule (all times local)

Friday, April 8, 2022

Practice 1: 3:15pm – 4:15pm (Peacock & INDYCAR Radio)

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Practice 2: 8:45am – 9:45am (Peacock & INDYCAR Radio)

Qualifying: 12:05pm – 1:20pm (Peacock & INDYCAR Radio)

Sunday, April 10, 2022

Warmup: 9:00am – 9:30am (Peacock & INDYCAR Radio)

Race broadcast: Noon – 3pm (NBC & INDYCAR Radio)

Green Flag: 12:45pm

Highest Finishing Rookie David Malukas Leads Laps and Finishes 11th in Texas



on March 20, 2022

Fort Worth, TX (Sunday, March 20, 2022) – Rookie David Malukas put in a stellar performance on Sunday aboard his #18 Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsport entry crossing the finish line in 11th as the best ranking rookie after leading three laps along the way.

Started: 19th

Finished: 11th

Malukas moved up to 10th before heading to pit lane for his first stop on Lap 60 but then unfortunately stalled exiting his pit box and lost precious positions on track. However, he bounced back from going as low as 26th following his first pit stop to finish 11th in the 248-lap event.

The rookie stayed out of trouble all race long and was sitting 20th at the halfway mark of the race. He then continued to gain positions as the race went on climbing as high as first by lap 198. After leading his first three NTT INDYCAR SERIES laps, Malukas entered pit lane for his final stop on lap 201.

From then on, Malukas gained another five positions, making some nice passes to climb all the way to 11th and claim his best IndyCar finish so far.

David Malukas, #18 Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports Honda

“Wow, that’s a long race! Thank goodness for those yellows, it allowed me to rest a bit. We had a few incidents or moments, I guess. I stalled in pit lane and then had a moment trying to make a pass driving on the second line, but throughout all of it we were able to come out in 11th. I think that really shows how great IndyCar is and how great Texas Motor Speedway is. You have moments where unfortunate things can happen but you can still be a front runner. I want to thank the team for giving me a great car and everyone for their support.”

Third Place Start for Takuma Sato at Texas Motor Speedway



on March 19, 2022

Fort Worth, TX (Saturday, March 19, 2022) – Takuma Sato will be starting third in his first oval race for Dale Coyne Racing with RWR after a great qualifying run on Saturday in which he missed out on pole position by just two thousandths of a second.

Starting: 3rd

Lap 1: 221.216mph

Lap 2: 220.973mph

Average speed: 221.094mph

This is Takuma Sato’s second-best qualifying result at Texas Motor Speedway after starting on pole position in 2019.

Sato was the 18th driver to take to the track in the 27-car field.

He immediately placed second on the provisional grid and remained in that position until the final qualifying run of the day moved him to third.

The driver of the #51 Nurtec ODT Honda has finished in the top 10 three times in his last five starts at TMS.

Takuma Sato #51 Nurtec ODT Honda – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR

“It was a great team effort. The 51 boys did everything they could, and it was great. I was comfortable with the #51 Nurtec ODT car. I was able to commit 100%. The car was fast, I was just two thousandths of a second from pole. A third place, for our first ever oval qualifying together is more than what we should be happy with. I look forward to tomorrow and I’m confident we will do a good job for the race.”

David Malukas Has Solid Qualifying Run in Oval Debut



on March 19, 2022

Fort Worth, TX (Saturday, March 20, 2022) – Rookie David Malukas took part in his first NTT INDYCAR SERIES oval qualifying on Saturday at Texas Motor Speedway, registering the 19th fastest two-lap average around the 1.5-mile track.

Starting: 19th

Lap 1: 219.927mph

Lap 2: 219.802mph

Average speed: 219.864mph

The driver of the #18 Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports put in a solid performance for his first oval qualifying run.

Despite being only the second driver to take to the track he put in two consistent lap times that initially placed him ahead of oval veteran Ed Carpenter.

Malukas was sitting in 10th with 10 drivers remaining and ended up 19th on the starting grid for the XPEL 375 once all 27 drivers took to the track.

David Malukas, #18 Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports Honda

“We were the second car out for qualifying and I definitely had a lot of nerves building up, so I was happy to be one of the first cars to go out so I didn’t have too much time to think about it. As soon as I went out, I stayed on top of my tools. Thankfully we had a lot of practice with the rookie test earlier this month and an hour this morning and we did so many qualifying sims that when it came to the real deal it felt like clockwork. It was repetitive and I knew what to do. I stayed flat and gave it the maximum I could. I think it’s the best we could do with the conditions at the time I took to the track. Overall, I’m quite happy with my qualifying performance today. Now let’s see how we do in the race tomorrow.”

DCR Drivers Ready for First Oval Race of the Season



on March 18, 2022

Fort Worth, TX (Friday, March 16, 2022) – Takuma Sato (#51 Nurtec ODT – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR) and David Malukas (#18 Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports) will be taking on their first oval event of the season this weekend as the NTT INDYCAR SERIES heads to Texas Motor Speedway for the XPEL 375 on Sunday, March 20. Notes for each driver are below.

Takuma Sato Excited to Take on Challenging Texas Motor Speedway Oval

Fort Worth, TX (Friday, March 16, 2022) – Takuma Sato is coming off a strong performance in the season opening event at St. Petersburg a few weeks ago, where he made up the most positions in the race to finish in the top 10. The veteran driver will be making his first oval start aboard the #51 Nurtec ODT (Rimegepant) for Dale Coyne Racing with RWR at Texas Motor Speedway (TMS) this weekend during the XPEL 375.

- This will be Takuma Sato's 13th visit to Texas Motor Speedway
- He started on pole position on the 1.5-mile superspeedway in 2019 and has finished in the top 10 three times in his last five starts at TMS.
- The two-time Indy 500 Champion's best finish at TMS came in 2011 with a fifth-place finish.

Takuma Sato #51 Nurtec ODT Honda – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR

"I'm very excited to be heading to Texas Motor Speedway (TMS) this weekend! My first oval outing with DCR will be only one practice session and straight into qualifying so I can imagine it's going to be a little challenging, but we're up for it. DCR has been competitive on ovals so I can't wait to go fast with our #51 Nurtec ODT Honda. We of course always like to be the best but that might be a bit too high expectation at this point. It's only our second race together and after finishing in top-10 at season opener, I would just like to improve on that result this weekend.

"I always enjoy racing at Texas Motor Speedway. It is a very tough racetrack where usually a lot of drama happens. It's an iconic high-speed oval with such a high banking. We used to go three-wide and four-wide sometimes, with unbelievably intense racing but today it offers a different kind of racing. With recent aero and track changes it's very tough to overtake now so it's a different challenge. You really must manage tires well during the stint then if you are in good shape for the second half of the stint, you'll be able to enjoy the race so much more! Because once you start to struggle with grip, you just can't keep the speed at all. Overall, TMS is a really challenging oval and it gives us no margin for any errors."

David Malukas Eager to Make NTT INDYCAR SERIES Oval Debut at Texas Motor Speedway

Fort Worth, TX (Friday, March 16, 2022) – Rookie David Malukas is looking to bounce back aboard his #18 Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports Honda after a bittersweet season opening race a few weeks ago in St. Petersburg when he takes on his first NTT INDYCAR SERIES oval race this weekend at Texas Motor Speedway.

- The rookie got his first taste of the 1.5-mile superspeedway oval at Texas Motor Speedway during a successful test earlier this month.
- While he's previously competed on ovals in Indy Lights, the one-day test was the first time Malukas turned laps on an oval track aboard an Indy car.
- In his most recent outing on an oval, albeit a short oval, in Indy Lights, he picked up a couple of wins at World Wide Technology Raceway (Gateway) last year sweeping the weekend.

David Malukas, #18 Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports Honda

“We’re just a day away from being on track at Texas Motor Speedway and I’m so excited. I can’t wait for my first NTT INDYCAR SERIES race on an oval. We had a test day at the beginning of the month, and it went very well. We were able to practice different things like a qualifying sim and a race stint sim with the other rookies that were on track. It was a little tough to pass with the one-line deal but I know INDYCAR has been working to resolve that and make it better. Other than that, from my side everything with the car came quickly to me, there’s a lot more tools that you can use in an Indy car compared to what I’m used to in Indy Lights. Overall, I’m really looking forward to it. In Indy Lights in the only oval weekend, we had at Gateway last year, we swept the weekend and had a great race so hopefully we can continue that oval momentum going into Texas.”

Race Info:

XPEL 375 at Texas Motor Speedway

Race 2 of 17

Track length: 1.5-mile superspeedway

Race Distance: 248-laps

Schedule (all times local)

Saturday, March 19, 2022

Practice 1: 10:00am – 11:00am (Peacock & INDYCAR Radio)

Qualifying: 1pm – 2pm (Peacock & INDYCAR Radio)

Final Practice: 4:00pm – 5:00pm (Peacock & INDYCAR Radio)

Sunday, March 20, 2022

Green Flag: 11:45am

Race broadcast: 11:30am – 2pm (NBC & INDYCAR Radio)

Takuma Sato Biggest Mover with Top 10 Finish in 200th IndyCar Race



on February 27, 2022

St. Petersburg, FL (Sunday, February 27, 2022) – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR's Takuma Sato had a great run aboard his #51 Nurtec ODT Honda at the Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg, moving up from his 22nd place on the starting grid to finish 10th in what was his 200th NTT INDYCAR SERIES race.

Started: 22nd

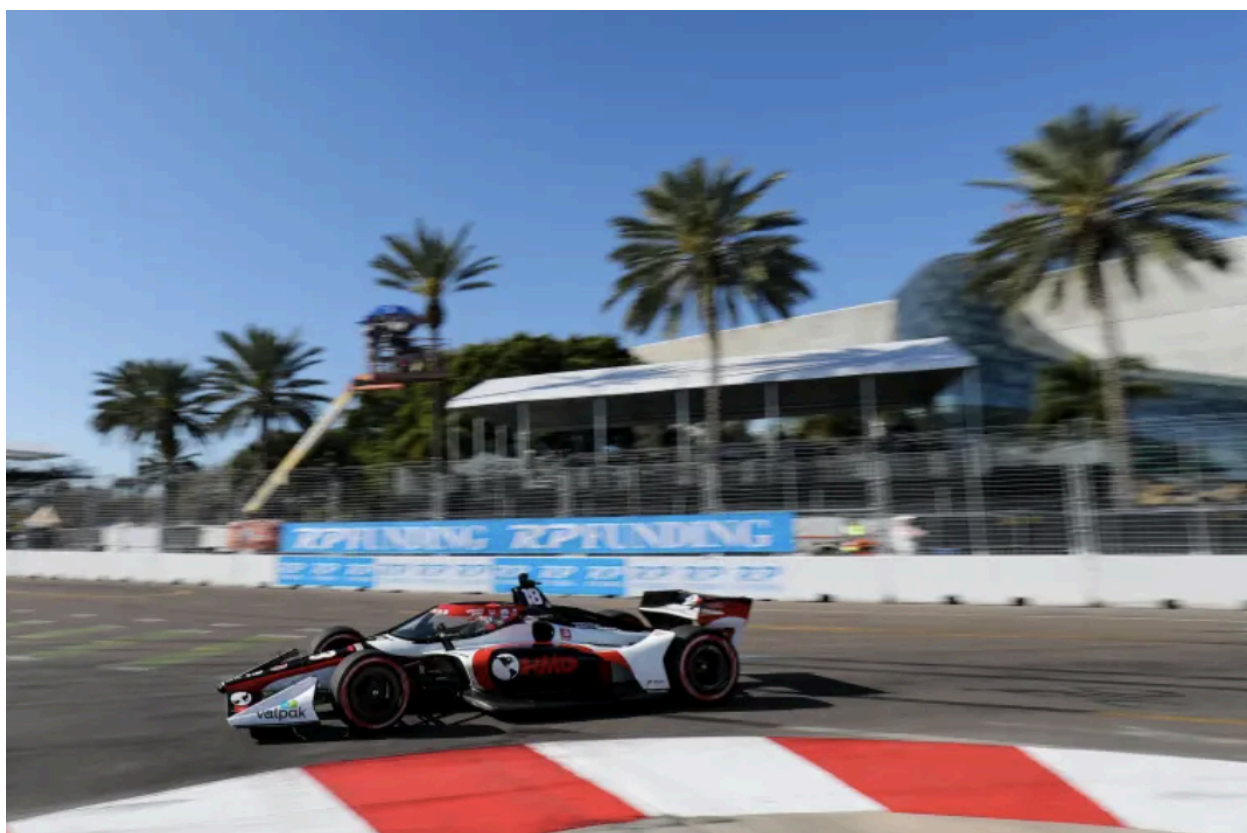
Finished: 10th

- Sato was taking part in his 200th NTT INDYCAR SERIES race weekend in St. Petersburg, FL this weekend, but his first with Dale Coyne Racing with RWR.
- Right from the start Sato gained four positions on the opening lap and moved forward from then on.
- He was the biggest mover in the race, moving up from his 22nd place on the starting grid to finish in 10th.
- The driver of the #51 Nurtec ODT machine took advantage of a caution period on Lap 25 to make his first pit stop and elected for a two-stop strategy in the 100-lap event.
- He made his final pit stop from seventh place on lap 65.
- Following his last stop, he fell to 15th but then made his way back into the top 10 on Lap 74.

Takuma Sato #51 Nurtec ODT Honda – Dale Coyne Racing with RWR

“A top 10 finish for my first race with Dale Coyne Racing with RWR. The boys did a fantastic job. We had a difficult weekend to start with and qualifying wasn’t ideal. We were starting near the back of the grid and we gradually moved up. We had a fun start and made a couple of places up and had a solid performance in every stint. Normally a lot of things happen in St. Petersburg but it didn’t this year. We had the biggest mover of the race so that was fantastic. It was a great effort from the team. I’m really looking forward to the next race in Texas. This weekend went really well and I’m settling in well with the team.”

David Malukas’ NTT INDYCAR SERIES Debut Ends After Early Contact



on February 27, 2022

St. Petersburg, FL (Sunday, February 27, 2022) – Rookie David Malukas’ NTT INDYCAR SERIES race debut didn’t go as planned with the rookie seeing what was a promising start to the race end following contact with the Turn 3 wall.

Started: 24th

Finished: 26th (contact)

Malukas was taking part in his first NTT INDYCAR SERIES at the Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg.

From the start the rookie gained some spots and was in 17th place when he entered pit lane for his first pit stop to go from Firestone alternate tires to the primary ones.

Unfortunately for the rookie he had a 'moment' going into Turn 3 on lap 24 and he ended up going a bit too wide and into the marbles. He subsequently made contact with the wall and put an end to his day.

David Malukas #18 HMD Honda – Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports

“It’s really unfortunate. We ran clean all race weekend up to this point. If we were to crash this weekend I would have preferred that it happen in the first practice but that wasn’t the case. Before that we were trying to make the red tires last during my first stint. It was my first time running on red tires so long, so I learned a lot there. We tried to stretch our pit window but came up a bit short on that first stint. We then went to the Black Firestone tires after my first stop. A few laps later, I was going into Turn 3 and I had a bit of a moment, it was only a split second but it took me offline and as soon as that front left hit the marbles that took me straight to the wall. It’s unfortunate. I did not want it to end that way. Our seasons always seem to start with a bang, but then go in the right direction so hopefully this one is no different.”

David Malukas Gets IndyCar Qualifying Experience Under his Belt



on February 26, 2022

St. Petersburg (Friday, February 26, 2022) – Rookie David Malukas took part in his first qualifying session on Saturday for the Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg, picking up some valuable experience along the way. The session didn't go quite as he had hoped with a 24th place on the starting grid, but the Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports driver is excited to make his race debut Sunday.

**Starting: 24th
Group 2 / Round 1
Best Lap: 1:00.4601**

- **The rookie sat in the top six early on in the 10-minute qualifying session and was sitting sixth when he entered pit lane for a fresh set of red tires.**
- **While Malukas posted a fastest lap of 1:00.03, he ended up losing his two fastest laps due to qualifying interference.**
- **Had it not been for his penalty, the 20-year-old could have been starting from the ninth row.**

David Malukas #18 HMD Honda – Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports

“What an experience that was for my first NTT INDYCAR SERIES qualifying. It was nice to have the two groups for qualifying because in the practice sessions we were struggling to find a gap. 26 cars on track is a lot, especially with me and my experience coming from Indy Lights, having about half of that. Going into qualifying we had a good gap and were able to put a run in. did reds for both stints, I'm really new to those because just one lap in practice isn't enough to learn it. We knew what we needed with the car but we needed to take it that one step higher. All in all it was a great experience. I'm really excited to see how the race is going to go. There's a lot of strategy so hopefully we can come up with something.”

HMD Motorsports Partners with Dale Coyne Racing in Indy Lights



on February 22, 2022

February 22, 2022 – With a confirmed move to the NTT INDYCAR SERIES in a naming partnership with David Malukas and the #18 entry of Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports, the Dale Coyne Racing name and logo will be visible in the Indy Lights Presented by Cooper Tires program.

“This is a mutual partnership where we look to take advantage of several synergies,” explained Dale Coyne. “We are excited to have David and the HMD brand in IndyCar and equally excited to have the chance to play a role with a championship caliber program in Indy Lights.”

The partnership, which will see HMD Motorsports, HMD Trucking, and Benefit Trucking associated with the Dale Coyne Racing IndyCar effort, will also allow the HMD Motorsports drivers a direct path to the upper echelon of open-wheel racing in North America.

“We are both Chicago based businesses and our geographical location has already allowed us to take advantage of rewarding opportunities,” expressed Henry Malukas. “Additionally, our Indy Lights drivers have a program that they can strive to get to, and we have another avenue to cross promote in both IndyCar and Indy Lights.”

Malukas added, “We will also continue our relationship with Global Racing Group and the #24 entry of Benjamin Pedersen. While four of our five cars will race under the HMD Motorsports with Dale Coyne Racing banner, Benjamin will compete under the Global Racing Group with HMD Motorsports effort.”

HMD Motorsports with Dale Coyne Racing will be on track this weekend with Danial Frost, Linus Lundqvist, Christian Bogle and Manuel Sulaiman as well as Global Racing Group with HMD Motorsports entry Benjamin Pedersen. David Malukas will make his NTT INDYCAR Series debut in the #18 Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports entry.

With the Grand Prix of St. Petersburg marking the start of the season for both series, both Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports and HMD Motorsports with Dale Coyne Racing will be aiming to start the season off with success.

Malukas Continues to Impress in Pre-Season Testing



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Plainfield, IL (February 16, 2021) – Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports rookie David Malukas continued to impress during pre-season testing by registering the second fastest lap time of a two-day test at Sebring International Raceway which featured the entire NTT INDYCAR SERIES field.

17 drivers took the track on the first day of the test with 14 drivers on track on day two. Malukas took part in both test days and registered a best lap time of 51.858 seconds, only 0.007 seconds behind Colton Herta of Andretti Autosport and nearly two tenths ahead of veteran racer Romain Grosjean.

With a final pre-season test in the books, Malukas (#18 Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports) and teammate Takuma Sato (#51 Dale Coyne Racing with RWR) are ready to take on the first race of the season that goes green on Sunday, February 27 on the streets of St. Peterburg.

Top Five Results from Sebring International Raceway Test

Colton Herta, No. 26 Andretti Autosport Honda, (51.851s)

David Malukas, No. 18 Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports Honda, (51.858s)

Romain Grosjean, No. 28 Andretti Autosport Honda, (52.021s)

Josef Newgarden, No. 2 Team Penske Chevy, (52.059s)

Simon Pagenaud, No. 60 Meyer Shank Racing Honda, (52.113s)