

Benny Scott & Black American Racers due at Watkins Glen with sights on Indy

Black American Racers, Inc. of Trenton, New Jersey, the nation's leading Black auto racing team, will be complete at the Watkins Glen Grand Prix Course July 11, 12, and 13. Benny Scott, of Hollywood, California, has been entered in the team's new Viceroy Lola T-324 for the Glen Triple Header Weekend.

Black American Racers and Benny Scott have announced their plans to be the first Black team and Black driver ever to compete in the famed Indianapolis 500. Scott will be competing in the Glen's VW Gold Cup Series Race on Sunday, July 13. Black American Racers has been using the 150 MPH Viceroy Lola super vee formula car as a training ground for the larger 200 MPH Indianapolis machines. "All of the characteristics of the car are the same as an Indianapolis car," comments driver Benny Scott. "And the VW Gold Cup Series provides some of the closest competition and hottest racing action that has ever been seen at Watkins Glen."

Since his first race for Black American Racers, one year ago at Watkins Glen, Benny Scott has established himself and the team as the leading professional Black racers in America. Earlier this year Scott captured the fastest qualifier spot at Monterey, California's famous Laguna Seca track. He became the first person ever to average over 100 MPH around the tight 1.9 mile road course and the first Black in history to sit on the pole in an international auto race. His second place finish earned him fifteen Championship Points.

Team President Len Miller feels, "The whole team is looking for our first victory. We came close at Laguna Seca, but we are coming to Watkins Glen in search of that first place checkered flag and everyone knows we won't quit until we win."

In previous VW Gold Cup action Scott has driven the Black American Racers' Viceroy Lola to a third place finish in Atlanta, second at Laguna Seca, tenth at Daytona, and sixth at Lime



Rock, Connecticut. Atlanta's Mayor Maynard Jackson proclaimed race day as Black American Racers Team Day in honor of Scott's fine performance.

Black American Racers, Inc. was formed in 1969 to increase Black participation in and Black awareness of auto racing. In order to do this Black American Racers feels the team must get to the pinnacle of American auto racing, the Indianapolis 500. B.A.R.'s sponsors support this and thanks to the combined efforts of Viceroy, Goodyear, and Champion, Benny Scott whose father raced midget and sprint cars in the 1930's, should achieve his childhood ambition of racing at Indianapolis by 1977.

In addition to the VW Gold Cup race at Watkins Glen the Triple Header Weekend includes an International World Manufacturer's Six Hour Endurance race and a Formula 5000 race. The powerful Formula 5000 cars, with their 305 cubic inch engines, represent the next step in competition for Black American Racers before racing Indianapolis-type cars. The Black American Racers team will be at The Glen racing in the

Super Vee Series and watching Formula 5000 drivers Mario Andretti, Al Unser, and Bobby Unser, all previous Indianapolis 500 winners, and wondering how soon it will be before Benny Scott is out there racing wheel to wheel against the greatest men the sport has ever produced. Len Miller says, "Benny is running at the front everytime he races and everyone is watching our progress. It won't be long now."

Basketball league

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